



Announcements 12/29/2024



This week's calendar 12/29/2024 thru 01/05/2025

Sunday 99:30 AM Jammies & Jingles Worship Service with Communion–Pastor Jaime Decker
 Altar Guild Meeting After Worship
 12:00 PM Baby Shower for Amber Kempel

Wednesday 3:30 PM No GASP

Thursday 9:00AM Bits N' Stitches Quilting

Friday Pastor Jaime's Sabbath

Saturday Pastor Jaime's Sabbath
 Pastor Jaime off for Continuing Education thru January 12th

Sunday 9:30 AM Lessons & Carols Worship Service no Communion–Leader Michelle Watne

Worship Assistants	December 29 th	January 5 th	January 12 th
Reader:	Val Bjork	Joan Peterson	Nancy Wrage

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: **January Ushers**

Captain: Amber & Tanner Kempel
 Jerrod & Becky Sandness
 Scott & Jan Melroe
 Steve & Barb Melroe
 Troy & Lynn Jacobson

Weekly Giving	December 22 nd and 24 th	
Total:	\$ 1015.00	<u>Weekly Amount Needed To Meet Budget: \$4053.27</u>
Attendance:	48 & 165	

**Because you give...we worship, fellowship, learn, serve and grow. Thank you for your generosity!*
GA 2024 Budget: \$210,770.00 **Giving to Date:** \$ 186,710.80 **Giving Needed by 12-31-24:** \$ 24,059.20

This week we lift in prayer to God:

- + **Those in our congregation celebrating their birthday:** Brice Christensen, Corey Melroe, David Witkowski, Theo Peterson, Mary Rotenberger, Julie Waswick, Bryan Christensen, Jackson Odegard, Kylie Anderson, Athena Erickson Deb Johnson, Ashley Hansen, Kent Johnson, Megan Enge.
- + **Those in our congregation celebrating their anniversary:** Amber & Tanner Kempel, Lynnae & Dennis Decker
- + **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:**

- **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.** **February newsletter Deadline: Monday, January 20th**
- **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

- **Baby Shower:** For Tanner and Amber Kempel TODAY 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.
- **Jammies & Jingles Worship Service:** TODAY: 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). Drop off places in Gwinner are GA Lutheran Church, Zion Lutheran Church, or you can drop off items at the Food Pantry, located in the Gwinner Community Center: 104 Main St., every Tuesday, 1:00-4:00pm. Thank you for your continued support and generosity! If you or anyone you know are in need, feel free to stop by the Gwinner location on Tuesdays from 1-4pm and pick up some supplies. Food Pantry Phone #: 701-680-7049.
- **Venmo:** GA Church has Venmo! If you would like to use Venmo to place your Weekly, Monthly, and Annual Offerings or any other donations please do so!! Just scan the QR Code. Thank you!
- **Dog Beds:** The Bits N' Stitches Quilters have dog beds for sale, \$5.00 Each. Please contact Julie Johnson or Becky Salberg. The proceeds from the sale of the beds will go towards purchasing more supplies for Quilting. Thank you!
- **Annual Meeting:** Yes, it's everyone's favorite time of year, Annual Meeting! The deadline for financial reports from all GA groups is January 20th and Leader/President reports are due by February 2nd. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Also Mark it down! The Annual Meeting will be held *March 2nd* after worship service. See you there!
- **Book Study:** We will reconvene in February to discuss the book, "Klara And The Sun," by Kazuo Ishiguro. Grab a copy of the book and read Part One. Contact Pastor Jaime to sign up and/or if you have any questions. First meeting date TBD.
- **Sunday School:** Will resume Sunday, February 2nd with our workshop model. More info will be given at the beginning of January.



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