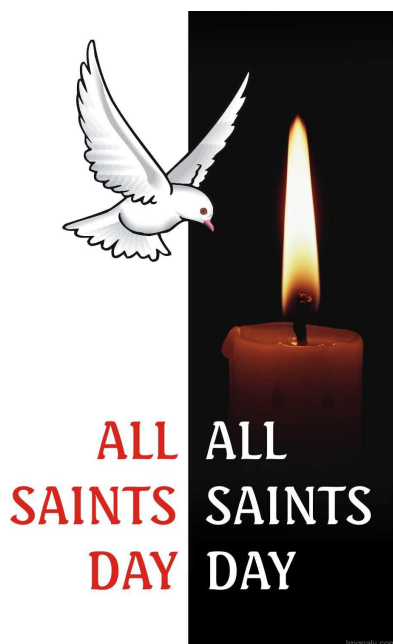


All Saints Sunday – November 3



All Saints Sunday celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in the northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is now complete.

As we have in past years, we will honor the memory of members who have died in the past 12 months as well as friends of the congregation whose funerals were held as part of the ministry of GA. This year we will honor the memory of the following people by reading their names, tolling a bell, and remembering them in our prayers:

April Berg
Jean Clausen
Edward Femrite
Lyle S. Johnson
Linda Lussier

Robert Moren
Walter Schopf
Betty Torvik
Marion White

As part of our remembrance rite on All Saints, we will invite all worshippers to remember loved ones by participating in a candle-lighting ritual during worship. We hope you will join us for this very meaningful worship experience.

Announcing Our Interim Pastor

The Church Council is pleased to announce that Pastor Susan Masters has agreed to serve as our interim pastor. Here is a little bit about Pastor Susan. . .

Susan Masters served her first intentional interim call in 1995. Since then, she has come to deeply love the challenges and joys of walking alongside communities of faith in times of transition, as they discern where and how God is calling them into mission. She also enjoys helping people connect their Sunday lives to their Monday through Saturday lives, as they discern what a life of faith looks like in a world yearning for the Good News of God's love and welcome to all people.

In her spare time, she is a theatrical sign language interpreter, and she can often be found in her garden, trying to reason with the abundance of weeds that also dwell there. Susan is honored to be called to serve as the interim pastor of Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, and she looks forward to getting to know folks and beginning our ministry together.

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Sunday, November 3

Join Joel Lurvey, our contemporary choir director, as he leads another session of singing after worship on Sunday, Nov. 3, in the sanctuary. Joel's first session in October was very well-received. He would like to continue these musical offerings on a regular basis. Come prepared to participate and sing – and to be enriched!

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed – or you'll be here in time to unlock the church on Sunday morning! Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3.



Welcome Reception Sunday, November 10

The Church Council will host a special coffee hour after worship on Sunday, Nov. 10, to welcome Pastor Susan Masters to GA. We hope you will join us as we continue the process of welcoming her to our congregation.



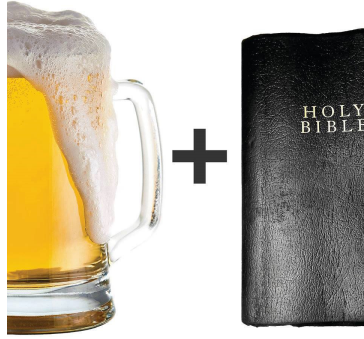
Bible and Brews

When: Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 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!



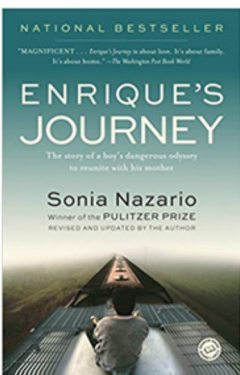
Group Meeting Schedule

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) –

Meeting on Tuesday, November 5, at 1:00 p.m. We welcome the members of the Deborah Circle to WELCA!

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

Men's Breakfast – All men in the congregation are invited for breakfast, devotions, and conversation on Saturday, November 9, at 8:30 a.m.



Monday Night Book Group Meets November 11

Join us at GA in November to discuss Sonia Nazario's book *Enrique's Journey*. This true story follows Enrique, an 11 year-old boy who travels alone from Honduras to the United States in search of his mother. Learn about the perils many children face on their journey from Latin America to the United States. We began our conversation about *Enrique's Journey* in October and decided we needed more time to dig into this thought-provoking book. Please join us on November 11 at 7:00 p.m. for more conversation. Questions? See Andrea Carter.

Community Meal

The Community Meal team will be hosting a November meal on November 23. This is the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Many on our team will be unable to be at this event, so we welcome new people to come at 3:00 p.m. to help set-up and serve. We can also use volunteers to help with clean-up.

We are canceling our December meal. It is a busy month for our volunteers and our community guests.

In 2020, the team will need to discern our mission and see if our congregation has the desire to continue with this project. We have been so blessed by the opportunity to serve, but the team is shrinking and that makes the work sometimes overwhelming.



Pray with us as we continue through the coming months. If not this, what might God be calling us toward? God's good grace and peace to you all.

- Lynn Lurvey

Nov. Serving Schedule	Assisting Minister	Lector	Sacristan	Transportation
November 3	Carlotta Rosebrock	Lynette Paulson	Joan Mitchell	James Hamilton
November 10	Andrea Carter	Adrienne Bisping	Aaron Bisping	Jon Stoewer
November 17	Amanda Hakemian	Emily Miller	Andrea Carter	Pat Lynch
November 24	Hannah Rosebrock	Hannah Rosebrock	Brandon Bisping	Brian Hendrickson

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

Mission Partner Updates

We've been partnering with eight non-profits over the past year. As a congregation, we have been providing volunteer and financial assistance. In this month of Thanksgiving, we have a number of ways to share our abundance with our community.

1. **Personal Hygiene Drive:** The Northeast Middle School Closet provides personal hygiene items to middle schoolers in need. Between November 1 and November 24, bring *new* deodorant, pads and tampons, lotion, Chapstick, brushes, combs, picks, travel sized shampoo, conditioner and body-wash, underwear, socks and bras.



2. On November 24, 4:00pm, the Northeast Chorale will be performing "**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat**" at Gustavus - and all proceeds will benefit our Mission Partners! So make sure and attend, invite your friends and neighbors, and donate generously.

3. We have a history of giving beyond our budgeted amounts to our partners. On Sunday the 24th, during Worship, we will collect a **special offering** which will benefit our Mission Partners. We will also have a noisy offering - so bring some loose change and a check on the 24th!

4. **Sheridan Story** sign up is now up. Throughout the school year, sign up to distribute food to kids at Waite Park School experiencing food scarcity. It's easy to help, but you do need some daytime availability. You can go anytime between 10-3, primarily on Fridays. Sign up on the church bulletin board, where further instructions are posted.

5. In December, we will begin the process of selection our **Mission Partners for 2020**. Members can nominate non-profit organizations. The congregation will vote for the organizations for which GA will partner in the coming year. Look for further information on submitting a nomination in December.

Help Needed!

- Someone to update the "Current Events" page of our website each month. Training provided.
- Photographers to take pictures of events at church to post on our website. OR – people to submit pictures they take of events that take place at church.

If you can help, please contact Phil Holzman in the church office. E-mail philh@gachurchmpls.org or text 320.304.1774.

Deborah Circle Disbands

After many years of monthly Bible study meetings, the remaining members of the Deborah Circle have decided to disband. The members of the Deborah Circle will join with the women who attend the Women of the ELCA (WELCA) group on the first Tuesday of the month. The Deborah Circle members donated the \$595 they had in their treasury equally between our Mission Partners.

Recent Baptism



We received Sidaleah Friendly Irwin into the family of Christ and into the congregation of Gustavus Adolphus Church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on October 6. Sidaleah is the daughter of Joy and Eric Irwin and sister to Kullen. We pray God's richest blessings on Sidaleah, her parents, brother, and sponsors.

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve

Please notice the envelope included in this mailing for an opportunity to sponsor a poinsettia plant at our Christmas Eve service in memory of a loved one. Return the envelope with your contribution (in any amount) to church by December 15.

"Seeing White" Podcast

The Congregational Life Committee is offering a monthly education series. *Scene on Radio* is a podcast that tells stories exploring human experience and American society. We are exploring their award winning series "Seeing White." What does it mean to be white in America? When did humans start to distinguish based on race? How has America constructed its society based on race? How have we adapted?

We meet monthly and will next meet on **Sunday, November 10, at 10:45 in the Faith Room.** There is no

preparation required and it does not matter if you miss a month. Join us in the Faith

Room as we listen to episodes together. Episodes are under 45 minutes. Sean Tessmer and Amanda Hakemian will facilitate.



This series is designed to continue the educational work we started last spring with the YWCA facilitated racial justice workshops. If you found that series stimulating, be sure to join us on November 10. If you missed those workshops, don't miss this opportunity to think about the American experience in a different way.

We meet the second Sunday of each month.

September Financial Report

	September 2019	September 2019 YTD	September 2018 YTD
Income	\$32,520	\$243,965	\$250,139
Expenses	<u>28,732</u>	<u>261,164</u>	<u>249,216</u>
Income-Exp.	\$ 3,788	<\$ 17,199>	\$ 923

- Thank you for your continued support of GA. The September surplus has reduced our year to date deficit to \$17,199.03. The income figure includes a \$10,000 gift from Bill McReavy of Washburn McReavy.
- The 2020 budget process is underway. A preliminary budget was presented to church council in October. Revised budgets will be presented in November and December, with a final budget presented for council approval in January – before the congregational meeting.
- MIF (Mission Investment Fund) Loan. Balance: \$83,002.31 as of September 30, 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.
- We have received the second annual gift from the Minneapolis Foundation from the Johanna S. Olson fund. This year's gift is \$3,050. This gift will be used to support the regular operation budget.
- Next Finance Committee Meeting: Thursday, November 14, at 6:00 p.m.

– Gary Anderson, Treasurer



Brothers + Sisters of Gustavus Adolphus-
Thank you for the lovely farewell event
on Sept 15th, as I leave GA. I enjoyed
chatting w/ people, cake (mm!), many gift,
but most of all - I thank you 'for the
gift of friendship at GA.
All God's blessings to you in the future.
In Christ, Pr. Jo

Sunday School & Confirmation News

Upcoming Sunday school dates to note:

- **Nov. 3, 10, 17** – Christmas program rehearsal during Sunday school time
- **Nov. 10** – Students three-years old through 3rd grade will sing during the worship service.
- **Nov. 24** – Thanksgiving Feast Party during Sunday school time.
- **December 1** – **NO** Sunday school: Thanksgiving Break!

Confirmation will begin for grades 6-8 on Sunday, November 3, facilitated by Pastor Susan. This year, confirmation class will take place during the Sunday School hour (10:45-11:30) in the Faith Room, except on Sacred Sites Sundays.

On Sunday, Oct. 26, the three-year olds through 3rd graders went to the Bethany Covenant Home to sing songs and share their Halloween Costumes with the residents. Here is a picture of our students taken at Bethany Covenant Home.



We Are Waiting:
The Advent Season
at Gustavus Adolphus

Saturday, December 7

10:00 AM—Noon



An event for all ages:
Activities designed to reflect
upon this season of waiting.

Bread-making

Watercolor

Leather Stamping

Bird Feeders

Ornament Making

Learn an Advent Hymn



Lunch provided

*Free with donations
accepted*

The Northeast Chorale presents

Joseph and the AMAZING

Technicolor Dream Coat

**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor®
Dreamcoat (In Concert)**

Words by Tim Rice
Music by
Andrew Lloyd Webber

**Directed by Phil Holzman
Grace Choi, Accompanist**

Friday, November 22 – 7:00 pm

Christ the King Lutheran Church
1900 7th Street NW, New Brighton

Saturday, November 23 – 7:00 pm

Grace Lutheran Church
1730 Old Hudson Road, Saint Paul

Sunday, November 24 – 4:00 pm

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church
1509 27th Avenue NE, Minneapolis

\$10.00 Suggested Donation
Family-Friendly Concert. All ages welcome!

For more information, check out
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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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