

THE VOICE OF



September, 2020

THE CHURCH CARRIES ON

Dear People of Galilee,

This fall it does not feel like other years with "Rally Sunday" and Christian Education getting under way. The Sunday School, Confirmation Classes and Adult Forums are not starting up now in autumn as they usually would. The church choirs, both bell and vocal, are not starting up their weekly rehearsals at this time. Our kids, grandkids and godchildren are not wrapping up their busy summers of sports and camps to get ready to go back to school. Instead, we are still fighting the Covid-19 virus. But the Church is still here. God's Holy Spirit is living in us and we are worshiping the Lord. Galilee is doing a tremendous amount of outreach to neighbors here and across the globe. Galilee Lutheran Church continues to be an instrument of God to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, forgiving and showing mercy, bringing new life where there is hunger, sorrow and pain.

As a congregation, we also praise God for giving us Ron and Miriam Peterson. Surely the Lord our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. If it weren't for Ron and Miriam, we would not have the Rice Street Gardens, the gorgeous community gardens across the street. If it weren't for Ron and Miriam we would not have parking lot worship services using our car radios on Sundays with our own FM station. If it weren't for Ron and Miriam, we wouldn't have quarterly reports lovingly sent to each giver of offerings, donations and tithes to keep our church going strong, even in this pandemic. Their faithful, steady, humble, hardworking, volunteer labor does not go on uncelebrated or unnoticed by the people of Galilee. We thank the Petersons for loving and serving the congregation with all their heart, all their mind and all their soul day after day, week after week, year after year. Thanks be to God for calling this beautiful couple to use their tremendous talents, refined skills, and precious time and energy to the glory of God for the sake of the life and health of our congregation, Galilee Lutheran Church.

Sincerely, Pastor Dana K. Nelson

Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:5



AROUND OUR CHURCH

Young at Heart

Jim and Mary are at Izatys Resort the first half of this month reading, playing cards, and relaxing. Jim received a "Fit Bit Italy award" for walking over 791 miles over the past two years. Eldre is keeping busy sewing face masks and making quilt tops for confirmation kids. Shari and Dell usually take a daily walk. They celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary August 9th. Congratulations on that terrific milestone. Joe's buddy "Sonny" has been under the weather for awhile and is now on antibiotics. Hope Sonny is barking happily soon. Duane does the normal grocery shopping, and has been playing some golf. Phyllis is most appreciative for the phone calls to keep in touch. To get out of the apt., she occasionally goes to McDonalds for a cup of coffee and sits outside so as to get some fresh air. Barb is settling into her apt., enjoying it more, and no longer feels as confined. It's quite a change when giving up your home and moving into an apt. where the rules are no longer made by you. Stay healthy, and we'll be looking to the time when we can once again gather together, although we realize that may be some time away.



Shobi's Table (<https://shobistable.org>) is serving food every Thursday at Faith Lutheran Church, 499 Charles Ave, in St Paul. Galilee members are encouraged to volunteer at the Shobi's Table food truck. Information available on their website.

Dial-a-Devotion - 651-488-6769

Every day during this COVID-19 quarantine, you are invited to call your church to listen to a brief devotion from God's Word. Share this number with your friends and family. Make dial-a-devotion part of your daily prayer. ~Pastor Dana



#runwithmaud walk around Lake McCarrons every Thursday at 4pm, beginning with prayer in front of the church. Join us!

Election Judges Needed

If you would like to serve as an election judge in Ramsey County, call 651-266-2171 or contact elections@ramseycounty.us. The General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2020. At that time we will elect a president and many representatives and senators, so it is expected to generate a lot of interest and high voter turnout. Election judges can serve as a volunteer, or as a paid position (about \$10/hr.) Some training is required. Judges begin their day at 5:30 a.m. and work until about 9:00 p.m. It is a long day but goes fast when people start showing up to vote. We normally have about 8-9 election judges here at Galilee. Contact Sharell Babin if you need more information.

With All Our Heart...

Saint Paul Area Synod Assembly
September 25-26, 2020 | Online

GALILEE'S FINANCIAL UPDATE

by Miriam Peterson

Thank you all so much for continuing to support Galilee. Just in the first two weeks of August, we have received offerings totaling \$7,500. We need about \$13,000 per month so this is way more than half. Galilee is blessed.

Thank you, Kari Olsen!

Deacon Kari Olsen preached for us at Galilee in August while Pastor Dana was in self-isolation from exposure to someone who tested positive with Covid-19. Thank you, Kari!



Thank you, Volunteers!

To all who helped after the August 9 Sunday Service to move the chairs/tables/etc. to allow use of Galilee as a polling place on August 11. Your help is always appreciated.

To all participants who help/helped set up and lead the "parking lot Sunday services" these past two months. It has been great being back at Galilee on Sunday morning. We realize it is a lot of extra work setting up for the service, and wanted to be sure the volunteers know how much we appreciate their contributions.

It's Time again!

BLOOD DRIVE #6!

If you'd like to volunteer at the blood drive taking people's temperatures or greeting people at the door, please contact pastor Dana 651-488-6769. We could use the help!

Another drive, #6, exceeded all of Red Cross' expectations! We came in at 23 units! Another 69 lives saved! That's a total so far of 444 LIVES SAVED!!! We continue to impress them! Join us again for September 30 and October 28 blood drives.

ALERT: Healthy, eligible donors are strongly urged to donate amidst coronavirus concerns. Donating is a safe process and people should not hesitate to give or receive blood at this time. [Learn more](#)

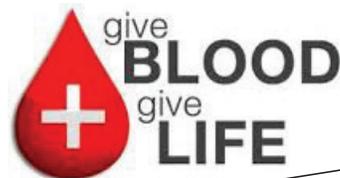
Red Cross Blood Drive Galilee Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Sign up here:

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

Wednesday, Sept. 30 & Wednesday, Oct. 28

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Every 2 seconds,
someone needs blood

AROUND OUR CHURCH



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is Sunday, September 13, 2020. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2020!

On September 13, after worship (see next page) we will go across the street to do God's work in the garden with our hands. If you have one, wear your God's Work. Our hands t-shirt!

Eyeglass Donations This summer we have collected a total of 24 pairs of eyeglasses which Galilee will be donating to people who need them! God bless each one of you who brought glasses in church to pass along the goodness of helping others to see!

Mark 8:25 Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.





**Join us on
September 13, 9:30 a.m., Galilee Drive-in Worship**

Blessing of a Community Garden

Blessing

God of creation, we thank you that in this time and place you have granted us a community garden where your children may gather and grow together. Bless our footsteps as we walk upon this holy ground. Bless our hands as we plant new seeds and relationships. Keep us ever vigilant to see the growth you bring, that all who partake of this harvest might find in it a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for us in your kingdom. Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 55:6-13

Psalm 148:1-6

Mark 13:31-32

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Hymn

(Sung to the tune of "Earth and All Stars")

God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

Prayer

God of abundance, who breathes life into humanity and speaks creation into being, you have graciously entrusted us with the care of all your creatures and called us to encounter you in the breaking of bread and the sharing of a common cup. Pour out your Spirit upon this garden, that it might be a place of devotion and care; of reconciliation with our wounded planet and with one another; of growth and flourishing within this soil and within our bodies. May the fruits of our labor be acceptable in your sight, to the well-being of all your beloved creation and your eternal glory.

Amen.



WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Scripture Lessons

September 6

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-11

The prophet's responsibility to warn the people

Psalms 119:33-40

I desire the path of your commandments. (Ps. 119:35)

Romans 13:8-14

Live honorably as in the day

Matthew 18:15-20

Reconciliation in the community of faith

September 13

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 50:15-21

Joseph reconciles with his brothers

Psalms 103:[1-7] 8-13

Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)

Romans 14:1-12

Accepting diversity in the community of faith

Matthew 18:21-35

A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith

September 20

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jonah 3:10--4:11

God's concern for the city of Nineveh

Psalms 145:1-8

The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Philippians 1:21-30

Standing firm in the gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The parable of the vineyard workers

September 27

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The fairness of God's way

Psalms 25:1-9

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love.

Philippians 2:1-13

Christ humbled to the point of death on a cross

Matthew 21:23-32

A parable of doing God's will

Prayer Requests

All in the world suffering from Covid19

All suffering from secondary effects of the pandemic: Depression, anxiety, loneliness, unemployment, separation from loved ones in care centers, etc.

The people of Beirut

Family & friends of Jiwhi Eo's father Joe Juneau

Family & friends of Velano Lokowich (cousin of Kathy Juneau)

Brenda Meyer

Family & friends of Susan Miner (Bridget O'Keefe's grandmother)

Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church

Family & friends of Ray Petchel from North Emanuel

Shari Sailer

Family & friends of Jim Sands (Steve Bartz's Godfather)

Family & friends of Jane Spencer (Judy McLean's friend)

Family & friends of Teresa Svoboda
Family & friends of "Pat" Phyllis Walters (mother of Mike Osterman)
St. Paul Friends Nepali Church
Uhominyi Parish, Tanzania

September Birthdays

5 Bill Johnson
8 Dazhanea Mitchell-Taylor
8 Jackie Nerud
10 Lyle Sorum
12 Gina Kelly
23 Robert Osterman
26 Louise Fehrman
28 Kately Good
29 Kendra Fehrman



Happy Place Zoom Meetings

 Going to Your Happy Place Meetings will continue every Wednesday 'til September 9, at 2pm.

Contact Pastor Dana for Link. <https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/99658560315?pwd=QjhSVWN2YjBPcGU5dGVZRVZpdThldz09> Meeting ID: 996 5856 0315, Passcode: 334502

SEPTEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 1p Rice Street Gardens: Practice Your English 7p Worship & Music Mtg	2 2p "Going to the Happy Place: bring your Bible" Zoom Gathering	3 4p #Run with Maud	4	5
6 9:30a Galilee Drive-in Worship	7 LABOR DAY	8 1p Rice Street Gardens: Practice Your English	9 2p Going to the Happy Place: bring your Bible" Zoom Gathering	10 4p #Run with Maud 6:30p Council Mtg 6:30p Growing Through Loss at Incarnation Lutheran	11	12
13 9:30a Galilee Drive-in Worship 10:30a GWOH in the Garden Wear Your Yellow T-shirt!	14	15 ELECTIONS 1p Rice Street Gardens: Practice Your English	16 VOICE Articles Due 2p "Going to the Happy Place: bring your Bible" Zoom Gathering	17 4p #Run with Maud 6:30p Growing Through Loss at Incarnation Lutheran	18	19
20 9:30a Galilee Drive-in Worship	21	22 1p Rice Street Gardens: Practice Your English	23 2p "Going to the Happy Place: bring your Bible" Zoom Gathering	24 4p #Run with Maud 6:30p Growing Through Loss at Incarnation Lutheran	25 2p St. Paul Area Synod Assembly	26 9a St. Paul Area Synod Assembly "Rice & LarepenTOUR" Community Event
27 9:30a Galilee Drive-in Worship Blessing of the Animals	28	29 1p Rice Street Gardens: Practice Your English	30 11-5p Red Cross Blood Drive	4p #Run with Maud		

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

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2020

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30 A.M.

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays 8 a.m. – noon
Thursdays 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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<http://on.fb.me/14BMhUi>

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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.



Growing Through Loss

I invite everyone to take this spiritual journey of learning

tools and coping mechanisms for grief. Now might be the right season to grieve well, and even "grow" through the mourning and the loss that you experience. "Growing Through Loss" is a real gift by and for a team of local ecumenical churches (including Galilee). Location: Incarnation Lutheran Church in Shoreview, Thursday evenings, September 10, 17, and 24. The Rev. Dr. Bob Albers (author of Shame) will speak on the 24th at 7pm. ~ Pastor Dana

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.

Articles must be received by the 15th of each month.