

THE VOICE OF



DECEMBER 2018

CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR

Dear People of Galilee,

Joy to the world! We celebrate the birth of the Savior of the world! We especially look forward to "Lessons and Carols" Sunday December 16, when both of our choirs and all children and youth will sing out, ring out and dramatize the good news of Christmas. That is, of God coming to us as one of us, to save us from ourselves, and to bring us hope for tomorrow. Christmas Eve worship will be at 4 p.m. Come! Be together with your church family to sing Christmas carols to the glow of candlelight. Come to feel and share and know the peace of God.

Now I want to share with you some excerpts of writing from one of our sisters at Galilee Lutheran Church.

Like a patchwork quilt, we as a church come together and are bound together.

Like family, what brings us together and what holds us together is stories.

At Galilee Lutheran Church, we come together to hear the familiar stories.

Stories that go back thousands of years, but are so familiar to us that a single phrase can bring them all back.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth

Let my people go.

It rained for 40 days and 40 nights.

In those days there were shepherds out in the field keeping watch over their flocks by night and an angel of the Lord appeared to them.

Forgive them Father for they know not what they do.

We come together to share experiences... and to provide support for each other both in the joyful and in the difficult times.

This congregation means enough to me that I give it some of my time.

This church is important enough to me that I give it some of my talent.

This faith is meaningful enough to me that I give it part of my money.

I hope it is for you too.

(Barb Strenge, 2018)

Thank you for these inspired words! Thank you People of Galilee for sharing your manifold gifts. Merry Christmas, everyone!

~Pastor, Dana Nelson

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AROUND OUR CHURCH

Young at Heart

Young at Heart meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from noon until 3:00 p.m. (more or less). However, with Christmas this month, we will only meet once, on Tuesday, December 11.

We invite all adults to socialize, eat, and play games with us. A potluck luncheon takes place at noon; all who attend contribute to the meal. We are a small group who would love to have you join our social group. The more, the merrier! Questions? Call Karen at 651-488-9074.

In December, we bring a \$5 generic gift (wrapped) to the meeting and have a gift exchange at the end of our time together.



Stewardship Update

As of November 11, we have received 30 pledges for a total of \$107,652. Last year we had 35 pledges totaling \$115,532. We expect that total expense for 2019 will be close to \$170,000 so you can see that there is a long way to go between what we have received in pledges and what our expenses will be.

If you have not submitted your pledge please consider sending one in today. There is a form in the newsletter that can be completed and returned to the church.

Your pledge provides the foundation of the work and ministry at Galilee. We invite you to be part of that support.

Baptism?

Attention Members! Do you or a loved one have a little angel looking to be baptized? Don't have a baptismal outfit? Anonymously donated, Galilee has two brand new boy outfits on hand to be used on their special day! Contact Pastor Dana for more Info!



Election Day

Our voting coordinator for Galilee, Sharell Babin. Thanks for a great job done, covering the entire day and evening.



Church Cleanup Day

Volunteers who showed up, even though we were greeted with a slight snow flurry early on, included: Pete Solberg, Steve and Karen Groebner, Barb Strenge, Miriam Peterson, Joe Juneau, Jim Zrust, Abe Watson, Ailian Ding, Weibao Wu, Duane Haukebo, Helen Lin, Shen Lin, Lily Duan, Dana Nelson, and Sharell Babin. A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who gave of their time and talent to clean the grounds, and the church on October 20.

Seeing the Face of God in Each Other

Our Covenant with Minnesota Faith Chinese enters its seventh year! A few photos from our 2018 Joint Reformation Worship



AROUND OUR CHURCH

Neighboring Christmas Day Worship Services

Since Galilee does not have a Christmas Day Worship Service, we have provided a short list of nearby worship services. All three of these churches have services at 10 a.m.

Roseville Lutheran Church

1215 Roselawn Ave W, Roseville, MN, 651-487-7752

Como Park Lutheran Church

1376 Hoyt Ave W, St. Paul, MN, 651-646-7127

St Timothy Lutheran Church

1465 N. Victoria St., St. Paul, MN, 651-489-0336

Sunday School Globe Offering Update

Dear Friends,

On this day of thanksgiving in America, I send out greetings of love from here in Timor Leste for the support, care and love each of YOU have shared with me, Tom, Hannah and Simon over the past two+ years. Today, Tom and I made a commitment together that for the rest of our time here in Timor, however much longer it is, we are going to do all we can for those we are with who are suffering most. For 23 year old Jilberto with a chronic painful tropical ulcer which interrupts his ability to work, have fun, or sleep peacefully; For Jacinto, an old man living by himself with an umbrella as the best protection against the rain; these and others we lift up. And also, for Leyla, who will be going to midwifery school in Dili in January, and who has received an opportunity to lift herself and her family out of poverty in the years to come, we lift her up as a sign of hope. This week, she passed her entrance exam and blood tests, and so she is good to go!

We four are reminded daily of the many many many things we have to be thankful for. Timor also helps us know how much we need our friends and family.

Thank you for being part of our circle, for your love, and your prayers. Happy Holidays to you all.

Love, Doctor Monica
Clinic Immanuel, Lospalos



Lutheran Social Service Metro Homeless Youth - Wish List Christmas Project

We ask that all items donated be new. Keep in mind, if a teenager you know would not use an item, these youth will not likely use it either.

Cleaning Supplies

- Bags: garbage can, kitchen, bathroom sizes
- Aluminum Foil, Saran Wrap and Baggies
- Paper towels, toilet paper and tissues
- Household cleaners: non-toxic and natural please
- Broom, dustpan, bucket, sponges, and mop
- Laundry detergent: pod and pac style

Person Hygiene

- NO SHAMPOO OR CONDITIONER
- Body, hand and face soap-wash
- Body and face Lotion [ie Cocoa Butter]
- Toothbrushes - toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Razors - shaving Cream
- Tampons - pads
- Cold medicine: Ibuprofen, allergy, etc
- 1st Aid kits: Band aids, antibiotic ointment
- Black hair care product, hairspray, hair grease - gel
- Hair brushes, boar bristle, combs, hair binders & clips

Baby Items

- Diapers; sizes newborn to 4 years old
- Infant formula
- Bottles and sippy cups
- Infant hygiene supplies; baby wash, lotion

Basic Clothing

- Wool socks for both young men and women
- Warm winter wear: hats, gloves, scarves, long underwear, & hoodies
- Flip-flops
- Batteries [all sizes]
- Towels [all kinds]
- Alarm clock

If you would rather give money or don't have time to shop, we again this year have a personal shopper who can shop for you. Give cash to one of the Outreach members or make check out to Galilee Outreach.

Collection drive from Nov 18, to Dec. 16, 2018

YOUTH AROUND OUR CHURCH

Youth Skating Party!

It's that time again, young people! It's time for Skating at the Roseville Oval! Did you know that right here in Roseville we have the largest refrigerated ice skating center in the entire United States and Canada? Let's go check it out. December 2, Sunday, we will eat hotdogs at Galilee after Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum, and then head straight to the Oval to lace up our skates! This event is especially for our YOUTH GROUP, but younger siblings are welcome, and any adults who want to come along and get to know our Galilee Youth, please join us! The cost is \$10 total unless you have your own skates. (Then the cost is \$6). Open Skating is from noon until 2 p.m. Kids going without your parents, please bring Pastor Dana a permission slip signed by your parents or guardians. (Permission Slips for ice skating are in the Kiosk!)



STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

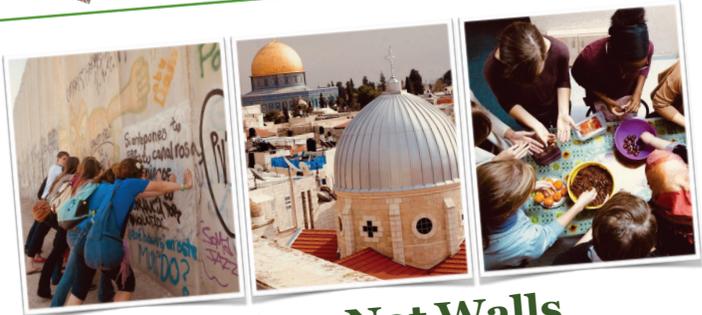
Science & Theology in Action
June 23-28, 2019 at Augsburg College

Scholars at this year's AYTI (AYTI is a summer program for young people in high school (9th-12th grades) will develop leadership skills and put creation care theology and science knowledge into action. The world and neighborhoods we live in are series of complicated yet beautiful systems and networks. Therefore, we'll practice thinking in systems--both ecologically and vocationally within spheres of community, home, congregation, and school. We will use faith-based environmental STEM curriculum to practice problem-finding and problem-solving and then apply STEM to greening our churches, homes, and communities. With the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood as our classroom, we will name our strengths and explore how our gifts and talents meet the needs of the world.



AYTI has been called "a year of spiritual growth concentrated into one faith-filled week."

Galilee youth, you are invited and encouraged to participate in this week next summer. Talk to Pastor Dana to get more information.



Bridges Not Walls Holy Land Youth Delegation

July 2019
Incoming High School Sophomores - Graduating Seniors

Join us on an alternative pilgrimage of peace and justice in the Holy Land.

Visit key sites in and around Jerusalem (including Bethlehem and Nazareth). Deepen faith and develop peace-building, leadership and advocacy skills while building relationships with local Palestinians and Israelis, including active youth and young adults of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), and others engaged in the pursuit of peace and justice in the Holy Land.

Approximately \$1500 (lodging, meals, transportation, tour guide fees, entrance fees, tips).
Airfare to Tel Aviv not included in price. Airfare is approximately \$1000-\$1200.
Fundraising suggestions available.

Sign up for more information here: <https://goo.gl/forms/hRdJVgcObGOLAEeF3>
or contact Trena Montgomery at trenamontgomery@gmail.com or 217-493-2246

Trip Leaders

Jessica Morton Smith is a youth minister at a large Lutheran church in Gettysburg, PA. While attending seminary in Philadelphia, Jessica had the opportunity to travel to the Holy Land with other young adults from around the country. It was a trip that has had a lasting impact on how she views the conflict in both Israel/Palestine and closer to home along the U.S. and Mexico border. She is excited to accompany youth on such an important, faith-building pilgrimage.

Trena Montgomery is a social worker in Minneapolis, MN. Before her career in social work, Trena spent several years living and working in Palestine and Israel with the ELCA Young Adult in Global Mission Program and the Lutheran World Federation. In 2014, Trena was trained to lead trips to the Holy Land through the ELCA Peace Not Walls Young Adult Leadership Development Program. She has led two trips of young adults and is thrilled to share this unique and powerful opportunity with youth.

Louse Fehrman is planning and raising money for this opportunity!

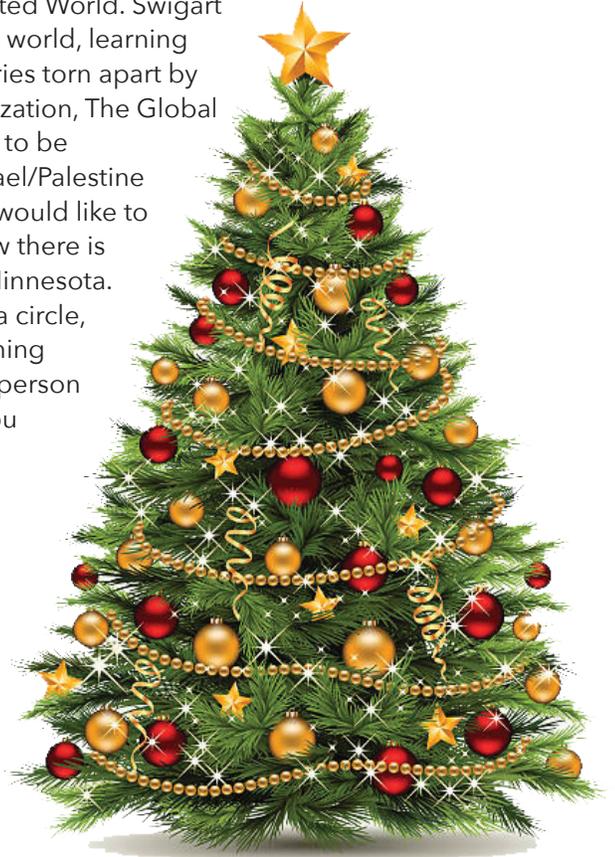
AROUND OUR CHURCH



Last July I met an interesting person at the St. Olaf Conference for Theology and the Arts. He gave a couple of talks about peacemaking, and his words resonated with me, because over the years, I have come to regard peace as one of the things I most value. This person, Pastor Jer Swigart, with Pastor Jon Huckins, wrote a book called *Mending the Divides: Creative Love in a Conflicted World*. Swigart and Huckins have traveled around the world, learning about conflict and resolution in countries torn apart by religion, race, and power. Their organization, The Global Immersion Project (GIP), trains people to be instruments of peace, especially in Israel/Palestine and in San Diego/Tijuana. Someday I would like to go to a GIP training session, but I know there is plenty of conflict around me here in Minnesota.

As I thought about this, one day I stretched my arm out and twirled in a circle, deciding that that circle is where I first need to be a peacemaker, meaning that as I live my life, I hope to be kind and to seek to understand each person I meet, to show them the love that God has put in me for them. May you have peace in your heart during this Advent and Christmas season!

~ Jo Ann French, Music Director



Leonard Oscar Jacobson

11/2/1926 to 11/1/2018



We celebrated the life of Leonard Oscar Jacobson on Saturday, November 24. Interment was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on Monday, November 26.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GAME NIGHT

Come to Galilee on New Year's Eve and have fun, fellowship and a good time.

Bring your favorite game and a snack to share.

This is a family event for all ages. Bring your family and friends!

7 p.m. December 31.



HAPPY NEW YEAR



WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Adult Forum

Sundays at 11 a.m. in the library

Sunday, December 2 Ecuador:

Ancient Places, Modern Challenges

by Paul Hardt

Sunday, December 9 Grandpa Camp

by Ron Peterson

Sunday, December 16 Native American Youth vs. the

Doctrine of Discovery by Nolan and Nina Berglund about their journey to the Vatican

Sunday, December 23

No Forum

Sunday, December 30

No Forum

Sunday School, Confirmation

Sunday School and Confirmation are at 11:15 a.m., downstairs.

Bible Study

Thursdays at 11 a.m. in the library

Scripture Lessons

December 2

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 25:6-9

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4

Baruch 5:1-9 (alternate)

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

"Lessons and Carols" Christmas

Pageant

Nine Scripture Readings - led by Sunday School

December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:46b- 55 (in place of the psalm)

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45.

Prayer Requests

Shawn & Ruth Altendorfer

Ann Baumgart (friend of Ardis Haslach)

Lois LaVon Brase

Janet Christensen

Wayne Christensen

Richard Eagan (Dawn Babin's s/o)

Earl Eberhardt

Lyn Grunewald

Family & friends of Marcella Gruszynski
(Kelly Solberg Gruszynski's grandma)

Family and friends of Dan Hayne
(Lorrie's husband)

Family & friends of Leonard Jacobson

Jan Knutson

Family & friends of Darlyes McQuay
(Caroline Herman's sister)

Family & friends of Maria Rivas

Yasheika Taylor

Alea Virginia (friend of Teresa Shores)

Kathleen Voss (Marlene's sister)

Nula Watson (in Kuwait)

Family & friends of Edna Woodson
(Jacob Taylor's Grandma)

Uhominyi Parish, Tanzania

December Birthdays

3 Angie Bergman

5 Jim Zrust

6 Raymond Nottidge

7 Liana Taylor

8 Patricia Craft

10 Parker Robert Osterman

16 Lou Wanna Osterman

18 Jim Hart

18 Tana Ososki

18 Cameron Anderson

22 Katie Kelly

23 Natalya Edson

Worship Volunteers

ACOLYTE

December 2

9

16

23

30

ALTAR GUILD

December 2 Groebner/Osterman

9 Betty Jeans

16 Betty Jeans

23 Groebner/Osterman

24

30

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

December 2 Darla Nelson

9 Barb Streng

16 Jackie Nerud

23 Jo Ann French

24

30

LECTOR

December 2 Teresa Shores

9 Jo Ann French

16 Sunday School Kids

23 Jackie Nerud

24 Ron Peterson

30 Abe Watson

REFRESHMENTS

December 2 Michelle Blair

9 Shari & Dell Sailer

16 Youth Group

23 Darla Nelson

30

USHERS

December 2 O'Keefes

9 Taylor/Rivas

16 Solbergs

23 Groebners

24 Abe Watson/Jim Hart

30 Petersons

VACUUMING (Property Team)

December 2 Steve Groebner

9 Joe Juneau

16 Steve Groebner

23 Jim Zrust

30 Peter Solberg

Building Community Tip: Say "hello!" when you meet someone on a walk.

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| <p>Sunday Driver Needed We are looking for someone who can help drive some of our senior members to church on Sunday. If you are able to help, please contact Steve Groebner (email), or contact the church office (office.galilee@gmail.com).</p> | | | | | | <p>1 6a Chinese Prayer 9:30a Bhutanse Women's Group 11a ICFC Choir - DS</p> |
| <p>2 9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Galilee Worship/Baptism 10:30a Fellowship 11a Adult Forum 11:15a Sunday School 11a MFCLC Worship 11a St. Paul Friends Church -DS 12p Youth Ice Skating 2:30p La Hermosa Gathering</p> | <p>3 11a Funeral of Dan Hayne at St. Odillias Catholic Church 1p Quilting Group</p> | <p>4 9a Staff Mtg 9:30a Men's Group 11a Evangelism Team Mtg 5:30p Put up Christmas Tree 7p Worship and Music Team Mtg.</p> | <p>5 11a-4p Pastor's Office hours 10a ICFC - FH 6p Bell Choir 7:15p Galilee Choir</p> | <p>6 11a Bible Study 6p Property Team Mtg</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8 6a Chinese Prayer 11a ICFC Choir - DS</p> |
| <p>9 9:30a Galilee Worship 10:30a Fellowship 11a Adult Forum 11:15a Sunday School 11a MFCLC Worship 11a St. Paul Friends Church -DS 12:15p Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins 2:30p La Hermosa Gathering</p> | <p>10 6p Healing Touch Exchange</p> | <p>11 9a Staff Mtg 9:30a Men's Group 11:30a Young at Heart</p> | <p>12 11a-4p Pastor's Office hours 10a ICFC - FH 1p Villa Park Devotions 6p Bell Choir 7:15p Galilee Choir</p> | <p>13 11a Bible Study 11:15a Galiladies 6p Council Pot Luck at Pastor Dana's house 6:30p Congregational Council 6:30p St. Paul Clown Club</p> | <p>14 10a Mutual Ministry</p> | <p>15 VOICE Articles Due 6a Chinese Prayer 11a ICFC Choir - DS 1-3p Xmas Cookie Exchange 1-3p Christmas Pageant Practice</p> |
| <p>16 9:30a Lessons & Carols Worship 10:30a Fellowship 11a Adult Forum 11:15a Sunday School 11a MFCLC Worship 11a St. Paul Friends Church -DS 2:30p La Hermosa Gathering</p> | <p>17 1p Quilting Group</p> | <p>18 9a Staff Mtg 9:30a Men's Group 11a Evangelism</p> | <p>19 11a-4p Pastor's Office hours 10a ICFC - FH 6p Bell Choir</p> | <p>20 11a Bible Study 12p Galiladies</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22 12a ICFC Prayer Vigil 6a Chinese Prayer 11a ICFC Choir - DS</p> |
| <p>23/30 9:30a Galilee Worship 10:30a Fellowship 11a MFCLC Worship 11a St. Paul Friends Church -DS 2:30p La Hermosa Gathering</p> | <p>24/31 4p Christmas Eve Worship _____ 31 OFFICE CLOSED 7p New Years Eve Party!</p> | <p>25 Christmas Day 12/25 OFFICE CLOSED 1/1 OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>26 11a-4p Pastor's Office hours 10a ICFC - FH</p> | <p>27 11a Bible Study</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29 6a Chinese Prayer 11a ICFC Choir - DS</p> |
| <p>Location Key: DS - Downstairs S - Sanctuary FH - Fellowship Hall Lib - Library</p> | | | | | | |

GALILEE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2018

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www.galileelutheranelca.com
Phone: 651-488-6769

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30 A.M.

OFFICE HOURS:

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

For the latest pictures and more,
find us on Facebook!



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

2018 Congregational Council

Joyce Solberg, President
Barb Strenge, Treasurer
Miriam Peterson, Financial Secretary
Jackie Nerud, Secretary
Pastor Dana Nelson

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| James Hart | Rebecca Nelson |
| Joe Juneau | Dora Taylor |
| Darla Nelson | Abe Watson |

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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.

THANK YOU!

A sincere thanks to each and every person who in any way helped at the November 24 funeral of Leonard Jacobson. At least twenty people worked behind the scene to furnish bars/cookies, set up tables, serve, and/or clean up after the luncheon. So many people helped in so many ways, and your willingness to volunteer when called upon is very much appreciated. Leonard had very few requests for when he died. One request was for bagpipe music. The song "Going Home" was his specific request, and performed by Andrew Lewis.



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.



Poinsettia Order Form
Galilee Lutheran Church
145 N McCarrons Blvd
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Phone: 651-488-6769



POINSETTIA FUND RAISER

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 Sunday, December 2. The cost is \$10.00 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 white or red poinsettias (please check the box below to indicate your preference).

Quantity _____ Payment attached _____ White Red

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

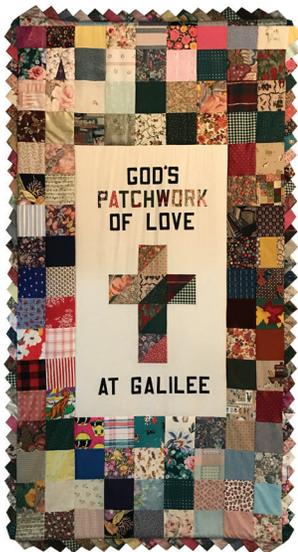
From: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Proceeds benefit the Altar Guild.

Patchwork of Love



STEWARDSHIP 2019

GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2019 Pledge Card

God has gifted you in some special way, and He invites you to share your gifts to make this a better world.

In response to the gifts I/we have received, I/we offer to the mission of Galilee:

\$_____ per week for Regular Giving in 2019

Name _____

Address _____

Please place this portion of the card in the offering or mail to church.

Galilee Lutheran Church
 145 N. McCarron's Boulevard
 Roseville, MN 55113

My Own Copy of My 2019 Pledge Card

\$_____ per week
 for Regular Giving in 2019

I understand that I may adjust this pledge, if necessary, and will inform the financial secretary of any changes.

Keep this portion of the card with your offering envelopes as a reminder of your 2019 pledge.