

All Saints Sunday – Sunday, November 3

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.



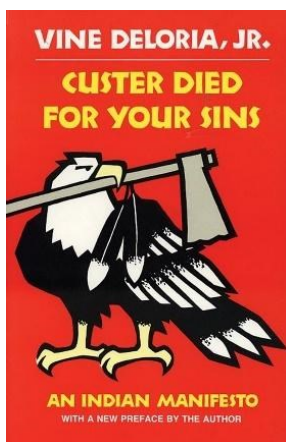
As we have in past years, we will honor the memory of members of our congregation who have died in the past 12 months and those whose passing has been part of the ministry of our congregation. This year we will honor the memory of the following people by reading their names, tolling a bell, and remembering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

Ronald Anderson
Helen Bruhjell
Linda Lindahl
Jennie Markow

Ronald Olson
Jean Rosebrock
June Schafer

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 (via Zoom) are encouraged to prepare a candle to light.

One Church Read in November



In partnership with the ELCA's Truth and Healing Movement, you are invited to participate in an ELCA church-wide reading of *Custer Died for Your Sins: an Indian Manifesto* by Vine Deloria, Jr. Churches across the country will delve into this book in which Deloria offers his thoughts on the interpretation of laws and treaties, Indian leadership, and Indians in modern society. **You are welcome to join GA's book club on Monday, November 4, at 6:30 p.m. and/or the Social Ministry Committee on**

Sunday, November 17, after worship for discussion about this book. Hope you can join us!

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 3

Don't forget to set those clocks and watches back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday the 2nd – or you'll be here in time to help Deacon Phil and Pastor Ian open the church Sunday morning!



Winter Is Coming

The Quilters will once again hold a mitten/scarf/hat collection for local school children. Look for deals or grab some yarn and start knitting. Bring your contributions to church in November and look for the basket in the Narthex.



GLBTQIA+ Group Meets November 2

All persons who identify as GLBTQIA+ are invited to meet at church on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 3:30 p.m. We're a growing group! There's no agenda...just a safe space to meet and enjoy some fellowship. Come and join us!



Beloved in Christ,

While the end of the calendar year is not for another two months, the end of the church year will be here sooner on November 24 (Christ the King Sunday). And with the beginning of a new church year the following Sunday, and the beginning of Advent, we are going to be trying something new out in worship. Well, not new in the grand scheme of things, but maybe something new to us at GA. We are going to be transitioning to using White wine and red grape juice for communion. Yes, you read that right. *We are going to be swapping the color of the grape based drinks we use during holy communion.*

Now you might have a few questions about this, and I imagine one of the biggest is **Why?**

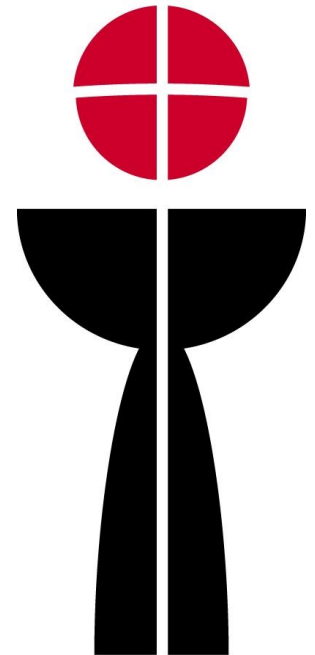
There are quite a few reasons, and I would love to share three with you:

1. There is no “standard wine” that churches must use. In the ancient and medieval church, the kind of wine that was used was most likely the wine of the region, whatever its type or color. In early Lutheran churches, the most common was white wine (likely because of white wine being most common in Germany). However, when Lutherans came to North America they came under the wider influence of wider protestant practice, in addition to the availability of Concord Grape wine. So, we have freedom to choose the wine used for worship!
2. There is a Theological reason that can be of benefit. As Lutherans we believe that Christ truly gives us his blood in, with, and under the cup of wine. It is not that the red of the wine makes us *think of Christ's blood*. *It is not that the wine is like Christ's blood. But the cup of wine is Christ's blood. White wine allows us to recognize that the shared cup really is wine and not pretend blood.*
3. Practically, for those who care for the fine altar linens, it is much easier to keep things clean when using white, rather than red wine. As we share in the meal of communion each week this reduces the labor for those who prepare the elements and “do the dishes” after we are done eating.

At GA, we offer both Wine and grape juice, and we know that many people choose grape juice for a variety of reasons. And for many it could be harmful to choose the wine instead of grape juice. So, through the month of November, there will be announcements helping to prepare people for the change that will be happening in December (Beginning December 8). And then for the next month, it will be in the bulletin and will be verbally announced that it is white wine and red grape juice.

Please reach out if you have any questions about this change, and I would be happy to talk more one-to-one!

-pr. ian



Building Community Through Community Meals

We are so blessed!!

Aki donates bread.

Farmers donate produce.

Members bring salads and desserts, soups, and hotdishes!

This is an amazing thing.

November 2: Ham Dinner! 5:30-7:00 p.m.

December 7: Pot-Roast Dinner! 5:30-7:00 p.m.



Please come if you wish to serve, eat, clean-up, visit. All are welcome!

We have proceeds from Thrivent Financial to support some special winter meals!

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex for dessert and side dishes.

Soon, we will have some yard signs for people to continue to promote this good community building opportunity!

Questions: See Lynn Lurvey or anyone on the team!

Note: Aki's Breadhaus is now located at 1712 Marshall Street NE, Minneapolis - in the same building as Broken Clock Brewing!

GA Is Renting Space



After countless hours of work by volunteers planning, sorting, purging, painting, and moving, we are excited that the lower level of the education wing that we hope to rent has been listed on our realtor's website! This is a big moment as we seek to steward our property more thoughtfully and help support the ministry of GA through additional tenants. Please feel free to check out the listing and share it around with other people and organizations that might be interested in renting this great space! *(You can find the link to the listing in a Saturday email or get it from Deacon Phil.)*

Some highlights include:

- ~ 1350 SF of private space PLUS common area space (outdoor and kitchen, open worship area)
- Four private offices plus open collaborative area in private space
- Variety of uses are possible with this space and common areas
- Space is lower level with plenty of windows and natural light entering the space

With this listing, we are hopeful that we can make progress in connecting this space with a tenant soon!

Thanks to everyone who got us to this point!

From Deacon Phil

Choir Recruitment Update

Last month I shared that we had some particular needs in the choirs that I direct. Here's an update:

- ♫ **The GA Choir** is still in need of some particular voices. We could use a few more **alto voices** and we're in particular need of **male voices (tenors and baritone/basses)**. If you would like to try singing in the GA Choir, we meet on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the balcony/choir loft. I realize that being in the choir is quite a commitment, but we do take random Wednesdays off from rehearsals and we only sing in worship twice a month (1st and 4th Sundays). If you're someone who enjoys singing, think about joining us!
- ♫ **The Gustavus Bells** welcomed two new ringers: Jenny Spryshak (a member of the Northeast Chorale) joined the group on a permanent basis, and Michelle Rinken (of GA) is filling in for a medical leave for one of our regular ringers.

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Northeast Chorale Concerts in November

See the flyer in this newsletter for news about the Chorale's concerts in November. One of them, on Sunday afternoon the 17th of November, will be at GA. If you can't make it to that concert, you can come to our concert in Shoreview the night before. All the details are on that flyer – on page 9.

Handel's "Messiah" Sing-In at GA – Sunday, December 1

What is a "Sing-In" of Handel's "Messiah," Deacon Phil? I'm glad you asked. The Northeast Chorale, as part of celebrating their 10th anniversary season, is going to present portions of the Christmas section of "Messiah" here at GA on December 1 at 7:00 p.m. Here's where the "Sing-In" part comes in...those in attendance will have the opportunity to sing along with the Chorale on the choruses. We'll have music scores available to those in the audience who want to participate. Help spread the word and plan to attend.

Blessings as we prepare to observe All Saints Sunday and look forward to the Thanksgiving holiday and the upcoming season of Advent!

Deacon Phil

Socktoberfest Donations

We made the donation barrel overflow!

Thanks to everyone who brought donations of shoes and socks to church on October 27 for the Better Together Committee's fall drive to benefit those experiencing homelessness in Minneapolis as the days grow colder.

Our donations, and the donations received by Mt. Carmel, will be taken to and distributed free through Central Lutheran Church's free store in downtown Minneapolis, The Clothes Closet. Central Lutheran does not sell clothes but provides them free to their homeless or needy clientele through their Restoration Center Ministry.



Prayer List

As the body of Christ and a family of believers, let us pray for each other.

- ♥ *Paul & Sharon Banitt – Carlotta Rosebrock requests prayers for her parents, as her father has ongoing health issues, and her mother is his caregiver in their home.*
- ♥ *Terry Carlstrom – Prayers for Terry who is experiencing some significant health concerns.*
- ♥ *Rodney Christopherson.*
- ♥ *Pam Evangelist – Pam would like prayers for her as she is living with Parkinsons.*
- ♥ *Chris Fredrickson – Prayers for this friend of Cassandra and Eric Weidmann who was seriously injured in a car accident recently.*
- ♥ *Sharon Hatella – Prayers for Sharon who is suffering from back issues and pain.*
- ♥ *David Hendrickson – Prayers for David who has recently experienced a health setback.*
- ♥ *Ben Hentges – Prayers for Nic Hentges' brother who is currently battling some health issues.*
- ♥ *Mary Larson – Prayers for Mary for her recovery from recent heart surgery.*
- ♥ *Nancy Rathbun – Experiencing some ongoing health concerns.*
- ♥ *Lesa Rowen, Melissa Hentges' mother, who has an ongoing health situation.*
- ♥ *Bill Turnquist – Prayers for Bill who has ongoing health issues.*
- ♥ *Doug – Ongoing health issues.*
- ♥ *Bonnie – Jennifer Creadick would like prayers for her daughter who is on a recovery journey.*
- ♥ *Barry – Prayers for Barry as he has had recent brain surgery.*
- ♥ *LeeAnn – Prayers for continuing health concerns.*

We extend prayers of Christian sympathy to the family and friends of GA member Jennie Markow, whose funeral was held at church on Monday, October 21. Jennie had retired to Arizona several years ago but was active at GA up until her move.

To have someone's name included on the prayer list, contact our volunteer prayer coordinator, Jean Jenson, at mplsjean@yahoo.com or Pastor Ian, or Deacon Phil.



You Are Welcome Here!

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. We give thanks for the gift of reconciliation through Christ Jesus, thus we commit to the work of racial equity and justice. We welcome people of all ages, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, physical and mental abilities, educational levels, faith backgrounds and socioeconomic status. We strive to be an evermore welcoming community. Following the example of Christ, we extend a most heartfelt welcome to all.

2024 Synod EcoFaith Summit upcoming

The EcoFaith Network of the Minneapolis Area Synod invites you to join its "2024 EcoFaith Summit: A Spirit of Power, Together." (2 Timothy 1:7)

Join together with others for a day of worship, community, and action at University Lutheran Church of Hope. Workshops and the keynote include opportunities to learn how to improve energy efficiency at your church or home, bring faith practices into your life that center creation and climate justice, and take action using your own powerful stories to inspire change.

Saturday, November 16, 2024
University Lutheran Church of Hope
601 13th Avenue SE, Minneapolis

Registration is \$25 and helps to cover food and other event costs. If registration cost is a barrier for you, a scholarship will be provided. Register at <https://mplsareasynod.regfox.com/2024-ecofaith-summit>



2024 EcoFaith Summit

Get tickets online for 2024 EcoFaith Summit here.

mplsareasynod.regfox.com

Treasurer’s Report for November

A Season of Thanksgiving

We have seen such generous giving!
Thank you for your steady support for the life of our congregation.
Here on our little corner of Northeast Minneapolis, we build community where God is at the center. We are here to be the light of Jesus in this world.

May Jesus continue to bring you and your family peace and joy, strength and wholeness in this season.

Lynn Lurvey, Treasurer

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	September	September		September		September	
	2024 YTD	2024 YTD		2023 YTD		2024 vs 2023	
	Actual	Budget		Actual		YTD Actual	
Income	\$244,522.62	\$262,143.63		\$248,826.45		-\$4,303.83	
Expense	\$253,129.79	\$262,143.63		\$267,859.91		-\$14,730.12	
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Fall always seems to fly by. And something that has been part of my fall experience as long as I can remember is the annual stewardship appeal at church. It was the time when folks would get up in front and share stories of generosity in their lives, and why they support the mission and ministry of the different congregations I have been part of. Annual appeals are an important part of our life together, because they help us to understand and imagine how we will live out our mission in the year to come.

And that is...at the end of it all the goal...mission. Yes, part of that requires paying bills, doing maintenance...but the end goal is not making sure expenses are taken care of, but “Is our mission being lived out?” And through our stewardship appeal this year which goes through the month of November, we hope to keep that front and center.

Now, one of the ways we can accomplish this is through having a better idea of the anticipated generosity of folks who support the mission. So one of the goals of the stewardship committee is to increase the number of people who fill out pledge cards! It is a simple act, but it is incredibly helpful. You will have ample opportunities to share your desired generosity for 2025 throughout this month!

A second goal is an increase in the generosity of those who call this place their worshiping home. GA is a wonderfully generous community. In light of the increased costs of everything from maintenance, to insurance to electricity, we would ask for you to prayerfully consider increasing your giving from previous years by 5%. This increase in generosity would make a huge impact on the ministry we do together.

Thank you for the ways you have shown generosity through supporting our mission of building community with God at the center. To help our congregation plan for 2025, I want to invite you to consider filling out a pledge card in person during worship in the coming month, or through the online form found through the QR Code. Thank you!

-pr. ian (on behalf of the Stewardship Committee)



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Join the Northeast Chorale for the
10th Anniversary Season
"Sampler" Concerts

Favorite selections from our past 10 seasons!
Sacred // Secular // Christmas

Saturday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
3920 Victoria Street North
Shoreview, MN 55126

Sunday, November 17, 4:00 p.m.

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

Phil Holzman, Artistic Director
Andrew Peterson, Accompanist

Free Admission
(\$10.00 suggested donation)

A concert all ages can enjoy!



Advent at GA

December 1 (Week 1):

Adult Education Opportunity with Connor Arneson.
Topic: *Christmas Traditions from Around the World*.
Bring pictures or stories from your travels or traditions.
Meet downstairs in the Faith room after worship
Northeast Chorale Concert: *Messiah Sing-In*
7:00, GA Sanctuary

December 8 (Week 2):

Christmas pageant during worship.
Congregational potluck following pageant.

December 15 (Week 3):

Cookie potluck.
Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship.
Share and sample cookies. Bring your recipe!
Caroling with Mt. Carmel.
3:00, location TBD. Refreshments following at Mt. Carmel

December 22 (Week 4):

Lessons & Carols at 4:00.

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, Minneapolis ... November 2024

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1) Mail your offering to GA:

1509 27th Avenue NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418



2) Our church offers online
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They're easy to use and

secure! You can give a gift of support online

at www.gachurchmpls.org/donate or give via
text message by texting the amount you would
like to give to (612) 887-1797.

3) Email Deacon Phil if you are interested in
learning how to contribute stock donations.

4) Point your smartphone at the QR code above!

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