

### Interim Pastor's Report

#### Pastor Susan Masters

Friends, this is a bittersweet article to write. While I am so excited about the upcoming changes in my life that will ultimately lead me back home to Dayton, I am also deeply sad about leaving the community of faith at Gustavus Adolphus that has welcomed me and allowed me the honor of walking alongside you in a particularly challenging time. I have always learned so much from each call I have served, but the lessons you have helped me learn in this particular call are unlike any other in my 27 years of ministry. Thank you so much for your kindness, your patience, and your openness to embrace my leadership in a time in which, let's be honest, we were all making it up as we went along. It says so much about your collective character and capacity to put aside your own personal needs for the good of the community, and I am so grateful.



Considering this is my last "Gazette" article, I'm not going to write a lot. Instead, on June 12, my last Sunday with you, I will be sharing my thoughts about our work together these past 2 1/2 years, about where I regularly see God's presence among you, and about how I imagine God leading you forward in mission for the sake of the world. I invite you to plan to attend worship on that Sunday - either in person in the sanctuary or over Zoom. If you are not able to attend the service, you can access the recording on our Facebook page later that afternoon. While it will, indeed, be a bittersweet service, I will look forward to sharing from my heart, which is so full of love and gratitude. I hope to see you then and there.

Tenderly,  
Pastor Susan



*Join Us to Say Farewell and Godspeed to  
Pastor Susan!*

*Sunday, June 12*

*9:30 a.m. – Worship*

*10:45 a.m. – Fellowship Time and  
Brief Program*

### What Comes Next?

We will call a bridge interim pastor to guide us through the rest of our interim period and call process. Deacon Phil is currently in conversation with the synod office to receive names of candidates. Once those names are received, our church council will interview and extend a call to a candidate for the position.



## Mask Policy Update

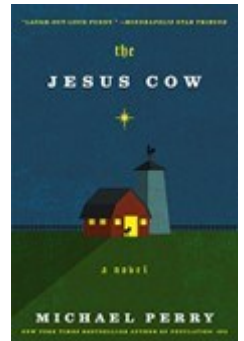
Just a reminder that as of June 1, our mask policy at the church will be updated. Masks will no longer be required to be worn for worship or other church activities. Of course, you may always wear a mask if that suits your comfort level as we continue to make our way through this pandemic.

## Monthly Quilters Session

The quilting group will meet on Thursday, June 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and join us.

## Monday Night Book Club Meets in June!

Monday Night Book Club will meet *in-person* at GA on Monday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *The Jesus Cow: a Novel* by Michael Perry. In this book, Harley Jackson's simple life dramatically changes when he falls in love, is forced to make decisions about the family farm, and suddenly owns a cow with an image of Jesus Christ! Read this hilarious tale to learn how Harley faces these challenges.

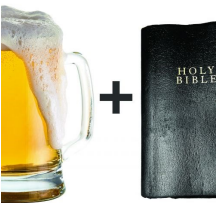


This is an in-person meeting at GA's fireside seating area. All are welcome!

## Bible & Brews

### June 16 at 6:30 p.m. – GA's Front Yard

We're bringing back a classic! Join us on June 16, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss scripture, the Church, current events, and of course...beer! Bring your favorite libation to share with the group and any snacks you deem essential. If the weather is nice, we'll gather in the front yard of Gustavus Adolphus around the fire pit.



If you have any questions, please contact Nick Tangen at [nick@nicholastangen.com](mailto:nick@nicholastangen.com).

## SAVE THE DATE

### Better Together Cookout

#### June 26 after Worship

For the last several months, Mt. Carmel and Gustavus Adolphus have been talking about the ways that we can be Better Together. Building strong relationships takes intentional time together, and we want to bring our two communities together this summer to keep building on our connection. So, save the date **JUNE 26, 2022**, after worship, for a cookout/picnic. Location TBD; more details to follow. If you have questions, or would like to offer a hand, contact Nick Tangen at [nick@nicholastangen.com](mailto:nick@nicholastangen.com).



## Open Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous: “Language of the Heart”

Sundays 4:00—5:00 p.m.  
In The Fireside Room at GA Church  
Coffee and tea provided  
Short readings from AA literature--  
and sharing (from the Heart)  
Contact Cheryl J. 612-708-2204

### Welcome to our New Church Custodian, Analisa Hillman!

We wish to welcome a new member to the church staff...Analisa. She began her work with us the first week in May. We asked Analisa to write an introduction about herself to the congregation, since most of us will not get to meet her (she usually does her work on Tuesday afternoons and Friday afternoons). This is what she wrote:

*Hello,*

*I am Analisa, named after a Swedish great-grandmother. I grew up in SE Mpls. (Prospect Park) and raised my family Nordeast. I feel right at home in the custodial role at GA, having done cleaning in a variety of settings for years (SE Seniors, NE Handyworks, my own cleaning business Transforming Spaces). I also currently work with seniors, both in their homes and at Village Shores in Richfield. I enjoy each of these roles and serving communities in important and meaningful ways.*



### Church Council Corner...

*Highlights from the May 19 Meeting (in no particular order)...*

- Heard a presentation from the James Company regarding a Capital Campaign. (Note: The Council met again on Sunday, May 22, to hear a presentation from Kairos & Assoc. regarding a Capital Campaign.)
- Discussed with representatives from the Finance Committee options to fund the chimney repairs.
- Heard an update from the “Better Together” task force regarding the conversations between GA and Mt. Carmel.
- Reviewed the recent south parking lot presentation and discussed next steps in the process.

### Gustavus Adolphus Executive Committee Contact Information

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*Confirmation Sunday, June 5  
The Day of Pentecost  
(Wear red to worship!)*

*Please plan to join the celebration when we affirm the baptism of three of our youth...*

*Aubrey Larson  
Emily Miller  
Isaac Streed*

*We will continue the celebration during  
coffee hour immediately following the  
service. Come, Holy Spirit!*

### **Third Graders Receive Bibles; Children Celebrate First Communion; Graduate Recognized**

On Sunday, May 22, as part of our service celebrating our children and youth, the following five third graders received their Spark Bibles...*Joseph Franz, Anne Miller, Maryn Morris, Elsa Olson, Grant Prawalsky, and Lauren Rinken.*

Over the next few weeks, beginning May 22, the following children will be receiving first Communion...*Edith Hentges, Gabe Hentges, Brynn Morris, Maryn Morris, Daniel Navratil, Frederick Navratil, Dean Nielsen, Nora Nielsen, Elsa Olson, Stanley Olson, Jacob Peterson, Sam Peterson, Cora Prawalsky, Grant Prawalsky, Lauren Rinken, Dylan Solberg, Elias Weidmann, Emmaline Weidmann.*

Also on May 22, we recognized our high school graduate for 2022, Irma O'Meara, and presented her with a quilt from the congregation.

### **Thank You, Choir Members**

It's been a bumpy, start-and-stop year for our choirs due to the ongoing pandemic. Our choirs met for a bit in the late fall through Christmas; then stopped; then picked up again in Lent. Now that summer is here, it's time for the traditional choir hiatus. Deacon Phil would like to thank the folks who participated in the Senior Choir and the Gustavus Bells this year.



**Senior Choir:** *Adrienne Bisping, Wendy Bradshaw (and the late Paul Bradshaw last fall), Shirley Fors, Cheryl Johnson, Nicole Navratil, Jenny Parker, Nancy Rathbun, Carlotta Rosebrock, Derrick Watson, Glen Yunker.*

**Gustavus Bells:** *Adrienne Bisping, Brock Bisping, Matt Brown, Andrea Carter, Shirley Fors, Cheryl Johnson, Mary Larson, Bonnie Mattson, Jenny Parker, Carlotta Rosebrock, Derrick Watson, Mary Nelson Yunker.*

### **From the Parish Records...**

- **On Sunday, May 1, we celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Lydia Hope Meuwissen,** daughter of Alyssa and Joshua Meuwissen, and sister to Karla.
- **We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of:**
  - \* **Judith Maki,** who passed away on April 26;
  - \* **Charline Burns,** who passed away on May 16.

## Breaking News!

### Watch the NE Parade with GA!

Meet on the corner of 26<sup>th</sup> and Central  
(in front of Walgreens).

Come early – save seats for others.

**Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 21**

Neighborhood tradition + church family  
= Fun!

Over the summer, we are inviting folks to join us for a walk around the neighborhood on the 4th Thursday evening of every month. We'll meet at GA and walk for about an hour – maybe we'll even end at Parkway Pizza for some post-walk ice cream! First walk is on June 23 at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome! Questions? [nick@nicholastangen.com](mailto:nick@nicholastangen.com)



**HUGE SHOUTOUT** to all those who've already given to the **Fire & Ice Fund!** (As of May 22, \$2,285.00 has been given.)

We still have a ways to go. The way my husband Nick and I are thinking about it in our house, is giving an extra \$60 dollars per paycheck from the beginning of May to the end of June (4 pay periods). Hoping everyone can find a little space in their budgets too. =)

Our goal is to reach \$25,000 additional dollars to cover the winter expenses and chimney repairs by June 30. If every giving unit (approximately 100 households) each contributed \$250 on top of your current giving, we'd make that goal!

I'll be making a special appeal on June 5.

And if you know my flare for the dramatics...you won't want to miss it!

Thank you again for your stewardship and keeping our ministries and community healthy and supported. I love you all!

Kristin Tangen  
Church Council Treasurer

#GOT #GA-T #fireandice #goals

### Regarding First Quarter Giving Statements Mailed in May

Thanks to members communicating with Zachary Copa and Deacon Phil Holzman, we discovered a computer programming error that affected quite a few of our giving statements for the first quarter of the year (most especially for February giving). Zach has made the corrections to all the affected statements. Corrected giving statements will be sent to everyone at the end of the second quarter. If you would like a corrected first quarter giving statement, contact Deacon Phil (612-789-7256, ext. 11) or [philh@gachurchmpls.org](mailto:philh@gachurchmpls.org). Thank you for your kind understanding!


### Volunteers Wanted for Offering Counting



The Finance Team is looking for help with Sunday offering counting. This involves working with a partner to count offering after Worship on Sundays for approximately a half-hour.

Skills necessary: counting and pushing keys on a calculator. Yes, it's that easy! If we get enough volunteers, this could be a 4-8 Sundays commitment. Training provided. Sound fun? Please contact Gary Anderson via text (612-227-4925), email ([gary\\_anderson@comcast.net](mailto:gary_anderson@comcast.net)), or in person at GA.





# THE NORTHEAST CHORALE: TOGETHER AGAIN!

Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church  
1509 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE  
(27<sup>th</sup> & Johnson)  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Come enjoy the Chorale singing Broadway and Pops tunes!

Phil Holzman, Artistic Director  
Andrew Peterson, Accompanist

Free Admission  
(\$10.00 suggested donation)

All ages welcome!

# Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church ... June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>29</div> <div>9:30am - Worship 4pm - AA Mtg.</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Memorial Day</div>	<div>31</div> <div>6:30pm - NE Chorale</div>	<div>1</div> <div>10am - Coffee w/Pastor</div>	<div>2</div> <div>9:30am - Quilters 6:15pm - Property Comm.</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div>7pm - NE Chorale Concert</div>
<div>5</div> <div>9:30am - Worship 4pm - AA Mtg.</div>	<div>6</div> <div>1pm - Grief Group 7pm - Book Group</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div> <div>10am - Coffee w/Pastor</div>	<div>9</div> <div>7:30pm - Finance Comm.</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>
<div>12</div> <div>9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Party! 4pm - AA Mtg.</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div>	<div>16</div> <div>6:30pm - Bible &amp; Brews</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div>
<div>19</div> <div>9:30am - Worship 4pm - AA Mtg.</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div> <div>6:30pm - View NE Parade</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div> <div>5:30pm - Walking Group</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>
<div>26</div> <div>9:30am - Worship 11am - Cookout! 4pm - AA Mtg.</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>



## Financial Update

	April 2022 YTD Actual	April 2022 YTD Budget		April 2021 YTD Actual		April 2022 vs 2021 YTD Actual
Income	\$93,520.26	\$114,938.16		\$103,161.69		-\$9,641.43
Expense	\$113,676.01	\$114,937.92		\$106,347.96		\$7,328.05
Inc - Exp	-\$20,155.75	\$0.24		-\$3,186.27		-\$16,969.48

The figures above represent our income/expenses through April 30, 2022.

April 2022 YTD Actual Income of \$93,520.26 represents 81% of our budgeted \$114,938.16.

April 2022 YTD Expenses of \$113,676.01 represent 99% of our budgeted \$114,937.92.

The **-\$20,155.75** difference constitutes our YTD deficit.

As compared to last year, YTD our income is **-\$9,641.43** and our expenses are up \$7,328.05.

Kristin Tangen,  
Church Council Treasurer

## 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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God's work. Our hands.

### 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  
Kristin Tangen, Treasurer

#### At-Large Members:

Wendy Bradshaw	Jenny Parker
Beverly Prawalsky	Michelle Rinken
Derrick Watson	