



Ringling the Church Bell for Covid-19 Victims

Dear People of Galilee,

On Tuesday, January 19, I walked out onto the pavement, from the front of the church, and rang a bell about a hundred times in honor and memory of the 400,000 people who have died from Covid-19 in this country in just one year. This is an incredibly high number of beloved human beings who have perished from this virus. I had no idea when I wrote the cover of the March 2020 VOICE newsletter (just after the pandemic hit) that now, eleven months later, I would be writing such a tragic truth about how devastating this disease has been and continues to be on our lives. There was something cathartic or therapeutic about ringing that shrill, loud bell over and over outside in the cold air. It sounded like a bird crying, or a siren, or a wailing, or a piercing alarm announcing that this is getting to be too much for us to take. I crave to be together with a swath of people gathered around some central nucleus, like a bell, or like the gospel, or like the voice of our savior.

Galilee turned 60 years old last year, and we had imagined a celebration. We even talked of digging up the "time capsule" buried in the church grounds. But instead we are staying far away from each other as a precaution to not risk infecting each other, and causing further deaths and further suffering. We are staying home, and essential workers among us are heroically keeping us alive, keeping us fed, keeping the busses running, keeping our children's attention learning, and keeping at least the skeleton of our society's infrastructure running.

Since Galilee's beginning, the bell calling, clanging, ringing, interrupting our minds and hearts to REMIND us and CALL US INTO ACTION to reach out in love to each other in any way we can safely to make sure everyone around us knows that God loves them unconditionally. It is not time to be stingy with the Gospel. It is time like never before to share the LOVE of Jesus Christ with everyone you can, whether you know them or not. It is time to reach out in creative ways with the message that Christ is for us.

In Peace, Pastor Dana K. Nelson

**Blessed are those who
mourn, for they shall
be comforted.**

Matthew 5:4



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Young at Heart

Steve and Karen are enjoying their snowless (snowbird) climate with an occasional golf game, bocce ball, shuffleboard, or a walk in the fresh air. Not as many people around this winter, due to the pandemic.

Jim Zrust and Mary Lanoux enjoyed the holiday in Lindstrom with Teri and Chad. Jim enjoys reading, and also playing games on his phone—which helps while away the days.

Kathy Juneau sounded in good spirits, resides with her daughter Jennifer, and said she enjoyed the holidays.

Eldre hopes to get more volunteers in the Quilt making group. Please contact Eldre if you would like to become involved.

Barb Bartok enjoys not having to shovel a driveway and sidewalk this winter. She also is happy to report having two new great grandchildren this winter.

Joe Juneau says it's been eight weeks since playing table tennis. Joe took a couple of lessons with the Minnesota Table Tennis Association Club this winter, and was anxious to get back to the Y three times a week as they began again the end of January.

Sharell has been challenged with her laptop, and worked to learn Zoom in time for the annual meeting.

Looking forward to Minnesota getting enough vaccine and everyone getting their shots so we can all put the pandemic behind us and once again socialize at Galilee. We miss seeing each other, and wish good health to all. Mask up, safe distance, and stay well.



Worship at Galilee During COVID

Continuing in January, the service will be available at 9:30 am, Sunday in four ways:

1. On the Galilee **Facebook** page. [Click here](#). You do need to be a Facebook member and be a Galilee "friend" to see this. The video will remain on the Facebook site for a while, so you don't need watch at exactly 9:30 am.
2. On **YouTube**. Pastor Dana will send the direct link to the YouTube video on Saturday or Sunday, so if you would like to be on that email list to receive the YouTube link, let her know. Here again, the video will be available long after Sunday morning.
3. For those who have internet, the best way to feel part of the Galilee worship will be to connect on this **Zoom** link: [Click Here](#). This link should work for all Sunday Galilee worships for the 9:30 am service all through the winter. While the official service will begin at 9:30 Sunday, the meeting will open 20 minutes earlier and will stay open 20 minutes after the service, so that we can all see our friends and say a few words to one another. New people are welcome too! If you haven't previously used Zoom, clicking the above link will first ask you to join the free service.
4. **For those with no internet** connection, we will allow a limited number of people to come to watch the service video on the large screen in the Galilee sanctuary on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. People will be well separated and will be expected to wear masks. The number will be limited to only ten. Understand that this will not be a "live" service. It will be a viewing of the zoom gathering and service on the screen. Those who wish to attend and have no internet, should call Anne or Pastor at the Galilee phone number and sign up to attend, 651-488-6769.

Blood Drive

From Ashley, our Red Cross contact, "Another wonderful drive yesterday! Thank you so much for the help! We got a whopping 35 units collected with six donors donating for the first time, that's 105 LIVES SAVED! All wonderful news and a great way to kick off the New Year. If there's any feedback, as always, let me know.

Thank you, thank you, thank you again for all of your help as always! You really help us make a huge difference with each and every drive. Happy New Year!"

BLOOD DRIVE #11!

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](#)

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!

Red Cross Blood Drive



Galilee Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

Sign up here:

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

Every 2 seconds,
someone needs blood

Wednesday, February 17 & March 3

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A New Year's Prayer *by Charlotte Auselma*

Thank you Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.

Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.

The year ahead is empty
Help me fill it with good things

Each new day filled with joy
And the happiness it brings.

Please give the leaders of our world
A courage born of peace
That they might lead us gently
And all the fighting cease.

Please give to all upon this earth
A heart that's filled with love
A gentle happy way to live
With Your blessings from above...

Quarantine in Community: Lent 2021

Galilee Lutheran Church | Lutheran Church of the Resurrection | Prince of Peace Lutheran Church | St. Michael's Lutheran Church | St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

2/24 Live Among God's Faithful People

3/3 Hear the Word of God & Share in the Holy Supper

3/10 Proclaim the Good News of Christ Through Word and Deed

3/17 Serve all People Following the Example of Jesus

3/24 Strive for Justice and Peace in All the Earth

American-South Sudanese Citizen Returns Home As Missionary To Reconstruct The War Affected Nation

By Ariik Atekdit

A South Sudanese who fled to America as a refugee due to the war of the 1990s has returned to South Sudan as a missionary with many church sponsored developmental projects to help rebuild the nation. Mawien has concluded his service as our global missionary, and has retired and will be living with his family in Nairobi, Kenya.

Lutheran Church Priest, Mawien Kuol Ariik has started building a modern hospital, an education institute and church premises at the suburb, North of Juba City at Hai Referendum Area, a place that is particularly populated nevertheless with insufficient educational and health services.

Pastor Mawien commonly called 'Abuna' by those who know him said members of his church congregation in America decided to send him to South Sudan as head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Africa Mission in South Sudan.

"I am a missionary sent by Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). I have been sent to South Sudan from USA since 2012 to start a Church mission in this country. I have been here for a couple of years waiting to see this project operational," Abuna Mawien said.

Abuna Mawien, said that his mission to ensure that those vulnerable are assisted.

"I am hopeful that I will get faithfuls to join me but I must provide services. Our mission in our church is to help humanity not only through Bible teachings as others may think. The faithful must be made educated and healthy as well."

With help from individuals, American based Lutheran Church and others; Abuna Mawien is now expecting an approximated US\$ 2.5 million to construct a Church that can host 500 congregants and a community centre: with a standard hospital and education institute both to be 4-storey high in a piece of land of about 3000m² area at Hai Referendum .

He said with 13 other Lutheran Church congregations in Upper Nile and another one in Lou Ariik (Alabek village) in Tonj State, Juba's Lutheran Centre will work as a base of all branches in South Sudan.

The hospital according to him will have specialists to attend to women birth related cases and pediatric.

South Sudan has an astonishingly high maternal mortality rate of 2,054 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births.

Many deaths are not reported, in South Sudan because 90 percent of women give birth away from formal medical facilities and without the help of professionally trained assistants according to reports.

"In the beginning we wanted to make a clinic but later on my mission in America has instructed me that they are intending to make a Hospital. Qualified medical doctors with effective remedial facilities will hopefully run the facility if completed to help women and children," said Abuna.

For Education Institute he said, "We want to bring in ESL courses (English as Second Language) with advanced courses. Most of the adults in this country have lack of the English Language and they must be



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trained with proficient English. My director is also taking pity on the children and so we shall also have elementary education system and secondary school."

Abuna promised not to fish away members of other churches to Lutheran but hopeful that new ones can still join and others will get satisfied with their teaching to join.

"We are not going to fish from other people's boats. We will fish directly from the river. Meaning we can make faithfuls on our own. When the church is complete, I will continue to beat the drum and the bell and they will one day come to hear our teachings."

He said it is very difficult to convince elders to believe and get baptized but youngsters are registering in his church in the village now making a Lutheran congregation.

"Lutheran Church Africa Mission in South Sudan will do all that it can to help the suffering population in South Sudan. This means that we get a person lying down sick we should not need to pray but we must bring them to the hospital for treatment before teaching him/her the Bible. Not every sickness is caused by a demon as many other churches assume," he said.

He said preaching peace and counseling in South Sudan can reduce the trauma that has been caused by the previous and the current war in the nation.

"Psychologically most of our people are sick because of many bad things they have seen. My masters in America told me that when you go to South Sudan everybody will claim to be right whether being politicians, laymen, parents and children and this is exactly the case. Nobody would want to apologize for a mistake. It is brought about by war trauma we very much need to do something there."



Ariik giving communion to Galilleans on one of his visits

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



GALILEE'S FINANCIAL UPDATE by Miriam Peterson

Please see the annual report for the update of the 2020 finances. We have now received 36 pledges for over \$109,000. You should have received your end of year statement during the first week of January. If there are any questions, please notify me. Also if you do not yet have your 2021 offering envelopes, I can deliver them to you or you can pick them up when you are picking up communion cups.

WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Scripture Lessons

February 7

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31

The creator of all cares for the powerless

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

The Lord heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A servant for the sake of the gospel

Mark 1:29-39

The healing of Peter's mother-in-law

February 14

Transfiguration of Our Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12

Elijah taken up to heaven and succeeded by Elisha

Psalms 50:1-6

Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

God's light seen clearly in the face of Christ

Mark 9:2-9

Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son

February 21

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17

The rainbow, sign of God's covenant

Psalms 25:1-10

Your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)

1 Peter 3:18-22

Saved through water

Mark 1:9-15

The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days

February 28

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

God blesses Abraham and Sarah

Psalms 22:23-31

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

Romans 4:13-25

The promise to those who share Abraham's faith

Mark 8:31-38

The passion prediction

Prayer Requests

Family & friends of Alison Annen

(Darla's cousin)

Lori Balbec (Eldre's sister)

Albert Cifuentes (friend of the

Watsons)

Mike Elsted (uncle of Steve Bartz)

Family & friends of Marlys Hartmann

(Ruth's mom)

Lindsey Huebsch-Babin

Jenifer Grayson (friend of Galilee)

Kitty Fisch

All suffering with COVID and the effects of COVID

Alexander Johnson (pastor Dana's cousin)

Family & friends of Barbara Ann

Johnson (Schmidt family)

Doug Johnson

Tom Johnson (Eldre's brother)

Terry O'Keefe (I want to call him to check on him first Anne)

Pastor Howard Rand (Tim's Dad)

Family & friends of Rosie (Gloria Johnson's sister)

Anne Rykken

Jim Scholen (Joyce's husband)

Kaia Westegaard (Eldre's daughter)

February Birthdays

7 Miriam Peterson

8 Jackson Albert Bergman

11 Michael Osterman

16 Nuwoe Davis

16 Teresa Shores

18 Joan Jarombek

18 Anne Rykken

19 Mike Bergman

22 Judy Hogan

28 Taylor Altendorfer



Sunday Flowers

Date to bring flowers

is one or two days before

each of these dates. Contact

the Church Office if you can bring flowers once or twice in 2021!



Feb. 7

Feb. 14 Lyle Sorum, in memory of his parents, sister & brother

Feb. 21 Sandy Altendorfer (for birthday of Taylor)

Feb. 28 Mary Lanoux, in celebration of daughter Beth's birthday

Quarantine in Community: Lent 2021

Join us Wednesdays at 7pm.

A welcome,
Holden Evening Prayer,
Scripture
and a message (based on each Wednesday's theme)
and a Zoom fellowship,
with all five churches in Roseville participating.

Watch your email for weekly
Zoom Link!

FEBRUARY 2021

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| | 1 | 2 4p Walk by Faith, Not by Sight" Har Mar Mall 7p Worship & Music Zoom Mtg | 3 2p Happy Place: bring your Bible" Zoom Gathering 6pm 12 Step Group (Zoom) | 4 | 5 | 6 9:30a Record Worship 9:45a Ham Radio Group |
| 7 9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Online Worship | 8 1p Quilting Group 7p Outreach Mtg (Zoom) | 9 4p Walk by Faith, Not by Sight" Har Mar Mall | 10 2p Happy Place: bring your Bible" Zoom Gathering 6pm 12 Step Group (Zoom) | 11 6:30p Zoom Council Mtg | 12 | 13 9:30a Record Worship 11a Kalpulli Tlaloctecutli - cancelled Conference Assemblies of the Synod |
| 14 Valentine's Day 9:30a Online Worship | 15 | 16 4p Walk by Faith, Not by Sight" Har Mar Mall | 17 ASH WEDNESDAY 11-5p Blood Drive 2p Happy Place: bring your Bible" Zoom Gathering 6pm 12 Step Group (Zoom) | 18 | 19 VOICE Articles Due | 20 9:30a Record Worship 11a Kalpulli Tlaloctecutli - cancelled |
| 21 9:30a Online Worship | 22 1p Quilting Group | 23 4p Walk by Faith, Not by Sight" Har Mar Mall | 24 7p Lenten Service 2p Happy Place: bring your Bible" Zoom Gathering 6pm 12 Step Group (Zoom) | 25 | 26 | 27 9:30a Record Worship |
| 28 9:30a Online Worship | | | | | Communion & Ashes Pick-up Ash Wednesday, February 17. Galilee Parking Lot. | |

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

GALILEE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2021

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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.

WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT 2 Corinthians 5:7

Tuesdays, 4pm



Har Mar Mall by B&N Inside Entrance

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.