



Announcements 11/23/2025



This week's calendar 11/23/2025 thru 11/30/2025

Sunday 9:30 AM Reign of Christ Sunday– Pastor Jaime
Sunday School After Worship
WELCA Bake Sale 10:30-1:00pm – Open to the public to attend

Monday December Newsletter Deadline

Thursday 9:00 AM Bits N' Stitches Quilting

Friday Pastor Jaime Sabbath

Saturday Pastor Jaime Sabbath

Sunday 9:30 AM Advent 1: Worship Service with Communion– Pastor Jaime
Altar Guild meeting after worship

Worship Assistants	November 23 rd	November 30 th	December 7 th	December 14 th
Reader:	Julie Johnson	Kirstin Kempel	Val Bjork	Becky Salberg

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:	November Ushers	December Ushers
	Captain: Brian & Kari Gilje	Captain: Kent & Julie Johnson
	Brendan & Michelle Ciesynski	Walter & Megan Wrage
	Casey & Jaime Decker	Raymond & Jeanie Stahl
	Randy & Karla Waloch	Mike & Carrili Larson
		Martin Potts & Julie Waswick

This week we lift in prayer to God:

+ **Those in our congregation celebrating their birthday:** Brendan Ciesynski, Doug Christensen, Kevin Hansen, Tracy Pierce, Kameryn Taliaferro, Sally Johnson, Auston Creech, Dean Hanson.

+ **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, Patty Ulven, Donna Teeter.

+ **Those who mourn the loss of a loved one:** The Family & Friends of Ginger & Rodney Utecht

→ **Weekly bulletin Announcement Deadline: Mondays by Noon.** **December Newsletter Deadline: Monday, Nov 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!



➤ **Thank You:** Thanks so much to all of those who volunteered their time and equipment to keep the yard at GA looking great this summer! Your time is greatly appreciated.

- **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.
- **Bake-Sale:** GA’s Women of the ELCA (WELCA) will be having a Thanksgiving bake sale TODAY 10:30am-1:00pm, Open to the Public to attend. The bake sale will feature lefse and pies. WELCA donates much of their money to organizations in need, along with donations towards our church needs.
- **Thanksgiving Meal:** Don’t spend Thanksgiving alone, all are welcome to gather for a Free Meal at the Gwinner Community Center on Main Street. November 27th from 11am-1pm. Please spread the word.
- **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 on December 14th, and exchange gifts as a group on December 21st. Please contact Pastor Jaime for more details.
- **Reveal Sunday** – December 7th this Sunday the council will reveal how many intent cards were received to determine if we met our goal of 45 cards. If we meet 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! We hope you join us in this exciting time and return your intent cards by November 23rd.
- **Youth Of GA (YOGA) Soup, Sandwich & Auction:** Sunday December 14th, 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. Please have auction items at the church by 9am Sunday, December 14th.
- **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!
- **Family Fun-Day:** Sunday December 21st, 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 getting to be 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 14th. 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.
- **Poinsettia Sales:** Altar Guild will be selling Poinsettia's now until Nov 24 by 4 p.m. for the Christmas Season. Available colors: Red, Pink White, Jingle Bells. Pickup time: Tues, Dec 2 at the church. To order, contact a GA Altar Guild member. Please see flyer in the entry of church (Narthex) for more info.
- **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!