

AUGUST 2025

NEWSLETTER



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VBS

You're Invited to Vacation Bible School! Join us for an exciting time of Faith, Fun, and Friendship

August 4–6 from 6:00–8:00 PM at GA Church!

All PreK through elementary-aged kids are welcome for three evenings of games, music, crafts, and learning about God's love. We can't wait to see you there!

Registration IS OPEN on the church website www.galutheranchurch.org

There is no cost to attend, but you must be registered.

Spread the word and see you soon!

“God Pause”

LUKE 10:38-41 (NRSV)

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. Verse³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. Verse⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." Verse⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;

DEVOTION

“Mary sat at the Lord’s feet and listened.” The text study group I am a part of meets twice a month. We begin our time together with a check-in. It provides members a chance to share what has been going on in our life and also gives others a chance to listen. For friendships to grow each person must be willing to listen to the other. Without listening it is difficult for friendships to develop. The friendship between Mary and Jesus developed because she was willing to sit and listen. Most Christians find it easier to pray to Jesus but much more difficult to sit and listen. I have made it my morning routine to have a cup of tea and sit quietly in my hot tub and simply listen. I am always amazed at the ideas that the Holy Spirit reveals to me when I take the time to simply listen.

PRAYER

Take a few minutes in prayer to simply sit and listen to Jesus. Amen.

Duane Neugebauer '71 M.Div.Retired, Hermosa, SD

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Aug 03: 9:30am Outdoor Worship Service - Pastor Jaime
Aug 04-17: Pastor Jaime on Vacation
Aug 04: 6-8pm VBS
Aug 05: 6-8pm VBS
Aug 06: 6-8pm VBS
Aug 10: 9:30am Indoor Worship Service - Michelle Watne
Aug 16: 10:30am Joe Johnson Memorial Service
Aug 17: 9:30am Indoor Worship Service - Jim Wilson
Aug 18: 7:30pm Church Council Meeting
Aug 24: 9:30am Outdoor Worship Service - Pastor Jaime
Aug 25: September Newsletter Deadline
Aug 25: Pastor Jaime on Vacation thru September 7th
Aug 31: 9:30am Indoor Worship Service - Pam Maloney
Aug 31: Altar Guild Meeting after Worship

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!



Live Stream: Sunday May 18th was our last live-stream service for the Summer. We will resume live-streaming services in September.

Pastoral Coverage: Pastor Jaime will be on vacation the following weeks in August, and September. Every Sunday has been filled with pulpit supply and the leader's name is listed behind the date. If you have a pastoral emergency during these dates, please contact the church secretary, Carrili Larson (680-1190), or the council president, Kirstin Kempel (680-0672), and they will give you the contact info for the pastors who will be covering emergencies while Pastor Jaime is on vacation. Here are the following dates and leaders: August 10th: Michelle Watne, August 17th: Jim Wilson, August 31st: Pam Maloney, September 7th: Michelle Watne.

Do You Know: of anyone that does 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.

Thank You: Shout out to Adam & Nancy Wrage for getting the GA Lutheran float ready for the Gwinner Days parade. Your service to our church community is appreciated. Bless you!

Worship Assistants: The updated 2025-2026 lists for Sunday Readers and Ushers will be available soon. Carrili will email them out and have a few printed copies available at the church. Thank you to all who help with worship services at GA.

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Our Sympathies : Go out to the family and friends of: Joe Johnson.

May God's loving embrace help you through this difficult time, and may the many happy memories ease your pain.



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.

Mowing List: The mowing list has been completed and emailed out to those who have volunteered to help. Thank you in advance for keeping the church looking great this spring and summer. If you would like to be added to the list please let Carrili know.

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!

Old Fridge: Altar guild has an old fridge at the church that no longer works, if anyone would be interested in it for storage or any other use, please contact Kirstin Kempel. It can be picked up or delivery could be arranged. Thank you!

Message from WELCA: It is getting hard to find people willing to serve some Sundays, so there may not be goodies with your coffee on occasion.

Church Finances: For the Month of **May 2025:**

Beginning Balance: \$45926.30 , Deposits: \$12982.2 Payments: \$24600.09 Ending Balance: \$34308.41

2025 Year to Date Giving:

GA 2025 Budget: \$232,550.00 **2025 Giving to Date:** \$ 106,261.81 **Giving Needed:** \$126,288.19

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Because you give...we worship, fellowship, learn, serve & grow. Thank you for your generosity.



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Looking Ahead:

September 2: Blood Drive at GA

September: Resume Live Streaming



Bulletin Donation Sheet: The bulletin donation sheet for the 2025 church season is on the table in the Narthex (front entry). If you would like to donate/sponsor a bulletin for a Sunday, please mark it down and give your payments to Carrili. Bulletin donations are \$15.00 per Sunday. Thank you for your support.

Senior Life Solutions (SLS): SLS is an outpatient program at CHI Hospital Lisbon, designed to meet the unique needs of older adults, who are experiencing depression, anxiety or other mental health challenges with aging. Following an assessment, patients meet up to 3 times a week in a group setting. Services offered by SLS include: Confidential Assessment, Group Therapy, Individual Therapy, Family Therapy, Medication education & Management, After Care Planning. For more information contact Abbey Lux at 701-683-6353. There is also printed information on the table in the entry at the church.

July-August WELCA Action Group

Co-Chairs: Kandyce Sandstrom

Donna Anderson

Heather Hamann

Lannae Johnson

Becky Sandness

Robbin Witkowski

Verna Anderson

Krista Peterson

Janice Buchholz

Lynn Jacobson

Marsha Murphy

Deb Tufty

Shalon Benneweis

Courtney Koepke



August Birthdays

- 1 Shane Orn
Nicholas Goettle
- 2 Bonnie Beem
Rayna Decker
Anthony Fuss
Ryan Grieger
- 4 Jamie Johnson
Tucker Larson
Jason Rodine
- 5 Heidi Johnson
Trace Hanson
Curt Tufty
Deb Thorsness
Jennifer White
Jasmine Seykora
- 6 Miles Johnson
- 7 Alison Booth
- 10 Matthew Odegard
- 11 Sydney Sitz
- 12 Nick Hardy
Shane White
Maisen Waloch
- 14 Alicia Kelsen
Alex Anderson
Brooklyn Ponzer
- 15 Paul Vincent
Moxxyn Hamann
- 16 Dale Beaver
Ashley Berreth
Connie Kracht
Duane Peterson
- 17 Ross Hardy
Julie Johnson
Tucker Meyer
Landon Meyer
- 18 Kami Wrage
- 19 Bryton Ciesynski
Lisa Jensen
- 20 Courtney Anderson
Jacob Hardy



***Have you been left out
of the birthday and
anniversary page?***

***Or is the date always
wrong?***

***If you have noticed any
mistakes in the monthly
newsletters, please con-
tact the church office at
678-2552 or email us at***

***[galutheran-
church@outlook.com](mailto:galutheran-church@outlook.com)***

Thanks!

- 22 Jerel Dux
Maddilyn Faber
- 23 Sean Anderson
Amy Swanson
Steve Nicholson
- 24 Trent Hardy
- 26 Bailey Kraft
- 27 Steve Jacobson
- 28 Crystal Taylor
- 30
Steve Morlock
- 31 Lee Schwagel Jr.
Ava Mairs

August Anniversaries

- 13 Dawson & Ashley Peterson
- 15 Karissa & Ben Hanson
- 18 Donna & Dave Hansen
- 20 Joan & Dewey Johnson
- 21 Betty & Duane Johnson
- 23 Jessica & Jerel Dux
- 25 Verna & Dean Anderson
- 26 Trudy & Duane Peterson
- 27 Dawn & Sean Anderson
Paula & Rodney Hansen
- 28 Courtney & Isaac Swanson
- 29 Nancy & Adam Wrage
- 31 Judy & Jeff Tyler

August Worship Assistants

Communion Assistants

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

Sound System is now

A Paid Position.

Contact Kris Beck if you are Interested.



Mowing Schedule

August 03-09	Jeff Anderson
August 10-16	Dennis Dahl
August 17-23	Kent & Julie Johnson
Aug 24 - 30	Shawn Beck
Aug 31- Sept 06	Martin Potts
September 07-13	Mike Larson
September 14-20	Adam Wrage
September 21-27	Brian Gilje
Sept 28 – October 04	Walter Wrage

Readers

03	Michelle Goettle
10	Carrili Larson
17	Karla Waloch
24	Kirstin Kempel
31	Becky Salberg



Greeters

All Members of GA Are
Invited To Welcome our
Visitors and Each Other.



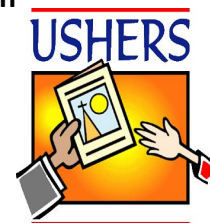
Ushers

Captain: Duane & Trudy Peterson

Shirley Fuss

Michelle Goettle

Adam & Nancy Wrage



Reminder: If you are unable to fulfill your duties it is up to you to find a replacement. Thank you!

Special Church Council Meeting Minutes Date: July 1, 2025 Time: 7:00 PM

Call to Order Kirstin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members Present Martin, Sharon, Emma, Walter, Mike, and Kirstin.

Also Present: Pastor Jaime

Purpose of Meeting This special meeting was held for discussion regarding the church roof.

Roofing Discussion

- Walter presented a proposal from Ted at General Roofing out of Carrington for installing a steel roof.
- Ted's quote is valid for the current calendar year only.
- Quote includes option to install a steel roof on the sanctuary in the future, should our church choose to complete only the lower section at this time.
- A&B Roofing in Fargo provided a quote for a full shingle roof.
- Enterprise Roofing in Valley City also provided a quote for a full steel roof. Council Discussion
- Council expressed support for steel roof with Ted from General Roofing as the best option.
- Ideal project would be to install steel on the entire roof, excluding the canopy/carport, depending on available funds.
- Staged installation was discussed as a possibility, depending on Ted's assessment of the transitional areas between the sanctuary roof and the lower roof.
- Fundraising efforts would be necessary and planned.
- Council also discussed the possibility of selling the parsonage.

Action Items:

- Walter will contact Ted to schedule a visit to the church and assess the roof's transitional areas to help determine whether a partial or full roof replacement is needed at this time.
- Council discussed a congregational meeting in October to present project plans and gather input. Adjournment Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					01 Jaime's Sabbath Wedding Rehearsal	02 Jaime's Sabbath Wedding at GA
03 9:30 Outdoor Worship Pastor Jaime	04 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Vacation VBS 6-8 PM	05 Jaime Vacation VBS 6-8 PM	06 Jaime Vacation VBS 6-8 PM	07 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Jaime Vacation	08 Jaime's Sabbath Jaime Vacation	09 Jaime's Sabbath Jaime Vacation
10 9:30 Indoor Worship No Communion Michelle Watne Jaime Vacation	11 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Jaime Vacation	12 Jaime Vacation	13 Jaime Vacation	14 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Jaime Vacation	15 Jaime's Sabbath Jaime Vacation	16 Jaime's Sabbath Jaime Vacation Joe Johnson Memorial 10:30am
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31 Jaime Vacation 9:30 Indoor Worship No Communion Pam Maloney Altar Guild Mtg						

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SECRETARY.....CARRILI LARSON
TREASURER.....MICHELLE GOETTLE
CUSTODIAN.....ADALEE HILL
COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....KIRSTIN KEMPEL
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