

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Palm/Passion Sunday ~ March 28

**Zoom Worship at 9:30 a.m.**  
Meeting ID: 840 5973 3668  
Passcode: 1509

*Shouts of "Hosanna" turn to cries of "Crucify him!"*



### Maundy Thursday ~ April 1

**Zoom Worship at 7:00 p.m.**  
Meeting ID: 893 5618 7690  
Passcode: 1509

*Holy Communion and handwashing.*

### Good Friday ~ April 2

**Zoom Worship at 7:00 p.m.**  
Meeting ID: 837 4575 3470  
Passcode: 1509

*Hear the reading of the Passion Story from the Gospel of John, interspersed with the singing of hymns.*



### Easter Day/Resurrection of Our Lord ~ April 4

**Zoom Worship at 9:30 a.m.**  
Meeting ID: 881 8331 3675  
Passcode: 1509

*Music for Trumpet and Organ and a vocal solo from Handel's Messiah.*



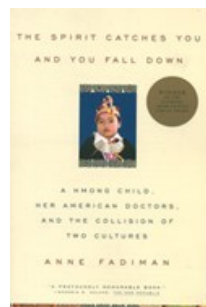
**T**here are ways you can stay connected to your GA family during this time when we are not able to gather in person. The activities listed on this page can help you do just that. If you have any questions about any of these activities or ministries, contact the person leading that particular ministry or contact Pastor Susan or Deacon Phil (their contact information is listed on the back page of this newsletter).

### **Quilters to Meet Thursday, April 1**

Calling all quilters! The quilting group will gather at the church (with masks, of course!) on Thursday, April 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Please think about joining us.

### **Monday Night Book Club Meets April 12 via Zoom**

Join us Monday, April 12, via Zoom to discuss Anne Fadiman's *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: a Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures*. Read Fadiman's exploration of a Hmong American family navigating through the complexities and discriminations of the American medical system. Our Zoom meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., and we will discuss the entirety of the book. Questions? Email Andrea Carter at [andreaLcart@gmail.com](mailto:andreaLcart@gmail.com). All are welcome! Zoom ID: 825 7019 4246



### **Virtual GA Choristers – Wednesday, April 21**

After a long winter hiatus, Deacon Phil invites elementary and middle school students to join him on Zoom for a time of singing on Wednesday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. The Zoom invitation will be included in the Saturday email the week before, but the meeting ID is: 867 0779 0192 with the usual passcode of 1509. Come prepared to sing and have fun for 20 minutes or so.

### **Join us for GA Family Storytime in April!**

We will be meeting every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. for a short storytime and show. We will take a break on Easter. We hope to see you there! We hope to be able to meet in person at least one time before the end of the year. More details to come in the May issue of the "Gazette."



### **Miss Church?**

We have an opportunity for you. The Property Team is seeking help in cleaning up the church yard on Saturday, April 17, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Come and get some Vitamin D and make the church yard look marvelous. If it rains, we will clean inside. Questions? Contact [joanmitchell007@gmail.com](mailto:joanmitchell007@gmail.com).

### **Sunday Zoom Worship – 9:30 a.m. Every Sunday**

See the Saturday email each week for Zoom invitation link, or contact Deacon Phil Holzman for call-in information. If you don't receive the Saturday email and would like to be included, contact Deacon Phil as well.



## Re-Entry Committee Update

On March 18, Church Council approved the moving to Phase II in our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, effective April 1. After a year from our last in-person worship service, we see this as a sign of hope! This phase will allow a slight easing of restrictions. Though we are weary, we are respecting the congregational feedback and health experts to be cautious and have a gradual re-opening process.

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ANNOUNCEMENT !

### *What is allowed in Phase II?*

- Up to 25 people will be allowed in the building (up from 10).
- For outside activities, the building can be open, provided there is a plan to ensure no more than 25 are inside and one inside bathrooms. This would allow bathrooms to be open for outdoor services.

### *What is still the same?*

- Worship is by invite only and shall be primarily online. With more people allowed in the building, the Sunday leadership may expand. There may be larger and additional supplemental activities.
- Staff shall primarily work at home.
- There shall not be shared food, including communion.
- No group singing (individual singers and instruments should be 12 feet away).

### *How is the Re-Entry Committee determining when we should move between phases?*

-The COVID-19 Preparedness Plan has thresholds, measured by the state health department, to determine when it is appropriate to loosen restrictions. We have been specifically monitoring the state positive case rate, using the 7-day rolling average as well as the county case rate, using the 14-day case rate. In the last month, we have also started monitoring the state vaccination rate.

### *What's next and when we will re-open?*

Recommended practices and guidelines often change. Thus, the Re-Entry Committee hasn't firmly set dates or guidelines for future phases. Based on today's information, we expect five phases in total. Each phase will allow for a gradual expansion of activities. Re-Entry Committee is specifically looking for the vaccination rate to be higher before moving to the next phase (and monitoring to ensure the positivity rate does not increase).

Where can I read the plan? Here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J8gv822me9ouX4V3KaQz1LtMT-dLLEClmUFOPeCPM20/edit?usp=sharing>

## GA Mower Needed

If you are interested in a summer job mowing the church yard, please contact Joan (joanmitchell007@gmail.com). We pay \$20/mow.



## Reminder: Second Quarter Devotional Booklet Available at Church

The "Christ in Our Home" devotional booklets are available for pick-up at church. We encourage members to use this devotional resource. You can pick them up at church on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



## Inspiring Easter Stories read to GA families by GA members.

Listen to GA members read inspirational Easter stories for all ages. A new story has come out each Friday of Lent. Scan the code with the camera app on your device (or see the Saturday email) to listen to the stories.



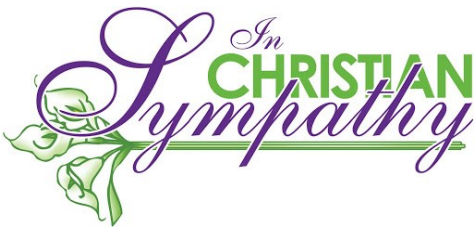
### A Note from Deacon Phil...



*Again, I want to offer my thanks to everyone for their support during my recovery. As I hoped, I was able to play the piano for worship on March 14 and returned to the organ console on March 21. My wrist is doing quite well. My arm/shoulder recovery is going to be a more long-term recovery. I'm in a pretty aggressive rehab program for that. I also want to say a heartfelt thank you to Joel Lurvey for his musical leadership during my musical absence following my injury. Having him as part of the team is a real blessing!*

### Furlough Fund Money Available

GA's Furlough Fund is still available to provide monetary assistance to help members/associate members who are in financial need due to circumstances related to the Covid-19 pandemic (you do not necessarily need to be furloughed). Members/associate members can apply for a grant of \$250.00. This gift does not need to be paid back. If you or a member/associate member are in need of this, please contact the church office. Your request is confidential.



***We received word of the death of longtime GA member Phyllis Anderson on March 5. We extend Christian sympathy to her family and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Blessed be her memory.***

### Gustavus Adolphus Executive Committee Contact Information...

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## Monthly Financial Report

	Feb	Feb	Feb	Feb
	2021 YTD	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	2021 vs 2020
	Actual	Budget	Actual	YTD Actual
Income	\$41,144	\$54,865	\$62,710	(\$21,566)
Expense	\$53,628	\$54,180	\$64,727	(\$11,099)
Inc - Exp	(\$12,484)	\$685	(\$2,017)	(\$10,467)

Expenses continue to exceed giving by ~ (\$6,200) per month & our YTD deficit is (\$12,484). While beginning the year with a deficit is consistent with our giving/expense pattern over the past few years, we are down (\$10,467) more than last year at this time. YTD-Year to Date Giving/Income is down (\$21,566) vs. last year while expenses are down (\$11,099).

Our PPL Loan forgiveness application was submitted to TCF this month (status is still TBD).  
The Memorial Fund received 1 donation this month on behalf of Thomas Parker.

To date it appears giving/income is strengthening a bit in March. We would love for this to be the start of a new trajectory for 2021! We ask that you continue to consider how you might further support the ministry here at GA.

Michelle Rinken, Treasurer

## Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church

*A Reconciling in Christ Congregation*

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Sunday Zoom Worship at 9:30 a.m.

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### Ways You Can Give to GA During This Time When We Are Apart



- 1) Mail your offering to GA:  
1509 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418
- 2) Give electronically at our website,  
[www.gachurchmpls.org](http://www.gachurchmpls.org). Just click on the  
"Donate" button on any page.
- 3) Sign up to give electronically through our  
"Simply Giving" program. Email GA's Finance  
Manager, Zach Copa, for details. Zach can also  
help you if you are interested in learning how to  
contribute stock donations.

### Gustavus Adolphus Church Council

Matthew Streed, President  
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At-Large Members:

Wendy Bradshaw	Jenny Parker
James Hamilton	Beverly Prawalsky
Curt Navratil	