

Straight Talk

A publication of AA Riverside
@ St. Albert the Great

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March - April 2025

AA Riverside

Church of St. Albert the Great

2834 33rd Ave S, Mpls 55406

In-person & Online

Steps Away!

AA Riverside Weekly Meetings

Sunday - **Squad 47** @ 5:30pm in-person & online

Sunday - **Squad 2** @ 8:30pm online

Monday - **Squad 3** @ 5:30pm in-person & online

Tuesday - **Squad 57** @ 1:00pm in-person at 2001
Riverside Ave 55454 (Trinity Lutheran) & online

Tuesday - **Squad 62** @ 7:00pm online

Friday - **Squad 70** @ 8:30pm in-person & online

Saturday - **Squad 1** @ 8:00pm online

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Keep Coming Back!

*"If you have
decided you want
what we have ..."*

Straight Talk is also available
online at
aafairviewriverside.org

The AA Big Book- p.58

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If you would like to have an electronic copy of *Straight Talk* sent to you and/or a friend, please send email address to AA Riverside at aabtriverside@gmail.com

After many, many years of AA Fairview
Riverside we will now be called

AA Riverside

to better reflect our current identity.

Our website will be rebranded to reflect this
change and our new website will
be www.aariverside.net beginning on **April 1,
2025.**

All meeting times and squad names will
remain the same only locations will change.
Please see our meeting schedule for new
locations. All zoom codes remain the same.

Please update your address books to reflect
this change. Thank You for your continued
support and help spread the word.

AA Riverside
Board of Trustees



KEEP IT SIMPLE!

Scan This QR Code!

AA Riverside's *Straight Talk* newsletter will be
providing AA Riverside Meeting updates to help in
"attracting" those looking for AA meetings.

We also encourage our Trusted Servants/Squad
Leaders to feel free to copy *Straight Talk* for their
members and attendees.

"I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY OWN SOBRIETY"

Being “Self-Supporting” and “Of Service”

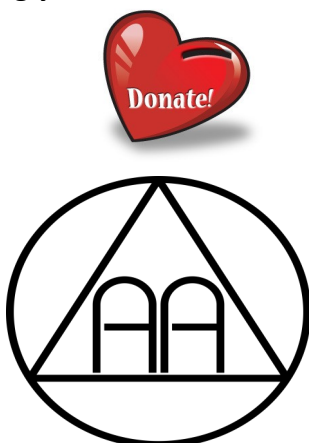
The AA Fellowship is familiar with our Traditions of being self-supporting and of service to those still suffering. Each of these actions relates to sustaining both our individual recoveries and hope for our fellow alcoholics. The triangle is an exceptionally strong geometric shape. A.A.’s triangle of Unity, Service, Recovery guides each of us and our fellowship.

A.A. needs your support. We have no dues or fees, but we do have expenses. For AA Riverside those include rent for **meeting space**, our **web-site**, and **literature** and Big Books for newcomers. Our largest expense is our hospitality suite at **Gopher State Roundup** which we have hosted since the beginning of the event in 1975. We consider this fellowship gathering as our annual 12-Step of “carrying the message” of Alcoholics Anonymous to other alcoholics and their families.

In addition we make annual contributions to the A.A. network: General Service Organization (GSO); Greater Minneapolis Intergroup; St. Paul Intergroup; MN Area 36; and District 18 while still trying to maintain a “prudent reserve” for the unexpected. The recent changes for AA Riverside were unexpected and resulted in additional expenses.

I once heard someone say that \$1.00 put in the hat was considered the equivalent of the cost of one drink. Needless to say the cost of a drink is considerably more today than in 1935.

Please reflect on your ability to help AA Riverside be “self-supporting & of service” and **contribute accordingly**.



- ◆ Put \$ In envelope
- ◆ Pay online with Venmo
- ◆ Send check to AA Riverside
- ◆ Volunteer

See details on Page 3



A Short History of the Treatment Center & AA Riverside

Among the thousands of people who have gone through Chemical Dependency Treatment here, there is an inside joke: “What was the name of the Treatment Center when you were in treatment?” The original treatment center was started at St. Mary’s Hospital in 1968 by Dr. George Mann, an anesthesiologist at the Hospital. It was called St. Mary’s Rehabilitation Center and was the first hospital-based addiction treatment program in Minnesota. He retired as the Treatment Center’s Director in 1998 and started another innovative, affordable residential addiction treatment program in Wayzata, named The Retreat. Dr. Mann, also a member of Alanon, wrote a book entitled *Recovery of Reality: Overcoming Chemical Dependency* in 1979. His wife, Marion C. Mann, a member of AA, served as a family counselor for many years at St. Mary’s Rehabilitation Center.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, who had founded St. Mary’s Hospital in Minneapolis in 1887, continued to administer and staff the hospital until 1986 when they sold it to Fairview Hospital which was an adjacent neighbor. In 1997, Fairview Hospital merged with the U of M Hospitals. And in 2018 the University of Minnesota Medical Center became the flagship for the Hospital with the addiction treatment program still named the Fairview Chemical Dependency Program

Dr. Mann who had dedicated his life to helping alcoholics and addicts recover and revolutionized CD treatment in a way replicated across the country and the world, died February 7, 2012 at age 88. Marion, his wife of 63 years, died five weeks later at age 90. Their legacy lives on in all whom they helped recover from addiction here and elsewhere.

In 2024, the Hospital determined that it was not able to accommodate AA Riverside and its AA Meetings. So we have turned the page to a new chapter of our journey in recovery and carrying the message of A.A. to those alcoholics still suffering.

Visit us online ... <http://www.aafairviewriverside.org/>

AA Riverside ... please scan



New website www.aariverside.net on
April 1, 2025

**Every A.A. meeting is a 12-step
opportunity!**

**Please check out the 12-step
opportunities below.**

12-step Opportunities



Check website - aafairviewriverside.org

Become an AA Riverside Trustee

Contact Greater Mpls Intergroup - AA
952-922-0880

Write something for *Straight Talk*

Annual Gopher State Round Up –
AA Hospitality Suite 115 - Memorial Day
Weekend - May 23 - 25, 2025

Keep going to A.A. meetings

For more information, please email
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Have you
written
something?

Would you
like to have
it published in
Straight Talk?



Send to

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memories, musings, poetry, essays, photos, stories, ideas

I Am Responsible

*When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A.
always to be there*

*And for that:
I Am Responsible*

Trustees

Bruce M. – Sq. 62
Lynn S. - Sq. 1, 2
Jim M. – Sq. 70
Lynn S. - Detox Sunday
Dave M.; Jeremy K.- Sq. 3
Jeff R.- Sq. 47 & Sq. 57
Shane J. - Trustee

We need you! Join AA Riverside
Trustees.

Monthly Treasurer's &
Secretary's
Reports on website

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7th Tradition

Every AA Group Ought To Be Fully Self-Supporting

Your contributions support:

- Online Meetings
- Meeting Rental Fees
- *Straight Talk* Newsletter - e-edition
- GSO & AA service organizations
- AA Riverside website
- Gopher State Hospitality Suite



That's why we pass the envelop!

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[@Aa-fairviewriverside](https://www.venmo.com/@Aa-fairviewriverside)
or

Send your contribution by mail to AA Riverside
Treasurer at
1575 Christie Place, St. Paul MN 55106



AA Riverside Meeting Listings

(Alcoholics Anonymous)



In-person AA Riverside Meetings are at
Church of St. Albert the Great & Squad 57 - Trinity Lutheran Church
2834 33rd Avenue So. 2001 Riverside Avenue So.
Minneapolis, MN 55406 Minneapolis, MN 55454

To access online meetings, please download the ZOOM app on your smartphone, laptop, tablet or computer. The AA meetings listed below happen every week.

Day	Time	Squad	Type	Location	Zoom Code	Password	Hybrid
Monday	5:30pm	3	O MX ST H	Parish House, St. Albert the Great Church 2834 33 rd Ave S 55406	690 284 815	000777	Yes
Tuesday	1:00pm	57	O MX H	Trinity Lutheran Church 2001 Riverside 55454	924 612 379	020287	Yes
Tuesday	7:00pm	62	C MX ST T	ZOOM Only	824 8357 1864	537242	
Friday	8:30pm	70	O MX ST T H	Parish House, St. Albert the Great Church 2834 33 rd Ave S 55406	982 0212 3715	823676	Yes
Saturday	8:00pm	1	C MX G	ZOOM Only	979 323 653	009361	
Sunday	5:30pm	47	O MX D H	Parish House, St. Albert the Great Church 2834 33 rd Ave S 55406	238 221 601	004638	Yes
Sunday	8:30pm	2	O MX D	ZOOM Only	330 843 112	013328	
2nd Sunday	4:00pm	Trustees	Board Meeting	Parish House, St. Albert the Great Church 2834 33 rd Ave S 55406			
O = Open S = Speaker T = Tradition BB = Big Book C = Closed D = Discussion H = Hybrid (In-person & Zoom) MX = Mixed ST = Step Gray Highlight = ZOOM Only							

People who don't go to meetings aren't there to see what happens to people who don't go to meetings.

- Is your group not listed? Is it listed incorrectly?

Please send a note with any changes or your writing submission to:



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website: aafairviewriverside.org



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AA Riverside & the Digital Age

In 2015, AA Riverside established a **website** (see address above). It has extensive information about: **meetings** on campus and links to other meeting resources across the Twin City metro area, current and past **newsletters**, **trustee minutes**, **treasurer reports**, **12-step opportunities**, and **A.A. resources**.

If you're looking for info about A.A. or meeting topics, you're sure to find something on this website.

In 2018, a Facebook page for AA Riverside entitled **StraightTalk Society** was developed as a fellowship and outreach platform for members of the recovering community.