



## Christmas in Germany is coming December 3 and 4!

Everyone is welcome to experience the traditions of a German Christmas at the Germanic-American Institute.

We've decorated the Haus on every floor—from *Ratskeller* to Ballroom. Shop for imported German and locally made gifts. Enjoy German carols performed by the Minnesänger and 4Winds Quartet.

Outdoors, warm up in front of a crackling fire while enjoying authentic German food *Weihnachtsmarkt*-style. We'll have Haus-made *Glühwein* (hot mulled wine), bratwurst, Helga's soups, *Lebkuchen* (gingerbread), *Kaffee und Kuchen* (German coffee and cake), and more!

### Activities for Kids

Meet Sankt Nikolaus (12 to 2 PM), visit our alpaca petting zoo, make holiday crafts, and marvel at German model trains on display.

Find the complete schedule at [gaimn.org/christmas](http://gaimn.org/christmas)

Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4 | 11 AM–4 PM

At the GAI Haus and on the grounds

Christmas in Germany is free, with food, beverages, and goods for sale

### Volunteer!

It's not too late to sign up for a shift. We especially need people to help in the kitchen and serve food.

Sign up at [gaimn.org/christmas](http://gaimn.org/christmas)



## EVENTS

DECEMBER 3+4  
Christmas in Germany

DECEMBER 10  
Christmas Dinner

DECEMBER 11  
*Adventsgottesdienst*

## LEARN GERMAN

### Adults

Winter Session registration is open

### Teens

DECEMBER 11  
Teen Cookies, Crafts, and Cocoa

## GAI GRUPPEN

DECEMBER 19  
GAI Damenklub

DECEMBER 20  
Deutscher Sprachklub



## Christmas Stammtisch

Tuesday, December 13

Savor a traditional menu of *Sauerbraten*, potato dumplings, red cabbage and German-style green beans. Dessert is *Jägertorte*, a hazelnut-cranberry tart. For this special Christmas lunch, we offer two options:

- Pick up between 11:30 and noon
- Dine at the GAI at 12:15 p.m.

*Note: seating is limited*

There will be a short Christmas program with readings and songs for those eating at the GAI.

Reservations are required—please call the office at 651-222-7027 or email [office@gaimn.org](mailto:office@gaimn.org) by 3 p.m. on the Friday, December 9 to reserve your meal. \$15





## GAI supported food shelf in Zell, Germany, hopes to continue through the winter

Updates from Zell by GAI Board Chair Danika Hoffmann

### ***Hello from Zell!***

Today I went to help with the distribution of food at the food shelf for Ukrainian refugees. They did decide to limit distribution to people who live in the *Verbandsgemeinde Zell* (the 26 towns that "belong" to Zell here) as the need is great and it was getting very busy. Rosemarie was worried we would run out of funds too quickly. I think this was a good decision; she is hoping that now there will be enough to take these families through the winter.

It's incredibly well run, with three volunteers (Rosemarie, Marga and Barbara) and now they have a number of tables with donated clothes, jackets, shoes and housewares from people in town. Marga was in charge of this area and helped everyone who came through to 'shop' for warm clothes for winter and clothes for the kids.

Our friend Ksenia (she is a refugee with two boys who lives in town) helps out as a translator every week and she introduced me to the group of people standing outside

waiting for the food shelf to open. It was incredibly emotional, many of the people there began to cry when Ksenia explained that I was from the organization that sent the money for the food shelf. I shared with them how strongly we support them and that we are wishing for their families to stay healthy and safe and that we stand with them in solidarity. It was truly lovely.

We served about 90 people today. They have a new room where they distribute the food that is larger than the previous one and were so excited to show it to me... the space is bigger with better lighting and a BATHROOM (very exciting) and they even picked up 2 cute baskets for the refugees to "shop" with. It is lovely. They are also planning to open the space once a week for the refugees to simply meet up and have coffee and cake and to get to know each other more and support each other.

All said to send hellos and thank yous to everyone at the GAI, especially Marty and Penny.

**—Danika, October 2022**



## ANNUAL FUND 2023

As we approach the holiday season, we have so much to be thankful for. Whether you connect with the GAI at a language class, drop in for Kaffee und Kuchen, celebrate at Oktoberfest, take in the warmth of Christmas in Germany—***we are delighted you are a part of this community!***

The Haus is coming back to life and as we reconnect, we're making bold decisions and investments now for a bright future ahead. With the pandemic mostly behind us, this a pivotal time. Our programs are funded in part because of your generous support.

**To donate**, go to [gaimn.org/AnnualFund](https://gaimn.org/AnnualFund), call the office at 651.222.7027 or mail your contribution to 301 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55102.

# WINTER SESSION

## German language classes



## Language programs for all ages

### Give the gift of language learning

Are you looking for a unique holiday gift? Give the gift of learning with a GAI language class gift certificate! We offer programs for all ages—Samstagsschule for kids and teens, German@home for preschoolers, and adult classes from beginners to advanced. [Learn more at gaimn.org/languagegift](https://gaimn.org/languagegift)

### German for Lunch

What's on your plate over lunch this winter? How about a short course in German grammar or conversation? Try our new 4-week-long mini sessions for various levels.

#### German for Lunch: Grammar

4 Tuesdays, noon to 1 PM | Online via Zoom

#### German for Lunch: Conversation

4 Wednesdays, noon to 1 PM | Online via Zoom

[Learn more at gaimn.org/adults](https://gaimn.org/adults)

### Samstagsschule for kids and teens

Samstagsschule classes incorporate singing, crafts, games, and physical motion along with lessons at an age-appropriate level. Our creative instructors make "Saturday School" something for kids to look forward to! Classes begin on January 14 and meet weekly. [Register at gaimn.org/kids](https://gaimn.org/kids)

### For Teens: Cookies, Crafts, and Cocoa

Sunday, December 11 | 2–5 PM

Learn how to make German Christmas cookies while having fun with your friends and trying your hand at giftable German Advent crafts. The Haus will be decorated to the rafters, cocoa will be served and those freshly baked cookies will need to be quality controlled... [Learn more at gaimn.org/kids](https://gaimn.org/kids)

## AROUND THE HAUS

### December Haus & Grounds—a note from Jim

Haus & Grounds will not hold a monthly work session in December because of all of the holiday activities. I am asking all Haus & Grounds volunteers to help support set-up and tear-down for our Christmas in Germany celebration. (Please use the volunteer link at [gaimn.org/christmas](https://gaimn.org/christmas) to sign up.) I want to thank everyone for your hard work this past year and look forward to what we can accomplish next year.

—Jim Gruetzmann



Schöne Grüße from Twin Cities German Immersion School

The Twin Cities German Immersion School (TCGIS) is a K-8 public (free) charter school located in Saint Paul's Como neighborhood.

We are a vibrant community committed to innovative education of the whole child through German immersion. (The GAI was a founding supporter and authorizer of our school!)

Enrollment for the 2023–24 school year has now begun! If you are curious about our school and would like to take a tour, please contact [enrollment@tcgis.org](mailto:enrollment@tcgis.org).







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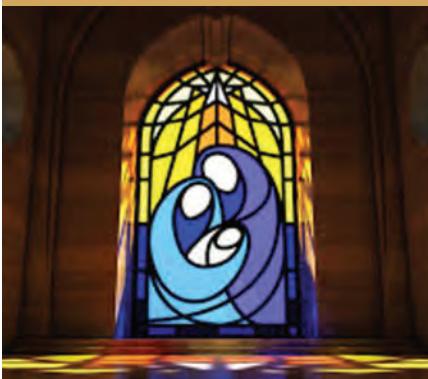
### Christmas Dinner

**Buy tickets by Monday, Dec. 5!**

**Saturday, December 10 | 5–8 PM**

Join us for the return of one of the GAI's most cherished events, our annual Christmas dinner. Tickets are \$80 and include a holiday program, a multi-course dinner catered by Lake Elmo Inn, and two beverages. Additional beverages are available for purchase. Buy tickets at [gaimn.org/christmasdinner](http://gaimn.org/christmasdinner) or call the office at 651.222.7027.

#### PARTNER EVENTS



#### Adventsgottesdienst

**Sunday, December 11 | 3 PM**

Join the Twin Cities German-language community to celebrate Advent and Christmas at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. This joyful service includes hymns, readings, and music for the season, all auf Deutsch. The service will be held in-person at 900 Summit Avenue in St. Paul. Masks are recommended. [gaimn.org/calendar/adventsgottesdienst](http://gaimn.org/calendar/adventsgottesdienst)



**Members get 20% off tickets!**

**VocalEssence Christmas Concert  
December 10 + 11**

VocalEssence is pulling out all the stops to ring in the season of wonder with their "Welcome Christmas" concert. Hear the joyous sounds of brass and percussion, the spectacular Northrop pipe organ, and all VocalEssence singing forces together in concert. Purchase tickets with member discount code [gaichristmas](http://gaimn.org/membership) at [gaimn.org/membership](http://gaimn.org/membership)