MARCH 2021 NEWS

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LEARN GERMAN

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Spring Session begins

Kids
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Summer camps registration is open

Kinderstube

Enrollment now open for 2021-22
Considering immersion preschool for your child? Young children absorb language easily and reap the benefits throughout their lives. Enrollment for the GAI’s Kinderstube German Immersion Preschool is now open for the 2021-2022 school year at the Minneapolis and St. Paul locations.

Pork & Kraut Curbside

The GAI’s Pork & Kraut tradition continues! Prepared in-Haus, your meal will include Kasselerrippchen (smoked pork chop), Helga’s secret recipe sauerkraut, potatoes, and dessert. Order ahead, then pick up your Pork & Kraut dinner at the GAI Haus to live accordion music. We’ll provide instructions on how to warm up each item at home. Your meal includes a surprise beverage from our friends at Paulaner beer—and a beer sampling opportunity. We can’t wait to see members and friends stop by the Haus to continue this well-loved event. Guten Appetit!

$30 per person
Pick up your meal on Sunday, March 28, between 1 and 3 p.m.
Registration opens March 1 and closes March 21
Register online at gaimn.org

Although the name is German (sour cabbage) and Germans are often associated with sauerkraut, the practice of fermenting cabbage probably originated in China. Since cabbage grew well in the cool climate of eastern and central Europe, sauerkraut became a mainstay of German cooking. Before refrigeration, the fermented vegetable provided a source of important nutrients during the winter months. It is traditionally served with smoked pork or sausages, and accompanied by potatoes, another German food staple. Pair your Pork & Kraut with a glass of Riesling, Gewürztraminer or a lager, and you have an authentic German meal.
UPCOMING EVENTS

VIRTUAL EVENT
Armchair Travel: Escape to the Austrian Alps
Saturday, March 13 | 12–1 PM

Michael Kenney, of Defined Destinations Travel, will share photos of winter travel destinations in Germany and Austria, including skiing in Kitzbühel and other areas in the Austrian Alps. You may be inspired to learn more about two upcoming GAI guided trips focusing on German Christmas markets and skiing in Austria.
Free, register at gaimn.org

PARTNER EVENT
German Language Good Friday Service
Available Friday, April 2

This year’s annual ecumenical service will be online, available at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ website. The service will be spoken and sung in German—but even if you speak English, Hmong, Somali or Spanish—Willkommen.
Go to spuccsummit.org

SAVE THE DATE
Learning from the Germans: Panel discussion with author Susan Neiman
Sunday, April 18 | 12:30–1:30 PM

Buy the book and prepare for a discussion with author Susan Neiman. Her book asks what we can learn from the Germans about confronting the evils of the past. Panelists will offer a varied view on “working off the past” (Vergangenheitsaufarbeitung) and how communities can come together to remember and move forward.
Free, registration opens early April

HIER & THERE
Storycast

Introducing Storycast—A podcast auf Deutsch!

We are delighted to share our new Hier & There podcast special series—Storycast! Storycast will feature short stories and other texts completely in German, read by our host, Günther Michael Jahnl and other GAI language instructors. We share the text with our listeners so you can follow the story and learn new vocabulary. Episodes are about 10 minutes long, and a pleasure to listen to for anyone from native speakers to new language learners. Our first episode, Die Steinsuppe (Stone Soup) is now available. Listen on the new GAI website or wherever you get your podcasts! gaimn.org/podcast

ANNUAL FUND
Sustaining the GAI 2021 and beyond

Thank you! We are truly grateful for our donors over the past year, who not only helped us surpass our 2021 Annual Fund goal of $100,000 but kept the GAI going strong during the COVID-shutdown. Our 2020 donor list, including Annual Fund, is inserted in this newsletter. Your support helps the GAI continue to grow as a prominent, internationally-recognized German cultural center.
GAI GERMAN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

SPRING SESSION BEGINS APRIL 12
Are you longing for spring flowers, green grass, and spring language classes? Spring is a great time to begin or advance your German language studies. Registration will open mid March and we will be offering a few daytime in-person classes—come out of hibernation and join us!

More info at gaimn.org

START YOUR JOURNEY HERE
START 1-2-3 Beginner German classes are designed for students with little or no German skills up to students who have completed 9 months of German study. You’ll get a solid foundation and have fun while interacting with your instructor and classmates in German!

Register at gaimn.org/start

SUMMER LANGUAGE CAMPS
Kids will have the run of the GAI Haus and grounds this summer, exploring interactive themes while learning German. Beginners to bilingual campers are welcome at GAI’s summer camps. Themes include Spy Camp, Pirate Voyage, Creepy Crawlies, Podcasting for Kids, and more!

Register at gaimn.org/camps

AROUND THE HAUS

Saturday work sessions are still on hold
Instead of scheduled work sessions, we will contact individuals as needed for specific projects. If you would like to be on the "call list", contact Jim Gruetzman at jgruetzman@gai-mn.org.

Hier & There podcasts and Storycasts are now streaming on the GAI's website. No podcast player or app needed. Revisit favorite episodes or discover a new interview you may have missed. Listen at gaimn.org/Podcast
The GAI has launched a new website! Find new calendar features, a search function, and the ability to stream Hier & There podcasts directly from our site. Fully responsive, the site functions better on any size device, from phones to desktop computers. In keeping with best practices for websites, we have also updated our url to “gaimn.org”, although the previous version still works. We’d love to hear what you think as you explore the new site! Send us an email at communications@gai-mn.org.