



# Announcements 12/07/2025



This week's calendar 12/07/2025 thru 12/14/2025

Sunday	9:30 AM	Advent 2: Worship Service without Communion– Phil Larson leading WELCA Bake Sale 10:30-1:00pm – Open to the public to attend
Monday		Pastor Jaime on Vacation thru December 8 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Multi-Community Christmas Cantata – Open to all to Attend
Thursday	9:00 AM 2:30 PM	Bits N' Stitches Quilting Ruth Circle
Friday		Pastor Jaime Sabbath
Saturday		Pastor Jaime Sabbath
Sunday	9:30 AM  5:30 PM	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 Church Council Meeting

<b>Worship Assistants</b>	<b>December 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>December 24<sup>th</sup></b>
Reader:	Val Bjork	Becky Salberg	Sharon Beckstrom	Michelle Ciesynski

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

**This week we lift in prayer to God:**

+ Those in our congregation celebrating their birthday: Jessica Sherlock, Alexis Sarith, Traci Hanson, Brandi French Eric Wiederholt, Tamera Zink, Taylor Waloch, Josh Rotenberger, Sabrina Schwagel

+ Those in our congregation celebrating their anniversary: Trace & Mark Hanson, Jeanie & Raymond Stahl, Janae & Pete Sherlock, Cheryl & Doug Anderson, Morgan & Dean Blair

+ 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: The Family & Friends of Patty Ulven

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

\***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. Announcements and Newsletters are on the website [www.galutheranchurch.org](http://www.galutheranchurch.org)

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**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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- **Bake-Sale:** Calling all bakers! WELCA will be having a Christmas Goodie bake sale after church on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30am-1:00pm. We would really appreciate donations from your kitchen. The goodies will be sold for \$8/pound, so that people can pick out their favorites. Please help us make this bake sale a success. Bake sale is open to the public to attend.
  - **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 14<sup>th</sup>. We will draw names for our secret pal after worship service on December 14<sup>th</sup>, and exchange gifts as a group on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Pastor Jaime for more details.
  - **Reveal Sunday:** TOAY council will reveal how many intent cards were received to determine if we met our goal of 45 cards. If we met our goal, we will receive a challenge gift of \$10,000 offered by four anonymous families! This is \$10,000 on top of regular giving!
  - **Youth Of GA (YOGA) Soup, Sandwich & Auction:** Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>, the youth will hold their annual soup & auction event. Each YOGA family is encouraged to bring at least one item to be sold at the auction. We also welcome all members of our faith community to donate an item to be auctioned off if you wish to help support our youth in this way. Auction items can be dropped off at the church anytime before December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to include a note that says the items are for the YOGA auction. Or bring items with you the morning of the auction.
  - **Family Fun-Day:** Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>, join us for making Christmas ornaments and keepsakes along with cookie decorating following worship service.
  - **Poinsettia Donation Sheet:** 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 (front entry). Thank you for helping decorate our church for the Advent Season.
  - **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!
  - **Christmas Pageant:** "Mary Said Yes" will be held during worship service on December 14<sup>th</sup>. All ages are invited and encouraged to participate in this pageant. Please let Pastor Jaime know as soon as possible if your child(ren) will be participating in this year's pageant.
  - **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.
  - **St. Arnold's Christmas Pantry:** Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6:30pm. Enjoy a Frybread Taco Supper and shop for cookies, candies and other Christmas goodies. Located at St. Arnold's in Milnor. See flier in entry for more info.
  - **Light the Night:** TODAY at the Gwinner Community Center 3:30-5:00pm: Crafts, Chili Feed (free will) and Bingo! Parade of lights at 5:30pm, and City-wide Christmas light contest at 6:00pm. See flier for more information.
  - **Christmas Cantata:** "Glory to the New Born King!" Southeast ND Community Choir Christmas Cantata December 10<sup>th</sup> at GA at 7:30pm. Open to all to attend. Please spread the word and come join us.

- **Make-A-Change:** A family, who asks to remain anonymous, has generously offered to match the “Make a Change” offering that is received by GA Church. At the end of 2025, all offerings received, along with the matching gift, will be used towards buying supplies, water resources, food, agricultural related items, and educational services. Our SS kids will again select their choice of items from the ELCA Good Gifts magazine. Thanks for your support of this program.
- **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 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Jammies & Jingles Worship Service:** December 28<sup>th</sup>: Enjoy listening to the Christmas story and singing Christmas jingles in your pjs or festive Christmas clothes.
- **Memorial Service:** The family of Patty Ulven will be holding a gathering to honor and remember her, Monday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2-5pm at Mulligan’s at the Springs in Gwinner. They invite all family and friends to join them.
- **Thank You:** Kent & I would like to thank everyone who attended our 50<sup>th</sup> 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~
- **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. Thank you to all who donated Poinsettias to make our worship space beautiful this Advent/Christmas Season.