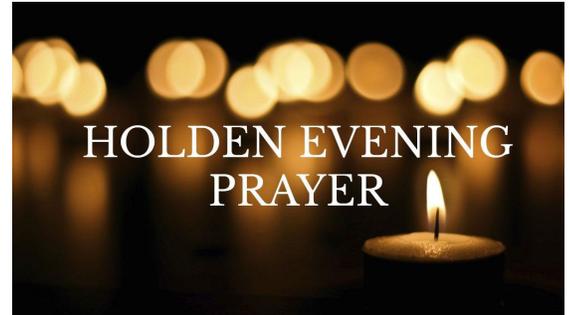


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“Life Together” – Midweek Lenten Worship and Soup Suppers

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for table fellowship and community building, followed by *Holden Evening Prayer* at 7:00 p.m. Our theme this Lent, as well as for the upcoming Capital Appeal, is *Life Together*, inspired by the pastor and martyr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s book of the same name. During the prayer service, we will reflect on our “Life Together” as a community of faith through the lens of Bonhoeffer’s vision for Christian community. What does it mean to be church? How do we live together well as faithful people? These are questions we will explore over the 40 days of Lent. Join us for a meal, for prayer, and community building each Wednesday in Lent, beginning Wednesday, March 1.



The worship services will be hybrid as they were last year – meaning there will be an online option for those who wish to participate from home via Zoom. The Zoom meeting ID will be the same each Wednesday – 850 0122 3544 – with the link published in each Saturday’s email.

Life Together – Book Study in Lent

March 26 & April 2 after worship



Join Nick Tangen for a conversation about Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s book “Life Together” after worship on Sundays, March 26 and April 2. We will discuss the Introduction and first chapter “Community” over these two Sundays, and will continue discussion of additional chapters after Easter. Bonhoeffer’s book can be found at all major booksellers, and is available as an e-book on Amazon.com. Please plan on reading the assigned sections prior to the first session on March 26. If you need help securing a copy of the book, please contact Nick Tangen at nicholastangen@gmail.com.

Soup Suppers Return!

Our traditional Lenten Soup Suppers are back this year! Join the fellowship before Wednesday Lenten Services. The soup will be on between 6:00-6:45 p.m. each week. Services begin at 7:00.



Suppers begin on Wednesday, March 1, and will continue through Wednesday, March 29.

We are still seeking a small group of volunteers to serve on **Wednesday, March 29**. Volunteering means bringing 2-3 soups and some bread for a total of about 40 people. Sign up on the narthex bulletin board.



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.

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) Meeting

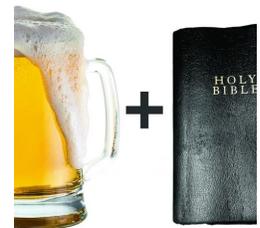
Tuesday, March 7, at 1:00 p.m.

All women are welcome to join us. We will address Easter cards for homebound members. Pastor Sara will lead our devotions.

Bible & Brews – March 9, 6:30 p.m.

At the Tangen Residence – 1939 Pierce Street NE

Exactly what it sounds like...bring your favorite brew and a Bible for a relaxed conversation about Scripture, the church, and of course, beer! Questions? 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, March 11, at 8:00 a.m. Come for the fellowship and some delicious food. Questions? Contact Gary Arvidson at 763-755-3987.

Social Ministry at GA

March 13 at 6:30 p.m.

The Social Ministry Committee met in February and discussed a number of items including a possible reboot of the Community Meal, GA's Mission Partners, opportunities to learn about Land Acknowledgements, and possible next steps for connecting with neighbors and community organizations in 2023. The team meets again on March 13 at 6pm. If you are someone who is interested in how GA can build community where God is at the center beyond the walls of our church, please feel free to join us for the conversation! Questions? Contact Nick Tangen at nicholastangen@gmail.com.

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

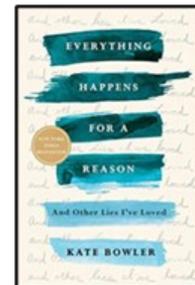
Each Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, talk to Pastor Sara.

Something New in Worship ... The Two-Minute Rule!

Following the postlude each Sunday, please take the first two minutes to greet someone you don't know. It makes all the difference! After those two minutes, you can still meet up with your friends and family. Even better, introduce them to your new friend!

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.



News from Congregational Life Committee

Introducing Our Prayer Coordinator!



Congregational Life has been exploring a new idea to expand how we show care for our members and pray for them. To that end, we would like to announce that Jean Jenson is our new (volunteer) prayer coordinator.

Jean will stay in touch with Deacon Phil and Pastor Sara. Members who wish to share more details or follow up on a prayer request will talk further with one of them. Jean will write our new (brief) community care section in the weekly email newsletter.

We also look forward to incorporating thanks and celebrations into our prayers. Thank you, Jean, for your willingness to take on this new venture. We look forward to enriching our congregation's prayer life.

Remember Luther Park Bible Camp!

As you make your summer plans, remember that Luther Park Bible Camp offers summer programming options. GA has a long history with Luther Park, and scholarships are available through our church. Contact Deacon Phil if you are interested in learning more about the scholarships.



Day camp is available for grades K-3, or grades 1-3 can try the 2 night option. Grades 3-5 have multiple traditional camp options, while grades 4-7 can choose a special theme camp. Students entering and in high school can choose an art camp or a service opportunity. Finally, family camp is available if you want a full family experience. Check out lutherpark.org for more information.

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

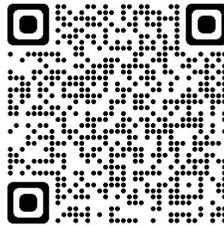
Note from the Treasurer

Hey friends!

Ummmmmm so I guess it's March????!!! We're already three months into this new year and there's a ton going on. We're talking about a Capital Appeal, we have new council members, we're calling a new pastor, and we have a new (bigger) budget we need to support.

If you haven't updated your giving yet, you can use the QR code below! In the annual meeting, we talked about the need for a 14% increase. We know that some folks may need to give less and some folks will be able to give more. Every little bit helps!

Reminder, that if you go into your giving account, you can't edit your current giving (annoying, I know). You'll have to delete the giving you have in "your cart" and add a completely new one. It just takes a few minutes, so it's no too terrible =p



With just about a year under my belt at being Treasurer, helping out with Stewardship and being on the Capital Appeal team, I'm always open to hearing new ideas and talking about what you think is working or not working. We're all in this together and I want you to feel like that's true and not just something I shout at your face ;)

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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Directory
February 2023

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Church Staff:

The Rev. Salla Vandenham, Interim Pastor sallav@gachurchmpls.org	Extension 10
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Annela Hiltner, Church Custodian	

Please check the information for your household for accuracy.
If you have changes to be made, contact Deacon Phil Holzman.
You can help by updating us through your phone, print, online, or email address.
We are especially interested in having correct/updated phone numbers. If you drop your landline phone and have a new cell phone number or cell phone number, please let us know!

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New Congregational Directories

New 2023 congregational directories are now available. You will find copies of the directory located on tables in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one for your use at home to help you keep in touch with your fellow GA folk. Check your household's information for accuracy – **especially telephone numbers** – and let Deacon Phil Holzman know if any information needs to be updated. (philh@gachurchmpls.org) We want the information in our database to be as accurate as possible.

**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 this event (if you missed the one in February)!

When:

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.)

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Highlights from February 16 Church Council Meeting...

- Heard reports from staff, including that a new Employee Handbook is being developed, the staff is working on a Google Drive for staff, committees, and council to use, and that we are updating signers on our bank accounts;
- Heard reports from Congregational Life Committee, Finance Committee, and the Call Committee;
- Election of Officers was held (see above);
- Held discussion/made plans for the Feb. 26 special congregational meeting;
- Held discussion and gave permission for two congregation members to explore some grant opportunities for the south parking lot.



Another Four-Day Sew-In Coming in April!

Quilters and Crafters: Put some gold stars on your calendar because our next "Create-a-thon" will be April 24 to 27. A free event for anyone who wants some time and space to work on their creative projects, we will take over the Fellowship Hall for four days. More details in the next *Gazette*.

Join the Northeast Chorale's Spring 2023 Season

The Northeast Chorale is a community choir that meets at GA Church and is directed by GA's Deacon/Minister of Worship and Music, Phil Holzman. The Chorale is set to begin its spring season on Tuesday, March 28. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary at GA, culminating in two concerts on June 3 and 4.

The Chorale is open to high school students and adults. There is no audition required. Simply come to the first rehearsal and join us. There is a \$25.00 participation fee, payable at the first rehearsal. If you have questions about the Chorale, please contact Deacon Phil Holzman.



Not Receiving Our Saturday Email Newsletter?

Contact Phil Holzman to be added to the mailing list!

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, Minneapolis ... March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
<p>Lent 2</p> <p>9:30am - Worship</p> <p>10:45am - Sunday School</p> <p>4pm - AA Mtg.</p>	<p>1pm - Grief Group</p>	<p>1pm - WELCA Mtg.</p>	<p>10am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>11am - Meals on Wheels Delivery</p> <p>6pm - Contemp. Group</p> <p>6pm - Soup Supper</p> <p>6:15pm - Gustavus Bells</p> <p>7pm - Evening Prayer</p> <p>7:30pm - GA Choir</p>	<p>9:30am - Quilters</p> <p>5pm - Cong. Life Comm.</p>		<p>10am - Confirmation Class - GA</p>
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>Lent 3</p> <p>9:30am - Worship</p> <p>10:45am - Sunday School</p> <p>4pm - AA Mtg.</p>	<p>1pm - Grief Group</p> <p>6pm - Social Ministry Comm.</p>		<p>10am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>6pm - Contemp. Group</p> <p>6pm - Soup Supper</p> <p>6:15pm - Gustavus Bells</p> <p>7pm - Evening Prayer</p> <p>7:30pm - GA Choir</p>	<p>6pm - Church Council</p>		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>Lent 4</p> <p>9:30am - Worship</p> <p>10:45am - Sunday School</p> <p>4pm - AA Mtg.</p>	<p>1pm - Grief Group</p>		<p>10am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>6pm - Contemp. Group</p> <p>6pm - Soup Supper</p> <p>6:15pm - Gustavus Bells</p> <p>7pm - Evening Prayer</p> <p>7:30pm - GA Choir</p>	<p>6pm - Property Comm.</p>		<p>Titans Hockey Dinner</p>
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<p>Lent 5</p> <p>9:30am - Worship</p> <p>10:45am - Book Study</p> <p>10:45am - Sunday School</p> <p>4pm - AA Mtg.</p>	<p>1pm - Grief Group</p>	<p>6:30pm - Northeast Chorale</p>	<p>10am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>11am - Meals on Wheels Delivery</p> <p>6pm - Contemp. Group</p> <p>6pm - Soup Supper</p> <p>6:15pm - Gustavus Bells</p> <p>7pm - Evening Prayer</p> <p>7:30pm - GA Choir</p>	<p>7pm - Book Group - Andreat's</p>		

Financial Update

	Jan	Jan	Jan	Jan
	2023 YTD	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	2023 vs 2022
	Actual	Budget	Actual	YTD Actual
Income	\$21,668.51	\$29,432.49	\$29,923.49	-\$8,254.98
Expense	\$30,638.39	\$29,432.16	\$33,631.66	-\$2,993.27
Inc - Exp	-\$8,969.88	\$0.33	-\$3,708.17	-\$5,261.71

The figures above represent our income/expenses through Jan 31, 2023.

January 2023 YTD Actual Income of \$21,668.51 represents 74% of our budgeted \$29,432.49.

January 2023 YTD Expenses of \$30,638.39 represent 104% of our budgeted \$29,432.16.

The -\$8,969.88 difference constitutes our YTD deficit.

As compared to last year, YTD our income is -\$8,254.98 and our expenses are down \$2,993.27.

Kristin Tangen,
Church Council Treasurer

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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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Matt Streed, vice-president
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Kristin Tangen, treasurer

At-large Members:

Wendy Bradshaw
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