

THE VOICE OF GALILEE



OCTOBER 2026

Dear Siblings in Christ,

On Sunday, October 25th, we will observe Reformation Day. The day is officially celebrated on October 31st, which commemorates the moment in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses at Wittenberg Castle Church. This day is not merely a look back at historical events; it is a vital reminder of the core truths that continue to shape our identity, faith, and daily walk with God.

As we gather to reflect on our heritage, we anchor our hearts in the foundational truths rediscovered during the Reformation:

Grace Alone (Sola Gratia): We remember that God's love and forgiveness are free, unearned gifts. We are saved not by our own striving or perfection, but by the boundless mercy of Jesus Christ.

Faith Alone (Sola Fide): Our relationship with God is secure because of trust. We rest in the promise that faith connects us directly to Christ, freeing us from fear and anxiety about our worthiness.

Scripture Alone (Sola Scriptura): God's living Word remains our ultimate anchor and authority. We celebrate the freedom to read, study, and hear the Gospel proclaimed clearly in our own language.

The Reformation taught us that the Church is *semper reformanda*—always being reformed and renewed by the Holy Spirit. We are called to carry that flame forward. We look to the future with joy, sent out to serve our neighbors, extend grace to the broken, and speak the truth of God's love to a world in need.

Let us not take this gift of Grace for granted. Let us embrace it with open hearts, allowing it to mend our wounds, guide our steps, and transform our lives. May we become vessels of grace, radiating love, forgiveness, and acceptance in a world that desperately needs it.

Remember, grace is not a destination, but a journey. A journey of self-discovery, compassion, and living a life worthy of the extraordinary gift we have been given. May we walk this path together, guided by the light of grace, and forever grateful for its transformative power.

Thank you for your continued dedication, faith, and presence in this community. May the peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds.

May God's grace continue to bless you all. In Christ's Grace, Pastor Belzer

AROUND OUR CHURCH

YOUNG AT HEART



On September 15th Abe Watson took a trip back home (where he was born and raised) to the town of Careysburg, Liberia. He was accompanied by his daughter Nuwoe on the 16 hour flight. She was born there as well and was only eight years old when they left for America, so she wanted to see the area her grandpa owned.

Joe Juneau's pick up truck was side-swiped, which caused extensive damage to the driver's side. It will be in a shop for weeks.

Karen and Steve met with relatives for a yearly "reunion" luncheon. It's great to know families still enjoy togetherness.

LouWanna and Mike were vacationing at their lake home (enjoying the end of September). Brenda was home recuperating from knee replacement #2. Sharell was down with allergy related issues. Mary was having health issues, so the group was really small. Those attending enjoyed a game of twitch, after a delicious lunch.

My thanks to Karen and Steve for providing information for this month's article. YAH meets in the library at 12:15 on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, which will be October 13th and 27th. We enjoy socializing/getting to know each other better, so if you are available, we would love to have you join us. If you have any questions, call Karen at 651-488-9074 or Sharell at 651-746-9074. Enjoy the fall weather, colored/falling leaves, and raking.



GALILADIES

GaliLadies September meeting subject for food was "School cafeteria". What a interesting selection, from hot dishes to chicken nuggets, with hot dogs, chips and cookies. Everyone had plenty to eat and many gals told stories about being in school. We had a lot of laughs.

We didn't get any project done but in October we will start signing Christmas cards for the people in the Harmony Garden Care Center and for Galilee shut-ins. Our food subject is "fall food". We can dress up for Halloween if we want.

We welcome anyone that's looking to join a fun group.



AROUND OUR CHURCH

DARLA'S BIRTHDAY & THANK YOU CELEBRATION!



TREE TRIMMING/WINDOW REPAIR CONTRIBUTIONS

We had a very *generous* response to the request for funding for the window repair and tree trimming! Because of that generosity, and actual costs being less than what was estimated, we have received more contributions than we need for both projects. That being said, the church council would like to give you the ***opportunity to designate your contribution to a different project if you wish.***

Your options:

1. You can designate your contribution to another area, such as scholarships or the globe fund; or
2. You can designate your contribution to be part of your regular giving; or
3. If council does not hear from you, the funds will be retained for future building and grounds projects.

Please let Miriam Peterson or Barb Strengé know your choice.

Thank you for your generous support of Galilee and the ministries it provides.

AROUND OUR CHURCH

2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



“God’s Gifts, Our Response”

“God gives each of us different gifts, not so that we can compare ourselves with others, but so that we can use what we have to make the world a better place.”

Please take a Stewardship pamphlet, found in the Narthex, and prayerfully consider your support. Thank you!

ELECTIONS APPRECIATION

(from A.M., Head Judge, Roseville Precinct 11)

"Joyce and Galilee Lutheran:
Thank you for accommodating the Roseville P-11 Primary
Elections. And thanks for the extra treats, the tray of sweets,
which we thoroughly enjoyed."



PROPERTY TEAM MEETING

Submitted by CarolAnn Hart

1. After the meeting the basketball hoop was taken down for the parking lot repairs.
2. Darla volunteered to paint the platform for the bell out front.
3. Fall Cleanup will be on Saturday, October 17th, starting at 9am. We will be working mostly on the inside of the church.
4. Steve volunteered to shop for a new sanctuary Christmas tree. It will be a narrow tree, no more than 10 feet tall.
5. The cost of the windows, weather stripping and fixing the front doors was greatly reduced. The front doors did not need new hinges; they needed adjustments only. The actual cost was \$635 versus the estimate of \$1,360.
6. Doctor Asphalt filled the potholes on September 3rd and 4th. They will be out on September 24th and 25th (weather permitting) to seal the cracks and seal coat both upper and lower parking lots. These lots will be closed off for those two days.
7. The playground will be taken down on November 7th (weather permitting) starting at 9am. The old wood will be donated to the Rice Street Gardens for their use.

AROUND OUR CHURCH

TANZANIA/UHOMINYI SCHOLARSHIP

We will be collecting money for scholarships for our students in Uhominyi and Tanzania. We would like to provide 24 scholarships at about \$400 each for a total of \$9,600. Would you be willing to help?

You may give any amount and we will combine the money to form the scholarships. Just put a check or cash into an offering envelope and mark it for Tanzania Scholarships. The Synod's Bega kwa Bega would like to know our estimate of support by October 15 and then actually receive the money by November 15. Please let Miriam Peterson know the amount you would like to give.

Adult Forums and photos will be coming soon for you to know more.
Please help as you are able. Thank you.



These are some of the students we support from Uhominyi.
As of September 20th, we have collected enough money
to support 16 of our 24 students.

WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING

Submitted by CarolAnn Hart

We reviewed the worship service for August. Pastor Belzer's cueing of the congregation is working well. Choir Trio leading song and Psalm went well, had a good balance.

During worship service, especially communion, many in the congregation are talking amongst themselves, not realizing that this is distracting to others. Several solutions were discussed.

The issue with phones ringing during the service has improved since announcing to silence phones before the service begins.

Discussed creation-oriented liturgy for October. Paul sent a sample from October 19, 2025, for us to see. Paul and Pastor Belzer will meet to organize this service.

Assisting Ministers reported on recruitment. There are a couple of people interested in learning more about becoming an Assisting Minister.

WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Scripture Readings

OCTOBER 4

19th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Phillipians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

OCTOBER 11

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Phillipians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-4

OCTOBER 18

21st Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9[10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

OCTOBER 25

Reformation Sunday
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

**BIBLE STUDY MEETS
EVERY WEDNESDAY
@ 11AM IN THE
CHURCH LIBRARY**

**WE ARE STUDYING
THE BOOK OF MATTHEW**



Communion

Oct 4 Assisting Minister
Oct 11 Joan Jarombek
Oct 18 Assisting Minister
Oct 25 Miriam Peterson

Lectors

Oct 4 CarolAnn Hart
Oct 11 Jackie Nerud
Oct 18 Cherie Garrod
Oct 25 Jay Fehrman

Ushers

Oct 4 Groebners
Oct 11 Solbergs
Oct 18 O'Keefes
Oct 25 Hart/Watson

October Birthdays

Paul Swenson	10/01
Ardis Haslach	10/03
Barbara Streng	10/08
Autumn Taylor	10/10
Samantha Bergman	10/10
Barb Bernstein	10/23
Maria Jaco	10/23
Michaela Bergman	10/31



Prayers

Carol Meyer
Abe Watson
Nuwoe Watson
Ron Peterson
Martha & Steven Krow-Luca
Pat Craft
George Beeks
James Hart
Bob Gralish
Linda Kemblowski
Dave Gallaway
Mary Lanoux
Bill Zrust
Ron Jarombek
Janis Behrens
Taylor Altendorfer
Shawn Altendorfer

Family & Friends of:

Robert Nelson
Brenda Latourelle

Care Center:

Kitty Fisch
Edith Londroche

Missions/Ministry:

Rice Street Gardens
MN Faith Chinese Lutheran
Balali & Uhominyi, 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.**



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6p Property Team	2 7am - 4pm Hand-To-Hand staff using parking lot	3 9a Ham Radio group
4 9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a Adult Forum 11a MFCLC Worship	5 7am - 4pm Hand-To-Hand staff using parking lot	6 10a Donut group 7p Worship/Music	7 11a Bible Study 6p Bells Rehearsal	8 6:30p Council mtg 6:30p SP Clown Club	9	10
11 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a Adult ForuP 11a MFCLC Worship	12 Columbus Day	13 10a Donut Group 12:15 Young at Heart 6:30p Alley-19 Clown	14 11a Bible Study 1p Villa Park 6p Bells Rehearsal 7:15p Outreach mtg	15 12p Galiladies	16	17 9a Fall Cleanup
18 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a Adult Forum 11a MFCLC Worship	19	20 10a Donut Group VOICE ARTICLES DUE	21 11a Bible Study 6p Bells Rehearsal	22	23	24
25 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a Adult Forum 11a MFCLC Worship	26	27 10a Donut Group 12:15 Young at Heart	28 11a Bible Study 6p Bells Rehearsal	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN



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Ron Peterson, Secretary
Joan Jarombek
Elen Swenson
Larry Biermeier
Darla Nelson
Barb Streng, Treasurer
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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 **20th 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.

Galilee is a fragrance free church. Some people have an allergy to fragrances which affect their health.



A FOND FAREWELL

It is with very mixed emotions that I've decided to move on from my Administrative Assistant position here at Galilee. I've truly enjoyed working here, but family life is calling. I plan to travel often, take care of my dad (94 yrs old!) and do some volunteering at the many wonderful non-profits here in Minnesota.

May God bless your lives with joy & peace.
Sue Malenick