

SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 1, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ADVENT

9:00 AM  
AND 11:15 AM

IN PERSON  
AND ONLINE

WE ARE GLAD  
TO SEE YOU!

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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*Advent*  
A Season of Hope  
& Expectation



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**GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF SAINT PAUL**

*Welcome To*

I'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GUSTAVUS!  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
I'D LIKE TO GET EMAILS FROM GUSTAVUS   
I'D LIKE A PASTOR TO CALL OR VISIT ME

## CHRISTMAS GARDEN AT GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS

Share in the Beauty of Christmas!

It is the tradition at GA to decorate our worship spaces with poinsettias that have been given in memory of loved ones. Your gift goes beyond our walls as we have been able to purchase and present plants to home bound members of our congregation who are no longer able to physically worship with us. These persons receive plants to brighten their rooms because of your giving.

*Please complete this form and return it to the Church office by Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024*

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia/s at \$20 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print**

(1) In Memory of LOVED ONES given by \_\_\_\_\_

(2) In Memory of

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by

\_\_\_\_\_

### Wednesday Worship for Advent

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 1st. During Advent we will be offering two Wednesday worship services. We will gather at 11:00 am followed by a soup lunch and homemade sourdough bread. Also, following Open Table, we will gather for worship at 6:00 pm. We hope you will join these worship opportunities as we prepare for the great celebration of Christ's birth.

**PLEASE NOTE: NO WEDNESDAY WORSHIP DECEMBER 25 OR JANUARY 1**

### A MUSICAL TREAT: THE FICTIONAL LIFE OF BETTY CROCKER

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28** — Join us for an afternoon of fun on the Saturday after Christmas! We gather at Gustavus for a luncheon using 'Betty's' recipes, and then we carpool to the History Theater for a musical 'biography' of Minnesota's most famous fictional homemaker. Show tickets are \$35.

You can sign up at the Welcome Desk or you can call Barb Holmstrom with any questions at 651-774-7067



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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

11:00 am • Church Library

# BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study takes a break during Advent.  
Join us for Advent worship Wednesdays at 11:00 am.

Learning to have Hard Conversations

Sunday, December 22nd 12:00 pm — 2:00 pm

You are invited to join us for session one of two on Learning to Have Hard Conversations. (Jan. 26, 2025 will be our second session) Our goal is to learn what it means developing the skills to engage in difficult discussions with others. There is a sign up on the Welcome Desk or you can email Pastor John to let him know: [johnh@gachurch.org](mailto:johnh@gachurch.org).

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## THE GIVING TREE RETURNS TO GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS



As part of our support for Rezek House, once again we will be hosting a giving tree in the Gathering Place to benefit residents. Take a tag, and return your unwrapped gift by December 8.

**MESSIAH SING-A-LONG  
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**



**2:00 PM — BRING YOUR OWN  
SCORE OR COPIES WILL BE AVAILABL...  
ITS GONNA BE A LOT OF FUN.**

I'D LIKE FOR THE PASTORS AND  
PRAYER TEAM AT GUSTAVUS TO  
PRAY FOR ME.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PRAYER NEED \_\_\_\_\_

I'D LIKE A PASTOR TO CONTACT ME.

# WHAT'S COMING UP?

## THIS WEEK AT GUSTAVUS

<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1</b>	<b>ADVENT I</b>
9:00 am —	GA Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
11:15 am —	GA Contemporary Worship (Luther Hall)
11:30 am —	Gospel Baptist Church
12:30 pm —	GA Staff Meeting
1:00 pm —	Ebenezer Pentecostes
2:00 pm —	Iglesia Evangelica Apostoles
4:00 pm —	Elohim Church
6:30 pm —	Gospel Baptist Church
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 2</b>	
9:30 am —	Solmonson Family Visitation
11:00 am —	Solmonson Family Funeral
7:00 pm —	SPCS
7:00 pm —	Boy Scouts
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3</b>	
5:30 pm —	GTCYS
7:00 pm —	Cub Scouts
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4</b>	
11:00 am —	Midweek Advent Worship
11:30 am —	Bread and Soup Lunch
5:00 pm —	Open Table Meal
6:00 pm —	Advent Midweek Worship
6:45 pm —	Choir Rehearsal
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5</b>	
7:30 am —	MN SNAP Clinic
12:00 pm —	Merrick Event
5:30 pm —	GTCYS
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6</b>	
2:30 pm —	Chinese Art Workshop
6:00 pm —	Scout Lock In
6:00 pm —	Iglesia Evangelica Apostoles
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7</b>	
9:30 am —	Elohim Church
11:00 am —	Senior Moments Advent Luncheon
5:30 pm —	Gospel Baptist Church
6:00 pm —	Iglesia Evangelica Apostoles
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8</b>	<b>ADVENT II</b>
9:00 am —	GA Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
10:10 am —	Education Hour
10:10 am —	Family Frolic
11:15 am —	GA Contemporary Worship (Luther Hall)
11:30 am —	Gospel Baptist Church
1:00 pm —	Ebenezer Pentecostes
2:00 pm —	Iglesia Evangelica Apostoles
4:00 pm —	Elohim Church
6:30 pm —	Gospel Baptist Church

## SPECIAL CONCERNS

### DECEMBER SPECIAL CONCERN GIVING BENEFITS ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Nearly 1-in-10 people – 733 million – in our world are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Working with and through congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach in need communities. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. Your gift in December is critical to these efforts.



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World Hunger