



### **Sunday School is in Session Again!**

After more than two years, GA's Sunday School is back meeting in person. Classes for children age 3 through grade 5 began meeting on September 25. We invite all children to join us after worship each Sunday for a time of music, crafts, and a Bible lesson related to that Sunday's Gospel lesson. (Note that there will be no Sunday School on October 23–MEA weekend.)

### **Choirs Are Meeting Again!**

It's fall and GA's church choirs are rehearsing on Wednesday nights and preparing to participate in Sunday worship. Here's the Wednesday night schedule:

- ♪ 6:00 p.m. – Contemporary Group (led by Joel Lurvey)
- ♪ 6:30 p.m. – Gustavus Bells (led by Deacon Phil Holzman)
- ♪ 7:30 p.m. – Senior Choir (led by Deacon Phil Holzman)

Both Joel and Deacon Phil are particularly looking for new folks to participate in their groups this fall. Some folks have not returned after COVID, so our numbers are down. Now is a great time to revitalize our music groups. If you enjoy music, consider becoming a part of one of our groups. Middle school students through adult are welcome to join us!

For now, music for children is happening in Sunday School with Deacon Phil. If there is interest in re-starting a children's choir (formerly known as GA Choristers) later in the year, we will do that.

### **Confirmation Classes Resume on October 1**

Our joint Confirmation ministry with Mt. Carmel resumes with the first classes being held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 1.

### **Trunk or Treat on Halloween**

An annual tradition at GA continues in our parking lot on Halloween – Monday, October 31. The event starts with a "Spooktacular" Organ Concert by our own Deacon Phil at 4:45 p.m. and then continues out on the parking lot as people open the trunks of their cars filled with treats for GA and neighborhood children who stop by and visit from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. We've invited our friends from Mt. Carmel to join us, too. You won't want to miss it! (See the flyer elsewhere in this mailing.)



### **Mask Policy Reminder**

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.

### **WELCA (Women of the ELCA) Meeting**

***Tuesday, October 4, at 1:00 p.m.***

All women of the congregation are invited to attend our meeting. We hope to have a few women from Mt. Carmel attend, too. Deacon Phil Holzman will be our speaker. He will talk about his call to a vocation in church work and his path to becoming a Deacon in the ELCA. Coffee and a dessert will be served.

### **Monthly Quilters Session**

The quilting group will meet on Thursday, October 6 – 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the church basement. If you enjoy this craft activity, come join us!

### **Men's Breakfast**

We invite all men in the congregation to join us for breakfast and devotions on Saturday, October 8, at 8:00 a.m. Come for the fellowship and some delicious food. Questions? Contact Gary Arvidson at 763-755-3987.

### **Why Reformation? (An educational offering for adults)**

We all know the story of Martin Luther and the 95 Theses, but how did that get to the Lutheran Churches we have today? Join Bryant Kumlin for a discussion of why the Reformation happened, and how we talk about it, after worship on Sunday, Oct. 16.



### **Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour**

Everyone is welcome each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for some coffee, cookies, and conversation. Please join us.

### **Monday Grief Group**

Each Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, talk to Pastor Sara.

### **Join Congregational Life Committee**

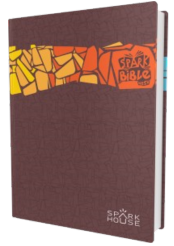
Want to be a part of supporting life at Gustavus? Join the Congregational Life committee! This group contributes to:

- Hospitality & Building Community
- Sunday School, Confirmation & Educational Opportunities
- Worship & Music

Share your ideas and help support our congregation. This committee currently meets the first Thursday of the month at 5:00 over Zoom. Contact Jenny Arneson at [arneson.jenny@gmail.com](mailto:arneson.jenny@gmail.com) to learn more.

## Third Graders to Receive Bibles on Reformation Sunday

We will observe a faith milestone in worship on Reformation Sunday, October 30 – we will give *Spark* Bibles to our third grade students. Parents of third graders have already been informed of this date through Sunday School communication, but let this serve as a reminder of this milestone that will happen in worship that day.



## Ringer Needed in Gustavus Bells

There's going to be an opening in our handbell choir for one ringer starting in November. We need someone who is able to read bass clef and is able to play some of the larger bells – and is available to practice with us on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. If that's you, contact Deacon Phil! We have a place in the bell choir for you!! We're a fun group and we make (often) beautiful music together. ☺

## Looking Ahead to November With GA's Book Group

Join us on Monday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins* by Emmy Kegler. In this book, Kegler reminds us of God's constant desire to see, hear, and love us. All the time. All of us! Kegler uses her own experience as a queer woman to describe her experience of exclusion and disapproval from the church. She then reminds us of God's all-encompassing love. Please join us on November 14 in GA's Fireside Room. All are welcome!



## Also Coming in November: A "Craft-In"

Start gathering your projects and load up on supplies. It's time for another craft-in. We will have the entire Fellowship Hall with enough space to spread out your sewing, scrapbooking, knitting or whatever! Put November 2 thru the 5th on your calendars. No charge, but we do need to know who is coming so we can set up tables. Contact Mary Larson; text or call, 612-781-4104 or email [larson1953@msn.com](mailto:larson1953@msn.com). We'll send you more details as the time draws closer.



## Special Meeting Vote

*At the special congregational meeting on September 18, the congregation voted to keep our south parking lot and do the necessary repairs and maintenance. We anticipate that the initial costs will be covered through an upcoming capital campaign.*

## Thank You, GA Family!

Thanks to All Who Contributed and/or Helped

Toward Our "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday Efforts!!

We packed 100 blizzard meals for Meals on Wheels. They will be delivered soon to Lutheran Social Service for distribution this winter. Our children decorated a packet of birthday cards which have been forwarded to the Camp Noah National Office in Saint Paul. And about a half dozen members reported that they have adopted storm drains in their neighborhoods.



Thank you to everyone for making GWOH Sunday at GA so successful. The energy in Fellowship Hall that day was palpable as we worked and served together!



### Sign-Up to Host Sunday Coffee Fellowship

We're still looking for people to host Sunday morning coffee fellowship for several Sundays in October. If you enjoy taking part in the fellowship, perhaps you can take a turn at serving and providing treats. The sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Narthex at church. Stop by and take a look this Sunday!

### Church Council Corner...At its September meeting, the council...

- Reviewed and confirmed our congregation's organizational chart (to help inform the call process);
- Discussed the call process;
- Began discussing the 2023 budgeting process;
- Heard updates about the Better Together task force and the upcoming capital campaign;
- Made final plans for the September 18 congregational meeting;
- Heard and received reports from staff and various committees.

The next meeting of the Church Council is Thursday, October 20, at 6:00 p.m.

### Gustavus Adolphus Executive Committee Contact Information

Matthew Streed, President ..... matthewstreed@gmail.com

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

Dee Kjera, Secretary ..... deekjera@gmail.com

Kristin Tangen, Treasurer ..... ksnobeck@gmail.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

## Note from the Treasurer

As I begrudgingly put my summer clothes away, turn off my air conditioner for the last time, and start to think about eating chili again, there is one thing that I do look forward to. Seeing all of you!!



As we make our way back to our regularly scheduled programming after a beautiful (albeit short) summer, I get excited to hear about how everyone's summer went. =)

I hadn't seen Sarah Olson in what felt like forever! So when I saw her on a Sunday after service, we immediately jumped into conversation catching each other up on what we had been up to and what things we're looking forward to as fall arrives. I am so grateful for her friendship and gifts that she shares with me and our community. I asked Sarah to share what GA means to her:

*"GA is a place to ground myself on Sundays. The ritual is comforting. The music is uplifting. The community is life-giving. My children are comfortable at GA - there are people of all ages that know them and welcome them. This is special to me. GA is comforting, is caring, is welcoming. I am grateful for this place and its people."*

As we get back into the swing of things, I think it's important that we re-energize our commitment to GA and our vision to create a community where God is at the center. Soon you'll be getting a letter in the mail with a pledge card for 2023 that I'm hoping you or your family can fill out and mail/bring to church by the end of October (we will have them available at church as well).

Currently, we're not up to our estimated giving this year but we have time to make up that gap and I know we can do it!

If you want to get your giving set up right now, you can scan the QR code below my signature to get to our online giving site.

Thank you again for your stewardship!

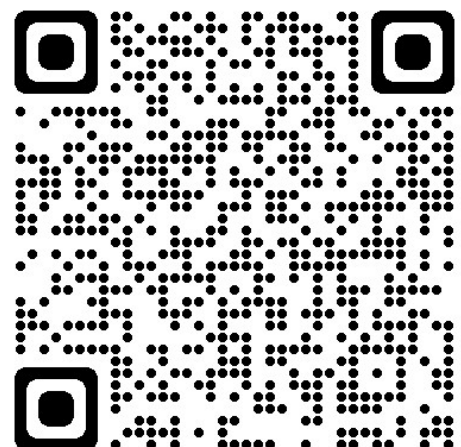
*Side note: Some of you know that I do family photography on the side, and because of that, I won't be around in October as much because, as you all know, we Minnesotans love our fall leaves in family photos ;) Feel free to email me any time until I'm back in the pews on a regular basis.*

*I love you all!*

**Kristin**

## QR Code for Giving

Simply point your smartphone or other device at this code and continue from there!





**Halloween** at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church  
Monday, October 31, 2022



Spooktacular Concert

4:45 p.m.

Trunk or Treat

5:15-6 p.m.

1509 27<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Mpls., MN 55418



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# Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, Minneapolis ... October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 4pm - AA Mtg.	1pm - Grief Group	1pm - WELCA Mtg. 6:30pm - NE Chorale	10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Choir 6:30pm - Gustavus Bells 7:30pm - Senior Choir	9:30am - Quilters 5pm - Cong. Life Comm. 6:15pm - Property Comm.		10am - Confirmation Class
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Reformation Sunday 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 4pm - AA Mtg.	Halloween 1pm - Grief Group 4:45pm - Trunk or Treat					

## Financial Update

	Aug	Aug		Aug		Aug
	2022 YTD	2022 YTD		2021 YTD		2022 vs 2021
	Actual	Budget		Actual		YTD Actual
Income	\$195,292.84	\$229,876.08		\$222,593.99		-\$27,301.15
Expense	\$206,811.35	\$229,875.96		\$202,571.70		\$4,239.65
Inc - Exp	-\$11,518.51	\$0.12		\$20,022.29		-\$31,540.80

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

August 2022 YTD Actual Income of \$195,292.84 represents 85% of our budgeted \$229,876.08.

August 2022 YTD Expenses of \$206,811.35 represent 90% of our budgeted \$229,875.96.

The **-\$11,518.51** difference constitutes our YTD deficit.

As compared to last year, YTD our income is **-\$27,301.15** and our expenses are up \$4,239.65.

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 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	