

### Ash Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m.

We will worship hybrid - online and in person - at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church (1701 St. Anthony Parkway). Pastor Susan will preach and preside. Our choir will participate with Mt. Carmel's choir. You are invited to attend in person if you are comfortable doing so.



If you wish to worship online, please note that Mt. Carmel does their online worship differently than we do...using Facebook Live and YouTube. Here are the links that you can use on Ash Wednesday evening to view the service live online (they are also shared in the Saturday email):

Facebook Live link: <https://www.facebook.com/MountCarmelMpls/videos/> – OR –  
YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC94maDuJuSVixXfWYKoBaSQ>

### Shrove Tuesday, March 1, at 6:00-7:00 p.m.



Join us online for pancakes as we celebrate the tradition of using up all the fat (lard) in your home before entering the sparse journey of Lent. You provide your family's pancakes and fixin's, and we'll provide the space for conversation and hanging out together. No program, no music, just much-needed fellowship and reconnection! (We especially hope to see some colorful and silly pancakes made by our Little Ones!)

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82464451219?pwd=YXc5dzRGZGwzK0cxUTJlKz0dGk3UT09>  
Meeting ID: 824 6445 1219  
(Passcode: 1509)

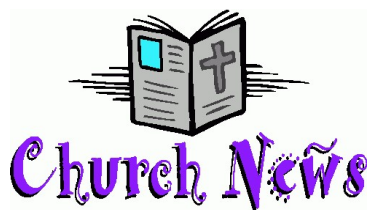
### Wednesdays in Lent ... *Holden Evening Prayer*

This year's Wednesday Lenten services will be hybrid – online and in person – on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. from March 9 through April 6. You are invited to come to church in person if you feel comfortable doing so; or join us via Zoom for the well-loved *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy. The Zoom link will be listed in each Saturday's email (and will be a recurring meeting ID), but here is the meeting ID for those who might want to copy it down now: Meeting ID: 886 8902 7555 (Passcode: 1509).



### Sunday School Update

Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, Sunday school will be on hiatus for the remainder of the academic year. We look forward to resuming Sunday school in the fall. We will continue to keep in touch with our students with occasional mailings and email communications.



## NO Quilting Session in March

The GA Quilters will not meet in March. Quilters are invited to the Sew-In later in the month. See separate article on this page.

## Men's Breakfast

Men in the congregation of all ages are invited to church for breakfast, devotions, and fellowship on Saturday, March 12, at 8:00 a.m. in the church kitchen/fireside room. Please join us.

## Women of the ELCA Meeting

All women in the congregation are invited to a WELCA meeting on Tuesday, March 1, at 1:00 p.m. at the church.

## Grief Group Begins Monday, March 7 – 1:00-2:30 p.m.

If the events of the past couple of years (pandemic, death of a loved one, acts of racial injustice) have left you feeling sad and grief-stricken, please consider participating in a grief group facilitated by Pastor Susan. This will be an informal opportunity to be with others who are also struggling and, if you feel comfortable doing so, to share how you're doing. We will meet on **Mondays at 1:00-2:30 p.m.** (beginning March 7) in the fireside area downstairs at GA. We will meet in person (masks required). Coffee provided. RSVP is not required but is helpful for planning purposes. Please let Pastor Susan or Deacon Phil know if you would like to attend (612-789-7256). All are warmly welcome.



## Crafting Retreat at GA



Need a little “crafty” time, a little “me” time, and a whole lot of “get me out of this house” time? Join the Crafty Women from March 9 through March 12 and take all the time you want. Bring your supplies and equipment, set them up, and come and go as you need. Doors open at 9:30 on Wednesday morning and won’t close until 3:00 on Saturday afternoon. Bring your lunch, snacks, and mask. \$5.00 donation requested. We’ll be in the Fellowship Hall; and while there is lots of space, it's not unlimited – so RSVP.

RSVP and Questions:

Mary Larson 612-781-4104 – Text or Call

[larson1953@msn.com](mailto:larson1953@msn.com)

## Choirs Resuming Rehearsals

After a winter/Covid break, our Senior Choir and Gustavus Bells will be resuming Wednesday rehearsals in March – on Wednesday, March 9, specifically. The Senior Choir could really use some additional singers. We rehearse masked and distanced right now, keeping safety precautions in mind.

The Gustavus Bells are still in need of an additional ringer (and substitute ringers). Please contact Deacon Phil if you're interested in ringing bells. During the Wednesdays in Lent, this will be our schedule: **6:15 p.m. Bell Choir and 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir.** Please think about joining our music ministry!



**Transition Musings**  
**Interim Pastor Susan Masters**

**Lent!**

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany are behind us for another year, our annual congregation meeting has come and gone, winter is beginning to wane, and spring is almost (almost) in sight. (As I type this in late February, snow is forecast throughout the day ....) And a congregation's heart turns to ... Lent!

**Shrove Tuesday, March 1, at 6:00-7:00 p.m.**, we will kick off the Lenten season with an online pancake supper together over Zoom. Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, and Mardi Gras are all names for the same celebration – when we party hard and get rid of all the fat or lard in our homes in preparation for the sparse journey through Lent. Each family is invited to make your own pancakes and join us – there won't be a program, just conversation and connecting with one another.

**Ash Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m.**, we will gather at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church (1701 St. Anthony Blvd, NE) and online for a service of Holy Communion and Ashes. I will be preaching. This is an opportunity for us to get to know our friends at MCLC as we explore ministry partnerships together.

**Wednesday evenings, March 9 – April 6, at 7:00 p.m.**, GA will meet at GA for a series we did not get to finish when the pandemic locked us down in 2020: *Disciplines of Our Faith: Hospitality, Service, Community, Simplicity, and Justice and Peacemaking*. The familiar, reliable, and so beautiful *Holden Evening Prayer* service will provide the context for a brief reflection each week on one of these disciplines that shape a life of faith in Jesus.

**Holy Week services – Maundy Thursday, April 14, and Good Friday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m.** will be held on Zoom and at GA, with our Mt. Carmel friends joining us. As details unfold, we will share them with you.

Friends, this promises to be another busy season at GA, with conversations with Mt. Carmel, continuing to imagine where our call process is taking us, and also engaging all the other, usual goings-on within our church family. And, I invite you to also engage the journey of Lent, entering into the sparse wilderness that helps us to put aside all the distractions of our lives and imagine where God is leading us next.

See you along the Lenten trail.

Pastor Susan

## Church Custodian Position Available at GA

Thank you again to Linda Lindahl for her several years of service as our church custodian. Following her recent resignation, we are looking for someone to serve as our custodian, performing cleaning duties around the church building, taking out trash and recycling ... making sure our building is clean and shiny each week for worship, for church members who use the building, and for the learning center students who attend classes each week. The position is 6 hours per week, with an hourly rate of \$21.00. For more information, and a job description, contact Deacon Phil Holzman at the church office.



***I want to thank my GA family for the prayers, the love, and support and kind words you've shown me and my family after the loss of Paul. Paul and I knew that the family of GA was where we needed to be.***

***Thank you all,  
Wendy (Bradshaw) and Family***

## All Are Welcome...Our Mission Statement

*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 socioeconomic backgrounds. We strive to be an evermore welcoming community. Following the example of Christ, we extend a most heartfelt welcome to all.*

## Gustavus Adolphus Executive Committee Contact Information

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Curtis Navratil, Vice-President ..... curtnavratil@gmail.com

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(Treasurer will be elected/appointed at March meeting)



# Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church ... March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
		1pm - WELCA Mtg. 6pm - Shrove Tues. (Zoom)	10am - Coffee w/Pastor 7pm - Ash Wed. at MTC	6:15pm - Property Comm.		10am - Confirmation
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30am - Worship	1pm - Grief Group		Sew In 9:30 a.m. - Wednesday thru 3:00 p.m. - Saturday			
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**Meeting ID: 824 6445 1219 – passcode: 1509**  
**(See Saturday email for “live” Zoom link.)**



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**1701 St. Anthony Parkway**  
**(See Saturday email for Facebook Live and YouTube links to watch online.)**

**Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church**  
***A Reconciling in Christ Congregation***  
Church Phone: 612-789-7256

**Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.**

**Church Staff ...**

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**Ways You Can Give to GA Church**  
**(besides bringing your offerings on Sunday morning to worship):**

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  
Curt Navratil, Vice-President  
Dee Kjera, Secretary  
TBD, Treasurer  
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Wendy Bradshaw  
Beverly Prawalsky  
Derrick Watson

Jenny Parker  
Michelle Rinken