



## CHRISTMAS REUNIONS

Dear People of Galilee,

When I was a kid, I had pen pals from all around the world. My very first pen pal was selected for me by my second grade teacher. Her name was Deesa, from Queensland, Australia. The first letter I ever got from her inspired me to do somersaults all over the living room floor. My mom laughed at how excited and silly I was acting at the mere arrival of this airmail envelope from across the world. But to me it was one of the most exciting things that had happened to me at that point in my life, age 7. As I grew older, I had a penpal named Carla from Sao Paulo, Brazil. I thought that was cool that we both lived in cities named after the Apostle Paul. Carla and I wrote back and forth for years and years. After college I moved to Nicaragua, and after college she moved to England. In our late twenties, we stopped writing and lost touch. She went on to get married to a wonderful Brazilian man named Andre. I went on to marry a wonderful Polish-American man named Thomas. Carla and I were busy being married, and we both had two children. I had Tana and Anthony. She has Pedro and Lucas. Their home is in Brasília, the capital city of their country. The boys are now 15 and 16 years old. They have never seen snow.

Now, in 2022, Carla and I have the best news ever to share with you! Carla and her family (and her 83 year-old father-in-law) are coming to Minnesota to visit us for Christmas! It will be the Great Pen Pal Reunion! They will come to Galilee on Christmas Eve for the 4pm service.

I thank God so much for this dear friend, and for our affection and excitement to meet each others' families and to see one another face to face. Carla carries with her a deeply charismatic Catholic faith. She is eager to celebrate the birth of Christ in new ways and share her traditions with our families together.

Yours in Service,  
Pastor Dana K. Nelson

"I have much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink; instead I hope to see you soon and we will talk together face to face. Peace to you."

2 John 1:13-15



Carla

Dana

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# AROUND OUR CHURCH

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## YOUNG AT HEART

Barb Bartok appreciates that she is feeling better and has recently been able to help a friend who broke a hip.

Abe Watson tries to attend both the donut group and YAH, but says it would be great if they merged.

Our heart goes out to Sandy Altendorfer, who has lost five family members since June 5th. We hope 2023 will be a much kinder year.

Leesa Matthews recently returned from a vacation in the New Hampshire area where she saw the longest and oldest covered wooden bridge.



Karen and Steve Groebner are enjoying watching granddaughter Libby play basketball this season.

YAH will meet just once this month, that being December 13th. Just for fun, we also bring a generic \$6.00 wrapped gift for a gift exchange. Hope you can join us for the afternoon.

If you have any questions, call Karen at 488-9074.

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## ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is busy this month. We are making favors for the Union Gospel Mission, as well as donating new socks for men who reside there.

Members of the Altar Guild set up the altar for communion every week, as well as change the paraments, candles, and banners on an ongoing basis, and keep the eternity candle burning.

The Christmas trees and nativity scene are set up for the season, as well as poinsettias which beautify the area. December 4 is the deadline to order a plant.

## NEW MEMBER?

Have you been thinking about joining the Galilee church family? Prayerfully consider becoming a member of Galilee Lutheran Church before the end of the year. Talk to Pastor Dana. Our upcoming new member Sunday will be on December 11, during our 9:30 service. Karita Wienke and Audrey McConville are joining the congregation. Thanks and praise to God!



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Special candles are set up for both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

Galilee appreciates all the volunteer hours the Altar Guild donates to keep things functioning. Thank you.



## Red Cross Blood Drive



### Galilee Lutheran Church

The holiday season is a time for festivities and family. It's also a time for giving back.

The American Red Cross is currently experiencing an emergency blood shortage. Your Red Cross blood drive is essential to the health of our communities and is critical for enabling donors to give a gift more meaningful than anything that can be purchased this holiday season - the gift of life.

**Wednesday, December 14**  
**11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Sign up here:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Galilee>

## OUR BANNER DELIVERED

Prisca, the wife of Pastor Nixon Mwitula, brought the delegation of her choir to visit Uhominyi on behalf of Galilee Lutheran Church. She presented the banner we gave to her and brought heartfelt greetings from all of you.



## GALILADIES

This month the GaliLadies will be signing cards for the New Harmony Care Center. The Veterans cards were all given to The American Legion on Co. Rd. C. and they will deliver them.

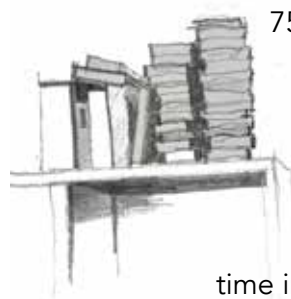
Marlene is all set for Christmas. Her shopping and decorating are done. She will be having a early Christmas with her daughter, her son, and their families, and her sister, Kathleen. A total of 16 people.

Judy H. took off for Lanesboro where her son lives. They drove to the Amana Colonies in Iowa and learned a lot about the colonies. She thought its best to stay with her son for a couple extra days since we all got this fresh snow.

Ardis finally got her Fitbit watch connected, now she can keep track of her B.P., walking, etc.

Sandy has been going to Young at Heart and enjoys it very much.

## DECEMBER BIBLE STUDY



750 BC after the golden age of King Solomon's reign there was a civil war after King Solomon died. Israel was split into two kingdoms, Judah and Israel. During this time in history the prophet Amos arose. Join us in a bible study about the book of Amos written by Rolf E. Aaseng. The study is called "Justice in a Troubled World."

Wednesdays at 2 p.m., Church Library



# AROUND OUR CHURCH



**Lessons  
&  
Carols**  
December 18, 9:30 a.m.

Bells of Galilee | Special Music  
Christmas Pageant

**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight  
Service**



December 24, 4 p.m.

MERRY  
Christmas

**Christmas  
Day  
Worship**



December 25, 9:30 a.m.

## DECEMBER ADULT FORUMS

- Dec 4 **What's Coming? Who's Coming? -Part 2**  
Advent Stories in the Bible - by Pastor Dana
- Dec 11 **Altar Guild invites everyone to make favors for the Union Gospel Mission**
- Dec 18 **(Lessons and Carols) - Christmas cookies/celebration (no forum)**
- Dec 25 **Christmas Morning (no forum)**

## MOONLIGHT MADNESS Nov 2022



*Dylan Solberg and friend JJ up all night long with hundreds of other youth!!*

## Sunday School

# Pageant Practice & Cookie Baking

December 17, 10 a.m.- 12p.m.



# AROUND OUR CHURCH

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We have now received 27 pledges for a total of \$113,995. This is a good start for planning the 2023 budget. If you still want to pledge, it is never too late. Just place your pledge in the offering plate or mail it in. Thank you.

## OUTREACH NEWS

Outreach has decided to give Christmas presents to two indigenous families located here in the metro. We received their names through Interfaith Action. Each family is headed by a single parent with five children aged one to fourteen. There is a signup in the narthex. Gifts must be received by December 11. Put them in the wagon and label them for the person. You may also donate money. We have a Thrivent grant and have already received donations. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## THERE'S MORE...

Outreach is also encouraging people to visit our members who cannot get out during the holiday season. We have a signup sheet in the narthex to create teams to visit. You may decide with your companion when to visit. If you have questions, please contact Miriam Peterson.

## Poinsettia Order Form

**Galilee Lutheran Church**  
**145 N McCarrons Blvd**  
**Roseville, MN 55113-6923**  
**Phone: 651-488-6769**

### POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER



You are invited to purchase a poinsettia plant to share at Galilee for the Christmas season. Please complete the order form below and drop it in the offering plate, return to Barb Strenge or Sharell Babin, or mail to Galilee Lutheran Church by Friday, December 2nd. The cost is \$12.00 for each plant, and may be paid by cash or check. Make checks payable to "Galilee Altar Guild."



To beautify our sanctuary for the Christmas season, you have the choice of red, white, or pink poinsettias (please check the box below to indicate your preference).

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Payment attached \_\_\_\_\_

Red  White  Pink

The plant(s) may be given in memory of your loved ones, or in honor of someone living.

From: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

***Proceeds benefit the Altar Guild.***

# WORSHIP & EDUCATION

## Scripture Lessons

### DECEMBER 4

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

From David's line, a ruler bringing justice and peace

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace.

Romans 15:4-13

Live in harmony, welcoming one another

Matthew 3:1-12

A voice cries: Prepare the way of the Lord

### DECEMBER 11

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10

The desert blooms as God's people return from exile

Psalm 146:5-10

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.

James 5:7-10

Patience until the coming of the Lord

Matthew 11:2-11

The forerunner of Christ

### DECEMBER 18

Lessons and Carols

Genesis 3:8-19, Genesis 22:15-18,

Isaiah 9:2-7, Isaiah 11:1-9,

Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:1-7, Luke 2:8-16

Matthew 2:1-12, John 1:1-14

### DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7

Light shines: a child is born for us

Psalm 96

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

Titus 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

God with us

### DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:6-12

God comes to restore the people

Psalm 97

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

Titus 3:4-7

Saved through water and the Spirit

Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

The birth of the Messiah revealed to shepherds

## Prayer Requests

Shawn Altendorfer (Sandy's son)

Janis Behrens (Ron's sister)

Sandy Biermeier

Mindy, Wyatt and Able (Family of Rebecca Chase)

Howard French

Kitsie Hanson (Karen Murphy's sister-in-law)

Kathy Haukebo

Amy Jarosz (Janet Christensen's niece)

Madeline Johnson (Karen Murphy's sister-in-law)

Linda Kembrowski (friend of CarolAnn)

Todd Kessler

Bill McDonald (Chad's dad)

Karen Murphy

Greg Ochs (CarolAnn's neighbor)

Brenna O'Keefe

Marlene Reding

Allison Seefert

Randall Strand

Family & friends of Dorine McManus (Caroline Herman's sister)

Roger Westling (Ardis' brother)

Uhominyi Lutheran Church, Tanzania

## December Birthdays

- 3 Angie Bergman
- 5 Jim Zrust
- 5 Lennex O'Keefe
- 6 Raymond Nottidge
- 7 Liana Taylor
- 8 Patricia Craft
- 10 Parker Robert Osterman
- 11 Dick Haslach
- 16 Lou Wanna Osterman
- 18 Jim Hart
- 18 Tana Ososki
- 18 Cameron Anderson
- 22 Katie Kelly
- 28 Bob Schmidt
- 28 Leesa Matthews



## December Lectors

- Dec 4 Rebecca Chase
- Dec 11 Cynthia Erickson
- Dec 18 CarolAnn Hart
- Dec 24 Elen Swenson
- Dec 25 Cherie Garrod





## December Ushers

- Dec 4 O'Keefes
- Dec 11 Groebners
- Dec 18 Solbergs
- Dec 24 Petersons
- Dec 25 Hart/Taylor



*Galilee's property team helped build a shed at the Rice Street Garden. Lovely!*

# DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 10a Language Table 6p Property Team Mtg	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6a Chinese Prayer 9a Ham Radio Group 11a Kalpulli Tlaloctecutli 2p Darla Event
9a Prayers for Healing <b>4</b> 9:30a Galilee Worship 11a Education Hour 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran & Commissioning 1p Nepali Friends Church 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10a Donut Group 4p Walk Around the Lake 7p Worship & Music Team	<b>7</b> 2p Bible Study 6p Bell Choir Practice	<b>8</b> 10a Language Table 6:30p Council Mtg @Pastor's House 6:30p St. Paul Clown Club	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Kalpulli Tlaloctecutli
<b>11</b> 9:30a Worship 11a Education Hour 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran 1p Nepali Friends Church 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10a Donut Group 4p Walk Around the Lake	<b>14</b> RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 1p Villa Park Devotions 2p Bible Study 6p Bell Choir Practice	<b>15</b> VOICE ARTICLES DUE 10a Language Table 12p Galiladies	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6a Chinese Prayer 10a -12p Sunday School Pageant practice & cookies 11a Kalpulli Tlaloctecutli
<b>18</b> 9:30a Worship-Lessons & Carols 11a Education Hour 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran 1p Nepali Friends Church 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10a Donut Group 4p Walk Around the Lake	<b>21</b> 2p Bible Study 6p Bell Choir Practice	<b>22</b> 10a Language Table	<b>23</b>	
<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY 9:30a Worship 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran 1p Nepali Friends Church 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10a Donut Group 4p Walk Around the Lake 6p Alley 19 Clowns	<b>28</b> 2p Bible Study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

Location Key: DS - Downstairs S - Sanctuary FH - Fellowship Hall Lib - Library

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2022

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30 A.M.**

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Thursdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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## 2022 Congregational Council

Barb Strenge, Treasurer  
Miriam Peterson, Financial Secretary  
James Hart, President  
CarolAnn Taylor Hart, Vice President  
Steve Bartz, Secretary  
Joan Jarombek

Pastor Dana Nelson      Ron Peterson  
Darla Nelson              Peter Solberg

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We share the air.

At Galilee, we  
STRIVE to be  
fragrance-free!

## GALILEE'S MISSION STATEMENT

To gather people together to hear the story of God's love in Jesus Christ, to be nurtured in faith and knowledge, and to share the Good News through word and deed.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**December 18th** we will have a special  
Lessons and Carols Christmas worship at 9:30 a.m.

Join us on **December 24**, 4 p.m. for our Christmas Eve  
Worship Service at Galilee.

Join us for Christmas Day worship on **December 25**,  
9:30 a.m.



To submit information for publication in the monthly VOICE newsletter, to be posted on our website, or to receive the VOICE newsletter by e-mail, send information and/or e-mail address to the church office at: [office.galilee@gmail.com](mailto:office.galilee@gmail.com).

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