

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



Conversation with the Bishop's Office

Sunday, February 12 – After Worship

Please join us after worship in the sanctuary on Sunday, February 12, for a conversation with Rev. John Hulden, Assistant to the Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod.

The Bishop's staff in each synod is the best resource for connecting congregations and pastors! They are our allies. The staff, led by the bishop, keeps track of which candidates are available, what are their best gifts, and how they have led and served in previous situations. When Pastor John joins us for a conversation, it means he will ask questions of GA members, listen, and learn. He will take what he learns to his colleagues in the Bishop's office and they will research, pray, and discern the best list of candidates to bring to our Call Committee.

Much of the conversation on February 12 will be built around our Mission Site Profile, but Pastor John will also ask impromptu questions that help him hear for himself what is "happening" at GA. These conversations are actually quite fun and enjoyable!

Consider how your comments on this important day will be part of the discernment process for our bishop's staff, the people working on GA's behalf in the same way as our Call Committee will be.

Like the last two Sundays in January, coffee and treats will be served from the narthex, so it is a bit easier to have a brief break and gather again in the sanctuary for this conversation. Please join us.

The synod says the following about this type of meeting:

"These conversations usually take about an hour, and they work best when the whole congregation is invited. It's a conversation, and the more voices and ears in the room, the better. We want to hear what your congregation is doing well, what your growing edges are, and any insights we can bring back to our call process team as we search for the pastoral candidates that will best match your congregation."



Ash Wednesday Worship With Mt. Carmel

GA will worship with Mt. Carmel AT Mt. Carmel on Wednesday, February 22, at 6:30 p.m.
1701 St. Anthony Parkway NE, Minneapolis, MN

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ.



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.

Men's Breakfast

We invite all men in the congregation to join us for breakfast and devotions on Saturday, February 11, at 8:00 a.m. Come for the fellowship and some delicious food. Questions? Contact Gary Arvidson at 763-755-3987.

Bible & Brews – February 9, 6:30 p.m. at GA

Exactly what it sounds like...bring your favorite brew and a Bible for some conversation about what God is up to in scripture and our daily lives. We'll meet for one more month at GA, downstairs in the Media Room. If you have any questions, please contact Nick Tangen at nicholastangen@gmail.com.



Social Ministry Committee

February 13 at 6:30 p.m.

The Social Ministry Committee will meet at GA on Monday February 13, at 6:30 p.m. to continue conversations about our vision for social ministry in 2023. We'll discuss Land Acknowledgements, service and volunteer opportunities for GA members, and an invitation to learn with other congregations in the Minneapolis Area Synod about connecting with our neighbors in NE Minneapolis. If you are someone who is passionate about community and relationship building, and the call to do justice and walk humbly with God, consider joining the conversation. Questions? Contact Nick Tangen at nicholastangen@gmail.com.

GA Choir Moving Back to Wednesday Rehearsals in February



After several months of trying Sunday morning rehearsals, the GA Choir is going back to Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. rehearsals. Sundays mornings are just a little bit too busy for rehearsals to work, and we didn't have the hoped-for results of any new choir members joining us. We're still hopeful for some new members...we NEED more singers! If you'd like to join us, we'll be rehearsing on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. starting February 8.

Also, our Contemporary Group is in need of additional singers and instrumentalists. That group meets to practice on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Contact Joel Lurvey if you're interested in more information.

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.

Monday Night Book Group Meets in March!

Monday Night Book Club is switching things up! We will meet on *Thursday*, March 30 (yes, Thursday!), at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Everything Happens for a Reason: and Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. In this memoir, Bowler describes growing up steeped in prosperity gospel myths. When faced with a cancer diagnosis, Bowler reflects on her life, relationship with God, and mortality. Please join us for this conversation at Andrea Carter's house: 2648 Arthur Street NE, Mpls. on Thursday, March 30.



Annual Meeting Recap

Annual Booklet of Reports Available

ANNUAL MEETING

GA Church's annual congregational meeting was held on Sunday, January 29, after worship, with members attending in person in the sanctuary and on Zoom. Thanks to everyone who helped facilitate the meeting in order that everyone could participate – both in the sanctuary and online. Highlights of the business conducted at the meeting include:

- The 2022 church council and committee members were acknowledged.
- The following members were elected to the church council: Jenny Arneson, Wendy Bradshaw, Stephanie Morris, Bev Prawalsky, Kathy Schuette, and Matthew Streed.
- Following a presentation by treasurer Kristin Tangen, the 2023 operating budget was approved.
- Nominating committee and Auditing Committee members were appointed.
- Jean Jenson and Joel Lurvey volunteered to represent GA at the Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly in April.
- The Capital Appeal Team (CAT) made a presentation regarding a potential capital campaign. Following the presentation, the congregation voted to move forward with a capital campaign but tabled a motion on whether or not to use the services of Kairos & Assoc. pending more information and discernment.
- The congregation approved the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) – our congregation's "Job Description" which will be shared with potential pastoral candidates.

If you were not able to attend the meeting but would like a copy of the booklet of reports, there are extra copies available in the Narthex at church. If you can't get to church and would like a pdf file of the booklet emailed to you, contact Deacon Phil Holzman.

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

Hey friends!

I wanted to give a HUGE thank you to everyone that helped me prepare for the annual meeting. It was my first time and I know a few people had to answer a lot of my questions before the big day.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me this last year. You all give me so much encouragement and I am proud to work alongside you.

We had a year of extreme uncertainty but a year filled with purpose and energy.

I can't wait to see what this next year brings.

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

I love you all!

Kristin



Hi all!

Let's do this!!!! At the annual meeting, we approved to move forward with the Capital Appeal but we will continue to discern dollar amounts and our potential relationship with Kairos and Associates.

As a reminder, here are the 4 buckets that were presented. Again, just a starting off point.

- Online worship
- Parking lot
- Maintenance items
- Mission Partners

We'll continue to listen, pray, and talk with one another about the scope and feasibility of projects and pledges.

Thank you all for your amazing gifts, thoughts, and work as we keep our Why at the forefront of our What.

I have no doubts that we'll land on what's best for this congregation, the neighborhood, and our vision.

Thank you for your energy around renewing community where God is at the center.

Your CAT

**GA has given its support to Every Meal
(formerly Sheridan Story) for several years.**

Here's a chance to learn more about this organization.



You are invited to take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Every Meal warehouse, where we pack and load thousands of pounds of nutritious, delicious, and relevant food that we provide each week to students all across Minnesota. You will have a chance to meet the Every Meal team and learn all about our multi-channel food delivery operation, as well as the current state of child hunger in our communities. Light refreshments will be served.

We hope to see you at one of the following events!

When:

Tuesday, February 7, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Where:

2723 Patton Rd.

Roseville, MN 55113

Enter at the main entrance with awning

RSVP to: zschornack@everymeal.com

(He's currently out of the office, but his emails are forwarded.)

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.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesdays, 6:00

Come for soup & fellowship.

Stay for worship at 7:00.

March 1

March 8

March 15

March 22

March 29



Seeking: Groups to host one supper. Formal or informal groups! Hosting means bringing 2 hearty soups and bread to serve approximately 40 people. Sign up in the Narthex.

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, Minneapolis ... February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 4pm - AA Mtg.	1pm - Grief Group 6pm - "Better Together" Comm.		10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group 6:30pm - Gustavus Bells	9:30am - Quilters 5pm - Cong. Life Comm. 6:15pm - Property Comm.		10am - Confirmation Class - MTC
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30am - Worship 10:45am - (NO Sunday School) 10:45am - Mtg. w/Synod Rep. 4pm - AA Mtg.	1pm - Grief Group 6:30pm - Social Ministry Comm.		10am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Contemp. Group 6:30pm - Gustavus Bells 7:30pm - GA Choir	6pm - Church Council		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 4pm - AA Mtg.	1pm - Grief Group		Ash Wednesday 10am - Coffee Hour 6:30pm - Worship - MTC			
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
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Financial Update

	Dec	Dec		Dec		Dec
	2022 YTD	2022 YTD		2021 YTD		2022 vs 2021
	Actual	Budget		Actual		YTD Actual
Income	\$310,275.49	\$344,814.00		\$357,534.43		-\$47,258.94
Expense	\$327,028.54	\$344,814.00		\$316,433.95		\$10,594.59
Inc - Exp	-\$16,753.05	\$0.00		\$41,100.48		-\$57,853.53

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

December 2022 YTD Actual Income of \$310,275.49 represents 90% of our budgeted \$344,814.00.

December 2022 YTD Expenses of \$327,028.54 represent 95% of our budgeted \$344,814.00.

The **-\$16,753.05** difference constitutes our YTD deficit.

As compared to last year, YTD our income is -\$47,258.94 and our expenses are up \$10,594.59.

Kristin Tangen,
Church Council Treasurer

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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Church Staff ...

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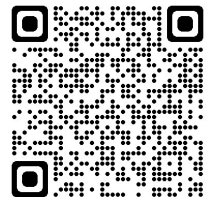
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God's work. Our hands.

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. 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

(Note: Officers will be elected in February)

Jenny Arneson
Wendy Bradshaw
Dee Kjera
Stephanie Morris

Beverly Prawalsky
Kathy Schuette
Matthew Streed
Kristin Tangen