

God's Mission for GA Church: To build community where God is at the center.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 29 –

In the Sanctuary and on Zoom!

We will hold our annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 29, after worship. Like our worship services, the meeting will be a hybrid meeting – you can attend in person in the sanctuary or via Zoom. This year's meeting will be especially important. As you're aware, we're in the process of providing feedback on the Mission Site Profile (MSP) which we will use to help us find a new settled pastor. We will seek congregational approval on the MSP at the annual meeting. We will also hear about a potential Capital Campaign in the coming year. And as is the case every year, we'll hear reports from staff and committees, hear a presentation and approve an operating budget for 2023, and elect several church council members for 2023. A copy of the proposed 2023 budget will be available at church the week before the meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

Here is the Meeting ID for the Zoom meeting that is **both worship and the annual meeting** that morning: 854 1138 2940. We will also share the link in the Saturday emails on January 21 and 28. If you have any questions about how this will work, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Sara, Deacon Phil, or Matthew Streed, our church council president.



Reports for Annual Booklet

Deacon Phil will be compiling a booklet of reports for the annual meeting. These will be available for those who attend the annual meeting in person and can be picked up at the church after the fact by those who are unable to attend in person. We want to include reports for all committees and organizations in the congregation, detailing their ministries during the past year.

The deadline for submitting reports to Deacon Phil Holzman for the annual booklet is Sunday, January 15. If possible, please submit your report in a Microsoft Word file. Email your report to Phil at philh@gachurchmpls.org.

Mission Site Profile (MSP) ~ Comments Invited

Members will soon receive a copy of the Mission Site Profile (MSP) by U.S. mail. (Or perhaps you have already received it!) Watch for this paper copy, find one in the narthex, or follow the electronic link we'll share in the next two Saturday emails. However you decide to read this carefully prepared document, enjoy it, and be proud of your congregation! Comments are invited by January 9, 2023, to Gary Anderson (see the cover letter for contact information). Congregational approval will be sought at our Annual Meeting at the end of January.



Deacon Phil on Vacation

Just a heads-up that Deacon Phil will be on vacation for the first half of January. He will not be in worship on January 1, 8, or 15. He will be back in the office on Tuesday, January 17. Contact Pastor Sara for any assistance you might need during this time.



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.

Sunday School Resumes January 8

Sunday School classes will resume after their holiday break on Sunday, January 8. Classes will meet the 8th, 15th, and 22nd of January. No classes on the 29th so that everyone can attend the annual congregational meeting. After our preparations for the Christmas Pageant, we will be getting back to using the *Spark Lectionary* curriculum in January, which expands on the Gospel reading that the children hear in each Sunday's worship service with age-appropriate activities and lessons. Sunday school classes are open to all children age 3 through grade 5



Quilters Monthly Meeting

Our quilting group will meet on Thursday, January 5, at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and join us!

Social Ministry Committee

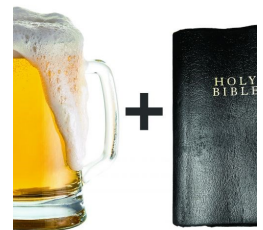
January 9, 2023, 6 p.m. at GA Church

The Social Ministry Committee will meet to discuss priorities and opportunities for community connection and service in 2023. If you are passionate about relationship building, justice and equity, and neighborhood ministry, join us for the conversation. If you would like to know more or have any questions, please contact Nick Tangen at nicholastangen@gmail.com.

Bible & Brews – January 12, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting at Church Again This Month!

Exactly what it sounds like...bring a Bible and your favorite brew and join us for a relaxed conversation about scripture, the church, and daily life. This month, we will gather at Gustavus Adolphus in the Media Room. If you have any questions, or would like to be added to the Bible & Brews email list, please contact Nick Tangen at nicholastangen@gmail.com.



Men's Breakfast

We invite all men in the congregation to join us for breakfast and devotions on Saturday, January 14, at 8:00 a.m. Come for the fellowship and some delicious food. Questions? Contact Gary Arvidson at 763-755-3987.

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. **(No mtg. Jan. 2!)**

Monday Night Book Group

Join us on Monday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m. in GA's Fireside Room to discuss *All Who Are Weary: Easing the Burden on the Walk with Mental Illness* by Emmy Kegler. In this thoughtful exploration, Pastor Emmy shares her personal struggles with mental illness and points to the teachings of Jesus Christ as a pathway to compassion, resilience, and love. All are welcome to join us on the 23rd!



Life Together: Renewing community where God is at the center.

Your Capital Appeal Team is excited that this new theme will ground us in the reality that our Life Together is such a central strength for us. Further, we think that it illuminates the calling to be faithful in our relationship with and service to this wonderful city of which we are a part.



This theme is inspired by one of the most famous Lutherans, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. His book, *Life Together*, speaks to the importance of Christian community. *"It is by the grace of God that a congregation is permitted to gather visibly in this world to share God's Word and sacrament."*

We'd love to get your thoughts during this Capital Appeal exploration!

The Missional Assessment Profile (MAP) survey will be available 12/31 - 1/17 online (scan the QR code below) and printouts are available in the narthex. *For GA confirmed and older*

And if you'd like share your thoughts and ideas with our consultant from Kairos, Tim Johnson, he'll be available for 30-40 min check-ins on January 8, 10, and 12 (times listed on the sign-up sheets).

Conversations will be held in the Welcome room (enter through the education doors, head up the stairs and it's the cozy little room straight ahead).

Feel free to sign up by scanning the QR code below. You can also find anyone from the CAT team before or after service and we can get you all set up.

You can request to meet in person or via zoom on the sign-up sheet.

MAP Survey



Interview Sign-up



Thank you again for your thoughts and ideas!

Council/Committee Appreciation Coffee Hour – January 8

We all appreciate the hard work of our Church Council and church committee members. Thank you so very much for your leadership and guidance. The whole congregation is invited to coffee to honor this good work on Sunday, January 8, after worship.



Winter Gear Drive for Local Schools

We have a goodly amount of scarves for school kids after the Quilters event in December, but we are still collecting hats, mittens, and gloves. Everything will be distributed to local elementary schools in January. The baskets will be in the Narthex through January 8 to collect your donations.

Note from the Treasurer

Hey friends!

As the snow falls outside my window, I always think “Oh that’s so pretty!” and then “OMG it’s so cold! Why do I live here?!!” Then I go to church on Sunday and I think “Oh yeah, that’s why I live here.” =)



As we head into the last month of the year, I am just so overwhelmed with gratitude for all of your gifts and the strong sense of community that I feel when I’m with you all.

I know it’s always a little weird when you read this article in January and it’s only reflecting financials through the end of November. So it’s like reading about where we were over a month ago =p

But bear with me, in the annual meeting you’ll get to hear where we actually landed for the end of 2022.

The **annual meeting will be January 29 just after service**, so grab some coffee and head back into your seats for some fun with numbers (I bet you didn’t think you’d hear that again after you heard it from your 3rd grade math teacher).

Thank you again for your stewardship and for creating community where God is at the center.

I love you all!

Kristin

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The next meeting of the Church Council is Thursday, January 19, at 6:00 p.m.



We would like to thank the dedicated church members who have served on our Church Council this past year! Your commitment is so appreciated!

We are planning a small celebration to show our thankfulness!

New Church Council Members Needed!

Information:

We are in the process of looking for new people to join our Church Council beginning January 2023. Serving on Council is an incredible way to share your gifts and add your voice to the vision and mission of this incredible congregation! We hope you will consider this opportunity!

We need 4+ people who are willing to serve the congregation in this way.

People typically serve a 2 year term. People can serve three 2-year terms if they so choose.

Details:

Council Member Responsibilities

1. Attend a monthly evening Council meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month.
2. Participate on one of our church committees:
 - Congregational Life
 - Social Ministry
 - Property
 - Finance

Questions:

Please see someone currently serving on our church staff, church council, or church nominating committee if you have questions.

Staff: Pastor Sara Vanderpan, Deacon Phil Holzman

Council Members: Dee Kjera, Wendy Bradshaw, Curt Navratil, Jenny Parker, Bev Prawalsky, Michelle Rinken, Matt Streed, Kristin Tangen, and Derrick Watson

Nominating Committee: Nick Tangen, Mary Larson and Lynn Lurvey

All Are Welcome

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.

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, Minneapolis ... January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am - Worship AT MTC 4pm - AA Mtg.	2 New Year's Observed		3 10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group	4 9:30am - Quilters 5pm - Cong. Life Comm.	5 Epiphany	6 8am - Men's Breakfast 10am - Confirmation Class - GA
7 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Special Coffee Hour 10:45am - Sunday School 4pm - AA Mtg.	8 1pm - Grief Group 6pm - Social Ministry Comm.	9 10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group	10 10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Gustavus Bells	11 10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group	12 6pm - Finance Comm. 6:30pm - Bible & Brews - GA	13 6pm - Church Council
14 Annual Report Deadline 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 4pm - AA Mtg.	15 MLK Day - Offices Closed	16 1pm - Grief Group 7pm - Book Group	17 10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group 6:30pm - Gustavus Bells	18 Meals on Wheels Delivery 10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group 6:30pm - Gustavus Bells	19 10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group 6:30pm - Gustavus Bells	20 8am - Men's Breakfast 10am - Confirmation Class - GA
21 8:30am - GA Choir 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 4pm - AA Mtg.	22 1pm - Grief Group 7pm - Book Group	23 10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group 6:30pm - Gustavus Bells	24 10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group 6:30pm - Gustavus Bells	25 10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group 6:30pm - Gustavus Bells	26 10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group 6:30pm - Gustavus Bells	27 10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group 6:30pm - Gustavus Bells
28 8:30am - GA Choir 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Cong. Mtg. 4pm - AA Mtg.	29 1pm - Grief Group	30 10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group 6:30pm - Gustavus Bells	31 10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group 6:30pm - Gustavus Bells	1 10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group 6:30pm - Gustavus Bells	2 10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group 6:30pm - Gustavus Bells	3 10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group 6:30pm - Gustavus Bells

Financial Update

	Nov	Nov		Nov		Nov
	2022 YTD	2022 YTD		2021 YTD		2022 vs 2021
	Actual	Budget		Actual		YTD Actual
Income	\$280,122.15	\$316,079.52		\$313,441.69		-\$33,319.54
Expense	\$290,092.51	\$316,079.49		\$280,157.09		\$9,935.42
Inc - Exp	-\$9,970.36	\$0.03		\$33,284.60		-\$43,254.96

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

November 2022 YTD Actual Income of \$280,122.15 represents 86% of our budgeted \$316,079.52.

November 2022 YTD Expenses of \$290,092.51 represent 92% of our budgeted \$316,079.49.

The **-\$9,970** difference constitutes our YTD deficit.

As compared to last year, YTD our income is -\$43,254.96 and our expenses are up \$9,935.42.

Kristin Tangen,
Church Council Treasurer

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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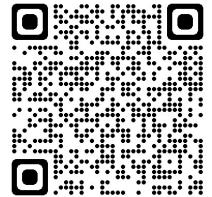
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Ways You Can Give to GA Church

(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. Click on the **Donate** button on any page. **Or scan QR code above!**

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:

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