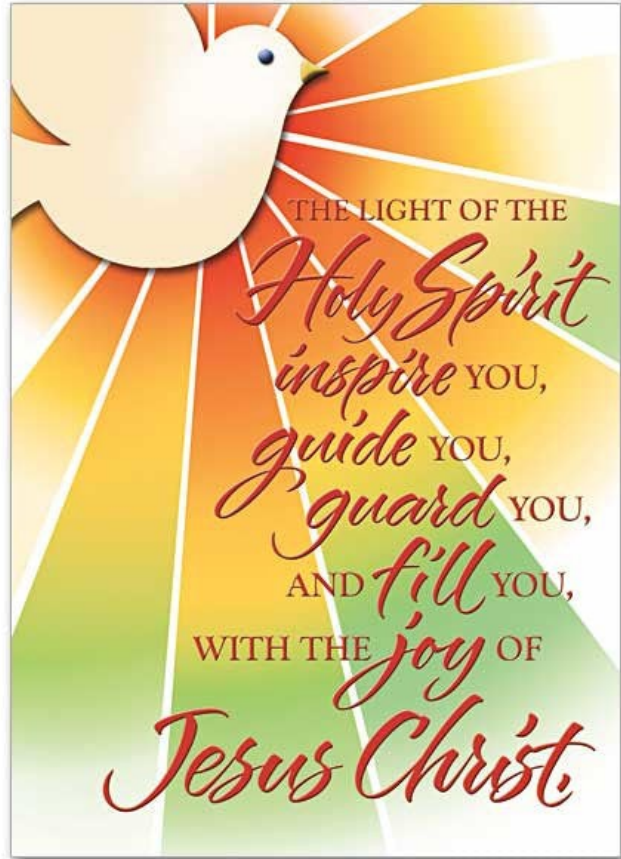


OCTOBER 2026

NEWSLETTER



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Affirmation of Baptism

The service for 10th grade Confirmation Students will be held on Sunday, October 4th during worship service.

We invite you to come, witness, and celebrate with these young adults as they affirm their baptismal promises and faith in Jesus the Christ.

“God Pause”

Brisket Dinner: On October 25th there will be a Brisket Dinner at GA Church. We are looking for volunteers to help set up the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 24th and for volunteers to help clean up the Fellowship Hall when the dinner ends at 2:00 pm. Our menu includes lefse, so if any lefse makers are willing to donate lefse for this meal, it would be greatly appreciated. The Brisket Committee is also accepting monetary donations to help offset the cost of the food. All proceeds from this meal will go towards the church roof. If you are able to help with any of these needs, please sign up on the volunteer posters at church or talk to Kirstin Kempel or Steve Melroe. Thank you for your help! ~Brisket Dinner Committee members

Raffle Drawing: The Bobcat UV34 side-by-side raffle drawing will take place on Sunday, October 25th during the Brisket Dinner. (You need not be present to win.) A great big thank you goes out to all those that organized this fundraiser and sold tickets. We also appreciate all those who purchased raffle tickets. All proceeds from this raffle will go towards re-shingling the church roof.



Sunday School: We are excited to announce the start of the fall session of Sunday School! We will start on Oct. 11th, which is kick off and Celebration Sunday. It will include a short lesson, activities, games, and food! The fall session will involve 6 Sundays: Oct. 11th, 18th, Nov. 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. Registration is available on the church website: www.galutheranchurch.org, or call Carrili. There is no cost to register and there is no commitment to make it to all the Sundays, but we would like it if you would register your child/children so we have an idea of the number of students to prepare for. This year's SS lessons will be from the Spark's curriculum, which focuses on one Bible story each lesson and will involve a craft and an activity. Please help spread the word, and all are welcome! We hope to see a lot of kiddos there as we learn about God's love for each one of us!

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- Oct 04:** 9:30am Worship with Communion—Pastor Jaime Decker
Oct 04: Affirmation Sunday for 10th Grade Confirmands
Oct 10: Baby Shower 2-4pm for Darby Mittag—All are Welcome
Oct 11: 9:30am Worship with Communion—Pastor Jaime Decker—Make A Change Sunday
Oct 11: First Day of Sunday School
Oct 12-18: Pastor Jaime Decker Off for Continuing Education
Oct 15: Ruth Circle 2:30pm at Lisbon Swing Bed
Oct 18: 9:30am Worship with Communion—Leader Betty Maly
Oct 18: Altar Guild Meeting After Worship
Oct 19: November Newsletter Deadline
Oct 25: 9:30am Worship with Communion—Pastor Jaime Decker
Oct 25: Brisket Feed & Bake Sale 11:30-2:00pm—Open to the Public
Oct 31: Trunk or Treat 5:30pm—open to all to attend



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!

Baby Shower: October 10th 2-4pm at GA church for Darby Swanson Mittag. All are welcome to come. They are having a Boy! One small request! We hope it's not too hard: Please bring a book instead of a card. Sign the cover with a note from you. Your book will be cherished, whether old or brand new.

Trunk or Treat: The 12th Annual Trunk-or-Treat will take place at the GA Parking lot on Saturday October 31st from 5:30-6:30pm. If you are interested in providing a "trunk" please contact Carrili. Thank you!

Food Pantry Blitz: We are inviting Sargent County residents to participate in the "Fill the Pantry Blitz". Please bring donations to any of the drop-off locations (GA is a drop-off), starting October 1st. All donations will be picked up and delivered to the food pantry locations on November 1st. Please see the flier on sanctuary door for more information.

Brisket Feed: Mark your calendars! Sunday, October 25th from 11:30-2:00, GA Church will be serving a Brisket Dinner. The menu will include Brisket, baked potato, buns, lefse, coleslaw, corn, and an ice cream dessert. To-Go orders will be available. Proceeds will go towards replacing the shingles on the church roof. There will also be a bake sale with pies, lefse, and so much more! Try out your luck on the Cake Walk! We look forward to seeing you at this event! Spread the Word!

WELCA: WELCA is calling all bakers to donate for the Fall Bake Sale that will be held on October 25th to coincide with the brisket meal that we will be serving to the public. Also - if anyone is interested in baking pies or rolling lefse with WELCA please get ahold of Barb Melroe as she will be coordinating the dates to meet up at the church. Thanks!

Ruth Circle: Will meet October 15th at 2:30pm at the Lisbon Swing-bed at CHI.

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Our Sympathies : Go out to the family and friends of: Roger Bopp. 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, 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 & Goods Thrift Store was able to donate \$474.00 to the Kedish House (ARN) for the month of August. Grace & Goods has been open for one-year, Total donations for the past year is \$6364.32, Thank you all for your continued support!

Thank You: I would like to extend a BIG thank you to Becky Salberg for working the desk at the blood drive, and to Darrel & Becky for putting all the tables and chairs back after the event. Also thank you to YOGA for helping with all the calling of donors. We were able to collect from 18 donors at our blood drive. ~Carrili~

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!

Nov 01: All Saints Sunday

Nov 08: WELCA Meeting after Church

Nov 18: Christian Women's Exchange

Dec 13: Christmas Pageant and YOGA soup/sandwich



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.

Christian Women's Exchange: Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00pm, Zion Lutheran Church invites all women to join them for the annual Christian Women's Exchange. Dana Erickson has been asked to speak about the organization "Riding For Dreams". We hope you are able to make it for a night of sharing food, faith, and friendships.

September-October WELCA Action Group

Co-Chairs: Barb Melroe

Becky Salberg

Sharon Beckstrom

Traci Hanson

Melinda Morlock

Sharon Peterson

Ashley Hansen

Michelle Goettle

Linda McFarland

Peggy Olson

Mary Rotenberger



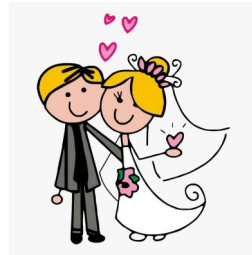
October Birthdays

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- 2 Teagan Beck
Jaime Decker
Ellie Schroeder
- 3 Shane Johnson
Larry Swanson
- 4 Sasha Jensen
- 5 Courtney D. Koepke
Dewey Johnson
Chance Noonan
- 11 Izabelle Beck
- 12 Duane M. Johnson
- 13 Melinda Morlock
Raymond Stahl
- 14 Kaleb Brockman
- 15 Brea Frederick
- 16 Eric Johnson
Riddik Berg
- 17 Riley Christensen
Marie Odegard
- 18 Dillon Morlock
- 19 Drew Krause
Aleysha Sarith
- 20 Sara Anderson
Lee Falk
Brittney Hansen
Darrel Swanson
Gerad Nerison
- 22 Betty Johnson
- 25 Pete Sherlock
Hailey Peterson
Harper Peterson
- 26 Cole Turchin
- 27 Hailey Decker
Carolyn R. Jacobson



- 29 Zander Bauer
Ryan Enge
Cyprian Johnson
Steve Melroe
DeAnna Youle
- 30 Maggie Rasmussen
Chris Johnson
- 31 Avery McFarland



October Anniversaries

- 08 Courtney & Alex Koepke
- 18 Riley & Justan Taliafero
- 19 Paula & Derrick Hansen
- 21 Deb & Steve Johnson
- 22 Wendy & Darrel Swanson

***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!

October 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 in learning how to operate it.



Mowing Schedule

Sept 27 – October 03	Walter Wrage
October 4-10	Mike & Tucker Larson
October 11-17	Kent & Julie Johnson
October 18-24	Dennis Dahl
October 25-October 31	Kenwood Peterson



Readers

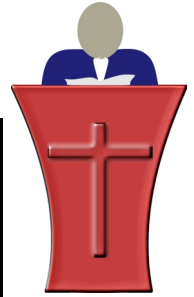
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04 Kirstin Kempel

11 Karla Waloch

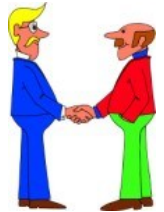
18 Barb Melroe

25 Becky Salberg



Greeters

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



Ushers

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Captain: Scott & Jan Melroe

Duane & Betty Johnson

Jeff & Donna Anderson



Meeting Minutes 8/19/26

Written by Walter: Members present: Kirstin, Trudy, Lori, Keith, Sharon and Pastor Jaime.

Meeting called to order: Pres. Kirstin called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Devotions and Prayer: None

Adopt the agenda: Any additions:

1. Sunday School discussion

Kirstin called for a motion to approve the agenda, Sharon made the motion and Trudy 2nd. Motion carried.

Secretary Report: Discussed report. Kirstin called for a motion to approve the report, Keith made the motion, Trudy 2nd. Motion Carried.

Pastor Report:

Aug. 26 worship and music meeting to plan fall services up to Advent

Aug. 29 Ardyce Albright funeral service in Pickerel Lake MN.

Aug. 31- September 7: non contracted time

Sept. 11-12 wedding rehearsal and ceremony for Shane and Kaydee Johnson

Sept. 13 confirmation meeting with 10th graders

Sept. 14-15 attended synod fall retreat at Fair Hills Resort MN

Sept. 16 meeting with 10th grade confirmation students to prepare for affirmation of baptism.

Sept. 23 YOGA car show and feed.

Sept. 25-27 Castaways youth retreat at Pelican Lake MN

Looking ahead:

Oct 4. Affirmation of Baptism.

Work Group reports

Property and grounds: Carpets were cleaned in the secretary office. The desk has been resurfaced. The House of Glass technician came and looked at the doors and adjusted them. The bricks will be stacked on the south side of the storage shed. First Sunday school room light switch is not working, Keith will look into it. Martin filled in the holes/divots on the south side of the parking lot.

Welca: Meeting on the 20th of Sept. to plan the bake sale held during the oct. brisket meal. The pew cushions still need repair, options were discussed.

Men's Group: The Men's group will be heading up the brisket feed in Oct.

Yoga: Castaway retreat and car show will be coming up.

Education: Sunday School will be organizing a 6 week fall session.

Alter Guild: No report

Worship and Music: Everything is planned up until advent.

New Business:

Thank you for letters will be sent out to donors of the roof project.

An appreciation meal will be served after the roof is complete.

Old Business:

Church cushions need to be fastened. Different types of tape were discussed.

Update from Sept. 9 October meal fundraiser meeting.

Auto doors do not function. The House of Glass door company was called and scheduled.

Council sent out thank yous.

Treasure's Report: Lori made a motion to approve, Sharon 2nd. Motion Carried.

Adjournment: Kirsten moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17, Trudy made the motion, Keith 2nd. Motion Carried.

Lord's Prayer: Kirstin lead the Lord's prayer.

Next meeting: October 21st. At 6pm

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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 off Non-contracted time	02 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath	03 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath Pastor Jaime off Non-contracted time
04 9:30 Worship w/Communion Pastor Jaime Decker Affirmation Sunday	05 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline	06	07	08 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	09 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath	10 Baby Shower 2-4pm Pastor Jaime's Sabbath
11 9:30 Worship w/Communion Pastor Jaime Decker Make-A-Change Sunday S.S. Starts	12 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline Pastor Jaime off Cont. Ed.	13 Pastor Jaime off Cont. Ed.	14 Pastor Jaime off Cont. Ed.	15 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon Ruth Circle 2:30PM at Lisbon Swing Bed Pastor Jaime off Cont. Ed.	16 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath Pastor Jaime off Cont. Ed.	17 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath Pastor Jaime off Cont. Ed.
18 9:30 Worship w/Communion Leader Betty Maly Pastor Jaime off Cont. Ed. Altar Guild Mtg	19 November Newsletter Deadline 	20	21 Council Meeting 6:00pm	22 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	23 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath	24 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath
25 9:30 Worship w/ Communion Leader Betty Maly Brisket Feed & Bake Sale 11:30–2:30	26	27	28	29 Bits 'N Stitches Quilting 9am to Noon	30 Pastor Jaime's Sabbath	31 Trunk or Treat 5:30pm Pastor Jaime's Sabbath

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