

GALILEE

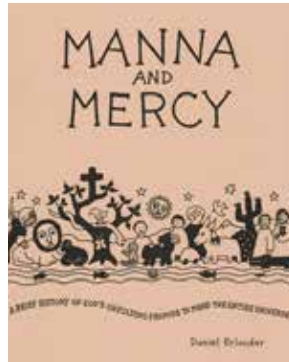
December 2021

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Dear People of Galilee,

Merry Christmas!!

Daniel Erlander hand wrote the book *Manna and Mercy*. He gave me his book when I was a missionary in Peru, and asked me to translate it into Spanish. It took me four years, but, we did it. I am so grateful to Daniel, for the way he tells this story.



Mary gave birth while she and Joseph, her fiancé, were lodged in a stable. She held her newborn in her arms and repeated the song she had sung when the child was conceived.

"My soul proclaims the greatness of Yahweh and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. You have routed the arrogant. You have cast down the mighty from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly!" And Joseph said, "Sing it again Mary!" and the chickens and birds in the stable sang out, Gloria! Glory! Glory! And the little chipmunks and ground hogs by the stable were listening and they said to each other, hey, we're lowly.

Mary placed the little baby in a feedbox. Angels sang. Animals smiled, The trees clapped their hands, and all creation rejoiced. Lowly shepherds, informed by angels, came and found the child in the feedbox. God smiled. In this baby, the creator of the universe was present with creation, with the poor, one of the poor, good news to the poor!

Because of this child, God's dream would come true. A just society for all, and a whole new creation. Mary and Joseph named the child Joshua, meaning, "the one who saves"

Yours in Service,
Pastor Dana K. Nelson

"The Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel."

Isaiah 7:14



AROUND OUR CHURCH

Young at Heart

Barb Bartok enjoys playing Bingo in the party room in her building. She also enjoys walking in a heated pool at a nearby fitness center.

Eldre Westegaard has made 75 pillowcases which will go to family/friends at Christmastime. All of Eldre's Christmas gifts are hand made and filled with love.

Pictures are from YAH October get-together. Karen and Eldre brought merriment with their festive wear.

Our December 14, YAH get-together is a time of fun when we enjoy a \$5.00 gender neutral gift exchange while we are also enjoying holiday snacks. Join us at 1:00 in the library.

On behalf of Mary Lanoux, and all of YAH, we wish you a blessed Christmas season.



**Lessons
&
Carols**
December 19, 9:30 a.m.

Bells of Galilee | Galilee Choir
Christmas Pageant

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Service**



December 24, 4 p.m.

December Bible Study Wednesdays at 2 p.m., Church Library



- Dec. 1 Fellowship: God's Relationship with Us.
- Dec. 8 God's Fellowship with the Israelites
- Dec. 15 Fellowship in the Early Church
- Dec. 22 Joined to Christ's Death & Resurrection
- Dec. 29 Eating and Drinking Together

December Adult Forums

December 5 PeaceMaker Minnesota with
Executive Director, Dan McNeil



"To help create a more peaceful world, our mission is to help schools to be safer places, free from bullying and harassment, and to help youth learn positive relational skills like empathy, respect, cooperation and how to resolve conflicts peacefully."

December 12 Rev. Lisa Kipp, Lutheran World Relief



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

"Affirming God's love for all people, we work with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering."

Sunday School!

Sunday School is underway from 11-12 noon each week. Our Sunday School teachers are safe, caring and fun! Join Decklen, Lennex, Kimberly and other Galilee children to learn about God's Love in Jesus.



Red Cross Blood Drive



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.

Galilee Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, December 15
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

&

**Wednesday, January 5
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

This year, 2021, at Galilee we collected 261 units of blood. That is enough to positively impact 780 lives! Our upcoming December 15 blood drive is expected to get 30-35 units more. Imagine if we can reach a total of 300 units of blood this year, 2021! That would mean 900 lives helped by the work Galilee Lutheran Church does to host the Red Cross here in our building.

Well done people of Galilee!

Sign up here:

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

AROUND OUR CHURCH

OUR UHOMINYI STUDENTS

Galilee is sponsoring nine students! Most are in their high school years. All but one of our students are going to Image School which is only a few miles away from Uhominyi, but it is a boarding school sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. The students have to help with many tasks at the school like getting additional water, painting and building, cleaning and even helping with the cooking. They are so grateful to be able to go to school that there is no complaining about working hard. For entertainment they sing and dance rather than watch screens. (There is no electricity.) In 2008, Miriam Peterson was able to visit Image School and interview all of our students. It was the crowning moment of my entire trip to Tanzania. We have one student who is studying at the seminary.



Please help to support our students. It costs about \$400 for one student. If you would like to help, please include a check in your offering envelope and designate it for scholarships. We already have about \$3,000 pledged, but we can still use more. Maybe we can even add another student or two in 2022. We are truly making a difference in the lives of every student we support. Remember that their parents are generally farmers who make about \$2 per day.

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

2021 has been an interesting year to say the least. We have done online services, parking lot services and finally were able to worship in person. This fall we saw church activities restart, the donut group, Galaladies, Bible study, to name a few. Thank you to all that came together in 2021 to lend a helping hand where needed, we could not have done it without you, it is greatly appreciated. I am very excited about what good things will be coming in 2022 for Galilee.

Wishing all of Galilee a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

~James Hart



ONCE UPON A LOON

Many of you know Anne, who maintains the church office, the calendar, creates the bulletin, the VOICE, etc....

What many of you don't know is that her husband is a pretty good photographer, and now, an author.

It is touching to see how different species could interact so peacefully. The cover photo was originally posted on Facebook and went viral, shared by thousands of viewers and seen by millions around the world. People were reminded friendships can happen at any time and in many forms. The photo was the inspiration for this picture book about how friends love and help each other.

We hope to have Scott in for an Adult Forum soon, but if you're looking for a beautiful gift for children or adults, you can find it on Amazon or B&N Online, or ask at your favorite book store.

Poinsettia Order Form

**Galilee Lutheran Church
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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 3rd. 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 name)

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Proceeds benefit the Altar Guild.

2021 Galilee Christmas Gift Donations

The Galilee Outreach Team will be collecting items through December for Lutheran Social Service (LSS) Refugee Services Donation Kits. Refugee families come to the United States to escape from violence and persecution in their native land. When a family arrives in Minnesota, LSS works with them to find housing, employment and other connections to help them set up residence here. One way we can help is to offer these families household necessities for cooking, cleaning, and personal hygiene.

Donation of the items listed below will be gratefully received at Galilee through December and then assembled in January and passed on to LSS. If you are interested, there are two shoppers available to purchase items for you (contact Miriam Peterson). Cash donations can be given to Miriam Peterson; please make check out to Galilee Lutheran Church. Please note that used items will not be accepted!

ITEMS FOR CLEANING KIT:

- Broom/dust pan
- Mop/bucket
- Sponges (2-4)
- Scrub brushes (1)
- Multi-purpose cleaner
- Laundry Soap (1 large bottle)
- Dish Soap (1 large bottle)
- Dish Towel and Rag
- Toilet Brush and Plunger
- Multipurpose cleaner

ITEMS FOR TOILETRY KIT:

- 1 large bottle shampoo (full-size, not travel size)
- 1 large bottle conditioner (full-size, not travel size)
- 1 large bottle lotion (full-size, not travel size)
- 2 deodorants (women's or men's)
- 1 bar of soap

If adult:

- 1 large package of feminine pads OR
- 1 package of razors and large can shaving cream
- 1 regular or children's tube of toothpaste

HIGHEST PRIORITY ITEMS:

- Stew pot/saucepans with lid
- Mop with bucket
- Broom and dust pan
- Garbage can and bags
- Toilet paper
- Electric alarm clock
- Car seats
- Rice cooker

OTHER ITEMS NEEDED:

- Frying pan/skillet
- Wok with lid
- Dish soap
- Sponges
- Stovetop teapots
- Toile brush
- Small wastebaskets
- Bath towels
- Bar Soap - for hands
- Laundry detergent
- Hand sanitizer
- Face mask
- Combs



AROUND OUR CHURCH

LIVE FROM THE RICE STREET GARDENS!

Your pastor was on cable tv talking about the Rice Street Gardens, interviewed by Jenny Landon of NineNorth, CTV. For full interview see <https://ninenorth.org/videos/ninenorth-presents-engage-for-good/>. The snippet about the Rice Street Gardens happens 1 hour, 8 minutes and 11 seconds into the interview (1:08:11).



BE ON "RADIO FARAHA" IN TANZANIA

On our last trip to Congregation in Iringa Tanzania in 2017, we also visited the headquarters of "Radio Faraha," the radio station of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Today, Radio Faraha is sending us an invitation to be on the radio! We are invited to send a recorded greeting from Galilee Lutheran Church to Uhominyi Lutheran Church that will be heard in Uhominyi and in neighboring villages and towns in Iringa. What a great opportunity! Let's put our thinking caps on, and think of singing or ringing or pronouncing our sincerest, warmest greetings to our partners in Tanzania (who pray for us every Thursday!)



LEARNING 50 BIBLE STORIES

Galilee's small but mighty Confirmation class, under the direction of Leesa Matthews, built a balloon Tower of Babel! Pictured are: Anthony, Chris, and Samuel.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Galilee's latest Breakfast Book Discussion was about *Forgiving What You Can't Forget* by Lysa Terkeurst. The book helped us to dig deeply into scripture as we talked about what forgiveness is and isn't, and how we are affected by unforgiveness from others and in ourselves.

"I believe with all my heart forgiveness received and given is the very thing that splits this world open with the most stunning revelation of the reality of Jesus, more than almost anything else."

"... you and I can forgive, even if the relationship never gets restored...Forgiveness isn't always about doing something for a human relationship but rather about being obedient to what God has instructed us to do." (from *Forgiving What You Can't Forget*)

Our Breakfast Book Discussions happen twice per year, and the next one will most likely take place during Lent. This is not a closed group, and new friends are welcome to join! If you have questions or are interested in being notified of future meetings, please contact Jo Ann French (jfrench.galilee@gmail.com).



WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Scripture Lessons

December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4

My messenger is a refiner and purifier

Luke 1:68-79

*In the tender compassion of our
God the dawn from on high shall
break upon us.*

Philippians 1:3-11

*A harvest of righteousness on the
day of Jesus Christ*

Luke 3:1-6

Prepare the way of the Lord

December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Rejoice, the Lord is in your midst

Isaiah 12:2-6

*In your midst is the Holy One of
Israel.*

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice, the Lord is near

Luke 3:7-18

*One more powerful is coming,
baptizing with fire*

December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a

From Bethlehem comes a ruler

Luke 1:46b-55

You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly

Hebrews 10:5-10

I have come to do your will

Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

*Blessed are you among women/My
soul magnifies the Lord*

December 26

First Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

*The boy Samuel grew in favor with
the Lord and the people*

Psalms 148

*The splendor of the Lord is over
earth and heaven.*

Colossians 3:12-17

*Clothe yourselves in love; let the
peace of Christ rule your hearts*

Luke 2:41-52

*The boy Jesus increased in wisdom,
and in divine and human favor*

Prayer Requests

Ruth Altendorfer

Ann Baumgart

Janis Behrens (Ron Peterson's sister)
Family & friends of Arlene Bierbaum
(Teresa Shore's mother)

Family & friends of Cynthia Dobrinski
Roger Ettel

Chris Fiegel (friend of LouWanna)

Kitty Fisch

Jeff Grunewald

Debbie Haslach-Brown (Ardis'
daughter)

Kathy Juneau

Family of Velma J. Lenair (Paula
Janice Taylor)

Madeline (Karen Murphy's neice)

Florence Matadi

Ellie Nagel

Marlene Reding

Jim Scholen

Scott Solberg

Barb Strenge

Family & friends of Julia Standifer
(Paula Janice Taylor)

Vinnie (friend of Donis Colvin)

Family of Daniel WhiteEagle (Leesa
Matthews co-worker)

MN Faith Chinese Lutheran Church

St Paul Friends Nepali Church

Uhominyi Lutheran church

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
- 23 Natalya Edson
- 28 Bob Schmidt
- 28 Leesa Matthews



December Lectors

- Dec. 5 Steve Bartz
- Dec. 12 Pete Solberg
- Dec. 19 Joan Jarombek
- Dec. 24 Leesa Matthews
- Dec. 26 Lori O'Keefe



December Flowers

- Dec. 5 Caroline Herman
- Dec. 12
- Dec. 19
- Dec. 24 Leesa Matthews
- Dec. 26

DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 2p Bible Study 6p Bell Choir 7p Confirmation	2	3 12p Language Table (by appt)	4 6a Chinese Prayer 9:45a Ham Radio Group 11a Kalpulli Tlaloctecuiltli
5 9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Worship 11-12p Sunday School 1p Nepali Friends Church 	6	7 9:30a Donut Group 4p Walk by Faith, Not by Sight 7p Worship & Music	8 1p Villa Park Devotions 2p Bible Study 6p Bell Choir 7p Confirmation	9 8a TSE Training 6:30p Council Mtg at Pastor's home 6:30p SP Clown Club	10 12p Language Table (by appt)	11 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Kalpulli Tlaloctecuiltli
12 9:30a Worship 11-12p Sunday School 1p Nepali Friends Church 	13 8a TSE Training 7p Outreach Zoom	14 9:30a Donut Group 1p Young at Heart 4p Walk by Faith, Not by Sight	15 VOICE Articles Due 11a Blood Drive 2p Bible Study (S) 6p Bell Choir 7p Confirmation	16 9-1p Office Hours 11a Galiladies	17 12p Language Table (by appt)	18 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Kalpulli Tlaloctecuiltli
19 9:30a Worship 11-12p Sunday School 1p Nepali Friends Church 	20	21 9:30a Donut Group 4p Walk by Faith, Not by Sight	22 2p Bible Study	23	 4p CHRISTMAS EVE Worship	 MERRY Christmas 25
26 9:30a Worship 1p Nepali Friends Church	27	28 9:30a Donut Group 4p Walk by Faith, Not by Sight 6:30p Alley 19 Grp	29 2p Bible Study	30 Office Closed	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	

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

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DECEMBER 2021

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30 A.M.

OFFICE HOURS:

Thursdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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

2021 Congregational Council

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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 19th 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.

While we do not have a Christmas Day service, we know that nearby churches would welcome you:



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.