

January 12, 2020

Calendar for the Week

Contact the Church Office

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TODAY...SUNDAY, January 12

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Sunday School and
Frolic Classes

10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

10:45 a.m. "Seeing White" Podcast

MONDAY, January 13

7:00 p.m. Book Discussion

TUESDAY, January 14

5:30 p.m. Property Committee

WEDNESDAY, January 15

Annual Reports Due!

6:00 p.m. GA Choristers

6:30 p.m. Gustavus Bells

6:30 p.m. Contemporary Choir

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

THURSDAY, January 16

6:30 p.m. Church Council

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

FRIDAY, January 17

SATURDAY, January 18

NEXT SUNDAY, January 19

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Sunday School and
Frolic Classes

10:45 a.m. New Member Class

SELECTING MISSION PARTNERS FOR 2020

We have begun the process of selecting our Mission Partners for 2020. GA will support these partners throughout 2020 by distributing a portion of our annual income to these partners, collecting additional offerings, volunteering, and staying informed of their work. **Members can nominate non-profit organizations through TODAY** – January 12. You can use the form included in January "Gazette" to make your nomination. Additional nomination forms can be found in the Narthex. Turn in a hard copy of your nomination to the church office or in the offering plate. Alternatively, you can email your nomination form in to the office to philh@gachurchmpls.org. The congregation will vote for the organizations for which GA will partner at the annual meeting or by mail in early February.

MONDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP MEETS TOMORROW NIGHT

Join us tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison. In this Nobel Prize winning novel, follow the life of Milkman Dead from the rustbelt to the place of his family's origins. We will discuss the entirety of the novel on the 13th. Join us in the Fireside Room at GA whether you've read the book or not!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 26

Every member of the congregation is encouraged to attend the annual meeting of the congregation after worship on Sunday, January 26. This is a very important meeting that takes place each January; we need the participation of all our members. The deadline for submitting reports for the annual booklet to Phil Holzman is this Wednesday, January 15. Please contact Phil if you have any questions about the process.

NEW MEMBERS AND FIRST COMMUNION

If you have been dating Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church and are now ready to take the plunge (become a member), please contact the office (612-789-7256) and tell us the good news! Pastor Susan will hold a new member class **next Sunday, January 19** (10:45 – 11:30), and we will then receive new members on **Sunday, January 26**, during the worship service. If this time does not work for you, contact Pastor Susan.

Likewise, if you have a child who is not currently receiving communion, please talk with Pastor Susan, so that, together, we can make a plan to prepare them to begin receiving as soon as possible. Remember that there is no age requirement for receiving communion in the ELCA.

ANNUAL WINTER GEAR COLLECTION

Our congregation has collected hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for local schools for many years. We do this in January because not all families can afford to replace lost items. (And children do lose things.) Or maybe a child has been wearing less than adequate gloves or never did get a hat. Please bring in warm hats, mittens, gloves, ear muffs, and scarves and place them in the baskets in the Narthex.

FOCUS GROUPS

Please sign-up to attend one of the focus groups that will meet in January and February. If none of the dates work for you, please let Pastor Susan know, and she will schedule an individual session with you.