



Sunday Morning Schedule in September

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| September 1 | 9:30 a.m. Worship |
| September 8 | God's work. Our hands. Sunday
9:30 a.m. Worship – Guest Pastor: Gordon Braatz
10:45 a.m. – Service Project to organize donations for
Avenues for Homeless Youth
10:45 a.m. – Open House/Registration/Meet Staff
for Frolic and Sunday School |
| September 15 | 9:00 a.m. – Prayer time in the Bonhoeffer Room
9:30 a.m. Worship – Pastor Jo's Final Sunday at GA
10:45 a.m. – Goodbye Reception for Pastor Jo & Tom |
| September 22 | 9:30 a.m. Worship – Guest Pastor: Erik Strand
10:45 a.m. – First Classes for Frolic and Sunday School |
| September 29 | 9:30 a.m. Worship – Guest Pastor: Erik Strand
10:45 a.m. – Frolic and Sunday School Classes |



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God's work. Our hands.

God's Work. Our Hands. – Sunday, September 8

We have been collecting supplies for one of our Mission Partners, **Avenues for Homeless Youth**, all during the month of August. If you haven't had the opportunity to make a donation yet, there's still time! You can bring your donation to church by Sunday, September 8. That morning after worship we'll be organizing and assembling the donations so that they can be delivered to Avenues and distributed to program participants. The list of requested donations is included in this mailing once again. Please be as generous as you are able to be!

Goodbye Reception for Pastor Jo and Tom

Please plan to attend the going-away party for Pastor Jo and Tom on Sunday, Sept. 15, immediately following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Cake and beverages will be provided.



Frolic & Sunday School News

After worship on Sunday, Sept. 8, parents and students can stop by the Frolic Room (downstairs) and the Sunday School area (upstairs) to meet the staff and register for the year.

Frolic is for little ones ages 0-36 months and their caregivers to join during the Sunday school hour to play and develop relationships. We have circle time where we sing songs, pray, and read a story. Please join us starting Sept. 22

Sunday school classes for age 3 through grade 5 also start Sept. 22. No classes on the 15th as all are invited to attend the reception for Pastor Jo and Tom.



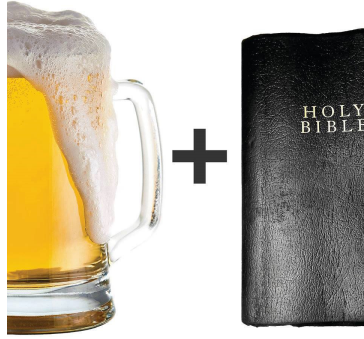
Bible and Brews

When: Tuesday, Sept 17, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Join us on Tuesday, Sept 17, as we discuss Scripture, current events, the Church, and of course. . . beer.

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

Quilters – Quilting session on Thursday, Sept. 5, at 9:30 a.m.

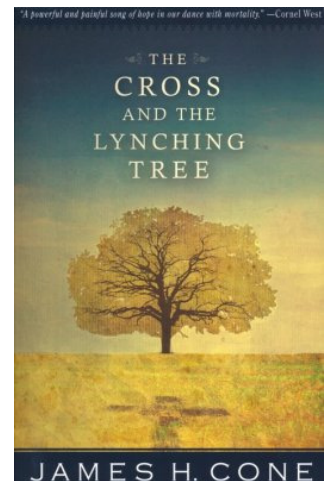
Deborah Circle – Monthly meetings resume Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 1:00 p.m.

Men's Breakfast – All men in the congregation are invited for breakfast, devotions, and conversation on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 8:30 a.m.

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) – Monthly meetings resume Tuesday, October 1, at 1:00 p.m. All women are welcome to join us!

Monday Night Book Group on September 9

Monday Night Book Club will wrap up our conversation of James Cone's book *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* on Monday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m. at GA. Join us for discussion. Please bring suggestions for our next read!



Community Meal Opportunities

The people of GA have created a space for food and fellowship for community members on the 4th Saturday of each month. YOU are welcome to join us!

You can show up at:

- 3:00 p.m. to be a prep. cook;
- 5:30 p.m. to serve and clean-up;
- 6:00 p.m. to eat and visit with our guests.



We sometimes request food items as well. For example: our September meal (on September 28) will be a Soup Supper. Sign-up on the Narthex bulletin board and let us know which soup you would like to bring. Cook up soup for about 10 hungry people and drop it off on Thursday when the church is open (leave it in the refrigerator) or on Saturday before the meal. Hope to see you there!

- Lynn Lurvey

Sept. Serving Schedule	Assisting Minister	Lector	Sacristan	Transportation
September 1	Andrea Carter	Julie O'Donnell		James Hamilton
September 8	Hannah Rosebrock	Carlotta Rosebrock	Brandon Bisping	Joel Lurvey
September 15	Amanda Hakemian	Kim Huseonica	Aaron Bisping	Pat Lynch
September 22	Joel Lurvey	Hannah Rosebrock	Joan Mitchell	Brian Hendrickson
September 29	Carlotta Rosebrock	Julie O'Donnell	Brock Bisping	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

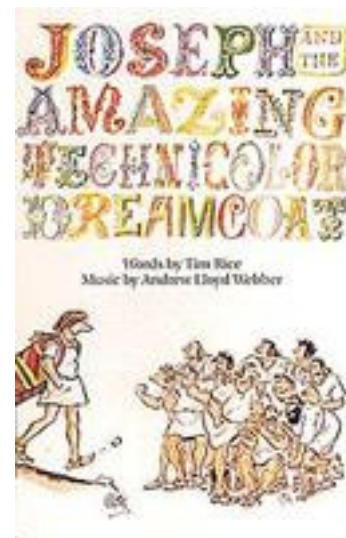
Acceptance

Respect

Northeast Chorale and GA Singers to Join Forces This Fall "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat" In Concert

Ten years ago, a group of actors and singers from GA presented the Broadway show here at the church. This fall, the Northeast Chorale and interested singers from GA (NOT just choir members) will join together and present the **concert version** of "Joseph..." at three performances November 22, 23, and 24. The Nov. 24 performance (a Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.) will be held here at GA and will be a benefit concert to raise money for our Mission Partners. You'll be hearing more about that this fall.

Rehearsals this fall will take place on Tuesday evenings; singers need to make a commitment to those rehearsals from September 3 until the November performances. However, if this is something of interest to you, it will be well worth your time! There is a \$25.00 participation fee for adults; \$10.00 for students. We hope to have a good group from GA join with the Chorale this fall. See you soon...on September 3!



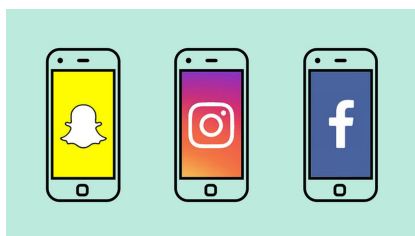
Social Media Savvy?

If you're interested in being involved in a social media program for Gustavus, we'd like to talk with you! We're looking for people who would like to help us become more active on our social media platforms. If you know anything to help us get started, we'd appreciate your input. We need help in updating some of our sites, building others, and content guideline to share the work.

Here's what to do:

- 📱 Head over to the Gustavus Adolphus **Facebook** page and click the "like" button.
- 📱 Then head over to the **Instagram** platform, search for Gustavus, and click the heart button.
- 📱 Then, go visit **Snapchat**.....whoops, we're not on that platform yet....
- 📱 Then **Linked In**.....not there either.....

So you can see that we have a lot of catching up to do socially.



Interested?

Text Cindy Bach at 763.360.4502 and we'll get something together to move this along!

Welcome, New Members

On Sunday, August 18, we welcomed three new members into our congregation who were present in worship that morning. Several others will be welcomed in early fall as schedules permit; and introductions will be made in future issues of the "Gazette." Welcome to:

* Wendy & Paul Bradshaw

* Aileen LaTourelle

(Aileen's children, Camden and Avery, are already baptized members of our congregation.)

Capital Campaign Giving

As of April 17, 2019, our Capital Campaign goal was reached. If you are still giving to the Capital Campaign, we ask that you consider redirecting your gift to the General Fund. We request this because our Capital Campaign goal was met and our General Fund is in a deficit.

Please contact Dan Hager, Finance Manager, at danh@gachurchmpls.org if you would like assistance changing your Simply Giving (Vanco) account.

Thank you,
Gary Anderson, Treasurer
gary_anderson@comcast.net

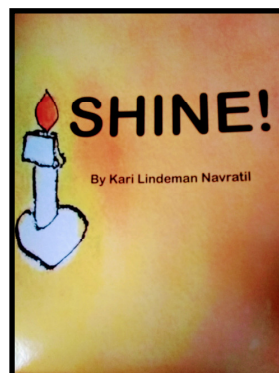
Free Concert at GA Church

Monday, October 7, 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend a free piano concert by musician and composer Thomas Keesecker here at GA, featuring his collection of music called "The Quiet Harvest." Thomas composed the commissioned choir anthem for our 100th anniversary in 2014, so it will be a treat to have him here in person to share some of his music with us on our grand piano.

Art in the Park Summary

Thank you for joining us for "Art in the Park" this summer. We had a great time, made over 50 Blessing Bags for the homeless, and were able to engage dozens of children in the community. A special thanks to Pastor Jo and Diana Hendrickson for volunteering and to our partners, Thrivent and Antioch Church.



Children's book
by GA member
Kari Navratil.



Children enjoying
Art in the Park
painting project!

July Financial Report

	July 2019	July 2019 YTD	July 2018 YTD
Income	\$21,872	\$188,994	\$181,312
Expenses	<u>26,414</u>	<u>210,228</u>	<u>196,821</u>
Income-Exp.	<\$ 4,542>	<\$ 21,234>	<\$ 15,509>

Thank you for your continued support of GA. We need everyone to continue to support our mission, however. Our monthly deficit in July of \$4,541.79 increased our year to date deficit to \$21,233.49.

MIF (Mission Investment Fund) Loan. Balance: \$84,403.13 as of July 31, 2019.

Note: 10 year loan, \$100,000. 4.5%, \$1,073/month payments.

This loan was initiated as a bridge to fund church capital renovations as pledges were being received over a three year period.

Next Finance Committee Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, at 6:00 p.m.

– Gary Anderson, Treasurer

“What’s Up, Zak?” – 2019 Summer Musical – Was A Success!

This cast of young people presented our ninth annual summer children’s musical, *What’s Up Zak?*, to two very enthusiastic audiences on August 23 and 25 here at GA Church. The musical told the story of the life-changing encounters of the blind beggar Bartimaeus and the tax collector Zacchaeus with Jesus. Those encounters were not only life-changing for them but for the people around them as well. . .and we hope in some small part for the children involved in the musical as they learned and lived with these stories over the past month.

Here is a picture of the cast of this year’s summer children’s musical, directed once again by our veteran directors, Kim Huseonica and Phil Holzman.

A new addition to the show this year was the new, professionally-built stage that the church purchased to replace the old platform that had become unsafe for us to use any longer. Thank you to everyone who helped us assemble the new stage after worship on Sunday, Aug. 11, so that the cast of the show had two full weeks to rehearse using the new stage. We had quite a crew hauling cartons from the garage, unpacking boxes, assembling the stage, recycling boxes, and cutting up the old stage platform for the trash. Thanks again to everyone who helped that day, and to those who helped dismantle the stage after the Sunday night musical performance. It takes a village!



Want to Join a Choir This Fall?

GA’s choirs will be starting back in full force during the month of September after their members have enjoyed a well-deserved summer break. This is a great time of year for new people to join our groups. Here’s a breakdown of our choirs and the information about their first rehearsal dates for the fall:

Contemporary Choir – First practice: Sept. 4

Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Director: Joel Lurvey

GA Choristers – First practice: Sept. 18

Rehearsals: Many Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Director: Phil Holzman

Senior Choir – First practice: Sept. 18

Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Director: Phil Holzman

Gustavus Bells – First practice: Sept. 25

Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Director: Phil Holzman

Contact Phil or Joel with questions. Contact info. on the back of this mailing.



Thanks to Summer Musicians

It’s simply amazing the amount of musical talent that we have in our congregation. Thank you to the following people who shared music this summer in our worship services:

- ♫ June 2 – Sting Quartet including our own Matt Brown on cello
- ♫ June 9 – Oliver Hall, piano (confirmed that day) and Senior Choir members
- ♫ June 16 – Cassandra and Eric Weidmann, vocals
- ♫ June 23 – Adrienne Bisping and Carlotta Rosebrock, soprano and alto duet
- ♫ June 30 – Nicole Navratil, soprano
- ♫ July 7 – Joel Lurvey and extended family members led worship/music
- ♫ July 14 – Cindy Bach, flugelhorn
- ♫ July 21 – Shirley Fors, flute
- ♫ July 28 – Derrick Watson, baritone (vocal)
- ♫ Aug. 4 – Shirley Fors (flute) and Kari Navratil (chimes)
- ♫ Aug. 11 – Aaron Miller, trumpet
- ♫ Aug. 18 – Nicole Navratil and Derrick Watson, soprano and baritone duet
- ♫ Aug. 25 – Aaron Miller, trumpet (this time the organ was working!)

*There's still time to bring your donations to church for this project.
Please bring everything in by Sunday, September 8!*



- Bed in a Bag (full size long)
- Pillow
- Laundry Basket
- Shower Caddy
- House Slippers
- Wash Clothes
- Shower Shoes
- Bath Pouf
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Bar Soap
- Bath Gel
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste (full size)
- Lotion
- Sweatpants
- T-shirt
- Socks
- Water bottle
- Earbuds
- USB Flash Drive
- Playing Cards
- Fidget Spinner
- Stress ball
- Chapstick
- Kleenex

Support our Mission Partner **Avenues for Homeless Youth** and help us prepare for our **God's Work, Our Hands** mission project in September by donating the supplies listed here.

We will be collecting supplies listed on both sides of this sheet all through the month of August. There will be laundry baskets in the Narthex for people to put the items in.

*Avenues does not accept travel sized items, clothing or used items unless otherwise noted on the wish list. Donation drop offs must be scheduled. Unscheduled donations and donations not on the wish list will not be accepted.



In Minnesota, 6,000 youth experience homelessness every night. **Avenues partners with youth experiencing homelessness to achieve their dreams.** We provide youth-centered shelter, housing and supportive services to get youth where they want to be.

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ART THERAPY BAG NEEDS:

- Reusable FUN Bag
- Sketch Book—mixed media
- Water Colors
- Paint Brushes
- Color Pencils
- Charcoal
- Adult Coloring Book
- Pastels
- Stress Ball
- Fidget Spinner
- Thinking Putty



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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.



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