



Sabbatical with my Daughter

Dear People of Galilee,

An unexpected gift has been given to me. My firstborn, my dear daughter, who turned 18 during this pandemic, invited me to join her on her journey living in her bus. We meandered southward, discovering beautiful, warm, natural *and* national forests, mountains, rivers and meadows which make pleasant environments in which to finish her senior year of high school online. In route toward Arkansas we stopped at cafes and coffee shops with internet so she could participate in her class discussions and listen to lectures. She is much better at focusing than I have ever been. She can write essays, work through math problems, and read vast amounts of material for hours at a time. We crossed over the border from Missouri into Arkansas and stayed at a state park in the Ozarks. It was raining hard but Tana has built a cozy, nice little house inside of her bus. When the rain stopped, we went for a hike to see some streams and little waterfalls in the woods. Tana is a good leader. It is relaxing being her follower. I needed this sabbatical. I am lucky she spontaneously invited me to come with her for the first couple of weeks. Thank you, Galileans, for being so gracious about letting me take this unexpected time away. I brought a Sojourners magazine with me. Listen to this line written by Jeania Ree V. Moore, a Methodist deacon. In her essay, *In Search of our Mothers' Gardens*, Alice Walker writes about "the importance of perceiving the lines that connect mother and daughter and bequeath heritage, gift, and identity."

Yours in service,
Pastor Dana K. Nelson



"For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield; but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, so that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the wild animals may eat."

Exodus 23:10-11a

AROUND OUR CHURCH

Young at Heart

Shari and Dell Sailer recently shared dinner (with friends from New Ulm) at a German restaurant in Stillwater. "So good to visit on a small basis, now that we have received Covid vaccines."

There is a light at the end of the tunnel.

When the weather is nice Karen Groebner and Jeanette Uran have been walking in their neighborhood.

A physical therapist has been working with Phyllis Ferns twice a week to help build up her strength and balance since her fall last winter. Phyllis is looking forward to when Young at Heart once again meets at church.

Jim Zrust enjoys playing games on his cellphone through the internet. He has also been cleaning out files and is helping the economy with new purchases, like replacing his worn out paper shredder.

Joe Juneau is happy that more people are showing up at the Y in Shoreview to play tennis, thanks to Covid vaccine. Joe also wants to encourage people to show up at 9 A.M. up on May 22nd for spring clean-up at Galilee. Terry O'Keefe is the person to contact to volunteer, or if you have any questions.

Abe Watson said "all I want is for us to get back together at Young at Heart to socialize".

Eldre Westegaard is enjoying dog sitting Sampson for a week. When I asked if it was a small dog, I learned it's about 100 pounds. That's a lot of work. Eldre is still looking for quilt makers.

Barb Bartok hasn't seen a brother for about 50 some years. They met up this past week and shared a lot of hugs, tears, and laughter, and are now planning on getting their families together in a park when the weather is warmer.



Kathy Juneau says getting older is that much fun some days. She likes sitting outside on nice days and enjoying nature.

Wishing a very happy birthday to our YAH friends who were born in May: Barb, Roger, and Sharell. May we celebrate together in the next month or two.

中国教会

Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church (MFCLC) is doing well. Our brother Alan Wang came to the "Happy Place" recently, thanks to Pat Craft, the inspiration behind the mid-week zooms. I am so grateful to tell you that our sisters and brothers in Christ are still alive and with us in our pilgrimage on earth. Covid did not take away any of their lives, thanks be to God. 50% of MFCLC members are senior citizens, and have all been vaccinated as of April. When everyone in the congregation is vaccinated they will gather outdoors this summer in a park for worship, fellowship and sharing delicious food. This will be a long anticipated reunion after more than a year of worshipping online. More heartwarming news: Thomas returned to the Twin Cities from his two years working back in Shanghai. He will have a plot in the Rice Street Gardens this season. Tiefeng, Lisa and Jay have continued their work as professors, scientists and researchers at the University of Minnesota, albeit

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GOOD NEWS!

On April 14 we received another check from the Brase Fund for \$4375. This money must be used by Outreach.

C'mon over and bring the kids.

-God

Red Cross Blood Drive

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!



**Galilee Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall**

Sign up here:

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

Wednesday, May 26

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The last blood drive we collected 36 units! That's 108 LIVES SAVED!

Every 2 seconds,
someone needs blood

HOLY HOOPS

Holy Hoops is a ministry that began decades ago through Augsburg College. It is a church basketball league for high school students. The purpose and the spirit of Holy Hoops is to give kids a chance to play the exhilarating game in a positive, fun environment while getting to know other youth. Each student gets "equal playing time" no matter what their level of skill is. At each game the players from both teams pray together. Many of the players are friends invited by the church youth groups. It is a wonderful outreach that the kids themselves do, and it is a great way to introduce friends to Christian fellowship. This year we have six teams from St. Luke's and St. Stephen's in Bloomington, Mount Olivet in Minneapolis, Christ the King in New Brighton, and of course us!

St. Luke's and Mt. Olivet are big churches that have two teams each. Galilee and Christ the King are combined into one team which is joyful. Our Team name is Latinized "Galilea & Cristo Rey". This year's Galilea players include Andrell Shuma (current confirmation student), and his step brother Mikeal Paul (no stranger to Galilee youth group!)

In the first game, our players were excited to be reunited with friends like Ralph, a kid from Christ the King, that they met on the basketball court last year.

In other words - it's working! Holy Hoops is forming new relationships, building friendships, a spirit of cooperation and fellowship among the players.

I thank the following people from the bottom of my heart: Coach Leesa Matthews for the new uniforms, vision for the team and for her commitment; Coach Edward English and his daughter Edmira for getting this dream off the ground last year; Edgar Shuma and his family for providing transportation and for being so dependable; and Tom Ososki, my beloved husband, for substituting for me while I took a road trip in the middle of the season.

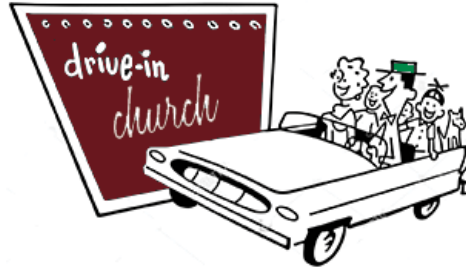
More 9-12th graders are always welcome! No experience necessary. Games are each Sunday at Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Brighton. Long Live Holy Hoops! Thanks be to God.



AROUND OUR CHURCH

Galilee Drive-In Worship BEGINS MAY 2

Come as you are; stay in your car



2021 Suggestions for Worship

1. Tune your car radio to 89.1 FM
2. Park facing the church. Bigger vehicles in the back, smaller cars in front.
3. Bring your Bible (one for each passenger)
4. Worship bulletins will be given out in the parking lot instead of mailed to your home.
5. We will "pass the plate" so bring your offerings of money if you can.
6. Soak in the life-changing Word of God; sing with all your heart during the hymns; pray and feel the love of the Holy Spirit; be yourself, God's beloved child.



Water Where We Live
bringing people together for water
in Capitol Region Watershed District



YOUTH!!!

WHAT: **Improv to Improve Water Quality!**

WHO: High schoolers from local churches with DangerBoat actors will be laughing, acting, leading their congregation in understanding water quality actions with this fun improv comedy performance. We'll talk about why water quality is important, eco-theology, how easy it is to step up and be a leader, and T2P2 will bring it all to life.

WHEN: Sunday, May 23rd at 1:00pm

WHERE: In-person, outdoors at Pilgrim Lutheran Church

HOW: Audience limit of 25. Reservations/tickets via email to heidi@growinggreenhearts.com.

WHY: "Water Where We Live" is a 2021 monthly event series for faith groups in the St. Paul area. It brings together leaders, neighbors, cultures, artists, scientists, clergy, gardeners, youth, and more ...all in care of our shared water, with a goal of improved water quality.

Holy Hoops Basketball

for High School Students of all levels!

Sundays, April 11 through May 16!

Thanks to Coach Leesa, we are ready to go with team uniforms, basketballs and good faith. Spread the word, and bring your friends and family who want a chance to play basketball on a church team. Permission slips will be available in Galilee's narthex. Contact Pastor Dana if you're interested or have questions.

The games will be played on the outdoor courts at Christ the Kind Lutheran Church in New Brighton (1900 7th St. NW, New Brighton). If you'd like to watch and support our team, please do (!) and bring your own chair.



GALILEE SPRING CLEAN-UP Saturday, May 22

9 am
Lunch will be served.



Join our Galilee family in spiffing up the church building inside and out. Meet at church at 9a.m., bring your gloves, cleaning usplies, rakes, brooms, whatever you have that you think will help out. Lunch will be served before you head home!

RICE STREET GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

My name is Erin Magnuson, I am a senior at St. Paul Academy, and am looking forward to volunteering at the Rice Street Gardens! I love being outside and backpacking in the summers and hope to study Biology, Geology, and Environmental Studies in college. I also play lacrosse and hockey, and love all types of sports! I love gardening with my dad at our school gardens but am excited to learn more!



My name is Izzy Medrano and I'm a senior in high school at St. Paul Academy and Summit School. I've lived in St. Paul my whole life along with my family and our dog, George. I love spending time outside, whether that's playing soccer, riding my bike, or just reading. I'm really excited about the opportunity to volunteer at the Rice Street Community Gardens because I'll get to spend time outside in the beautiful Minnesota spring weather, and also because I really enjoy gardening. My grandma actually works at a plant market in Farmington, Minnesota, so she has taught me to really appreciate and love gardening. Additionally, I want to study environmental biology in college, so I'm really excited about getting to spend time outdoors doing active work in nature. I can't wait to get involved and help better our community!
Izzy, Class of 2021

WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Scripture Lessons

May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

Philip teaches and baptizes an Ethiopian

Psalms 22:25-31

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. 1

John 4:7-21

God's love perfected in love for one another

John 15:1-8

Christ the vine

May 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles

Psalms 98

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands.

1 John 5:1-6

The victory of faith

John 15:9-17

Christ the friend and lover

May 16

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Matthias added to the apostles

Psalms 1

The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

1 John 5:9-13

Life in the Son of God

John 17:6-19

Christ's prayer for his disciples

May 23

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Romans 8:22-27

Praying with the Spirit

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Christ sends the Spirit of truth

May 30

The Holy Trinity

Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah's vision and call

Psalms 29

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Romans 8:12-17

Living by the Spirit

John 3:1-17

Entering the reign of God through water and the Spirit

Prayer Requests

Lori Balbec (Eldre's sister)

Janis Behrens (sister of Ron Peterson)

Jason Birchem (James Hart's nephew)

Family & friends of Nia Black

Family & friends of Bootsie (Vaniessia Taylor's sister's dad)

Family & friends of Stewart Carlson

(friend of Lorrie Hayne and dear friend of Pastor Carl Fiskness, former Intern Pastor of Galilee)

Ann Stuart (Gloria Johnson's daughter)

Pat Craft

Family & friends of Isabel "Jingles"

DeMarrias (Rebecca Nelson's aunt)

Family & friends of Mike Elsted (Steve Bartz uncle)

Kitty Fisch

Deb Good

Lindsey Huebsch-Babin

Doug Johnson

Tom Johnson (Eldre's brother)

Staff and Clients of the Lamplighter

Family & friends of Helen Lundell

(friend of Gloria Johnson, and former Galilee member)

Milo Benjamin (Neruds' premature grandbaby)

Mike and Mitch (Sandy Altendorfer's nephews)

Family & friends of Muriel Nelson (Pastor Dana's aunt)

Family & friends of Pastor Howard Rand (Tim's Dad)

Marlene Reding

Jim Scholen (Joyce's husband)

Erick (Joanne Martinez family member)

Family & friends of Thomas "TJ"

Taylor (uncle of Janice Paula Taylor)

Kaia Westegaard (Eldre's daughter)

Our new Missionary Rev. Wal Reat (South Sudan)

Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church

Uhominyi Lutheran Church in Tanzania

Prayers for our NEW MEMBERS, Dave Galloway, and Joanne Martinez

May Birthdays

3 Jerry Brown

3 Kaja Lopez

4 Caroline Herman

5 Jeanette Uran

6 Terry O'Keefe

6 Kitty Fisch

7 Ellie Nagel

7 Amy Wood

14 Jean Schneider

15 Dashawn Nunn

17 Joyce Solberg

20 Sonia Vicuña

22 Alexandra Fee

23 Howard French

26 Sharell Babin

26 Roger Ettl

27 George Beeks



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.



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|---|--|------------------|---|
| <p>WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT 2 Corinthians 5:7</p>  <p>Tuesdays, 4pm Around Lake McCarrons unless it rains, then Har Mar Mall by B&N Inside Entrance. Bring a friend!</p> | | <p>VACCINE? Have you gotten the Covid vaccine? We want to know, so we plan how to start opening up the church building again to you. Call President Jim Hart, 651-207-4596 or Anne at the church office. Our list of Galileans who are vaccinated is growing! This is good news.</p>  | | | | <p>1 9:45a Ham Radio Group</p> |
| <p>2 9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Parking Lot Worship 12:30p Holy Hoops</p> | <p>3 1p Quilting Group</p> | <p>4 4p Walk by Faith, Not by Sight" Har Mar Mall 7p Worship & Music Team Mtg</p> | <p>5 6p 12 Step Group</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8 11a Kalpulli Tlaloctecutli -</p> |
| <p>9 MOTHER'S DAY 9:30a Parking Lot Worship 12:30p Holy Hoops</p> | <p>10 7p Outreach Mtg (Zoom)</p> | <p>11 4p Walk by Faith, Not by Sight" Har Mar Mall</p> | <p>12 6p 12 Step Group 1p Villa Park Devotions</p> | <p>13 6:30p Zoom Council Mtg 6:30p Clown Club</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15 VOICE Articles Due 11a Kalpulli Tlaloctecutli -</p> |
| <p>16 9:30a Parking Lot Worship Holy Hoops (Potential Tournament, wait for schedule)</p> | <p>17 1p Quilting Group</p> | <p>18 4p Walk by Faith, Not by Sight" Har Mar Mall</p> | <p>19 6p 12 Step Group</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> |
| <p>23/30 9:30a Parking Lot Worship 12:30p Holy Hoops 23 - Holy Hoops (Potential Tournament, wait for schedule) 1p Youth Improv 30 - 12:30p Holy Hoops</p> | <p>24/31 MEMORIAL DAY</p> | <p>25 4p Walk by Faith, Not by Sight" Har Mar Mall 7p Worship & Music Zoom Mtg</p> | <p>26 11-5p Red Cross Blood Drive 6p 12 Step Group</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> |

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

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Thursdays 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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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.

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socially distanced. New from the younger generation of MFCLC: Jing and Bin are getting married! I am so happy for them. I got to do some premarital counseling with them. They are the nicest couple you will ever meet. Yu is studying hard for a medical school entrance exam. You might see him doing just that in the library at church. We wish him the best. We all at Galilee and Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Churches welcome this new spring month as we can carefully move into a new kind of social distancing, outside into the warmer fresh air, hopefully together, sooner than later, into the healing light of Christ's resurrection.

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.