



Announcements 12/22/2024



This week's calendar 12/22/2024 thru 12/29/2024

Sunday	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Communion–Pastor Jaime Decker Family Fun Day
Monday		January Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service
Wednesday	3:30 PM	Christmas Day. Offices closed. Merry Christmas! No GASP – Merry Christmas
Thursday	9:00AM	Bits N' Stitches Quilting
Friday		Pastor Jaime's Sabbath
Saturday		Pastor Jaime's Sabbath
Sunday	9:30 AM	Jammies & Jingles Worship Service with Communion–Pastor Jaime Decker Altar Guild Meeting After Worship
	12:00 PM	Baby Shower for Amber Kempel

Worship Assistants	December 22 nd	December 24 th	December 29 th
Reader:	Michelle Ciesynski	Nancy Wrage	Val Bjork

Holy Communion: If you feel called to help offer God's gift of Holy Communion to God's people, please let Pastor Jaime or the ushers know before worship service or come forward when Pastor Jaime asks for communion assistants. All ages are welcome to assist with Holy Communion.

Sound System: Kris Beck is running it at this time. **If anyone wants to learn let her know!** Thank You

Ushers:	December Ushers	January Ushers
	Captain: Martin Potts & Julie Waswick Walter & Megan Wrage Raymond & Jeanie Stahl Mike & Carrili Larson Kent & Julie Johnson	Captain: Amber & Tanner Kempel Jerrod & Becky Sandness Scott & Jan Melroe Steve & Barb Melroe Troy & Lynn Jacobson

Weekly Giving	December 15 th
Total:	\$1192.59
Attendance:	96

Weekly Amount Needed To Meet Budget: \$4053.27

**Because you give...we worship, fellowship, learn, serve and grow. Thank you for your generosity!*
GA 2024 Budget: \$210,770.00 **Giving to Date:** \$ 185,695.80 **Giving Needed by 12-31-24:** \$ 25,074.20

This week we lift in prayer to God:

- + Those in our congregation celebrating their birthday: Casey Decker, Ryan Udem, Curt Erickson, Lori Wiederholt, Morgan Blair, Judy Tyler, Jeff Comegys, Jakob Creech.
- + Those in our congregation celebrating their anniversary: Julie Waswick & Martin Potts, Kris & Shawn Beck
- + Those in our community: Kendall Putnam, Bryan Christensen, Tim Christensen, Ginger Utecht, Lynn Jacobson, Nancy Wrage, Clarmont Ulven, Betty Johnson, Louise Strahm, Connie Kracht, John Crandall, Joyce Even, Joe Johnson, Joan Peterson, Sandy Mathias, Rachel Nelson, Carmen Ross, Donna Hansen, Dan Johnson
- + Those who mourn the loss of a loved one: The Family & Friends of Bob Krause
- **If you have announcements** for G.A. please call 678-2552 or send them to galutheranchurch@outlook.com or leave a note on the secretary's door. Just a reminder that all announcements and newsletters are posted to the website www.galutheranchurch.org check it out!

- Weekly bulletin Deadline: Mondays by Noon. January newsletter Deadline: Monday, December 23rd
- **Office Hours:** Pastor Jaime's Hours: Monday- 9:30-11:30am, Tuesday-9:30-11:30am, Wednesday-1:00-3:00pm, Friday & Saturday are Pastor Jaime's Sabbath. If you need to reach Pastor Jaime, feel free to call or text her cell **701-680-2637** or email her at jaimedecker4@gmail.com
- **Advent Season:** Our theme for this Advent Season is "*A Thrill of Hope*" from the creators at Church Anew. This Advent, we will unwrap one of the Bible's most neglected and misinterpreted books, Revelation, revealing a thrill of hope that lies within John's apocalypse. Despite the fear and uncertainty this book presents, at its core it is a vision of Christ's jubilant return, of the Word of God fulfilled on earth. Together, we will seek the hope in every page, and unveil the promise that lies within the chaos, fear, and anxiety of the world around us today.
- **Baby Shower:** For Tanner and Amber Kempel on December 29th at GA Church from 12:00-2:00 pm. They are registered at my.babylist.com and all are welcome. They are expecting their first child, a baby girl, in January.
- **Poinsettias:** If you have donated a Poinsettia to GA for the Advent Season please fill out the Donation/Memorial sheet for Poinsettias on the table in the Narthex so that they can be listed in the announcements. Thank you for helping decorate our church for the Advent Season.
- **Family Sunday Fun Day:** TODAY: This is an opportunity for families and individuals to join us after worship service for cookie decorating and making Christmas gifts/ornaments. Supplies provided. All ages are welcome to participate in this holiday fun.
- **Christmas Eve Worship Service:** Christmas Eve worship service will be held at 4 pm with a candlelight worship service. We hope you join us for this service as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- **Jammies & Jingles Worship Service:** December 29th: Enjoy listening to the Christmas story and singing Christmas jingles in your pjs or festive Christmas clothes. Stay for fellowship and share your Christmas stories while snacking on Christmas goodies and sipping kid-friendly Pink Squirrels.
- **Bulletin Donation Sheet:** The bulletin donation sheet for the 2025 church season is on the table in the Narthex. If you would like to donate/sponsor a bulletin for a Sunday, please mark it down. Bulletin donations are \$15.00 per Sunday, payments can be given to Carrili. Thank you for your support.
- **Poinsettia Donations:** A Red Poinsettia was donated by Kirstin & Torey Kempel in Honor of their Grandchildren, A Red Poinsettia was donated by Kirstin & Torey Kempel in Honor of their Parents, A Red Poinsettia was donated by Julie & Kent Johnson in Memory of their Parents, A Red Poinsettia was donated by Kent & Julie Johnson in Memory of their Grandchildren, A Red Poinsettia was donated by Julie & Kent Johnson in Honor of their 4 Grandkids, A Red Poinsettia was donated by Ken & Lori Wiederholt in Memory of Shane Decker and Gloria Decker, A Blue Poinsettia was donated by Brendan & Michelle Ciesynski in Memory of their Loved Ones, A Purple Poinsettia was donated by Donna & David Hansen in Memory of their Parents: Doreen & Ardell Hansen, Charlotte & Bud Melting and in Memory of Steve Jacobson. Thank you to all who have donated to help make our worship space beautiful this advent season.
- **Fellowship:** The January/February workgroup will be experimenting with a fundraiser during fellowship. Beginning January 5th, cinnamon rolls will be available for \$3/roll. The rolls will replace baked goods and the money raised will go towards WELCA to help fund their ministries.
- **Snow Removal:** Just a reminder, snow removal is done at the church on a voluntary basis. If you have the time and equipment, it would be greatly appreciated if you helped to keep the church safely accessible this winter. Thank you in advance. 😊
- **Food Pantry:** The Gwinner location of the Sargent County Food Pantry Top Needs: Canned fruits, veggies, beans and soups, paper products (toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels), pasta, sugar, cooking oil. Monetary donations are also appreciated, they can be sent to PO Box 101, Forman ND 58032. Monetary donations are used for: vouchers for the grocery store for perishable items. (milk, eggs, butter, bread, cheese, fresh vegetables and fruits).