

AUGUST 2026

NEWSLETTER



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Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Rainforest Falls VBS, August 3–5,

6:00–7:30 PM.

GA Lutheran Church invites children in PreK through 6th Grade to join us!

During this three-night adventure, children will explore God's love through Bible stories, music, games, crafts, and fun rainforest-themed activities.

Registration is available at www.galutheranchurch.org or paper forms will be available the first day, there is no charge for VBS. We look forward to welcoming your family to *Rainforest Falls* VBS! We will journey deep into the rainforest and discover that God's love is always flowing, always growing, and always with us!

“God Pause”

My Memory of Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church

We invite you to share a memory—your own or that of a family member—that reflects your connection to GA Church.

These memories may be joyful, humorous, meaningful, or reflective. Please complete the included memory form and return it by mail, email to galutheranchurch@outlook.com, or by dropping it off at the church. We also welcome any pictures that may hold a memory of GA. Together, we hope to create a treasured collection of stories that future generations can cherish and enjoy. We look forward to compiling these memories to be cherished for years to come.

Name: _____

My Memory:

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Aug 01-02: Pastor Jaime off Non-Contracted Time

Aug 02: 9:30am Worship with Communion—Leader Betty Maly

Aug 03-16: Pastor Jaime on Vacation

Aug 03-07: Carrili on Vacation

Aug 03-05: **Vacation Bible School** 6:00-7:30pm

Aug 09: 9:30am Worship no Communion—Leader Joleen Hardy

Aug 13: 2:30pm Ruth Circle

Aug 16: 9:30am Worship with Communion—Leader Jill Baldwin, Connie Kracht Birthday Coffee Hour

Aug 19: 6:00pm Church Council Meeting

Aug 23: 9:30am Worship with Communion—Pastor Jaime Decker

Aug 24: September Newsletter Deadline

Aug 29: 10:00am Bridal Shower for Olivia Waswick

Aug 30: 9:30am Worship with Communion—Pastor Jaime Decker

Aug 31-Sept 07: Pastor Jaime off Non-Contracted Time

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!



Happy Birthday: Connie Kracht is turning 85! Coffee hour on August 16th will be in her honor. Please come and join us for Cake and to celebrate her special day!

LOOKING FOR HELP: GA Church will be looking for a new Janitor come, as our current one is headed to college. If you know of anyone who may be interested in the position please contact Kirstin Kempel.

Blood Drive: GA will be hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 1st from 1:30-5:30pm. Carrili is in need of a few volunteers to run the check-in desk. It's easy, I promise! ☐ If you are able to help out, please let Carrili know. Blood drives are very important to the support of our local hospitals. Thank you in advance for your help!

Bridal Shower: A Bridal Shower for Olivia Waswick, "Bride-to-Bee" of Joseph Swenson will be held at GA church on August 29th at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

Meal Fundraiser: GA church is looking for people who are interested in organizing and planning a meal/event on the evening of October 25, 2026. This event will be a fundraiser, and proceeds will go towards the needs of GA church. Please let a council member know if you are willing to help with this. Thank you.

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Our Sympathies : Go out to the family and friends of: Those who have lost a loved one. May God's loving embrace help you through this difficult time, and may the many happy



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, 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, tooth-paste). 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.

Bulletin Donations: The bulletin donation sheet for the 2026 Church year is available on the table in the narthex. Bulletins cost \$15.00 per worship service to sponsor, please give payments to Carrili. Thank you!

Thrift Store Update: From Brenda Schreiner: Hello! Please thank your councils and congregations! Grace and Goods Thrift Store was able to donate \$255.00 to the Kedish House for the month of June!

Summer Live Stream: May 17th was the last day of Live Stream services for the summer season. Live stream services will resume September 13th. Please spread the word to those who view our livestream services.

Thrivent Members: If you are a Thrivent member, don't forget that you can apply for a Thrivent Action Team. All you need to do is have a purpose for spending \$250 that will either impact a family, the community, or the church. You need to log into your Thrivent account, fill out the action form, and wait to see if you have been approved. If your project gets approved, you will receive a \$250 action card that may be used towards your service project. Each Thrivent member may receive two of these cards per year. Some great ideas to use them for are fundraisers, community projects, and benefits for families in need. Any questions ask Kirstin Kempel.

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Looking Ahead!

September 1: Blood Drive 1:30-5:30pm

October 31: Trunk or Treat 5:30pm



Senior Meals: Gwinner now hosts a Senior Meal at Noon at the Community Center on Main Street, Monday –Friday. Call 701-678-3815 to sign up.

Sunday Worship Service Assistant Lists: If you would like to be added and or removed from any of the worship assistant lists: Ushering, Reading, Mowing for the 2026-2027 Worship Season, please let Carrili know by **August 3rd**. Thank you in advance for all you do to help GA Church operate smoothly.

July-August WELCA Action Group

**Co-Chairs: Kandyce Sandstrom
Lynn Jacobson**

Donna Anderson

Lannae Johnson

Marsha Murphy

Becky Sandness

Deb Tufty

Robbin Witkowski

Shalon Benneweis

Krista Peterson

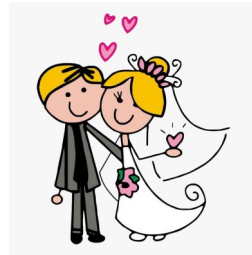
Courtney Koepke

Kristin Witkowski



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



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

August Anniversaries

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

***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!

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.



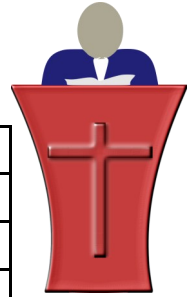
Mowing Schedule

August 02-08	Jeff Anderson
August 09-15	Dennis Dahl
August 16-22	Kent & Julie Johnson
Aug 23 - 29	Shawn Beck
Aug 30- Sept 05	Martin Potts



Readers

02 Becky Salberg
09 Karla Waloch
16 Carrili Larson
23 Kirstin Kempel
30 Sharon Beckstrom



Greeters

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



Ushers

August 2026

Captain: Michelle Goettle

Shirley Fuss

Duane & Trudi Peterson

Adam & Nancy Wrage



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

Church Council: No July Meeting was held, Next meeting: Aug 19th, 6:00pm

Bobcat Raffle: You could win a Bobcat UV34! Tickets will be sold for this side-by-side at various locations around Gwinner and by some members of GA Church. Each ticket is \$50 and proceeds will go towards replacing the shingles on the church roof. Each ticket purchased ensures that the next generation can enjoy and benefit from all that GA offers. Tickets are available at all the locations listed in the photo and Aunt BE's Cajun Bakery and Elevated Grounds. We are deeply grateful for your contribution. Need not be present to win.

*Image is not exact unit being raffled.



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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 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath Pastor Jaime off Non-contracted time
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16 9:30 Worship w/ Communion Leader: Jill Baldwin Connie's B-Day Pastor Jaime off Vacation	17	18	19 Church Council Meeting 6:00pm	20 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	21 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath	22 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath
23 9:30 Worship w/ Communion Pastor Jaime Decker	24 September Newsletter Deadline 	25	26	27 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	28 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath	29 10am Bridal Shower Olivia Waswick Pastor Jaime's Sabbath
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TREASURER.....MICHELLE GOETTLE
CUSTODIAN.....
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YOGA LEADERS.....MASYN STAHL & CALEB ADAMS

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