

All Saints Sunday – November 4



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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 who have died in the past 12 months as well as friends of the congregation whose funerals were held as part of the ministry of GA. This year we will honor the memory of the following people by reading their names, tolling a bell, and remembering them in our prayers:

*Herbert Hansen
Shirley Johnson
James Lind
Duane Lussier*

*Evelyn "Evie" Ramin
Barbara (Coats) Sandell
Henrietta Sibell*

As part of our remembrance rite on All Saints, we will invite all worshippers to remember loved ones by participating in a candle-lighting ritual during worship. We hope you will join us for this very meaningful worship experience.

Interested in Joining Our Congregation?

New Members Will Be Received in November

If you've been attending worship at Gustavus Adolphus and are interested in formally becoming part of our church family, we would love to have you! We will be receiving new members on Sunday, November 18. If you want to be part of the group of new members, please indicate your interest on one of the blue sheets in the bulletin next time you're in worship – or contact Phil Holzman in the church office (contact information on the back page of this newsletter). We will also be celebrating a baptism during worship that morning.



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed – or you'll be here in time to unlock the church on Sunday morning! Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 4.



We Love Our Mission Partners!

"Undie Sunday" – November 11

The Closet at Northeast Middle School is a part of a non-profit organization which makes basic hygiene items available to students in need. We are asking the members of GA to start a collection of these items which will then be presented to the principal, Mr. Vernon Rowe, on "Undie Sunday," Sunday November 11. The items requested are: underwear, socks, sport bras, toothbrushes/ toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, deodorant, brushes/ combs, lotion and pads/tampons. We ask that the clothing items be new and the hygiene items be travel sized. There will be baskets in the Narthex for you to place your donations. Thank you!



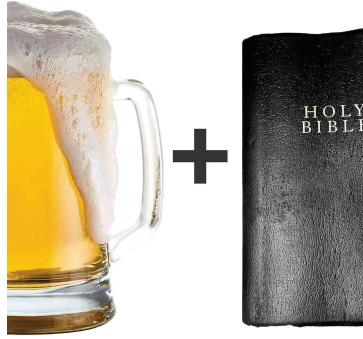
Bible and Brews

When: Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Sean and Jenny's,
1392 Buchanan Place NE,
Columbia Heights

Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 6, as we discuss Scripture, current events, the Church, and of course. . . beer. Note that we're meeting one week earlier than usual this month.

Bring your favorite libation to share with the group. (If you'd like to help our hosts by bringing a snack as well, please do!) This month we'll once again meet at the home of Jenny and Sean Tessmer. Hope to see you!



Group Meeting Schedule

Quilters – NO quilting on Nov. 1 due to the retreat at Luther Park.

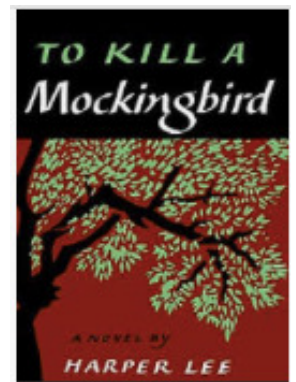
Women of the ELCA (WELCA) – All women are invited to meet on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 1:00 p.m.

Men's Breakfast – All men are invited to breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 8:30 a.m. Bring your appetite!

Deborah Circle – The circle will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 1:00 p.m.

Monday Night Book Club on November 26!

If you have been following PBS's Great American Read, then you know that people across the country voted *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee as America's most loved book. Monday Night Book Club selected this title for our next conversation. Join us at GA on Monday, November 26, to discuss this American classic. We will meet downstairs at 7:00 p.m. Questions? See Andrea Carter. Looking for more great titles? Visit the PBS website at: www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read/home



Thank You, October Ministry Circle

Thank you to everyone who served coffee, ushered, greeted, and prayed for our congregation during the month of October! – Andrea Carter, Circle 3 Coordinator

Quilters' Sale - December 2

On Sunday, November 25, quilts of various sizes and other items will be on display. Take a look before the sale on December 2. Proceeds from this sale will help fund: food for a couple Community Meals, mittens for the hat/ mitten drive this winter, and the Sheridan Story.

GA Choristers on Break Until November 28

After singing in worship two times in October, the Choristers will be taking a few weeks off from rehearsals. The group will get back together starting Wednesday, November 28, at 6:00 p.m. to prepare to sing at our 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. All kids in elementary and middle school are welcome to join us for four Wednesday rehearsals to prepare an anthem to sing on Christmas Eve.



Nov. Serving Schedule	Assisting Minister	Lector	Sacristan	Transportation
November 4	Joel Lurvey	Carlotta Rosebrock	Kathy Schuette	Jon Stoewer
November 11	Carlotta Rosebrock	Lynn Lurvey	Kathy Schuette	Joel Lurvey
November 18	Andrea Carter	Adrienne Bisping	Kathy Schuette	Pat Lynch
November 25	Justin Navratil	Joan Mitchell	Kathy Schuette	Brian Hendrickson

Nov. Ushers:
Ministry Circle 6
(Joan Mitchell,
coordinator)

November Community Meal Saturday, November 24



The November meal comes at a busy time of year. We are looking for someone who is willing to help serve a pizza dinner for our guests. Pizza is just one idea; if you have something else that you would rather serve, that would be fabulous!

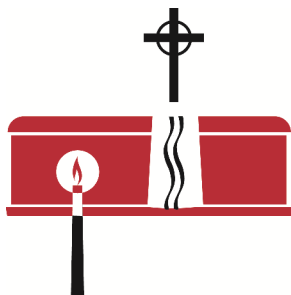
Please contact Lynn Lurvey if you are willing to take the lead role in November. You can reach Lynn at llurvey@gmail.com.

Thank you!
Lynn



Duane Francis Lussier

We will gather in the sanctuary on Friday, November 2, at 11:00 a.m. to give thanks to God for the life of Duane Lussier who passed away on Saturday, October 27. Lunch and fellowship will follow the service.



Help Still Needed at Luther Park

Last month we told you about a work day at Luther Park as they continue to get their new retreat center ready for use. While the center is coming together, there is still more work that needs to be done. Luther Park Executive Director, Joel Legred writes:

Dear friends,

We're coming to the finish line and could sure use your help! We are targeting the next two Saturdays (Nov. 3 & 10) to do as much work as possible to get the retreat center ready for occupancy. We are finishing up the tiling in the bathrooms, we are doing trim around doors, windows and floor, and we will be laying the floating floor on the 10th. We will also be putting up knotty pine in the front entrance room of the retreat center, to give it a wonderful Northwoods feeling! If you are interested and available, and would like to come up for the day or the weekend, please let me know asap so we can plan. If you are available during the week and would prefer, just let me know that as well. Your help, however it can come, is so greatly appreciated! Blessings and Thanks!!

Joel (jlegred@lutherpark.com or 612-987-6628)



More About One of Our Mission Partners

Hello Gustavus Adolphus!

I am excited to have an opportunity to share some information about our mission partner, Minnesota Council of Churches- Refugee Services (MCC), and the refugees currently arriving and living in our community. We rekindled this congregation's interest in refugees two years ago with a donation drive for household items. This year we voted to make MCC one of our mission partners; committing to supporting the work they do in our community. In October we gave our first financial contribution to this organization but financial support is only one way to support this work and we hope that our congregation will start to see how else we can get involved. Early next year we will devote a month to refugee awareness. This work is critical to understanding the history of refugees arriving in our communities but also the challenges they face during and after their initial 90-day resettlement process. Following this we hope to engage in volunteer opportunities to strengthen our relationship with this organization and with the refugees they serve.

Christ calls us to care for the vulnerable; this work is not the sole responsibility of the Volunteer Agencies (VOLAG) doing the resettlement work. We are partners in the resettlement process and the more we can do to welcome our new neighbors and offer a helping hand, the better our community will do as a whole. Remember the proverb,

“A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.”

To start off this series, I would like to bring in a few definitions for clarity. Here are a few helpful definitions for those that are not as familiar with who this mission serves:

“Refugees are children, women, and men forced to flee their homes on account of persecution, war, and violence. When refugees cannot return home nor integrate into the first country that provides them safety, they may be eligible for resettlement to a third country. Less than ½ of 1% of the world’s refugees will ever be resettled.” - Courtesy of Episcopal Migration Ministries (one of 9 national agencies that work in partnership with the US government to resettle refugees)

To differentiate, here is the definition of an asylum seeker as provided by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS):

“An alien in the United States or at a port of entry who is found to be unable or unwilling to return to his or her country of nationality, or to seek the protection of that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. Persecution or the fear thereof must be based on the alien’s race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.”

Refugees go through a long resettlement process before and after arriving in the US.

“Resettlement is the selection and transfer of refugees from a country in which they have sought protection to a third country. This differs from the asylum process, whereby individuals who have reached the United States are granted protection. Resettlement can take 18-24 months or longer from referral to arrival in the United States.” -Courtesy of the US Department of State

Once arriving in the US, refugees are welcomed by agencies like MCC who will take the next 90 days to help the family secure housing, enroll in school, find employment, as well as helping them find the other necessities needed to start a new chapter of their life in a new country. Refugees arrive with very little so beyond the immediate necessities listed above, they also need to locate household items, clothing, personal hygiene products, etc. As you can see, the list of needs is very long and MCC has limited time to connect these individuals and families with everything they need. That’s where the community (like

Gustavus Adolphus) comes in! We can help refugees in our community learn the things we already know how to do: navigating the bus system, utilizing the library system, making purchases in the grocery store, etc. While MCC is working on the necessities, we can help with the little things that make transitioning to a new culture smoother.

To learn more about Minnesota Council of Churches- Refugee Services, start by visiting their website: <http://www.mnchurches.org/refugeeservices/>

To hear about personal experiences from refugees and asylees living in our community, please consider reading, [This Much I Can Tell You](#). This is a book has personal stories from 18 refugees and asylees from 9 different countries.

Until next month,
Lona Hendricks



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Member Spotlight

Gustavus Adolphus – November 2018

I’ve decided to write about our building for my final article on the series devoted to introducing the members of Gustavus Adolphus. I’m writing this from the perspective of sitting across from “the building” and having a conversation about what it feels like to take care of all of the people who come here to worship God. I took the same questions that I ask our members and asked “the building” about them. Some of the answers are humorous as you can see. Others are thought-provoking.

Tell me how you came to be at Gustavus Adolphus?

You mean, how did I “come to be” me? Well, it was because some NE’ers decided to build a church back in 1902 and this lot was available. In my early years I was smaller and built of a wood/brick structure. The brick has worn well, but my wood parts wear out quicker and need repair more often. I’m glad that this church takes care of me so well. Some years were pretty tough for them (the 1930’s, and 2008/9 in particular) but they have always managed to respond and do what’s needed to keep me in good condition.

What drew you to become a member of the Gustavus Adolphus community?

I know my purpose and role is to be a shelter for people and to provide a safe setting for them to gather to worship God. I was designed to allow them to explore and fully appreciate a relationship with God. All of my spaces allow a place for my family to work together to serve God, our families, and our community. I am a provider and I love seeing how our congregation works together to bring God into our community. While my purpose is to help people strengthen their relationship with God, it is also God’s desire to send people back out into the community to serve and help people in their daily lives. God wants to grow his family and If everybody stays inside the church, we can’t grow!

What are some of your life’s experiences that affect your Faith and relationship with God?

I can’t fulfill my purpose without people. And I’ve outlasted a lot of people in my time, so I’m always interested to see new members join or visit our congregation. While my role is to be a shelter, it’s ultimately the people who are on God’s heart, not the buildings!

The way people learn about God is to join together, worship, and teach and share God with others. I provide a space for that to happen. People gather to baptize, get married, celebrate a life’s ending, and to learn how to serve others. I’m also an opportunity for people to learn how to serve: I need care and maintenance – quite a bit it seems. I need to keep my roof in good condition so it doesn’t leak or fall down. I need windows that shine light without showing cracks or fissures, and I need floors that don’t creak or split. Fortunately, the GA people have been very thoughtful about taking care of most of my needs. I’m very grateful for that!

What else would you like to share to the people of Gustavus Adolphus?

I sit right in the heart of NE Minneapolis, surrounded by people who live in tidy homes. I would like to meet them! I just know that if they are invited here, they would feel a peace and welcome that would give them rest. My purpose is to shelter people and give them the opportunity to be part of a community. I am worried that people will forget about us. My biggest worry is that we would cease to be a worship center and instead be converted to a full-time school or art colony. That’s happening to a lot of churches, you know. I want to be a home to a people willing to step out and serve others while serving God.

Author’s notes: I hope you enjoyed the story. As you sit in church, take a moment to reflect on all that we have been given by people who have gone before us. I am very thankful for all of the pastors, administrators, and worshippers who have built our church and our legacy. – *Cindy Bach*

General Fund Financial Report			
September Financials			
	Sept. 2018	Sept. 2018 YTD	Sept. 2017 YTD
Income	\$29,192.08	\$231,454.58	\$213,343.54
Expenses	<u>28,666.61</u>	<u>249,215.70</u>	<u>231,515.26</u>
Income-Exp.	\$ 525.47	<\$ 17,761.12>	<\$ 16,967.98>

Thank you for your generous giving in September. We welcome your generous giving to meet our budget by year-end.

On September 21, the Johanna S. Olson Fund of the Minneapolis Foundation issued a check to GA in the amount of \$26,696.00! The Foundation had intended on annually donating about \$3,000 to GA, but misplaced our information for quite a number of years! The check amount is the donation amount missed since that time. Great news! Council approved Finance’s recommendation to appropriate this gift in the following manner: General Fund: \$8,010.00; Mission: \$5,338.00; Endowment Fund: \$13,348.00.

The 2017 audit was conducted on Monday, September 24, by Hannah Rosebrock and Andrea Carter. Dan Hager was present to assist as needed. Thanks, Audit Team! Next Finance Committee Meeting: Thursday, November 8, at 6:00 p.m. – *Andrea Carter, Treasurer*

Northeast Chorale presents

A NEW DAY

Songs About Hope and New Beginnings

Northeast Chorale

Cultivating Community Through Music
northeastchorale.org

**Saturday
November 17
7:00 p.m.**

Directed by Phil Holzman
Accompanied by Kevin Hobbs

Special Musical Treat: Piano Duets
by Grace Choi and Kevin Hobbs!

No admission
(\$10.00 suggested donation)

**Bring the
whole family**

**Children
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Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, Minneapolis ... November 2018

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All 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. Because Christ reconciles us, we welcome people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical and mental abilities, educational levels, and socio-economic backgrounds. We strive to be an evermore welcoming community. Following the example of Christ, we extend a most heartfelt welcome to all. Gustavus Adolphus is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.



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