



## Christmas in Germany

**DECEMBER 2 + 3 | 11 AM–4 PM**

Come celebrate the traditions of a German Christmas! We welcome you to the GAI Haus, decorated from the Ratskeller to the ballroom. Shop imported German and locally made goods while listening to German carols performed by the Minnesänger and 4Winds Quartet.

Outdoors, warm up in front of a crackling fire and enjoy Haus-made *Glühwein* (hot mulled wine), bratwurst and pretzels, Helga's soups, *Lebkuchen* (gingerbread), Oma's *Pfeffernüsse*, *Kaffee und Kuchen* (German coffee and cake), and more!

**New this year:** A large heated tent with plenty of room for all. Come share the magic that is Christmas in Germany!

### 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. On Sunday at noon, Kinderstube families will gather outdoors for a Christmas sing-along.

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

Learn more at [gaimn.org/christmas](http://gaimn.org/christmas)

### GAI *Glühweingewürz* Donation Special

Donate to the GAI at Christmas in Germany and receive a GAI *Glühweingewürz* (mulled wine spice) sachet. Just add wine and sugar, and you'll have all the ingredients to brew the GAI's famous *Glühwein* at home! Makes a great holiday gift and you'll know you are supporting cultural programming and language classes year-round.



### EVENTS

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### LEARN GERMAN

DECEMBER 3

Early Bird special ends

### GAI GRUPPEN

DECEMBER 18

GAI Damenklub

DECEMBER 20

Deutscher Sprachklub

DECEMBER (no meeting)

Modelleisenbahn Gruppe



### December Stammtisch

Tuesday, December 12

Curbside pickup: 11:30–noon | \$20

In person: 12:15 PM | \$25 includes one beer, wine, or soft drink and a short holiday program

Beef *Rouladen* with mashed potatoes and red cabbage and *Jägertorte* (cranberry hazelnut torte) for dessert. Please call the office at 651.222.7027 or e-mail [office@gaimn.org](mailto:office@gaimn.org) to RSVP by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6. Note: Seating at the Haus is limited

### Volunteer!

It's not too late to sign up for a shift. We especially need people to help in the kitchen and serve food. Join our holiday crew at Christmas in German! **Sign up at [gaimn.org/christmas](http://gaimn.org/christmas)**



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Backen und Basteln—Kids & Adults

Saturday, December 9 | 1–3 PM

Spend an hour baking *Vanillekipferl*, a German Christmas cookie, then learn how to make straw ornaments in this fun activity for parent and child, grandparent and grandchild, or any combination of adults and children (at least 1 adult for every 3 kids, please.) For kids ages 6 and up. Includes all materials, ingredients, hot apple cider and some cookies to take home, if you don't eat them all first!

\$105 members/\$115 nonmembers for adult/child pair, additional children \$40 each

Register at [gaimn.org/basteln-kids](https://gaimn.org/basteln-kids)

### Backen und Basteln—Adults

Saturday, December 9 | 5–8 PM

Alternate between baking *Linzer Kekse* (jam filled almond cookies) and *Vanillekipferl* (vanilla crescents) in the GAI kitchen and crafting *Fröbelsterne* and straw ornaments. This cozy evening includes *Glühwein* or hot spiced apple cider and a light snack. Includes all materials and ingredients.

\$85 members/\$95 nonmembers

Register at [gaimn.org/basteln-adults](https://gaimn.org/basteln-adults)

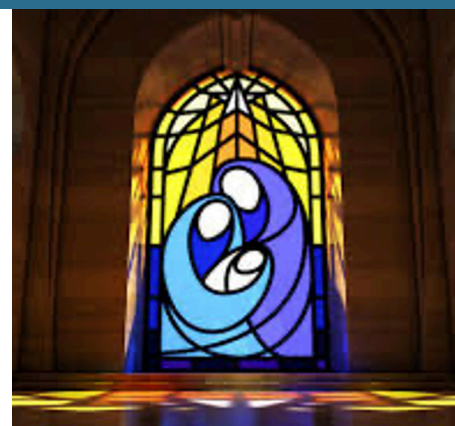


### Christmas Kneipe & Sing-Along

Saturday, December 16 | 4–9 PM

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to enjoy a beer or glass of *Glühwein* in the GAI Ratskeller. Drop in throughout the evening—we'll be singing German Christmas songs and enjoying good cheer in cozy surroundings—the definition of *Gemütlichkeit*!

*Free, no registration required, beverages and snacks for sale*



### Adventsgottesdienst

Sunday, December 17 | 3–4 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 lots of music for the season, all *auf Deutsch*. The service will be held in-person at 900 Summit Avenue in St. Paul.



### A home for future generations

The GAI is a growing, thriving community. This year we have once again had milestone attendance at the Haus and in our classrooms.

Become part of a lasting legacy with a gift to the GAI Annual Fund, our end of the year fundraising campaign. Your support in any amount will ensure that the Germanic-American Institute remains a vital and enduring place to which future generations may return and call home.

Donate at [gaimn.org/annualfund](https://gaimn.org/annualfund)

# German Language Classes

## Winter Language Session

**Register now! Winter classes begin January 8**

Choose from in-person and online classes and you'll be on your way to improving your German language skills in 2024!

If you've never learned German, our Start 123 series is the place to begin. If you're not sure which level is right for you, take our online language assessment.

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

## German Storytime

*Kleine Schneeflocke: Zauberhaftes Bilderbuch zu Weihnachten*

**Saturday, December 9 | 11–11:45 AM**

We'll read a wintery tale full of magic and light about a young girl wishing for a perfect Christmas tree, and a young snowflake wishing for the perfect place to land.

The storytime will be conducted in German and is geared towards children who have German as a home language, have been exposed to German through classes or immersion programs, or have at least basic knowledge of German.

**Register at [gaimn.org/storytime](https://gaimn.org/storytime)**



## For Teens

*Deutsch? Läuft!*

**Next meetup: Monday, December 18 | 6 to 7:30 PM**

All German-speaking teens are invited to join us for a casual get-together on every third Monday of the month during the school year. Come for games, table-tennis, movies, and more! For ages 13 and up.

**Register at [gaimn.org/kids](https://gaimn.org/kids)**

### DECEMBER HAUS & GROUNDS

Instead of a Saturday work session in December, Haus & Grounds will lend support to the Christmas in Germany event. Help is needed for set-up on Friday, December 1 and tear-down on Sunday, December 3. Please sign up at the link on the Christmas in Germany page, [gaimn.org/christmas](https://gaimn.org/christmas).

A few volunteers are needed on Thursday, December 14 to prepare for the new kitchen flooring. If you are interested in helping and are not on the Haus & Grounds email list, please contact Jim Gruetzman at [jgruetzman@gaimn.org](mailto:jgruetzman@gaimn.org).

## Samstagsschule

German Classes for Kids and Teens



## Samstagsschule Winter Session

Samstagsschule (Saturday School) immerses children in a fun, interactive environment that promotes natural acquisition of language. Classes incorporate storytelling, singing and dancing, playing games and doing crafts, along with lessons at an age-appropriate level. For ages 4 to 16, beginners, intermediate, advanced learners and native/heritage speakers.

*Learn more [gaimn.org/kids](https://gaimn.org/kids)*





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Our award-winning language program offers classes for adults and children, from beginners to advanced students.

Gift cards may be used for language classes and language programming for all ages. Buy gift cards at [gaimn.org/languagegift](http://gaimn.org/languagegift)

### GAI Holiday Wine Pack

The GAI is partnering with Thomas Liquors to offer selections of your favorite German and Austrian wines for the holidays.

6 pack—\$150 | 12 pack— \$300

Order your wine from Thomas Liquors at [qrco.de/be3mgk](http://qrco.de/be3mgk) and pick up at the GAI on December 16 from 2 to 8 PM.

### GAI Board Elections

Members, look for your Board of Directors ballot in the mail and return them by December 31. *Danke!*

### GAI Member Deals

#### VocalEssence Concerts

GAI members get 25% off VocalEssence concert tickets through December including **Welcome Christmas** and **Bach's Christmas Oratorio**. Find concert details at [vocalessence.org](http://vocalessence.org). Use code WELCOME2324 for your discount.

#### Waldmann Brewery and Wurstery

Buy one/get one beer at Waldmann Brewery and Wurstery—year round! One per member. Members must show their membership confirmation email with member ID and expiration date.

#### Language classes

Members get discounts on 12-week classes year-round. Learn more at [gaimn.org/language](http://gaimn.org/language)

