

# Gustavus Adolphus

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30 a.m.



*Wednesday,  
March 6*

10:00 a.m. – Worship

11:00 a.m. – Soup Lunch –  
served by the Altar Guild

6:00 p.m. – Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. – Worship

*Both worship services include Holy  
Communion and Imposition of Ashes.*

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the great festival of Easter. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness.

## Wednesdays in Lent –

### March 13 through April 10

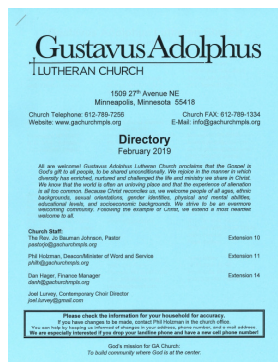
Take time out on Wednesdays during the weeks of Lent for a time at church. We will offer soup suppers and a 30-minute worship time each week. We will sing the well-loved *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy and hear messages of faith from great Christian thinkers (see Pastor Jo's article). Here is the schedule for these Wednesday evenings:

- ✠ 6:00 p.m. Soup Suppers in Fellowship Hall
- ✠ 7:00 p.m. *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy in the Sanctuary



## New Congregation Directories Available

We have printed new congregation directories! Everyone is invited to take a copy (or two at the most) home to have for reference. **Please note that we are still in need of cell phone numbers for people who have discontinued their landline phones.** If you have information that is missing or incorrect for your household, please contact Phil Holzman in the office.



## Winter Parking Restrictions Will Affect 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue!

*From the City of Minneapolis...*

Following this three-day snow emergency, **winter parking restrictions** begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27, to ensure city streets are passable for emergency vehicles, buses, and other travelers in the face of heavy snow accumulation this winter.



Winter Parking Restrictions mean **parking will be banned on the EVEN-numbered side of non-snow-emergency routes until April 1**, unless conditions allow the city to lift the ban earlier. **27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, on the south side of our church building, is one such route.**

Parking is allowed on snow emergency routes (Johnson St. for example), parkways, and the ODD-numbered side of 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

In other words, when you come to GA, you may park on the side of 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue that is closest to our building. Please carefully abide by these restrictions to avoid being ticketed (or towed) during the month of March!

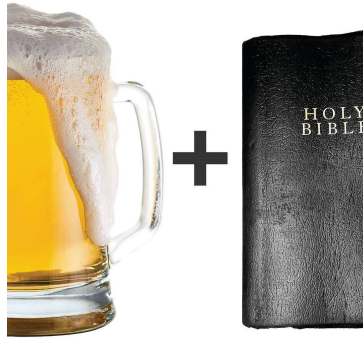
## Bible and Brews

*When: Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m.*

*Where: Sean and Jenny's,  
1392 Buchanan Place NE,  
Columbia Heights*

Join us on Tuesday, March 12, as we discuss Scripture, current events, the Church, and of course. . . beer. Luke 4:1–13 will be the basis of our discussion this month.

Bring your favorite libation to share with the group. (If you'd like to help our hosts by bringing a snack as well, please do!) This month we'll once again meet at the home of Jenny and Sean Tessmer. Hope to see you!



## Group Meeting Schedule

### Women of the ELCA (WELCA) –

All women are invited to meet on Tuesday, March 5, at 1:00 p.m.

**Quilters** – Quilting session on Thursday, March 7, at 9:30 a.m.

**Men's Breakfast** – All men are invited to breakfast on Saturday, March 9, at 8:30 a.m. Bring your appetite!

**Deborah Circle** – The circle will meet on Tuesday, March 12, at 1:00 p.m.

## Mutual Ministry Committee

With the new Constitution, GA will be looking to better utilize the Mutual Ministry Committee that has existed off and on here at GA. The goal of the Mutual Ministry Committee is to support called staff and the congregation, especially assisting with conflict resolution as conflicts arise. The committee will be a resource for staff to discuss things which are troubling them and a place for members of the congregation to take issues they see. The committee or a portion of the committee will work with the members who bring forward issues and the staff as a whole.

Below are the names and phone numbers of the members of the committee, as well as an e-mail address that will put you in touch with every member of the committee. Please reach out to them regarding any issues you believe need to be addressed.

Sean Tessmer  
701-425-2991

Aaron Miller  
651-307-1265

Jenny Parker  
612-789-2968

Joan Mitchell  
612-331-2052

Mike Ryan  
651-636-2249

Erik Peterson  
503-781-5750

You can send an e-mail that will reach all members of the committee: [mutualministry@gachurchmpls.org](mailto:mutualministry@gachurchmpls.org).

## Easter Memorial Garden Envelope

There's an envelope enclosed with this mailing for you to make a contribution to our garden of Easter lilies. Simply place a donation of any amount in the envelope, write your name and the name of the person or persons for whom you wish to dedicate your gift (as you want it to appear in the Easter bulletin), and place it in the offering plate any Sunday between now and April 14. If you have questions, contact Micky Madden or Shirley Fors of the Altar Guild.



March Serving Schedule	Assisting Minister	Lector	Sacristan	Transportation
March 3	Calvin Huseonica	Adrienne Bisping	Hannah Rosebrock	James Hamilton
March 10	Hannah Rosebrock	Carlotta Rosebrock	Nicole Navratil	Joel Lurvey
March 17	Andrea Carter	Julie O'Donnell	Aaron Bisping	Kelli Hoskins
March 24	Carlotta Rosebrock	Joan Mitchell	Brock Bisping	Brian Hendrickson
March 31	Justin Navratil	Lynette Paulson	Joan Mitchell	Ron Anderson

## Our Congregation's

### Vision Statement

*(The congregation adopted this vision statement at the annual meeting of the congregation on January 24, 2016.)*

God in Christ loves us; therefore, through the Holy Spirit we will:

#### **Do justice**

- We **hope** for our community and all of God's creation
- We feed the poor and comfort the afflicted
- We welcome and **respect** our neighbor and the stranger

#### **Love kindness**

- We **love** and care for our congregation and our community
- We practice **forgiveness** locally and globally
- We strive for **compassion** and **acceptance**

#### **Walk humbly with our God**

- We find **joy** in creation
- We desire to grow in **spirituality**
- We delight in liturgical worship and creative expression

We are all children of God. Jesus calls us by name. With the Holy Spirit, we seek to live out God's grace.

## Our Congregation's

### Core Values

*(These values were adopted by the congregation in 2010, just before our current mission statement was written.)*

**Love**

**Joy**

**Hope**

**Compassion**

**Spirituality**

**Forgiveness**

**Acceptance**

**Respect**

## From Pastor Jo

Maybe it's the weather this year. Yesterday brought I don't know how many inches of snow again, with way-too-familiar terrible driving on treacherous streets and backaches from shoveling the stuff.

With the snow comes the impulse to hibernate. Tom and I have a wood burning fireplace that can only be used under Goldilocks conditions (not too hot outside - no fun for a fire, not too cold - house heat goes up the chimney), and there have been a few Friday nights and Saturday days/nights that have been ok to light a match. Nice!

With that hibernation, seems to come slowing down. I know, we are itching for spring, but let's continue the contemplative mood just a bit longer, and keep it going for Lent 2019. Ash Wednesday is March 6, and has its own service; but starting **March 13, and for every Wednesday through April 10, will be GA Wednesday evening soup suppers and Lenten worship.**

We will continue the Holden Village worship liturgy/music this year, which also allows for a "break" in the middle for message, faith story, etc. This year we will be listening to excerpts from the writings of great Christian thinkers: Thomas à Kempis, Henri Nouwen, C S Lewis, and more. Each will be speaking from a different perspective of Christian "streams" of thought: contemplative tradition, holiness tradition, word-centered tradition, social justice tradition, spirit-filled tradition, sacramental tradition, and the overall subject of discipleship.

The readings will not be long, shorter than a sermon. And each week, Reflection Questions and Suggested Exercises will be handed out for people to follow-up outside of the Wednesday evening worship if desired.

All of these resources come from Renovaré, a Christian non-profit group dedicated to helping Christians obtain a deeper and more balanced spiritual life. I have obtained permission to use the materials as outlined, no copyright issues.

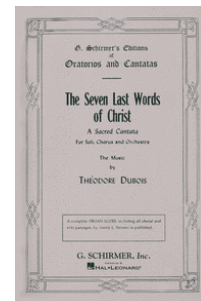
Welcome to Lent 2019. Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church wants to be your partner in this season, as we move towards Holy Week, the cross, and finally - the resurrection of our Lord.

Blessings to you in the name of Christ,

Pastor Jo

## GA Choir and Singers from NE Chorale to Present *The Seven Last Words of Christ* Annual GA MN FoodShare Benefit Concert – Sunday, March 24, at 4:00 p.m.

Plan to be present on Sunday afternoon, March 24, at 4:00 p.m. to hear this oratorio based on Christ's seven last words from the cross. This is a beautiful and moving piece of choral literature for solo voices and choir, directed by Phil Holzman and accompanied on the organ by guest organist Kraig Windschitl. And bring your checkbook! This concert is our congregation's annual fundraiser for the MN FoodShare March Campaign. All the proceeds raised at this concert will be donated to the Little Kitchen Food Shelf and the Salvation Army's NEED Food Shelf, both of which are here in NE Minneapolis. We typically raise between \$1,000-1,500 at these benefit concerts; let's see if we can do that again this year. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!



## Sheridan Story Update – Time to Sign-Up for March Dates!

March is our month for distributing food at Waite Park School. Some of the “shifts” are covered; however we still need some people to sign-up for some spots to cover the month. Remember that the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex at church. Sheridan Story food distribution is an ongoing ministry of our congregation; your help is always needed. Distribution generally takes place on Fridays, but specific dates are listed on the sign-up sheets.



### Recent Baptism...

We received Frances Claire McCallum into the family of Christ and the congregation of Gustavus Adolphus through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, February 3. Frances is the daughter of Jennifer Pinsch and Chad McCallum. We pray God's richest blessings on Frances, her parents, and her baptismal sponsors.

### January General Fund Financial Report

	Jan. 2019 (YTD)	Jan. 2018 (YTD)
Income	\$19,369.72	\$18,703.59
Expenses	<u>31,930.40</u>	<u>30,713.27</u>
Income-Exp.	<\$12,570.68>	<\$12,009.68>

#### Notes about January 2019 financials:

At our annual meeting in January, the congregation approved a \$345,535 budget for 2019. This budget supports the needs, hopes, and dreams of our congregation from co-creating meaningful worship, to caring for our building, to supporting our mission partners and the work we do in our community. We know this takes heart, time, and money. Our 2019 budget is a challenge for us to stretch ourselves—both our time and financial giving. To meet this commitment, our congregation will need to increase offering giving. In January, we did (compare January 2018 giving to 2019); however, our giving will need to exceed last year's by over 6%. As we continue our work in 2019, let us be thankful for all that God has given us and consider how we can generously give our time and money.

Next Finance Committee Meeting: Thursday, March 14, at 6:00 p.m.





You are invited to attend

# Fat Sunday

A Celebration

All Are Welcome Campaign

3 March 2019 | 4:00-7:00 PM

Pizza Served at 5:00pm

Games/Puzzles/Movie/Fellowship

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall

## Thoughts on Generosity...

### Occasional Articles from Members of GA's Church Council

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

– 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Sometimes I'm not cheerful. Sometimes I'm cranky. I'm cranky when I'm hungry. When I'm tired. When projects don't go smoothly. But I'm especially cranky when I'm overwhelmed. It's when I feel most stressed that I start thinking micro. I think how my to-do list can be engineered to fit into my pre-determined window of time. I think about how my budget will not go as far as I wish it could. I start to wonder if I need to eliminate activities, expenses, obligations, relationships. And then, I devolve from crankiness to resentment and score keeping.

The way out of this cycle, I've learned, is generosity. It is the pure act of giving cheerfully and giving boldly that moves me from thinking micro to thinking macro. It is then that I look up and outward, instead of inward. I move past my own anxieties around scarcity to finding the richness and abundance that surrounds me. Abandoning my agenda for the day and helping a person in need... Immediately writing a large check to cover appeal... Investing volunteer time lead an event... These bold acts of generosity sometimes have made me cranky, but they haven't left me without, rather, they have added to the richness in my life.

Council passed a resolution in February that we will individually tithe in 2019. I know that this will not make me immune from crankiness in 2019. But I know in this bold act, God will bless me abundantly. What will you decide in your heart to give cheerfully?

Sarah Larson

### Gustavus Adolphus Church Council for 2019

***(Contact information can be found in the congregation directories referenced on the front page!)***

Jenny Parker, President

Sarah Larson, Vice-President

Amanda Hakemian, Secretary

Gary Anderson, Treasurer

At-Large Members: Cindy Bach, Andrea Carter,  
Ed Huble, Erik Peterson, Sean Tessmer




Committee Assignments of Council Members on our Six Standing Committees:

1. Social Ministry – Sarah Larson, Sean Tessmer
2. Congregational Life – Cindy Bach, Amanda Hakemian, Jenny Parker, Sean Tessmer
3. Stewardship – Cindy Bach, Andrea Carter, Ed Huble
4. Finance – Gary Anderson, Andrea Carter
5. Property – Sarah Larson
6. Mutual Ministry – Jenny Parker, Erik Peterson, Sean Tessmer



We need additional members for the **Endowment Board** of our congregation. If you are interested in helping guide how our endowment money is invested and distributed, contact Gary Anderson, treasurer, at [gary\\_anderson@comcast.net](mailto:gary_anderson@comcast.net) or speak to him some Sunday morning in church.



# THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

by Theodore Dubois  
directed by Phil Hölzman

Presented by  
Members of  
the Gustavus  
Adolphus  
Choir and the  
Northeast  
Chorale

**SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 24**  
**4PM**

Gustavus  
Adolphus  
Lutheran  
Church  
27th &  
Johnson  
NE MPLS

## **Minnesota FoodShare Benefit Concert**

Free-will offering received for the Little Kitchen Food  
Shelf and the Salvation Army NEED Food Shelf



## Happy March, Everyone!

We have now completed our month focusing on refugees to highlight the work our mission partner, Minnesota Council of Churches–Refugee Services (MCC), does in our community. I am thrilled that there were so many of you that took the time to stay after worship to listen to our speakers and learn more about one refugee's experience and how refugee resettlement works in the US.

I want to challenge you this month to reflect on everything you have learned about refugees and come up with some action steps. How do I take the knowledge I have gained and use it to benefit the refugees in my community and in the world? What's one small step I can take this week? Can I push myself further and try something I've never done before? *Maybe I could check out a book from the library on a specific ethnic group reflected in my community? Maybe I could offer to join a conversation group at the library to help others strengthen their English skills or start taking a language class myself to learn a language used by refugees in my community? Maybe I could ask if they need volunteers for the English classes held by Open Door Learning Center here at our church? Maybe I could strike up a friendly conversation and specifically mention that he/she is welcome here with a refugee at the grocery store, bus stop, or school? Maybe I can write a letter to my senator expressing my support for the refugee resettlement program? Maybe I could share some of what I've learned with a neighbor while shoveling the snow off of my driveway?* The possibilities are endless! I encourage you to not sit on this information but share it!

I also wanted to thank everyone for the toilet paper and hand soap donations. As of the 24<sup>th</sup> of February, we have collected 373 rolls of toilet paper and 65 bottles of hand soap. These donations will go directly to newly arrived refugees to help set up their first home in the US. Thank you again for your continued generosity!

During the month of February, we utilized the back side of the blue insert in our bulletins to collect questions that congregants had and to gauge interest in volunteering with MCC. To date we have 22 individuals who have stepped forward to show their support and offer a hand in helping

set up an apartment for a newly arrived refugee family. We have not received the exact date for when the next family will arrive, but have been told that there are a few families in March that MCC is in the process of getting ready to welcome. Once we know there is a plan set for housing, we will contact our list of volunteers and create a plan to set up a home for the new family. We will be moving furniture to the appropriate rooms, putting linens in the closets, and setting up bed frames (if applicable), etc. If you missed the opportunity to fill out the blue insert to volunteer but are interested in helping out if it works with your schedule, please contact Hannah Rosebrock or myself and we will happily add you to the list.

Lastly, I would like to thank Pastor Jo, Phil, and our church council as they supported the vision that Hannah and I had for the month. I hope that the speakers and resources we have shared this month have helped you to stop and think more about our refugee neighbors. I look forward to highlighting more refugee topics and events in the future to support our refugee neighbors.

In the meantime, please mark your calendars for these upcoming events that celebrate the diversity of our state and promote awareness of refugee issues around the world: World Refugee Day on June 20; Twin Cities Refugee Day on Sunday, July 14; and the Festival of Nations that runs from Friday, May 3, through Sunday, May 5. If you are interested in a lecture series, the University of MN is hosting a series of authors with recent works featuring the complexities of human migration. These events are free and open to the public: Mohsin Hamid, author of [Exit West](#), will speak on Wednesday, March 13, at 2:00 p.m. at the Coffman Memorial Union Theater and Francisco Cantu, author of [The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border](#), will speak on Wednesday, April 3, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Until next month,

Lona Hendricks



## 4 for Dinner

By Cindy Bach

It started out as a quiet night at home. I found myself with a free evening with no particular agenda and alone as my husband was out of town. It had been a very busy week and I was looking forward to hanging around the house attending to small tasks and responsibilities. But as I entered the house and dropped off my coats and packages, I found myself thinking of my bible reading. I was looking forward to starting a new bible study workbook that I had just acquired. As I busied myself with dinner preparations, my thoughts drifted to the Holy Spirit and the book on the Holy Spirit I had recently read. The writer of that book spoke of the Holy Spirit in a very intimate manner. It was clear that he knew the Holy Spirit intimately.

I wondered about that and about how one gets to know and understand the third person of the Holy Triune. The Holy Spirit seems to play a very quiet role, but this writer spoke of the power of the Holy Spirit in a very dynamic and active manner. It occurred to me I too could encounter that same personality in my own home. I thought then that it would be a good night to invite God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit into my house for dinner. Why not, I thought, because God makes it very clear that he loves to be with us so let's have a dinner party at my house and invite them to join me.

So, I did just that: I set the table with 4 plates, utensils, and water glasses: one for each of us. I then made enough dinner for maybe 2 people (just being realistic) and lit some candles. In a short amount of time I sat down for prayer and quietly invited my guests to join me for dinner.

They showed up as I requested. A peace and calmness fell over the room and I could sense the atmosphere turn liquid with their grace. While I ate, I imagined the lively conversation flowing between the three of them as they inquired about how I was doing and how they could help me. I sensed that they wanted to know about my challenges and triumphs and that they wanted to encourage me and to help me. I felt pleasure that I had invited them to be a guest in my home. It was peaceful.

While I can't remember what I served, I do remember how I felt at this event. I would like to share this with you so that it might give you some encouragement if you find yourself dining alone and wishing you had some company. Because you are never alone, and yes, they would love to have an invitation to spend time with you.

Writing about an experience like this makes one wonder how it will be received: "did she really do something that silly?" To which I say, "why not and let's see what happens!" If we pray over our meals, it should be understood that God hears and will make himself known as we request. We should therefore not be surprised when things change. This is after all what we ask for as a congregation every Sunday, is it not?

***Take a look at all the hand soap and toilet paper that we collected during February for newly-arrived refugees.***

***Thank you for your generosity!***





**Surplus Office Furniture Available at GA.  
Make An Offer ... Buyer to Remove!**



These two (desk and file) are separate. The set is actually very cool mid-century modern for someone wanting a home office in that style!



The desk is built like a tank. The body is wood, and would be nice if refinished or painted. The top is laminate. It's OK, but could be swapped out for something more fun.



# Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, Minneapolis ... March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>24</div> <div>8:30am - Confirmation</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:45am - Frolic</div> <div>10:45am - Sunday School</div> <div>4pm - "Fat Sunday!"</div> <div>3</div>	<div>25</div> <div>4</div>	<div>26</div> <div>5</div> <div>1pm - WELCA Mtg.</div>	<div>27</div> <div>6</div> <div>Ash Wednesday</div> <div>10am - Worship</div> <div>11am - Lunch</div> <div>6pm - Soup Supper</div> <div>6:30pm - Contemp. Choir</div> <div>7pm - Worship</div>	<div>28</div> <div>7</div> <div>9:30am - Quilters</div> <div>7pm - NA</div>	<div>1</div> <div>8</div> <div>7pm - AA</div>	<div>2</div> <div>9</div> <div>8:30am - Men's Breakfast</div>
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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

### All Are Welcome Here!

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church proclaims that the Gospel is God's gift to all people, to be shared unconditionally. We rejoice in the manner in which diversity has enriched, nurtured and challenged the life and ministry we share in Christ. We know that the world is often an unloving place and that the experience of alienation is all too common. Because Christ reconciles us, we welcome people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical and mental abilities, educational levels, and socio-economic backgrounds. We strive to be an evermore welcoming community. Following the example of Christ, we extend a most heartfelt welcome to all. Gustavus Adolphus is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.



### Gustavus Adolphus Church Council – 2019

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