



I'll Stick with the Lutherans

Dear People of Galilee,

When I was a student in college, I worshiped in many, many churches. The Twin Cities is home to people from around the world, and there are churches, temples, and congregations of all kinds. In my searching to be "nearer to God", it was important for me to experience a variety of faith communities, and learn what was special about the different denominations. Almost every Sunday, I worshiped the Lord in a different sanctuary. I thank God for that freedom I had in my youth. It was enriching.

After having tried a little of everything, I remember very well one Sunday going to a small Lutheran church in the center of the stadium village called Grace. In worship we sang hymns, prayed, listened to God's Word and to preaching centered on the gospel. We passed the peace, and joyfully shared the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. It was all very familiar and gave me a lot of peace. It nourished me spiritually to face my college studies, and gave me faith and hope for the week. But what struck me most about the Lutheran Church, on my "church tour", was that included in the very life of that congregation was their passion and compassion to serve the world with their gifts, and to promote peace. The church was in the middle of a campaign collecting non-perishable food to donate to people in need. Almost every member brought a can of food, or a bag of noodles, or a box of cereal that Sunday to contribute. During the announcements, they talked about opportunities to volunteer with refugees who needed English tutors and people who could teach them how to use the city bus.

After the service, many people met for coffee and conversation. Sitting at round tables with white ceramic mugs of hot coffee in our hands and platters of banana bread, people brainstormed about forms of social service they wanted to provide in the community. Folks talked about their ideas to promote justice in their city, around the

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"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Phillipians 4:8



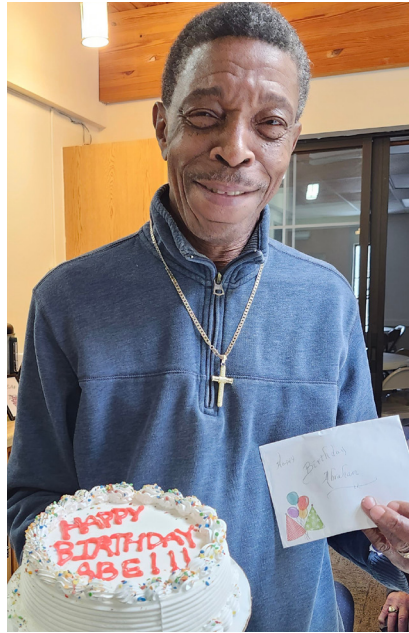
AROUND OUR CHURCH

YOUNG AT HEART

Mid-January Sandy Altendorfer ventured out to have lunch with family at the House of Wong. Once she was out of the cold and inside the restaurant, it was enjoyable. Mary Lanoux recently spent a couple of weeks with daughter Teri. Sharell thanks Karen and Steve Groebner for helping both trim her Christmas tree, and putting it away after the holidays.



We celebrated Abe's birthday with a DQ ice cream cake. We should have taken the cake out of the freezer before we were ready to eat it. It was so hard to cut that Steve had to wield the knife in an effort to cut it into serving size pieces, which brought about a lot of laughter.



We will be meeting in the library (ready to eat) at 1:00 on Tuesday, February 13 and 27. 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.



GALILADIES Ardis Haslach

We met on January 18th, having a delicious lunch and then getting busy making Easter cards for Harmony Gardens. A lot of cutting and pasting went on. Everyone got involved. We will finish working on them at the February 18th meeting. Come join us!

We wanted to play a dice game but we were so busy on cards that the day slipped away.

Everyone's been busy getting their house back to normal after the Christmas holidays.



ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wed, February 14, Galilee will have an Ash Wednesday worship service at 7pm. There will also be a distribution of ashes at 12noon that day.

AROUND OUR CHURCH



Celebration of Life was held December 2, 2023 for **Delbert Earl Sailer**

Del was born 6/9/43 and passed away peacefully on November 12, 2023.

May he rest in perpetual peace.

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country and in the world! My conclusion after visiting many churches: "I'll stick with the Lutherans."

I thank God for Lutheran churches in the world. We Lutherans believe that through Christ we receive forgiveness, love, and grace from God. For what purpose? To love and to serve the world that God loves so much. We collaborate with God to share abundant life and hope for all.

In Christ,
Pastor Dana K. Nelson



GLOBE OFFERING

Our 2023 donations totaled close to \$1,200! Thank you, thank you. We were able to buy many animals to help families around the world.



LBGTQ+ Monthly Support Group

NOTE: New week day & time. Beginning in February, and continuing through the year, this group will now meet every second Tuesday from 6-8pm. Thus, February 13th will be our meeting date for this month. We are a safe and affirming group. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you have questions, or want to reach out before our next meeting, please contact Steve Bartz.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS!

Every Wednesday during Lent we will gather for Holden Evening Prayer and a simple soup supper. We will worship for about 20 minutes, beginning at 5pm in the sanctuary, and move to the library afterwards to serve soup & bread. A sign-up poster to help out will be in the narthex this month.

Thank you for attending! Soup Suppers are an excellent time to bring visitors and guests to church.

Holden Evening Prayer 5pm

Soup Supper 5:30pm

DATES: Wed. Feb. 21, 28; March 6, 13, 20



AROUND OUR CHURCH

ENJOYABLE EVENING SERIES

The Enjoyable Evening Series has been such a success! Past events have included a Beatles sing-a-long, beautiful Aztec dancers and a Jazz band. Attendance has been large and diverse - come join in the fun!!

Monday, February 12, 7pm - Nathan Barclay, Master of the Keys. Nathan, a very special young man, will be performing a piano concert of many music genres, from classical to pop.

Monday, March 11, 7pm - Pad the Road band - This Celtic band performs music from around the Irish Sea (Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales). In true Irish tradition, audience participation is highly encouraged!

Monday, April 8, 7pm - Dedication of our Baby Grand Piano - A piano concert will be presented to dedicate our beautiful baby grand piano. Several professional pianists will perform, including Galilee's Music Director Paul Swenson.

More events will be posted on Galilee's website & in future newsletters. Spread the word to family and friends.

Refreshment Volunteers Still Needed



Thanks for a great start in 2024, having new volunteers bring & serve refreshments after Sunday services. Let's keep it up, wonderful people of Galilee. The signup sheet is located in the brown folder on the Narthex info shelf. Appreciate sharing your time (& goodies).



Happy Chinese New Year! Year of the Dragon



Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church will be celebrating the Year of the Dragon on Sunday, February 11th. There will be a pot luck meal starting about 11:45am (after their worship service ends). We have been graciously invited to join them to celebrate the Chinese New Year!

Last push! Just 3 more days to give! Let's finish off this **DIAPER DRIVE** strong!!! Mount Olive Lutheran friends will be here on Sunday, Feb. 4th, to receive this great gift.



AROUND OUR CHURCH

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

We had an interesting January meeting, here are some items we discussed:

- 2024 budget
- Ash Wednesday on 2/14
- 5 Wednesday lenten worships followed by a light meal
- COVID policy & prevention
- Next blood drive Wednesday February 7th
- Outreach: My Very Own Bed
- Next Globe offering ideas
- Enjoyable Evening Series
- Recruit new council members, need 2-3 new council members.
- January 21st Sanctuary Immigration Meal for asylum seekers

That wraps it up for January's meeting. Everyone have a GREAT February!

CarolAnn Hart

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, Feb. 18th, a very happy occurrence is coming!



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Next blood drive date is:
Wednesday February 7, 2024 11am to 5pm.
Please sign up on the Red Cross website at:

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

And thanks to all who came to our December 13th blood drive. Galilee collected 17 pints of life-saving blood!



MY VERY OWN BED

The Outreach team thanks everyone who donated money or bedding materials for "My Very Own Bed." We got 15 complete Dream Kits of Bedding plus many extra stuffed animals and books and even two extra sets of sheets. Everything was taken to their storage area on Thursday, Jan. 18. All of the recipients thank you for years of good sleep coming to them!



ADULT FORUM 11:10AM - LIBRARY

Feb 4: "DIAPER SUNDAY" forum by Jim Bargmann, Neighborhood Minister of Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Feb. 11: Kurdish Ministries - "Lutheran Mideast Development" by the Rev. Deb Ost

Feb. 18 "SOS" Sexual Assault Services of Ramsey County by Advocate Kalease Smith

Feb 25 TBD

WORSHIP & EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

FEBRUARY 4

5th Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

FEBRUARY 11

Last Sunday after Epiphany/
Transfiguration of Our Lord
2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

FEBRUARY 18

1st Sunday of Lent
Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

FEBRUARY 25

2nd Sunday of Lent
Genesis 17:1-7;15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION

Sundays 11:15am -12noon
downstairs.

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 2pm in the library,
continuing through Feb. 7th.

There will be no Bible Study during
Lent & Holy Week: Feb. 14th
through March 31st.

Lectors

Feb 4 Ruth Hartman
Feb 11 Jo Ann French
Feb 18 Steve Bartz
Feb 25 Abe Watson

Ushers

Feb 4 O'Keefes
Feb 11 Zrust/Watson
Feb 18 Jim Hart
Feb 25 Solbergs

Communion Assistants

Feb 4 Joan Jarombek
Feb 11 A.M. Steve
Feb 18 Peter Solberg
Feb 25 A.M. Becky

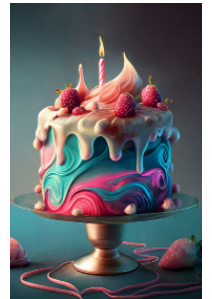
Prayer List

Allison Rykken
Janis Behrens (Ron's sister)
Bill McDonald (Teri McDonald's FIL)
Sherry Sanders' family
Brenna O'Keefe
Lolita Welde (O'Keefe's Niece)
Matthew Longtin (CarolAnn's friend)
Janet Swenson (Paul's sister)
Khalin Dodge (Leesa & Maren's
Niece)
Frank Frattalone (Wayne's Friend)
Jerry Harty (Sue's dad)
Mark Beireis, Kim Anderson Benson
& Mitch Azarcon (friends-Steve Bartz)
Marilyn Colvin (Donis' mom)
Sandy Altendorfer
Delia Taylor (Dora's Grandchild)
George Beeks
Ellen Tran
Madeline Johnson
Randall Strand
MN Faith Chinese Lutheran Church

St. Paul Friends Nepali Church
Uhominyi Lutheran Church in Iringa,
Tanzania
Family & friends of Josh Pelto
Family & friends of Brother Rong (MFCLC)
Family & friends of John Ellis (North
Emanuel)
Family & friends of Linda Horsnell
Family & friends of Jim Weber

February Birthdays

7 Miriam Peterson
8 Jackson Albert Bergman
11 Michael Osterman
16 Nuwoe Davis
16 Teresa Shores
18 Joan Jarombek
19 Mike Bergman
22 Judy Hogan
27 Larry Biermeier
28 Taylor Altendorfer



FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			BLACK HISTORY MONTH	1 6p Property Team	2 7p Chinese Bible Study	3 6a Chinese prayer 9a Ham Radio Group 11a Aztec Dancers
DIAPER SUNDAY 4 9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a Galilee Education Hour 11a MFCLC 1p Friends Church	5	6 10a Donut Group 7p Worship & Music Team	BLOOD DRIVE 7 10a Faith by Hearing 2p Bible Study 6p Bell Choir Rehearsal	8 6:30p Council Mtg	9 7p Chinese Bible Study	10 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers 3p Randy Starr group
11 A VERY SPECIAL SERVICE 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a Galilee Education Hour 11a MFCLC 11:45a Chinese New Year Celebration 1p Friends Church	12 7p Enjoyable Evening	13 10a Donut Group 1p Young at Heart 6-8p LGBTQ+ Support Group	VALENTINE'S 14 ASH WEDNESDAY 10a Faith by Hearing 12noon Ashes 1p Villa Park Devot. 2p Bible Study 6p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7p Ash Wed worshiip	15 VOICE ARTICLES DUE 12p Galiladies	16 7p Chinese Bible Study	17 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers
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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2024

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30AM

2024 Congregational Council

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We share the air.

At Galilee, we
STRIVE to be
fragrance-free!

BELLFEST! 2024



While the Bells of Galilee will not be participating this year, we encourage all to attend the fabulous Bellfest! concert. It's free and open to the public. It will be held on Saturday, March 2nd at North Heights Lutheran Church (Hwy. 96 in Arden Hills) Doors open at 2:30 pm, with the concert starting at 3pm. Always uplifting, this concert shows what beautiful sounds a large group of bell choirs can make. It draws bell choirs from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota. Come enjoy!

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.

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.