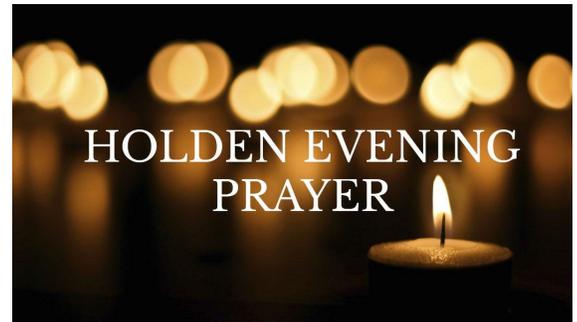


Final Holden Evening Prayer Service – Wednesday, April 6

We have had good attendance in person and on Zoom for our Wednesday evening services this Lent. We have one final Lenten service coming up on April 6 at 7:00 p.m. to which you are invited. The Zoom link will be listed in the Saturday email on April 2, but here is the meeting ID for those who might want to copy it down: Meeting ID: 886 8902 7555 (Passcode: 1509).



Thank you to the following people who have provided musical leadership along with Deacon Phil this year: Shirley Fors on flute; Joel Lurvey on guitar and vocals; and Nicole Navratil, Aaron Olson, Carlotta Rosebrock, and Derrick Watson on vocals.

Saturday, April 9, from 11 to 1

Pick Up Your Palm Branches!

Pick Up A Sunday School Activity Packet!



The church will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 9. Those who will be worshipping online on Palm/Passion Sunday are invited to come by and pick up their Palm branch to wave at home! Say hi to some of the church staff and some of our Sunday school teachers, too.

Sunday school families are also invited to stop by the church during this time to pick up one of our famous seasonal activity packets that our teachers have prepared for our children to complete at home.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Passion/Palm Sunday – Sunday, April 10, at 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday (with Mt. Carmel at GA) – Thursday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae (with Mt. Carmel at GA) – Friday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 17, at 9:30 a.m. (Festival Worship with Brass Quartet)

All worship services will be held in the sanctuary and on Zoom.

The Saturday emails on April 2 and April 9 will have Zoom links for all worship services.



Women of the ELCA Meeting

All women in the congregation are invited to a WELCA meeting on Tuesday, April 5, at 1:00 p.m. at the church.

Quilting Session in April

The Quilting Group will meet on Thursday, April 7, at 9:30 a.m.

Men's Breakfast

Men in the congregation of all ages are invited to church for breakfast, devotions, and fellowship on Saturday, April 9, at 8:00 a.m. in the church kitchen/fireside room. Please join us.

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Has Resumed

Come downstairs after Sunday services for coffee, cookies, and fellowship. If you would like to host sometime, there is a sign-up sheet a table in the Narthex. We're keeping it simple.



"Christ in Our Home" Devotionals Available

New devotional booklets for the 2nd quarter of the year are available in the Narthex at church. There are the small, pocket-size books and large-print books available. Please stop by and pick up your book either on a Sunday morning or during the week.



Another GA Variety Show Coming Up!

Come one, come all to the GA Variety Show! Sunday, May 1, at 4:00 p.m., outside if weather permits. Might you or someone in your family have an act to contribute? We welcome all: jugglers, poets, actors, athletes, musicians, and more. The deadline to sign up is Friday, April 22. Get in touch with Curt Navratil if you'd like to sign up, or chat about what you might do!

Call or text 612-655-2346 or email curtnavratil@gmail.com.

Congregation Directory Updates

- * Emily Fergus – change last name to Nordling.
- * Jean Jenson – remove listed phone number; add cell phone number: 605-868-3119.
- * Matthew Nordling – remove listed phone number; add cell phone number: 612-250-1096.
- * An addition to make: Due to a computer glitch, Cheryl Johnson was not included in the directory.

Please add – Cheryl Johnson
3544 Spain Place NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418
612-708-2204
Email: happy09a@gmail.com

Please note that additional copies of the directory are still available in the Narthex at church!

Transition Musings
Interim Pastor Susan Masters

Friends, by now, you have read my letter of resignation. Saying good-bye is never easy, especially when the moving on to a much-anticipated new thing requires the saying good-bye to a much-loved current thing. And you are all my much-loved current thing. Please know that if I were not moving back to Ohio, I would not be leaving GA. I have bonded with you in such a deep way during this challenging time, and only family needs could compel me to take my leave at this time.

While your time of transition will continue for a while longer, together we have a little over two months to wrap up our specific work together. To that end, some pressing tasks and events I hope to complete include:

- * receiving the Transition Team's final report and the first draft of your Ministry Site Profile, which is GA's "job description" of sorts (both of which were intentionally put on hold when we began conversations with Mt. Carmel);
- * updating our governance structures, specifically to:
 - create a policy manual
 - create a Human Resources team
- * doing a deep clean of the church building (in anticipation of upcoming tours with potential candidates to become your new, settled pastor)
- * preparing for a capital campaign to make the necessary technology upgrades to the sanctuary
- * confirming our four Confirmands on June 5
- * other tasks as agreed to with Council

The current conversations with Mt. Carmel about possible ways to intentionally partner together have been going well and will continue. As promised, a first report to both congregations will be made after Easter. I will also work with Council and the Synod to secure a bridge interim pastor for you. This is a clergy person who will walk with you in these final months of interim as you prepare to call your new, settled pastor – whether that will be in partnership with Mt. Carmel or on your own.

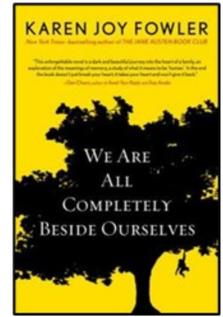
There will be opportunities for us to say good-bye to one another in the weeks ahead. In the meantime, we move forward as people of resurrection, who believe that God comes crashing through places of death with new life, new opportunities, and new imagination for serving our neighbors and one another. In these final weeks of preparing for the next leg of GA's journey, know that your presence, your support, and your voice are vital. We need you, and we are so grateful you are on this journey with us.

With so much gratitude and love,
Pastor Susan

Monday Night Book Club Meets in April

Monday Night Book Club will meet via Zoom on Monday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *We Are All Completely Besides Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler. In this coming of age novel, Rosemary describes the complexities of growing up in a family that has experienced loss, addiction, and a most unusual sibling. See below for Zoom ID. All are welcome!

Zoom ID: 817 7130 8051



Announcing the Northeast Chorale's Spring Season!

Calling all singers! The wait is over: The Northeast Chorale will be starting its spring season soon! All (high school and adult) are welcome, and no audition is necessary. Participation fee is \$25 for adults and \$15 for high school students.



Rehearsals will be held Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on the following dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; and the season will culminate in an outdoor concert on June 4. Rehearsals will take place here at GA Church. Covid-19 precautions will be adhered to throughout the season (masks and distancing required, and vaccination strongly encouraged). For more details, please visit: www.northeastchorale.org/join-us. Feel free to reach out to Phil at: 612-440-SING (7464). We hope you can join us, and we look forward to welcoming you soon.

Housing Request Received

We received the following email at church from a young woman looking to rent a room for a year:

My name is Caitlyn Pratt. I'm moving to Minneapolis in June for the second year of my rotation program at Medtronic. I currently live in Santa Rosa, CA and am an active member of the New Vintage Church here. I've been looking into housing options and possible churches to join once I move to MN, and it gave me the idea to see if there were any church members interested in renting out one of their rooms for a year. I'll be commuting to Mounds View for work but am flexible on location. The main thing I'm trying to find is covered parking for my car, which may be a bit of a stretch. I'm 23, very clean and organized, and I'd be more than happy to help with household chores and errands. I'm really excited to move to Minneapolis!

If anyone is interested in renting out a room to Caitlyn, contact Deacon Phil for her contact information.

Synod Assembly

Our annual Synod Assembly will be held in-person this year on Saturday, April 30, at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Pastor Susan and Deacon Phil will attend as rostered leaders. Cheryl Johnson and Derrick Watson will represent GA as delegates. Remember our delegates and all the participants in your prayers during this assembly.

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Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church ... April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
9:30am - Worship	1pm - Grief Group	1pm - WELCA Mtg. 6:30pm - NE Chorale	10am - Coffee w/Pastor 6:15pm - Gustavus Bells 7pm - Evening Prayer 7:30pm - Senior Choir	9:30am - Quilters 6:15pm - Property Comm.		8am - Men's Breakfast 11am - Pick Up Palms
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Thursday, April 14 – 7:00 p.m.
In the Sanctuary and on Zoom
Meeting ID: 833 6893 1906
(passcode: 1509)
(See Saturday emails for Zoom link.)

Friday, April 15 – 7:00 p.m.
In the Sanctuary and on Zoom
Meeting ID: 833 9111 8740
(passcode: 1509)
(See Saturday emails for Zoom link.)



Sunday, April 17 – 9:30 a.m.
In the Sanctuary and on Zoom
Meeting ID: 818 2794 7178 (passcode: 1509)
(See Saturday emails for Zoom link.)

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Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.

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1) Mail your offering to GA:
 1509 27th Avenue NE
 Minneapolis, MN 55418



2) Give electronically at our website,
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.

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