

We Continue to Welcome Pastor Sara

By now many of us have had the opportunity to meet Pastor Sara Vanderpan and hear her preach and lead worship. She has been with us since July 11. On Sunday, August 7, we will officially install her as our Interim Pastor during worship and then have a formal welcome during Coffee Hour following worship.

We hope many of our members will be able to be present on the 7th for this special service and reception.

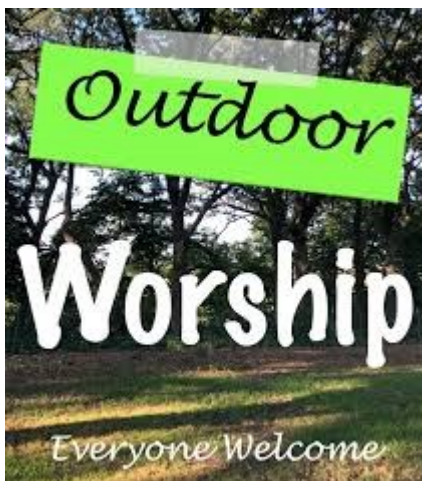


Outdoor Worship with Mt. Carmel at GA

Sunday, August 14, on GA's Parking Lot and Lawn

Our "Better Together" Task Force has planned another event to bring our two congregations together – an outdoor worship service which will be held on Sunday, August 14, at 9:30 a.m. at GA Church. We will gather on our church lawn and north parking lot for worship as we welcome the good folks from Mt. Carmel to worship with us. Pastor Christine from Mt. Carmel will preside and Pastor Sara will preach. Lay leaders from GA and Mt. Carmel will help lead the service. There will be a time of fellowship following worship.

The service will be live-streamed on Mt. Carmel's Facebook page – and then the recording posted to Facebook. Please note we will most likely NOT be using Zoom that morning...just Facebook live. A link to that Facebook access will be shared in the Saturday email on August 13.



It's a Church Yard Sale!

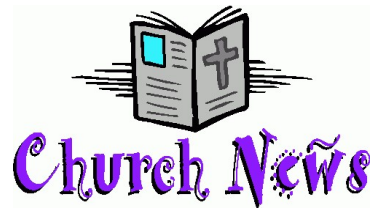
Saturday, August 13, from 8-4

Garage Sale at the Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church parking lot on the corner of 27th and Johnson St. NE, Minneapolis. Your donations needed. Please bring your gently used items to the church garage on Friday, 8/12 between 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, 8/13 before 9:00 a.m. No large furniture please!

Customers will "set their own price," meaning customers will pay what they see fit; you don't need to price items in advance. Leftover items will be immediately brought to a thrift store upon completion. Special disposal instructions cannot be accommodated.



Proceeds go to the south parking lot sidewalk repair fund. Volunteers needed. Contact Joan Mitchell for details (joanmitchell007@gmail.com).

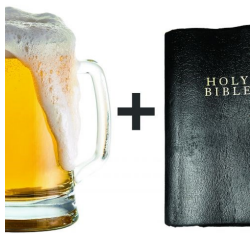


Mask Policy Reminder

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

August 18 at 6:30 p.m. – GA's Front Yard



A classic is back! Join us on Thursday, August 18, 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. This month we'll meet at the home of Nick and Kristin Tangen: 1939 Pierce Street NE, Minneapolis.

If you have any questions, please contact Nick Tangen 651-808-7067 or nick@nicholastangen.com.

Join Us for a Walk!

Everyone's invited to meet at church on Thursday, August 25, 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!!



From the Parish Records...

*in
Loving
Memory*

We extend Christian sympathy to Leslie Bistodeau, Christopher Bistodeau, and Ryan Bistodeau and their families following the recent death of husband, father, and grandfather Michael "Mick" Bistodeau. A memorial service for Mick will be held at GA Church on Saturday, August 13, at 11:00 a.m.



***Congratulations to Gayle & Bill Turnquist
celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary
on August 18!***

Transition Update – from Pastor Sara Vanderpan

Where are we in the transition process? There's a lot going on. Most of it is simply hard to see. Let me tell you more.

A small team of writers is drafting our Mission Site Profile (MSP), based on the work of the Transition Team. These writers will share their draft with the Council for further input and finalization sometime in August. Completing the MSP is, in itself, a big step.

Once the MSP is complete, the Call Committee (elected June 12) can begin its work. Their first meeting will be with a representative from the Minneapolis Area Synod for the purpose of orientation and election of a leader. We hope this meeting can happen late-August or early-September.

The Call Committee's work is when things will seem "real," because you'll hear directly from them about their progress. They won't be able to share the confidential portions of their work, but they'll give regular reports to keep you updated.

The steps I've identified do take time and energy (!), yet they offer the opportunities needed for member input and direction, an essential element in the discernment process.

May we be bold in following the Holy Spirit's lead!

~ Pastor Sara

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...At its July meeting, the council...

- met with Pastor Sara for the first time;
- discussed where we are in the Interim process;
- heard and approved reports from Deacon Phil, Treasurer Kristin Tangen, and various committees;
- met with members of the Property Committee to discuss ideas for the south parking lot property.

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Note from the Treasurer

Wait, wait... It's AUGUST??!!!

I hope that time is flying because we're all having fun =)

In my day job, I always ask my team every couple of months, "How am I doing? Is there anything I can do that would be more helpful? Is there something I should stop doing?" So I'm going to ask you all the same thing! Do you feel like I'm giving you the information you need? Do you feel like you know where GA is at with our budget? Is there anything that you'd like to see in the "Gazette" or in the weekly emails that would help you understand where our money is going?

I want to make sure that we all feel like we're in this together, so don't hesitate to reach out and let me know what you need!

As I mentioned in the quarterly giving statements, we are still running a deficit but that deficit has come down since the last "Gazette" (yay!).

So excited to have Pastor Sara here to help me be a better Treasurer and to help us call a new pastor.

Summer may be coming to an end but I know that the fun will continue!

Thank you again for your stewardship.

I love you all!

Kristin Tangen

**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.



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.

Back to School

Franklin Steele Backpack Project

We have a wonderful opportunity to support a school supply project that is led by Minneapolis Public School parents in the Franklin Steele Community. They are reaching out for support. **Their goal is to fill 180 backpacks!** Lynn Lurvey is connected to the families that are leading this effort and can answer your questions. llurvey@gmail.com

What is needed?

1. Composition Notebooks (Wide Ruled Preferred)
2. Pencils and Pencil Sharpeners
3. Pens and Mechanical Pencils
4. Crayons and Markers and Highlighters
5. Calculators and Rulers
6. 3 Ring Binders
7. Pencil Pouches

All Donations need to be collected by August 15th. Lynn Lurvey will deliver things.

If shopping isn't easy for you, you might consider a small gift of cash or a Target Gift Card for the project. Donations can go to our church.

Thank you for considering!

Lynn Lurvey

llurvey@gmail.com

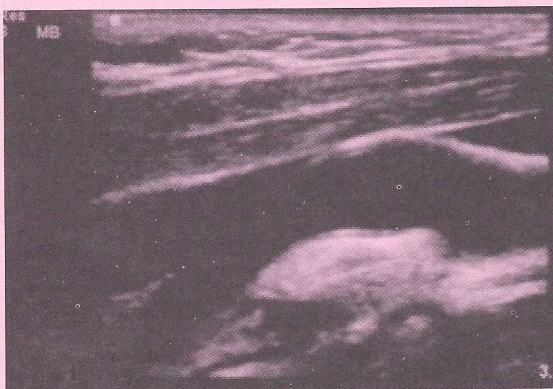


Take a step toward staying **Healthy & Active**

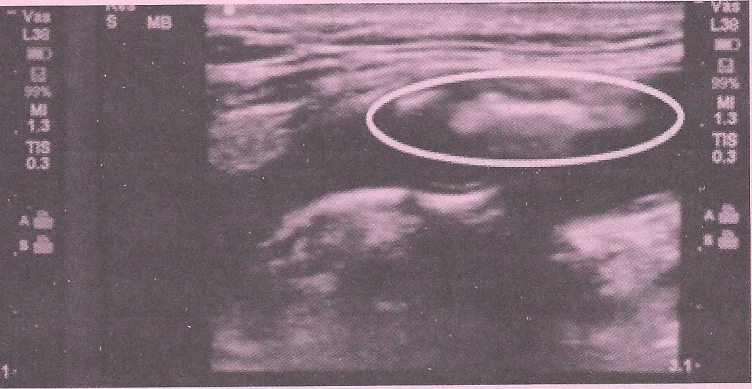
Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your health.

Be Smart: Do More For Your Cardiovascular Health

No Plaque Buildup



Plaque Buildup



Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup. That's why **9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors** support preventive screenings for those with key risk factors.*

Adults age 50+ and those 40 and older with one or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease should be screened.
*Key Risk Factors include: *High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, smoking, family history.

We are coming to your neighborhood.

**Where: Minneapolis - Gustavus Adolphus
Lutheran Church**

When: Wednesday, August 17, 2022

To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount,
please call **1-800-324-1851** or visit **LLSA.SOCIAL/HS**

Financial Update

	June	June		June		June
	2022 YTD	2022 YTD		2021 YTD		2022 vs 2021
	Actual	Budget		Actual		YTD Actual
Income	\$151,977.04	\$172,407.12		\$140,375.36		\$11,601.68
Expense	\$166,343.57	\$172,406.94		\$158,823.43		\$7,520.14
Inc - Exp	-\$14,366.53	\$0.18		-\$18,448.07		\$4,081.54

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

June 2022 YTD Actual Income of \$151,977.04 represents 88% of our budgeted \$172,407.12.

June 2022 YTD Expenses of \$166,343.57 represent 96% of our budgeted \$172,406.94.

The -\$14,366.53 difference constitutes our YTD deficit.

As compared to last year, YTD our income is up \$11,601.68 and our expenses are up \$7,520.14.

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.

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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

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	