



Announcements 08/09/2026



This week's calendar 08/09/2026 thru 08/16/2026

Sunday 9:30 AM Indoor Worship Service no Communion – Leader Joleen Hardy
Pastor Jaime Decker on Vacation thru Aug 16

Thursday 9:00 AM Bits N' Stitches Quilting
2:30 PM Ruth Circle

Friday & Saturday Pastor Jaime Decker's Sabbath

Sunday 9:30 AM Indoor Worship Service with Communion – Leader Jill Baldwin
Connie Kracht's Birthday Coffee Hour – Please Join Us

Worship Assistants	August 9 th	August 16 th	August 23 rd	August 30 th
Reader:	Karla Waloch	Carrili Larson	Kirstin Kempel	Sharon Beckstrom

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!** It is a Paid Position. Thank You

Ushers: **August Ushers**

Captain: Michelle Goettle

Shirley Fuss

Duane & Trudy Peterson

Adam & Nancy Wrage

Mowing Schedule: August 09-15: Dennis Dahl, August 16-22: Kent & Julie Johnson, August 23-29: Shawn Beck

This week we lift in prayer to God:

+ Those in our congregation celebrating their birthday: Matthew Odegard, Sydney Sitz, Nick Hardy, Shane White Maisen Waloch, Alicia Kelsen, Alex Anderson, Brooklyn Ponzer, Paul Vincent, Moxsyn Hamann

+ Those in our congregation celebrating their anniversary: Dawson & Ashley Peterson

+ Those in our community: Clarmont Ulven, Betty Johnson, Louise Strahm, Connie Kracht, John Crandall, Joyce Even, Rachel Nelson, Diane Odegard, Curt Tufty, Betty Melroe, Marissa Lyter-Hanson, Stephanie McFarland, Kandyce Sandstrom, Ty & Katelyn Michels, Delores Bohnenkamp, Weston Gregor, Dennis Peterson, Rod Glass, Jeff Tyler, Holly McDaniel.

+ Those who mourn the loss of a loved one:

→ **Weekly bulletin Announcement Deadline: Mondays by Noon. September Newsletter Deadline: Monday, August 24th**

***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. Announcements and Newsletters are on the website www.galutheranchurch.org

****Contact Info:** To reach Pastor Jaime, feel free to call/text her **701-680-2637** or email her at jaimedecker4@gmail.com

➤ **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!



➤ **Bulletin Donations:** The Bulletin Donation/Sponsor sheet for the 2026 church year is available on the table by the secretary's office. Each Sunday is \$15.00, please get payments to Carrili or Michelle Goettle. Thank you!

➤ **Looking For Help:** GA Church is currently looking for a new Janitor. If you know of anyone who may be interested in the position, please contact Kirstin Kempel.

- **Mowing List:** The list had been completed and emailed out to those who are on it. There are also printed copies available on the table by the secretary's office. Thank you in advance for all of your time and efforts in keeping the church lawn looking great this Summer! If you'd like to be added to the mowing list please let Carrili know.
- **Happy Birthday:** Connie Kracht is turning 85! Coffee hour on August 16th will be in her honor. Please come and join us for Cake and to celebrate her special day!
- **Senior Meals:** Gwinner is now hosting a Senior Meal at Noon at the Community Center on Main Street, Monday thru Friday. Call 701-678-3815 to sign up for your meal.
- **Vacation Bible School (VBS):** GA Lutheran Church invites children in PreK through 6th Grade to join us for Rainforest Falls VBS, August 3–5 from 6:00–7:30 PM. During this three-night adventure, children will explore God's love through Bible stories, music, games, crafts, and fun rainforest-themed activities. Registration is available at www.galutheranchurch.org or paper forms will be available the first day, there is no charge for VBS. If you would like to help by volunteering or donating supplies to help make VBS a success, please contact Emma Waloch or Samantha Opdahl. We look forward to welcoming your family to *Rainforest Falls* VBS! We will journey deep into the rainforest and discover that God's love is always flowing, always growing, and always with us!
- **Bridal Shower:** A Bridal Shower for Olivia Waswick, “Bride-to-Bee” of Joseph Swenson will be held at GA church on August 29th at 10 a.m. All are welcome! See poster in the Narthex for more info.
- **Meal Fundraiser:** GA church is looking for people who are interested in organizing and planning a meal/event on the evening of October 25, 2026. This event will be a fundraiser, and proceeds will go towards the needs of GA church. Please let a council member know if you are willing to help with this. Thank you.
- **Quilt Tickets:** The Bits N’ Stitches quilters are selling raffle tickets for the Red Willow Bible Camp quilt raffle fundraiser. If you would like to purchase a ticket, contact one of the quilters. Please see the flyer on the sanctuary door for more information.
- **Blood Drive:** GA will be hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 1st from 1:30-5:30pm. Carrili is in need of a few volunteers to run the check-in desk. It's easy, I promise! 😊 If you are able to help out, please let Carrili know. Blood drives are very important to the support of our local hospitals. Thank you in advance for your help!
- **Raffle:** You could win a Bobcat UV34! Tickets will be sold for this side-by-side at various locations around Gwinner and by some members of GA Church. Each ticket is \$50 and proceeds will go towards replacing the shingles on the church roof. Each ticket purchased ensures that the next generation can enjoy and benefit from all that GA offers. We are deeply grateful for your contribution. Tickets are available at Bobcat of Gwinner, AW Diesel, CC's Suds, Stock Growers Bank, Aunt BE's Cajun Bakery and Elevated Grounds.
- **Thrift Store Update:** From Brenda Schreiner: Hello! Please thank your councils and congregations. Grace and Goods Thrift Store was able to donate \$202.00 to the Kedish House (ARN) for the month of July!
- **Thrivent Members:** If you are a Thrivent member, don't forget that you can apply for a Thrivent Action Team. All you need to do is have a purpose for spending \$250 that will either impact a family, the community, or the church. You need to log into your Thrivent account, fill out the action form, and wait to see if you have been approved. If your project gets approved, you will receive a \$250 action card that may be used towards your service project. Each Thrivent member may receive two of these cards per year. Some great ideas to use them for are fundraisers, community projects, and benefits for families in need. Any questions ask Kirstin Kempel.
- **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!
- **Summer Live Stream:** Live Stream services will not be offered for the summer season. Live stream services will resume September 13th. Please spread the word to those who view our livestream services.