

# THE VOICE OF GALILEE



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**MARCH 2026**

## OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

March is always such an odd month for me.... the start of spring and the reminder that new life is coming after the cold, dreary months of winter. But March means something else, something more somber and less cheery: Lent. No matter when Easter falls (April 5th this year), March will always encompass at least some part of Lent. Lent is a winter season of no sun in the sky, scraping your windshield, road spray collecting on your car, and dark by 6:00pm. I like to give Lent a hard time, but it's one of the most important times in the church year. Lent promotes something that we have all but forgotten in our world today. During Lent, we are encouraged to look at ourselves and see our brokenness, to admit that we're not perfect and that we need help.

Who's got time to look in the mirror at our humanity when there's so much that needs to be done? If I stop and acknowledge that I'm not the person my dog thinks I am, then I may have to admit that I need to make some changes. And who wants to change? It's easier just staying the same. And, besides, we know Easter is coming, and the risen Jesus will make everything OK, so why worry about it? Sometimes, in our relationship with God, we forget which one of us is divine. We get so wrapped up in our own lives that we can't see the places where we are cracked. Because we're not so bad as others, we think that we don't need saving. And yet, Jesus didn't come to earth as a savior for the bad folks; he came as a savior for us all, because ALL of us need saving. But we can't claim that truth if we don't walk the journey of Lent. That journey started with Ash Wednesday, when we were reminded of our humanity and the finiteness of our existence.

We start Lent at that place, because it's only from our lowest that God can lift us up. What good is God's grace to us if we're not on our knees? We are broken, and the sooner we admit it, the sooner God can start to work transformation within us. The Lenten journey will continue each week leading up to Easter.

We are doing our best to shine Christ's light into the darkness of this world. I hope you'll take the time and effort to join us on the Lenten journey this year. Whatever is broken in your life, remember Christ is the balm of Gilead, sent to earth to heal our sin-sick souls.

Peace and Blessings, now and always.

Humbly Yours In Christ,  
Pastor Belzer

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# AROUND OUR CHURCH

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## GALILADIES

February GaliLadies met on Friday instead of Thursday due to a snow storm. We only had six there. Some gals were snowed in and some had other plans.

We talked a lot about our upcoming months. We have some fun things planned for the group.

Next month we will work on Easter cards and our food subject is Irish in honor of St Patrick's Day.

Come join a fun group.



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## BELLS OF GALILEE

The Bells of Galilee will be participating again in Bellfest, a one-day bell festival that's being held at North Heights Lutheran Church, 1700 West Hwy. 96 in Arden Hills, MN, on Saturday, March 7. There is a free will concert scheduled for 3:00 pm that day that you are invited to attend. You'll be able to hear all of the music that we've prepared. And we'd love to see your familiar faces in the audience. Please come and bring a friend or two with you!.



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## EASTER VICTORY GARDEN

You are invited to purchase a lily to display in Galilee's Victory Garden on Easter Sunday. Please complete the order form below, clip out, and place in the offering plate, give to Barb Strenge or Sharell Babin, or mail to Galilee Lutheran Church by Sunday, March 22nd.

The cost is \$14 for each plant ordered, and may be paid by cash or check. Please make checks payable to: Galilee Altar Guild. The plant(s) may be given in memory of your loved ones or in honor of someone living.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Proceeds benefit the Galilee Altar Guild. Thank you!



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### 2026 INSTALLATION OF GALILEE COUNCIL

Joyce Solberg-President, CarolAnn Hart-Vice President, Ron Peterson - Secretary,  
Miriam Peterson- Financial Secretary, Barb Streng - Treasurer,  
Elen Swenson, Larry Biermeier, Joan Jarombek, Darla Nelson

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## ANNUAL EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY APRIL 5TH 7:30AM TO 9:00AM

Join us for fellowship and food, prior to our 9:30am Easter worship service.  
Bring friends.....extended family.....neighbors.  
On the menu will be: pancakes, sausage, hard boiled eggs, juice and coffee.  
Cost: \$5/person (children under 5 years old eat free!)

**All money collected will go towards our Property Team fundraiser to help whittle down our to-do list for 2026. Please see Property Team article below for more information.**

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## PROPERTY TEAM MEETING

Property Team had their first meeting of the year on Thursday February 5th. Since we did not meet in December or January, we had many items to talk about. Present at the meeting were Jim Zrust, Terry O'Keefe, Abe Watson, Steve Groebner, CarolAnn Hart, Darla Nelson & Pastor Belzer. Per usual we had a fun lively meeting with Jim starting us out with a joke.

We discussed the following: Front double doors - leaking air and hardware changes;  
Replace downstairs nursery room carpet; Put in new kitchen light fixture; Stock up on batteries;  
New Christmas tree for sanctuary; Parking lot estimate for asphalt and striping;  
Replace some ceiling tiles in Paul Swenson's/Pastor Tsen's office;  
Fellowship Hall closet ceiling needs re-painting, floor needs cleaning and painting  
(due to water stains from our former leaking roof); Old sanctuary chairs need to be disposed;  
Door knob to a downstairs inner doors is very loose;  
Possibly get a package delivery box at entry way so USPS, FedEx and UPS can leave our packages  
and they will be safe from the elements.

Next Property Team meeting: Thursday, March 5th 6pm

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## YOUNG AT HEART



This month we are springing forward and our meeting dates will be March 17th (Saint Patrick's Day) and March 31st (the 3rd and 5th Tuesdays) at 12:15pm for a potluck luncheon in the Galilee library. **Note the change in dates for this month.**



We are a friendly bunch who enjoys getting together and ***we would love to have more people join us whenever you are able.*** If you have any questions, please call Karen Groebner at 651-488-9074 or Sharell Babin at 651-746-9074.

We hope to see you on March 17th & 31st.



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## GALILEE FOOD DRIVE

Galilee Outreach will be holding a food drive for the month of March, in conjunction with MN FoodShare. All donations (monetary or food) will be going to Keystone Food Shelves, which is located on University Avenue West in St. Paul, and the Department of Indian Work (part of Interfaith Action) located on Centerville Road in Little Canada.

By donating money, your dollar will stretch even further. You can donate by check or cash. Please make checks payable to: Galilee Lutheran Church and in the memo line, write "MN FoodShare". Place your checks or cash into your offering envelope or use the MN FoodShare envelopes located by the poster in narthex. Place envelopes in the offering collection plate.

If you would like to donate food or personal items, please put them in the wagon located in the narthex. Below is a list of the most requested items.

We will be collecting during the entire month of March. Many companies will give additional support to our financial donations.

Thank you from the Outreach Team

### Donation items:

**Any type of nuts, cereals, crackers, sugar, jelly, beverages (like Gatorade), juice, sparkling water, Hamburger Helper, skillet meals, canned goods (ravioli, Spaghetios, chili).**

**Hygiene products: toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash, paper towels, laundry detergent, and dish soap.**

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## Prayer Requests\*

James Hart  
Sanny Anderson  
Adrian Davis  
Nijah Davis  
Dave Macklin  
Nancy Seefert-Tomczyk  
Nick Tomczyk  
Ron Jarombek  
Ron Peterson  
Mary Lanoux  
Bill Zrust  
Randall Strand  
Darla Nelson  
Larry Biermeier  
Janis Behrens  
Shawn Altendorfer  
Family & Friends of Bill Friberg  
Family & Friends of Vangie Schroeder  
Family & Friends of Bonnie Fuller  
Family & Friends of Elaine Blade



### Care Center/Homebound:

Justina Blatterman  
Kitty Fisch  
Edith Londroche  
David Shores

### Missions/Ministry:

Rice Street Gardens  
MN Faith Chinese Lutheran Church  
Balali & Uhominyi in Iringa, Tanzania

**\*We will keep those in need of prayer on our list for two months. If we take someone off after two months and they need to stay on, please let the office know 651-488-6769.**



Continuing throughout the Lenten season, Galilee will gather on Wednesday at 5pm for Lenten worship followed by fellowship, with soup and bread being served at 5:30pm

If you would like to bring soup and/or bread, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

## "MY VERY OWN BED" DONATIONS

Galilee Outreach is happy to report that we gave a total of 24 sets of sheets, 12 blankets and 19 stuffed animals. Thank you Galilee!

A BIG Thank You to Joan Jarombek who delivered our donations.

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY BEGINNINGS

You're probably not surprised to learn that St. Patrick's Day hasn't always been a raucous affair, celebrated with huge parades and green beer. As the feast day of Saint Patrick, it was and still is a holy day in Christianity. The day was [first established in 1631](#) as a modest religious holiday, and honoring Ireland's patron saint. Because it fell right in the middle of Lent, people began using it as a reason to celebrate and take a break from the restraints and abstinence of the period leading up to Easter. However, it didn't actually become a public holiday in Ireland [until 1904](#)!

# WORSHIP & EDUCATION

## Scripture Readings

### MARCH 1

2nd Sunday in Lent  
Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17

### MARCH 8

3rd Sunday in Lent  
Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

### MARCH 15

4th Sunday in Lent  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

### MARCH 22

5th Sunday in Lent  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

### MARCH 29

Palm Sunday  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 26:14-27:66

## Adult Forums & Events

*Lenten Worship 5:00pm*  
*Soup Supper 5:30pm*  
*Wednesdays:*  
*March 4; March 11;*  
*March 18; March 25*

*Sunday, March 29*  
*Palm Sunday Worship*

## March Communion

Mar 1 Joan Jarombek  
Mar 8 AM - Lori  
Mar 15 Joyce Solberg  
Mar 22 AM - Barb  
Mar 29 Ron Peterson

## March Lectors

Mar 1 CarolAnn Hart  
Mar 8 Caroline Herman  
Mar 15 Jackie Nerud  
Mar 22 Peter Solberg  
Mar 29 Abe Watson

## March Ushers

Mar 1 O'Keefe's  
Mar 8 Groebner's  
Mar 15 Peterson's  
Mar 22 Solberg's  
Mar 29 Peterson's



## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is at 11 am and meets in the church library. Currently they are studying the Gospel of Matthew.

## Need A Ride?

Would you appreciate rides to worship, appointments, errands, etc? A few Galilee members have signed up as willing drivers - Thank You!! So now it's your turn. There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex table. Please reach out - we are all God's children who are here for each other.

If you prefer, email the office and we will add you to the list: [office.galilee@gmail.com](mailto:office.galilee@gmail.com)



## March Birthdays

Ellen Shores Tran	3/02
Tyler Nerud	3/04
Ron Jarombek	3/05
Elaine Mundt	3/09
Sandra Altendorfer	3/13
Kyle O'Keefe	3/13
Paula Janice Taylor	3/15
Andy Nerud	3/20
Teri McDonald	3/26
Marlene Reding	3/26



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a MFCLC Worship</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10a Donut Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11a Bible Study 5p Lenten Service and supper 6p Bell Choir</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>6p Musikmeisters 6p Property team mtg</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9a Ham Radio group 9a-3p Council Retreat</p> <p>"Before bed, clocks ahead" (DST begins)</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir 11a MFCLC Worship 11a Adult Forum</p> <p><b>Daylight Savings Time</b></p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10a Friberg funeral 7p Worship/Music</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11a Bible Study 1p Villa Park 5p Lenten Service and supper 6p Bell Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30p Council mtg</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a MFCLC Worship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>St Patrick's Day</i> 10a Donut Group 12:15p YAH</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>11a Bible Study 5p Lenten Service and supper 6p Bell choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12p GaliLadies 6p Musikmeisters</p>	<p>20</p> <p>SPRING EQUINOX</p> 	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir 11a MFCLC worship 11a Adult Forum</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10a Donut Group</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11a Bible Study 5p Lenten Service and supper 6p Bell choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6p Musikmeisters</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p><i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a MFCLC Worship</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10a Donut Group 12:15p YAH</p>				

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

**OFFICE HOURS: M, W, F 9AM-1PM**

## MARCH 2026

### 2026 Congregational Council

Joyce Solberg, President  
CarolAnn Hart, Vice President  
Ron Peterson, Secretary  
Joan Jarombek  
Elen Swenson  
Larry Biermeier  
Darla Nelson  
Barb Strenge, Treasurer  
Miriam Peterson, Financial Secretary

### Staff

**Pastor:** Jacqueline Belzer - 612.703.4752  
belzer61@gmail.com

**Administrative Assistants:** Sue Malenick  
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**Music Director:** Paul Swenson cell 651-206-6634

**Organists:** Raymond Nottidge & Tim Rand

**Bells of Galilee:** Cynthia Erickson  
cynthia.erickson@minnmicro.com

### 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.

VOICE articles must be received by the **15th of each month**. To submit articles for publication in the VOICE or to receive the VOICE newsletter by e-mail, please contact the church office at:  
office.galilee@gmail.com.

Reminder:  
Galilee is a fragrance-free church. Some people have an allergy to fragrance which affect their health. Thank you.



**DON'T FORGET ON  
MARCH 8TH WE  
"SPRING FORWARD" FOR  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!**