

January 5, 2020

Calendar for the Week

Contact the Church Office

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TODAY...SUNDAY, January 5

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Psalms, Hymns, and
Spiritual Songs Sing-Along

2:00 p.m. Women's AA

MONDAY, January 6

Epiphany of Our Lord



TUESDAY, January 7

WEDNESDAY, January 8

6:30 p.m. Contemporary Choir

THURSDAY, January 9

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

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

FRIDAY, January 10

7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

SATURDAY, January 11

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY, January 12

9:30 a.m. Worship

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

10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class
(until 12:15 p.m.)

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

2:00 p.m. Women's AA

PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

Join Joel Lurvey, our contemporary choir director, as he leads another session of singing after worship in the sanctuary. Come prepared to participate and sing – and to be enriched!

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 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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020

Offering envelopes are out in the Narthex. Again this year, we have made a conscious effort to consolidate the number of boxes we ordered. Not everyone uses our envelope boxes anymore. Those who do use boxes will again notice that their box number will have changed for 2020 to reflect the consolidation of numbers. Please pick up your box of envelopes as soon as you can. We do not mail envelope boxes.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26

Every member of the congregation is encouraged to attend the annual meeting of the congregation after worship on Sunday, January 26. We will hear and read report from staff and groups within the congregation, learn about steps in the interim process, elect members to the Church Council, and take action on the church budget for 2020. 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 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 on **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.