

All Saints Sunday – Sunday, November 6

All Saints Sunday celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in the northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is now complete.

As we have in past years, we will honor the memory of members of our congregation who have died in the past 12 months. This year we will honor the memory of the following people by reading their names, tolling a bell, and remembering them in our prayers:

Bill Anderson
Teresa Anderson
Michael "Mick" Bistodeau
Paul Bradshaw
Charline Burns
Donald Christopherson

Janet Femrite
Diana Kendrickson
Mildred Larson
Judith Maki
Jackie Ramin

As part of our remembrance rite on All Saints, we invite worshippers to remember loved ones by participating in a candle-lighting ritual during our All Saints prayers. Those in the sanctuary will be invited forward to light a candle; those worshipping at home are encouraged to prepare a candle to light.

Reminders About Late October Happenings!

Shhh... Don't Tell Phil (hahaha)

We're planning to celebrate Deacon Phil's 15th work anniversary here at GA on **Sunday, October 30**. He doesn't know the details (!). But YOU can find them by following the link in this past Saturday's email. Even if you don't know all the details, we invite you to join us for this celebration day on Sunday!

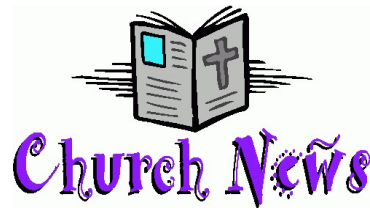


A reminder to Sunday School families ... Our Sunday School students will sing in worship on Sunday, Oct. 30. And our 3rd graders will receive Bibles during worship. Lots of good things happening. AND – it's Reformation Sunday!

Trunk or Treat on Halloween (Monday, Oct. 31)



- ☆ A "Spooktacular" Organ Concert presented by our very own Phil Holzman will start at 4:45p.m. in the sanctuary.
- ☆ After the concert Trunk and Treat will be located in the North parking lot from 5:15 until at least 6 p.m.
- ☆ We invite young and old to attend – and don't forget to wear a costume!



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.



GA Senior Choir Reimagined!

It's no secret that times are changing, and our Senior Choir is trying to adapt to these changing times. We're going to change our name to "GA Choir" to make the group more inviting to our younger church members. And more importantly, we're changing our rehearsal time to Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. – hoping that we can be more inviting to folks if they only have to come out once...to rehearse on Sunday mornings before worship. The choir normally sings for worship twice a month. We'll rehearse three times a month (taking the third Sunday off when the Contemporary Group leads worship). If you are in middle school, high school, or are an adult of any age, won't you consider joining our choir? We're a fun group, and we enjoy singing a variety of styles of music. If you have questions about the choir, contact Deacon Phil Holzman.

Men's Breakfast

We invite all men in the congregation to join us for breakfast and devotions on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 8:00 a.m. Come for the fellowship and some delicious food. Questions? Contact Gary Arvidson at 763-755-3987.

Why Reformation, Part II? (An educational offering for adults)

Join Bryant Kumlin after church on Sunday, November 20, for a continued conversation around why the Reformation happened, and what it means for us today. Part 1 focused on indulgences, and part 2 will focus on other social factors happening at that time, with an emphasis on how it affects us and what it means for our own faith and practice.



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.

Sunday Coffee Hour Hosts Needed for November

Thanks to everyone who has hosted Sunday coffee hour this fall. We're now in need of hosts for November. If you can help, there's a sign-up sheet in the Narthex at church.

November GA Book Group Event

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!



Coming in November: A "Craft-In"

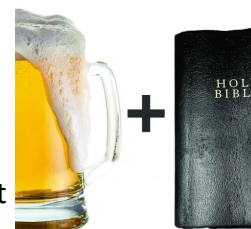


Start gathering your projects and load up on supplies. It's time for another craft-in. We will have the entire Fellowship Hall with enough space to spread out your sewing, scrapbooking, knitting or whatever! Put November 2 thru the 5th on your calendars. No charge, but we do need to know who is coming so we can set up tables. Contact Mary Larson; text or call, 612-781-4104 or email larsen1953@msn.com. We're excited that some friends from Mt. Carmel will be joining us. We'll send you more details as the time draws closer.

Bible & Brews – November 10, 6:30 p.m.

The Tangen Residence – 1939 Pierce St NE, Minneapolis

Exactly what it sounds like...Grab your favorite beer and your Bible, and join us on the second Thursday of every month for a relaxed conversation about scripture, the church, and this life of faith. If you would like to be added to the reminder email list, please contact Nick Tangen at nicholastangen@gmail.com or 651-808-7067.



New Members Class — November 6, 10:45 a.m.

If you are new to GA and considering membership, please join us on two Sunday mornings in November.

*Come to an information class following worship on **Sunday, November 6**, from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. In addition to getting to know your story a bit, we'll give a brief history of GA, introduce you to some of our leaders, and answer any questions.

*Those who would like to become members will be received during our worship service the next week, **Sunday, November 13**.



**Welcome
To our Church**

With questions or to sign up for the New Members Class on November 6, please send an email to Pastor Sara at pastorsara@gachurchmpls.org or sign up using the communication slip at the back of the bulletin each Sunday.

Volunteers needed —

for Holy Communion Preparation and Clean Up

The Congregational Life Committee is considering options for going back to more traditional ways of serving Holy Communion. To do that, we will need a few volunteers willing to work alongside our Assisting Ministers in the preparation and clean-up routine. If you are willing to be part of a weekly rotation, please let Pastor Sara know (pastorsara@gachurchmpls.org).



Ministry Notes

from Pastor Sara and Deacon Phil

*Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...
standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side
with one mind for the faith of the gospel...Philippians 1:27*

Did you know? In GA's organizational chart, the Pastor and Deacon are equally responsible to the Church Council's oversight? We are considered co-ministers for the congregation and this is one of the important affirmations that the Church Council made as fall began. In fact, we reviewed this together while confirming information to pass on to the Call Committee.

Why is this important to know, especially for the Call Committee? Candidates to be our next pastor need to know they will be sharing leadership with Deacon Phil. Serving in this way fits the two of us nicely, but it might not work well for all pastors (or deacons) and candidates usually know what suits their gifts and personality. Both Call Committee and candidates can talk honestly when GA's leadership and staff structure are known.

What helps us work together well? We start by knowing that both pastors and deacons are *rostered** in the ELCA, that is, held responsible to education, theology, and conduct standards by our bishop and staff. We also remember that while the roles pastors and deacons play are similar, we each have our own areas of focus. Deacon Phil serves in the areas of Worship and Music, Administration, and Property. Pastor Sara serves in the areas of Worship and Preaching, Education, and Pastoral Care. We are not interchangeable, yet we do understand our colleague's goals and concerns.

If you have questions, feel free to talk with either of us or with Matt Street, our congregation's president.

In hope and peace,

Deacon Phil

Pastor Sara

*In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) rosters, a Deacon is ordained as a *Minister of Word and Service* and a Pastor is ordained as a *Minister of Word and Sacrament*.

Gustavus Adolphus Executive Committee Contact Information

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Kristin Tangen, Treasurer ksnobeck@gmail.com

The next meeting of the Church Council is Thursday, November 17, at 6:00 p.m.

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

The leaves have fallen and we're all gearing up for the impending winter months.

There's a sense of certainty, a sense of routine, a sense of settling that we all naturally feel as we head into the snowy months where we grab our heated blankets and fuzzy slippers.

As everyone gets ready to get cozy for the season, I want us to all stay diligent until the end of the year. We've got a decent deficit and I don't want us to lose sight of the finish line!

It's been such a wonderful year full of reconnection. I feel so grateful that I have a place, space, and people that I know I can look forward to seeing every week.

I've had a string of bad jobs in the recent past and Sundays used to be awful. Going back to work after only 2 days off left me feeling unfulfilled and full of dread. It made me used to not want to come to church either. Because I had "so little" time before heading back into the office.

But, for me, church can be like exercise. You may think to yourself, "why do I even need to do this?" or "I'm just not motivated." And then you put on your tennies and go for a nice walk. After the walk you feel good, you feel refreshed, and optimistic. That's exactly what church does for me. It grounds me, restores my outlook on life and fills me with hope for the week to come. I hope it makes you feel that way too.

As we head into the last months of the year, let's all go in feeling refreshed and ready for 2023.

I so appreciate everyone and their contributions to this amazing place that is building community where God is at the center.

Thank you again for your stewardship.

I love you all!

Kristin Tangen



Advent Candle Lighters



The first Sunday of Advent is November 27. As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus to earth, we use candles, prayer, and song to remind ourselves how God's people wait with faith and joy.

Would you or your family be available to lead the opening candle-lighting moment in worship on one of the four Sundays in Advent? The dates are November 27, December 4, 11, and 18. If you or your family group are willing to volunteer for one of these Sundays, please let Pastor Sara know (pastorsara@gachurchmpls.org). Thank you.

Social Ministry at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church

Sunday, December 4, after worship at GA

Join Nick Tangen for a conversation about opportunities to build relationships in NE Minneapolis, work alongside our neighbors for the common good, and follow Jesus' command to love God and love neighbor. We'll discuss existing opportunities, the nature of asset-based community work, and imagine some possibilities for our community in the future. Questions? Contact Nick Tangen at nicholastangen@gmail.com



The Northeast Chorale Presents

Frostiana

Seven Country Songs
Poetry by Robert Frost
Music by Randall Thompson
Plus Randall Thompson's "Alleluia"
and "Last Words of David"

Saturday, November 19 - 7:00 p.m.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
7401 County Road 101
Maple Grove, MN 55311

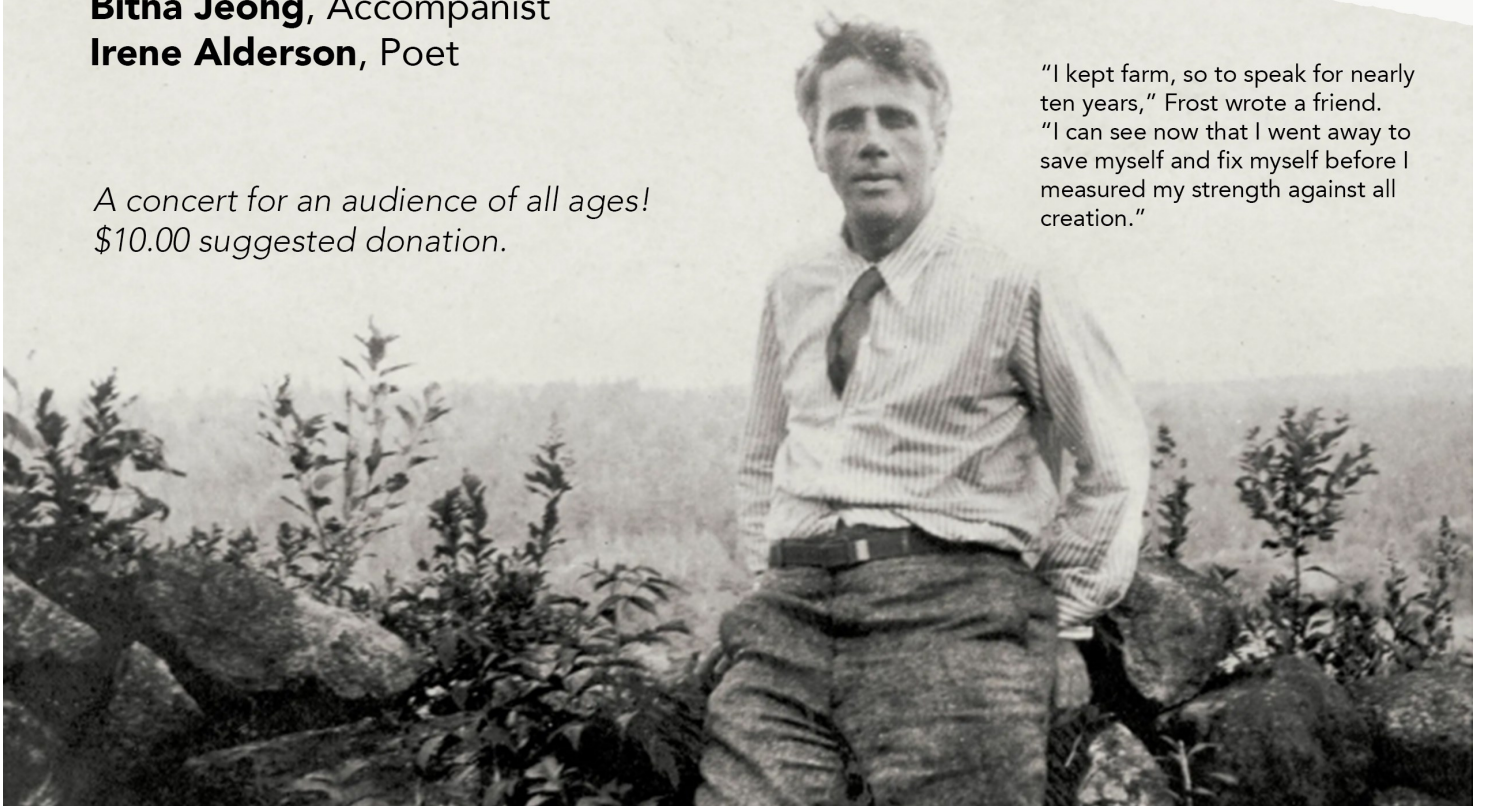
Sunday, November 20 - 4:00 p.m.

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

Phil Holzman, Artistic Director
Bitna Jeong, Accompanist
Irene Alderson, Poet

*A concert for an audience of all ages!
\$10.00 suggested donation.*

"I kept farm, so to speak for nearly ten years," Frost wrote a friend.
"I can see now that I went away to save myself and fix myself before I measured my strength against all creation."



Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, Minneapolis ... October 30 – November 30, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>30</div> <div>Reformation Sunday</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:45am - Sunday School</div> <div>4pm - AA Mtg.</div>	<div>31</div> <div>Halloween</div> <div>1pm - Grief Group</div> <div>4:45pm - Trunk or Treat</div>	<div>1</div> <div>6:30pm - NE Chorale</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Quilters/Sew-In</div> <div>10am - Coffee Hour</div> <div>6pm - Contemp. Group</div> <div>6:30pm - Gustavus Bells</div>	<div>3</div> <div>5pm - Cong. Life Comm.</div> <div>6:15pm - Property Comm.</div>	<div>4</div> <div>10am - Confirmation Class - GA</div>	<div>5</div>
<div>6</div> <div>8:30am - GA Choir</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:45am - New Member Class</div> <div>10:45am - Sunday School</div> <div>4pm - AA Mtg.</div>	<div>7</div> <div>1pm - Grief Group</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Election Day - GA Hosts</div> <div>6:30pm - NE Chorale</div>	<div>9</div> <div>10am - Coffee Hour</div> <div>6pm - Contemp. Group</div> <div>6:30pm - Gustavus Bells</div>	<div>10</div> <div>6pm - Finance Comm.</div> <div>6:30pm - Bible & Brews @ 1939</div>	<div>11</div> <div>8am - Men's Breakfast</div>	<div>12</div>
<div>13</div> <div>New Member Sunday!</div> <div>8:30am - GA Choir</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:45am - Sunday School</div> <div>4pm - AA Mtg.</div>	<div>14</div> <div>1pm - Grief Group</div> <div>7pm - Book Group</div>	<div>15</div> <div>6:30pm - NE Chorale</div>	<div>16</div> <div>10am - Coffee Hour</div> <div>6pm - Contemp. Group</div> <div>6:30pm - Gustavus Bells</div>	<div>17</div> <div>6pm - Church Council</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div>
<div>20</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:45am - Sunday School</div> <div>10:45am - Why Reformation?</div> <div>4pm - AA Mtg.</div> <div>4pm - NE Chorale Concert</div>	<div>21</div> <div>1pm - Grief Group</div>	<div>22</div> <div>6:30pm - NE Chorale</div>	<div>23</div> <div>10am - Coffee Hour</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Thanksgiving</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>
<div>27</div> <div>Advent 1</div> <div>8:30am - GA Choir</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:45am - NO Sunday School</div> <div>4pm - AA Mtg.</div>	<div>28</div> <div>1pm - Grief Group</div>	<div>29</div> <div>6:30pm - NE Chorale</div>	<div>30</div> <div>10am - Coffee Hour</div> <div>6pm - Contemp. Group</div> <div>6:30pm - Gustavus Bells</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>

Financial Update

	Sept	Sept		Sept		Sept
	2022 YTD	2022 YTD		2021 YTD		2022 vs 2021
	Actual	Budget		Actual		YTD Actual
Income	\$220,265.36	\$258,610.56		\$254,600.94		-\$34,335.58
Expense	\$233,460.18	\$258,610.47		\$233,188.74		\$271.44
Inc - Exp	-\$13,194.82	\$0.09		\$21,412.20		-\$34,607.02

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

September 2022 YTD Actual Income of \$220,265.36 represents 85% of our budgeted \$258,610.56.

September 2022 YTD Expenses of \$233,460.18 represent 90% of our budgeted \$258,610.47.

The **-\$13,194.82** difference constitutes our YTD deficit.

As compared to last year, YTD our income is **-\$34,335.58** and our expenses are up \$271.44.

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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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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 27th Avenue NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418



2) Give electronically at our website,
www.gachurchmpls.org. Just click on the "Donate" button on any page. **Or scan QR code!**

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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Dee Kjera, Secretary
Kristin Tangen, Treasurer

At-Large Members:

Wendy Bradshaw Jenny Parker
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