



# Announcements 12/01/2024



This week's calendar 12/01/2024 thru 12/08/2024

- Sunday 9:30 AM Worship Service No Communion—Leader Jim Wilson  
Pastor Jaime on Vacation
- Monday Pastor Jaime on Vacation
- Wednesday 3:30 PM GASP
- Friday Pastor Jaime's Sabbath
- Saturday Pastor Jaime's Sabbath
- Sunday 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion—Pastor Jaime Decker  
Make-A-Change Sunday  
Blue Camel Name Drawing & Gift Making

<b>Worship Assistants</b>	<b>December 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>December 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December 15<sup>th</sup></b>
Reader:	Val Bjork	Becky Salberg	Michelle Goettle
Communion:	Auston Creech	Mike Larson	Michelle Ciesynski
Sound System:	Kris is running it at this time. <b><u>If anyone wants to learn let her know!</u></b> Thank You		

- Ushers: **December Ushers**
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- Captain: Martin Potts & Julie Waswick**  
 Walter & Megan Wrage  
 Raymond & Jeanie Stahl  
 Mike & Carrili Larson  
 Kent & Julie Johnson

<b>Weekly Giving</b>	<b>November 24<sup>th</sup></b>	
Total:	\$ 1387.00	<b><u>Weekly Amount Needed To Meet Budget: \$4053.27</u></b>
Attendance:	<b>69</b>	

*\*Because you give...we worship, fellowship, learn, serve and grow. Thank you for your generosity!*  
**GA 2024 Budget:** \$210,770.00      **Giving to Date:** \$167,941.27      **Giving Needed by 12-31-24:** \$42,828.73

- This week we lift in prayer to God:**
- + **Those in our congregation celebrating their birthday:** Darci Asche, Paula Hansen, Jesse Anderson, Michelle Goettle, Walter Wrage, Kolby Berreth, Jessa Berg, Tyson Porter, Zachary Johnson, MaKennzie Stubbert, Jessica Sherlock
  - + **Those in our congregation celebrating their anniversary:** Nancy & Glenn Comegys, Trace & Mark Hanson
  - + **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
  - + **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](mailto: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](http://www.galutheranchurch.org) check it out!
- **Weekly bulletin Deadline: Mondays by Noon.**      **January newsletter Deadline: Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- **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](mailto:jaimedecker4@gmail.com)

- **Help Needed:** GA Church is looking to hire a new custodian. Trudy Peterson has stepped down from her position. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication in keeping GA looking great. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please have them contact Kris Beck. Spread the word!
- **Blue Camel Exchange:** You may have heard of a "White Elephant" gift exchange, but you haven't heard of a "Blue Camel Exchange" until now! This Advent season you are invited to sign up and have some fun creating a "Blue Camel" gift for a secret pal/family. On Sunday, December 8th, we will draw names for our secret pal/family and create a gift for them during fellowship time (crafting and woodworking supplies provided.) On Sunday, December 15, we will exchange our gifts with our secret pal/family. \*need to sign up to participate. \*Signup sheet located in the church entry. \*Optional for participants: write down a family prayer, recipe, or tradition that you would like to share and use it as the base of your creative gift.
- **Virtual Retreat:** A Pilgrims Journey, Beginning Today, hosted by Dn Michelle Walka. It is a 4 week virtual retreat to explore holy wandering. Please see flier on Sanctuary door for more information. Sign up is required. Contact BelovedArtAndPractice@gmail.com
- **YOGA Soup & Auction:** December 15<sup>th</sup>, Following worship service, the Youth Of GA will begin this annual fundraiser with a live auction, followed with the meal. Each YOGA family is asked to provide at least one item for the auction. YOGA also invites anyone who is willing and able to provide item(s) for the auction. The more items to be auctioned means more money raised for our YOGA program. Proceeds go towards paying fees for events, camps, activities that our youth participate in, such as mission trips, the Crow Wing River canoe trip, Castaways Fall Retreat, and more. Auction items can be dropped off at the church office before or on December 15th.
- **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](http://my.babylist.com) and all are welcome. They are expecting their first child, a baby girl, in January.
- **Christmas Cantata:** The Multi-Community choir will be performing "*Morning Star*" on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at GA Church. Come and join us for this yearly tradition and enjoy the Christmas season.
- **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. Thank you for helping decorate our church for the Advent Season.
- **Movie for kids:** - December 15<sup>th</sup> We will be showing the movie, Inside Out 2, during the YOGA auction for any kids who want to join us. We will remember how God knows us inside out as we watch this movie. Please meet in the YOGA/Gathering room across the hall from the kitchen following worship service.
- **Ugly Sweater Sunday:** December 15<sup>th</sup>, This Sunday you are invited to wear your holiday or non-holiday ugly sweater/sweatshirt/shirt that you have been either hiding in your closet or wearing proudly throughout the year.
- **Family Sunday Fun Day:** December 22<sup>nd</sup>: 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:** Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm with a candlelight worship service.
- **Jammies & Jingles Worship Service:** December 29th: Enjoy listening to the Christmas story and singing Christmas jingles in your pjs or festive Christmas clothes.
- **Bulletin Donation Sheet:** The bulletin donation sheet for the 2025 church season is on the table in the Narthex.