



Announcements 12/14/2025



This week's calendar 12/14/2025 thru 12/21/2025

Sunday 9:30 AM Advent 3: Worship Service with Communion– Pastor Jaime – Make-A-Change
Ugly Sweater Sunday, Christmas Pageant
YOGA Soup & Christmas Auction, Drawing of names for Blue Camel Gift Exchange
5:30 PM Church Council Meeting

Tuesday 7:30 PM Christmas Cantata

Thursday 9:00 AM Bits N' Stitches Quilting

Friday Pastor Jaime Sabbath

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Family Fun Day, Blue Camel Gift Exchange

Worship Assistants	December 14 th	December 21 st	December 24 th	December 28 th
Reader:	Becky Salberg	Sharon Beckstrom	Michelle Ciesynski	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: Kent & Julie Johnson Walter & Megan Wrage Raymond & Jeanie Stahl Mike & Carrili Larson Martin Potts & Julie Waswick	Captain: Steve & Barb Melroe Jerrod & Becky Sandness Amber & Tanner Kempel Troy & Lynn Jacobson

This week we lift in prayer to God:

+ Those in our congregation celebrating their birthday: Hayley Anderson, Sarahbeth Ring, Lilly Melcher, Charlee Melcher, Tanya Walth, Blake Beckstrom, Easton Johnson, Brad Lien, Jayden Johnson, Amanda Anderson.

+ Those in our congregation celebrating their anniversary:

+ Those in our community: Bryan Christensen, Tim Christensen, Clarmont Ulven, Betty Johnson, Louise Strahm, Connie Kracht, John Crandall, Joyce Even, Joan Peterson, Rachel Nelson, Donna Hansen, Diane Odegard, Curt Tufty, Betty Melroe, Steve Bopp, Marissa Lyter-Hanson, David Hansen, Kacia Enge, Britian Pfaff, Stephanie McFarland, Kay Swanson, Kandyce Sandstrom, Kenwood Peterson, Ty and Katelyn Michels, Delores Bohnenkamp, Jo Gamache, Weston Gregor, Donna Teeter, Amanda Bostick.

+ Those who mourn the loss of a loved one:

→ **Weekly bulletin Announcement Deadline: Mondays by Noon.** **January Newsletter Deadline: Monday, Dec 22nd**

***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

Church Finances: For the Month of **November 2025:**

Beginning Balance: \$26437.32 Deposits: \$13341.48 Payments: \$21861.62 Ending Balance: \$17917.18

GA 2025 Budget: \$232,550.00 **2025 Giving to Date:** \$ 161,149.00 **Giving Needed:** \$ 71,401.00

- **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!



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- **Blue Camel Gift Exchange:** That's right! A Blue Camel, not white elephant, gift exchange is back again this year! Once again, we are bringing a longstanding tradition of the annual Youth Of GA (Y.O.G.A.) Crow Wing River canoe trip to GA Church this holiday season - the secret pal gift exchange. You are invited to sign up individually, with a friend, or as a family to participate in this fun community building event. Please sign up at GA Church before or on Sunday, December 14th. We will draw names for our secret pal after worship service TODAY, and exchange gifts as a group on December 21st. Please contact Pastor Jaime for more details.
- **Youth Of GA (YOGA) Soup, Sandwich & Auction:** TODAY, the youth will hold their annual soup, sandwich & auction event after worship service. Please join us for some soup, sandwich and auction action and support our youth.
- **Family Fun-Day:** Sunday December 21st, join us for making Christmas ornaments and keepsakes along with cookie decorating following worship service.
- **Snow Removal:** It's that time of year again! Just a reminder, snow removal at GA is done on a voluntary basis. If you have the equipment and the time your help with keeping the church safe this winter season is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help!
- **Senior Meals:** Gwinner will now host a Senior Meal at Noon at the Community Center on Main Street, Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays. Call 701-678-3815 to sign up. See flier in entry for more information.
- **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!
- **Christmas Eve:** Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service will be held at 4pm on December 24th.
- **Jammies & Jingles Worship Service:** December 28th: Enjoy listening to the Christmas story and singing Christmas jingles in your pjs or festive Christmas clothes.
- **Thank You:** Kent & I would like to thank everyone who attended our 50th Anniversary celebration. Thank you for the cards, gifts & the gift of your time. Special thanks to our kids and grandkids for hosting. Sharing our day with all of you made it even more special. ~Kent & Julie~
- **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!
- **Baked Goods:** TODAY, WELCA will be selling baked goods in the Narthex (entryway), priced as marked. Grab yourself some delicious treats.
- **Piano:** GA Church has a piano to GIVE AWAY! The Piano is located in the Narthex (entryway). If you are interested, talk to Pastor Jaime or our secretary Carrili Larson. If you need assistance loading the piano, please let us know and arrangements will be made.
- **Stewardship Update:** This past Sunday December 7th was our reveal Sunday. Did we receive 45 intent cards? Will we be able to take advantage of the generous offering from 4 anonymous families of another \$10,000 toward our budget? It is amazing the generosity at GA. We all understand that any church operates solely on giving received. Your donations make it possible to serve our members and the community beyond. Whether it is a baptism, new bibles, backpacks of food, or a comforting, caring place to gather and walk alongside families in the loss of a loved one. Take a minute to think or look back at how GA has been a part of your life. Share your memories of GA, these stories help to show how GA matters. A Big Thank You to all those who returned their intent cards, and also to ALL those who have contributed in 2025. We currently have received \$180,000.00 toward our \$232,550.00 budget. Because of your intentions to give we did reach our goal of 45 intent cards, in fact we received 51 intent cards!! So, we can continue the good works of GA Church. Thank You, Thank you!

- **Christmas Cantata Rescheduled:** “Glory to the New Born King!” Southeast ND Community Choir Christmas Cantata Tuesday, December 16th at GA at 7:30pm. Open to all to attend. Please spread the word and come join us.
- **Annual Reports:** Reminder: 2025 End of the year Annual Reports from all GA group Presidents/Leaders and Treasurers are due to Carrili by January 25th, 2026. The 2026 GA Church Annual Meeting will be held February 8th.
- **Poinsettias:** 2 Jingle Bell Poinsettias were donated by David & Donna Hansen in Memory of Ardell & Doreen Hansen and Charlotte & Henry Melting, 2 Jingle Bell Poinsettias were donated by Roger & Linda Johnson in Memory of Clara Johnson and Ida Nelson, a Red Poinsettia was donated by David & Linda McFarland in Memory of Dwight Hanson and Karen McFarland, Shannon & Toni Hajek donated a Jingle Bell Poinsettia in Memory of Sarah Hajek, and a Red Poinsettia in Memory of Mavis Hajek, a Jingle Bell Poinsettia was donated by Rosi Odegard in Memory of ElRoy & LaVelle Odegard, 2 Jingle Bell Poinsettias were donated by Steve & Deb Johnson in Memory of Family & Friends, a Red Poinsettia was donated by Danny & Joey Hegle in Memory of Manny Hegle, a Jingle Bell Poinsettia was donated by the Ciesynski Family in Memory of their Loved Ones, a Jingle Bell Poinsettia was donated by Kirstin & Torey Kempel in Memory of their Grandparents, a White Poinsettia was donated by Kirstin & Torey Kempel in Honor of their Children & Grandchildren, a Pink Poinsettia was donated by Shirley Fuss in Memory of her Mom, 2 Red Poinsettias were donated by Kent & Julie Johnson in Memory of their Grandchildren, a Red Poinsettia was donated by Becky & Jerrod Sandness in Memory of their Loved Ones, a White Poinsettia was donated by Lynn Anderson in Memory of Clair, Margaret, Sylvan & Myrna Anderson, a Red Poinsettia was donated by Geneva Waswick in Memory of Corwin Waswick, 2 White Poinsettias were donated by the Altar Guild in Memory of Ginger & Rod Utecht, a Jingle Bell Poinsettia was donated by Amber & Tanner Kempel in Memory of Grandpa, 2 Pink Poinsettias were donated by Adam & Nancy Wrage in Memory of their Parents, a Red Poinsettia was donated by Darrel & Becky Salberg in Honor of their Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchild, a Jingle Bell Poinsettia was donated by Ken & Lori Wiederholt in Honor of their Grandchildren, a White Poinsettia was donated by Julie Waswick in Memory of Phil & MaryLou McDaniel, a Pink Poinsettia was donated by Mary Stroh in Memory of Loved Ones, a Red Poinsettia was donated by Barb & Steve Melroe in Memory of Grandpa Stan, a White Poinsettia was donated by Barb & Steve Melroe in Honor of their Grandchildren, a Red Poinsettia was donated by Miles & Lannae Johnson in Memory of their Parents, a Pink Poinsettia was donated by Martin Potts & Julie Waswick in Memory of Grover & Jane Potts. Thank you to all who donated Poinsettias to make our worship space beautiful this Advent/Christmas Season.