

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church (701-678-2552)



Welcome! We're happy you've shown an interested in Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church (commonly referred to as "GA").

We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and part of the Eastern North Dakota Synod of that church body. But first and foremost we're about God's love for all people as shown through his Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. There are many ways we go about nurturing and sharing that...

Worship Services:

We gather for worship at 9:30 each Sunday morning in the church sanctuary. Rally Day (first day of Sunday School) is after Labor Day. We have other worship times for special days in the year such as the Thursday and Friday before Easter, Easter Sunrise, Christmas Eve, Thanksgiving Eve, and each Wednesday in the season of Lent.

Sunday Morning Fellowship

While the kids are in Sunday School and YOGA, there's a coffee hour for adults in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship. Sometimes we have special events at this time, for example, birthday or wedding anniversary celebrations, congregational meetings, the YOGA Christmas auction and the YOGA pie auction.

Youth

Programs:

Sunday Church School

Children age 3 through grade six meet for Sunday Church School at 10:30, and the youth, grades 7 through 12 also meet for a Christian faith-centered lesson and fellowship time. Ask a greeter or an usher where a child should go for their age group, or call the church office during the week.



Children love our colorful Sunday School rooms.

Youth of GA (YOGA)

Grades 7-12 (YOGA) meet for a lesson and fellowship on Sunday mornings at 10:30. The group also performs services projects along with many fun activities. There are game and pizza nights, a park & pool night in the summer, and lots of fun projects for raising funds to sponsor their trips and activities. Youth of GA assist in leading worship on a monthly basis in addition to Good Friday and the Easter Sunrise Service. YOGA leaders usually take the group on an annual trip. In 2002, the Black Hills; in 2003, the National Youth Gathering in Atlanta, Georgia. The group has

attended the National Youth Gathering in Seattle, Washington, San Antonio, Texas, Anaheim, CA. Every other year the group attends the Western States Youth Gathering in Thousand Oaks, California!

Other exciting traditions that our youth enjoy are annual summer canoe/camping trips, fall hayrides, winter ski/sledding days, and holiday caroling.

Confirmation Program During



Our children loved the waterpark themed VBS "Make a SPLASH with Jesus!"

the school year, GA provides Confirmation classes on Wednesday afternoons from 3:45 to 5:00. Traditionally this program is for those in grades 7 & 8, but anyone older than that is very welcome to be a part. An example of this would be a child who didn't grow up in the Lutheran tradition, so he/she missed out on the traditional confirmation years, but now wants the faith illuminating/growing education/experience that are a part of Confirmation. Confirmation Sunday is in the Spring, at which time students who have completed two years of the program reaffirm their faith before God and the congregation. Please contact the church office if you would like to know more about Confirmation for your youth.

Vacation Bible School

Sunday School and YOGA lessons break from Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, but we have a big Vacation Bible School each summer for ages 3-11. This is so much fun! And it's thrilling to see and hear all the children learn about God's love through Jesus.

Adult Programs:

Mixed Vocal Choir

Director: Julie Johnson

Practice during fellowship hour, unless notified. Contact church office for more info.

Adult

Bible Study

Study opportunities will be available throughout the year! Contact the church office.

Kindred Sisters (Women's discussion group)

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00. Various topics or current book discussion. Join anytime!

Movie Night

Contact the church office to find out the next movie that the group will watch together, followed by discussion.

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

There are so many behind-the-scenes things that get done in a congregation such as GA. The WELCA members are to thank for much of it! Upon joining GA, a woman automatically becomes a member of WELCA and gets assigned to a monthly work group. Within that group, the members divvy up what needs to be done for Sunday morning hospitality/fellowship, and for special events, including funerals. And just like every other adult in the congregation, the women of GA get assigned some sort of job for the annual Lutefisk Supper, which is one of our biggest cooperative events and fundraisers. But WELCA is a lot more than work groups—there's a whole lot of fun and learning activities that come with being a woman of GA:

- a Silver Tea celebrating our women over 60
- a Christmas



The side/back view of the new roof.

- Cantata concert, featuring an outstanding multi-community choir, followed by a candle-lit luncheon
- a fellowship exchange with the women of Zion Lutheran and St. Vincent Catholic churches
- Altar Guild
- Women's Bible Study (Circle)
- Christian Women's Book Club. The group meets monthly to discuss their latest book.
- "Bits and Stitches" quilting group

For more information, there is a brochure specifically for WELCA, which includes information for contacting a WELCA officer. If you'd like, please ask a greeter or usher for a brochure or call the church office.

Men of GA

The men of GA do their own thing to keep things happening here. Their biggest event is the Lutefisk Supper, normally done on the last Sunday in October from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. (no reservations necessary). With nearly every adult in the congregation involved in helping one way or another, the men of GA serve well over 600 meals including lutefisk, Swedish meatballs, homemade lefse and lots more! The guys (including our children and youth) raise a good amount of money at this, and they are very generous in helping with the cost of things such as Bible Camp for Confirmation Students and some major projects (such as a new sound system). Another highlight is the men's annual business meeting over homemade oyster stew and chili.

How to Contact GA:



Join us for worship!

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