



Announcements 01/04/2026



This week's calendar 01/04/2026 thru 01/11/2026

Sunday 9:30 AM Carols & Readings Worship Service – Lead by Worship & Music Committee
Pastor Jaime Off (Non-Contracted Time)

Monday Pastor Jaime off for Continuing Education Jan 5-12

Thursday 9:00 AM Bits N' Stitches Quilting

Friday Pastor Jaime Sabbath

Saturday Pastor Jaime Sabbath

Sunday 9:30 AM Worship Service No Communion – Leader Kirstin Kempel
Pastor Jaime Off Continuing Education

Worship Assistants	January 4 th	January 11 th	January 18 th	January 25 th
Reader:	Joan Peterson	Nancy Wrage	Michelle Ciesynski	Karla Waloch

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	February Ushers
	Captain: Steve & Barb Melroe	Captain: Sean & Dawn Anderson
	Jerrod & Becky Sandness	Calli & Lucas Jacobson
	Amber & Tanner Kempel	Heather Swanson
	Troy & Lynn Jacobson	Darrel & Becky Salberg
		Dan & Stacy McKeever

This week we lift in prayer to God:

+ Those in our congregation celebrating their birthday: Kent Johnson, Megan Enge, Austin Johnson, Matthew Stubbett Ryan Holden, Jenna Johnson, Jan Melroe, Jericho Brockman, Doug Anderson, Chloe Beck

+ Those in our congregation celebrating their anniversary:

+ Those in our community: Clarmont Ulven, Betty Johnson, Louise Strahm, Connie Kracht, John Crandall, Joyce Even, Joan Peterson, Rachel Nelson, Diane Odegard, Curt Tufty, Betty Melroe, Steve Bopp, Marissa Lyter-Hanson, Stephanie McFarland, Kay Swanson, Kandyce Sandstrom, Ty and Katelyn Michels, Delores Bohnenkamp, Weston Gregor, Dennis Peterson.

+ Those who mourn the loss of a loved one: The Family & Friends of Verna Anderson

→ **Weekly bulletin Announcement Deadline: Mondays by Noon.** **February Newsletter Deadline: Monday, Jan 19th**

***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:** \$ 175,880.49 **Giving Needed:** \$ 56,669.51

➤ **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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- **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!
- **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!
- **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:** 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!
- **Thank You:** A heartfelt thank you to the members of GA Church and the Gwinner community for your generosity toward us. God has used your kindness to lighten our burden. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas. With sincere gratitude, Gary, Abbi, Joseph and Julia Myers.
- **Annual Reports:** Reminder: The 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** after worship service.
- **Potluck:** on January 18th we will celebrate Epiphany and have a potluck following worship to share our gifts with one another. Spread the word, bring a dish to share and we will see you there.
- **Secretary Office Hours:** Starting January 1st, Carrili will be moving her office hours to Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-1:00pm. She will still be available by phone: 701-680-1190 and email: galutheranchurch@outlook.com as she has been in the past. Thank you.
- **WELCA Booklets:** The 2026 WELCA booklets are printed and available on the table by the secretary's office. Feel free to grab one. Thanks!
- **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, 2 Jingle Bell Poinsettias were donated by Shirley Waloch in Memory of Gail and Debra. Thank you to all who donated Poinsettias to make our worship space beautiful this Advent/Christmas Season.

- **Attention Kitchen Workers:** There is a list posted on the refrigerator at church that details where kitchen supplies (and a few other things) are located. So, please consult that list if you cannot find certain items or if certain items are running low. There is a person to contact, if you feel those items need replenishing. Thanks Val!
- **Do You Know:** of any members that do not get our monthly newsletter, but would like to? If so, please contact Carrili at 701-678-2552 or e-mail galutheranchurch@outlook.com and let her know. Thank You.
- **Food Pantry:** The Gwinner location of the Sargent County Food Pantry Ongoing Needs: Any shelf-stable, non-perishable Items are needed. Suggested items: Canned items (vegetables, fruit, meat -tuna or chicken, beans, soup), ready-meals (hamburger helper, mac-n-cheese, stuffing mix), pasta & pasta sauce, pancake mix & syrup, shelf-stable juice, cereal, peanut butter. We also can use household items (toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, laundry soap, dish soap) and personal items (shampoo, body wash, bar soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste). 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, bread, potatoes, fresh vegetables and fruit). 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.