

Welcome, Pastor Sara Vanderpan!

We want to introduce Pastor Sara as our new Interim Pastor. She is beginning her ministry with us this week and will be with us in worship for the first time on Sunday, July 17. Come to worship sometime in the near future to meet her! Here is a greeting from Pastor Sara to our congregation:

Greetings, friends! I look forward to meeting you one of these next Sundays and to being part of this church family for the next few months.

I am your new interim pastor and I will step into your transition process where Pastor Susan left off. I plan to be here until your next settled-call pastor arrives.

A little about me...I've been a pastor for 22 years, an interim pastor for 11 years. I am also an ELCA coach, currently involved with a project at Luther Seminary. I live just north of Buffalo, MN with my husband, Ted, and our two dogs. Our daughters are grown. One is married and lives in the Twin Cities. The other daughter lives in Portland, OR.



I will keep a hybrid schedule in terms of office hours, most often at the church on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and some Thursdays. As soon as I'm settled, I'll share the various ways to reach me and welcome your calls, texts or emails.

Blessings on your summer adventures!

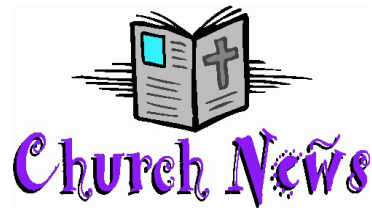
~ Pastor Sara

Stay tuned to the Saturday e-mail newsletter for a more formal opportunity to welcome Pastor Sara to our congregation in the near future.

**Sunday Zoom Worship –
9:30 a.m. Every Sunday
for those who choose not to worship in person**

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.



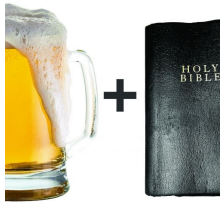


Mask Policy Reminder

Just a reminder that as of June 1, our mask policy at the church has been updated. Masks are no longer 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.

Bible & Brews

July 21 at 6:30 p.m. – GA's Front Yard



A classic is back! Join us on July 21 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.

Monthly Quilters Session – Looking Ahead to August

The quilting group will meet on Thursday, August 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and join us.

Join Us for a Walk!

Everyone's invited to meet at church on Thursday, July 28, at 5:30 p.m. to take a walk around the neighborhood for an hour. Good fun, good exercise, and good fellowship! If the mood strikes us, we may wrap up with a stop for ice cream at the end. You never know! Come and find out!!



Sunday Coffee Hour Hosts Needed



That title is self-explanatory! If we want to have coffee fellowship on Sunday mornings throughout the summer, we need people to host. Volunteer to make coffee and bring some simple treats, then clean up afterwards. As of the publication of this newsletter, July 17 and one Sunday in August are spoken-for. We need hosts for the other Sundays if we're going to have coffee hour. The sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex at church if you can help.

From the Parish Records...

We celebrated the baptism of Ruth Marie Hentges, daughter of Melissa and Nic Hentges (and sister to Edith and Gabe), on Sunday, June 12.



Confirmation Sunday – June 5, 2022



Left to Right: Deacon Phil Holzman, Aubrey Larson, Isaac Streed, Emily Miller, Pastor Susan Masters

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

Church Council Corner...

The council did not meet in June. Stay tuned to our next newsletter for highlights from the group’s July meeting.

Gustavus Adolphus Executive Committee Contact Information

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Curtis Navratil, Vice-President curtnavratil@gmail.com

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Kristin Tangen, Treasurer ksnobeck@gmail.com



Note from the Treasurer

Summer is here! I hope everyone is enjoying the much needed sunshine and fun =)

In between the sun and fun... staff, council, and committees are still working hard to keep things firing on all cylinders.



The snow has stopped (for now) but the bills keep coming in (what's with that?!).

Thank you to everyone who's given to the **Fire & Ice Fund!** *We have not reached our goal and you can always give more to help us reach it!*

As you can see, we're still running a deficit. I am completely aware that we are coming out of one of the craziest times of our lifetimes and that jobs, family priorities, and finances have changed and shifted in that time.

I want to encourage everyone to reflect on the impact this faith community and has had on your life and how your financial gifts can sustain this impact well into the future. If there is space to give that little bit extra every month, or even every few months, it would set us up to focus on our vision and mission to be a community where God is at the center.

As we call a new pastor, I know we all want to welcome them into a community that feels 1,000% supported.

I know you all love this place as much as I do and want to do everything we can to keep it happy and healthy =)

Thank you again for your stewardship.

I love you all!

Kristin Tangen

Second Quarter Giving Statements Coming

Watch your mail in the next week or two for your second quarter giving statements.

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.

Financial Update

	May	May	May	May
	2022 YTD	2022 YTD	2021 YTD	2022 vs 2021
	Actual	Budget	Actual	YTD Actual
Income	\$126,204.56	\$143,672.64	\$120,119.76	\$6,084.80
Expense	\$142,331.62	\$143,672.43	\$130,358.22	\$11,973.40
Inc - Exp	-\$16,127.06	\$0.21	-\$10,238.46	-\$5,888.60

The figures above represent our income/expenses through May 31, 2022.

May 2022 YTD Actual Income of \$126,204.56 represents 87% of our budgeted \$143,672.64.

May 2022 YTD Expenses of \$142,331.62 represent 99% of our budgeted \$143,672.43.

The **-\$16,127.06** difference constitutes our YTD deficit.

As compared to last year, YTD our income is \$6,084.80 and our expenses are up \$11,973.40.

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

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.

Gustavus Adolphus Church Council

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At-Large Members:

Wendy Bradshaw	Jenny Parker
Beverly Prawalsky	Michelle Rinken
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