



Announcements 11/24/2024



This week's calendar 11/24/2024 thru 12/01/2024

Sunday	9:30 AM	Reign of Christ Sunday - Worship Service with Communion– Pastor Jaime Decker Sunday School after Worship Altar Guild Meeting After Worship
Monday		Pastor Jaime on Vacation thru December 2 nd
Wednesday		No GASP
Thursday		Offices closed for Thanksgiving
Friday		Pastor Jaime's Sabbath
Saturday		Pastor Jaime's Sabbath
Sunday	9:30 AM	Worship Service No Communion–Leader Jim Wilson

<u>Worship Assistants</u>	<u>November 24th</u>	<u>December 1st</u>	<u>December 8th</u>
Reader:	Julie Johnson	Val Bjork	Becky Salberg
Communion:	Kirstin Kempel	Auston Creech	Mike Larson
Sound System:	Kris is running it at this time. <u>If anyone wants to learn let her know!</u> Thank You		

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

<u>Weekly Giving</u>	<u>November 17th</u>	
Total:	\$ 9632.00	<u>Weekly Amount Needed To Meet Budget: \$4053.27</u>
Attendance:	61	

**Because you give...we worship, fellowship, learn, serve and grow. Thank you for your generosity!*

GA 2024 Budget: \$210,770.00 **Giving to Date:** \$166,554.27 **Giving Needed by 12-31-24:** \$44,215.73

This week we lift in prayer to God:

- + Those in our congregation celebrating their **birthday**: 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: 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 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 check it out!
- **Weekly bulletin Deadline: Mondays by Noon.** **January newsletter Deadline: Monday, December 23rd**
- **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

- **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 Dec 1st, 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
- **Thank You:** Thank you to all who donated their time and equipment to help keep the lawn at GA looking great this season. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.
- **Sargent County Food Pantry Christmas Giving Tree:** The tree is in the entry of the church. If you would like to purchase a gift for a person who is part of this program, please take a tag, print your name, phone number, and tag number on the sign up sheet, which is located on the table next to the Christmas Giving Tree. ***One gift per tag.*** Please have gifts brought to the church by December 15th. More information is available on the sign up sheet.
- **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 28th from 11am-1pm. Please spread the word.
- **Thank you:** To all who donated for the Thank Offering Hurricane Helene relief fund. A check was sent for \$1030! Your donation helped support the disaster response fund, providing immediate relief for victims of this tragedy and other natural disasters.
- **YOGA Soup & Auction:** December 15th, 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.
- **Christmas Cantata:** The Multi-Community choir will be performing "*Morning Star*" on December 11th at 7:30pm at GA Church. Come and join us for this yearly tradition and enjoy the Christmas season. Open to all to attend.
- **Movie for kids:** - Inside Out 2. December 15th 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 15th, 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.