

THE VOICE OF GALILEE



SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Galilee Lutheran Church Family

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I'm so grateful that you are a vital part of the family here at Galilee. Because of your prayers, presence, and consistent support, God continues to do amazing things through our community of faith. When we look back at these past months, we see how your generosity helped us share Christ's love near and far.

I am writing to express my profound gratitude for your generous donations. Your faithfulness and willingness to share the blessings God has bestowed upon you are a beacon of light in our community. Your contributions have made a significant difference in our projects. For instance, your support has enabled us to use the funds to enhance our church facilities. It is through the grace of God and the generosity of believers like you that we can extend His kingdom and live out the Gospel in tangible ways.

In 2 Corinthians 9:7, Paul writes, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Your gifts reflect the joy and love of Christ, inspiring us all to serve diligently in His name.

As we look around our community, it is impossible to ignore the incredible ways God is moving through Galilee. Daily, our church acts as a beacon of hope, healing, and connection. None of this would be possible without the remarkable generosity of people like you.

As we look to the future, we sense God calling us to even deeper ministry. Generosity is not just about meeting a budget; it is an act of worship and an expression of trust in God's abundant provision. I am moved by the incredible kindness, the faithful partnerships, and your heart for the Galilee Lutheran church. In the Gospels, Jesus reminds us that God sees and multiplies every act of giving, no matter the size. Whether you give your time, your unique talents, or your financial resources, you are playing a vital role in building God's kingdom right here in our neighborhood. Your giving opens doors, heals hearts, and introduces people to the life-changing love of Jesus Christ.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your contributions. I pray for you and your family, that God's peace and abundance will continue to be with you in all things.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.
Pastor Jacquelyn Belzer

AROUND OUR CHURCH

GALILADIES

August 20 was Food on a Stick. What a selection of great foods. It was wonderful. Everyone had good ideas. And there was plenty to eat.



Also, everyone brought craft items they made. We have talented ladies in this group. From knitting, crocheting, sewing, embroidering, painting picture, lamp making & scrapbooking. Thank you for participating. We gave 1st and 2nd prize.



Next month our subject is: Bring your graduation picture and a picture from grade school age. We'll guess who is who. The food subject is school cafeteria food. Anyone want to join, give Ardis a call 651-206-8214

YOUNG AT HEART



August highlights:

Momma Sandy's puppy Penny has been under the weather and required extra TLC. Our four footed family members bring so much joy when healthy.

Sharell's neighbor's son Jin is leaving for the Marines this month. They had a big send-off party for him. They make the best egg rolls, and shared some with us. Yum.

Brenda had knee replacement #2, is home recuperating, and thanks you for your precious prayers and cards.

Abe donates lots of time to the Rice Street Gardens. I was fortunate to receive a delicious head of cabbage from Abe's garden. Thank you.

Mary Lanoux enjoyed spending some time in Lindstrom when her daughter from Michigan was here.

Karen and Steve are happy to have their "hail damaged roof" replaced.

We hope you can join us at 12:15 for our potluck lunch on Tuesday, September 8 and 22.

Enjoy the fall weather as the leaves change color and add beauty to the great outdoors.

WELCOMING PASTOR JUNFENG TAN TO MFCLC

by Joyce Solberg

We are pleased to share the wonderful news that Pastor Junfeng Tan has been called to serve as pastor of the Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church, our sister congregation that worships in our building.

Pastor Tan will begin his ministry on October 1, 2026. He and his wife, Eunsook Kim-Tan, have two sons: John, who is attending college in California, and Joseph, who is in middle school. Pastor Tan is fluent in both Mandarin and English.



Pastor Tan and his family first came to Minnesota when he was a graduate student at the University of Minnesota. During that time, they attended the Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church at its previous location, where Pastor Tan was baptized in 1998. It is especially meaningful that, years later, he is returning to serve the congregation as its pastor.

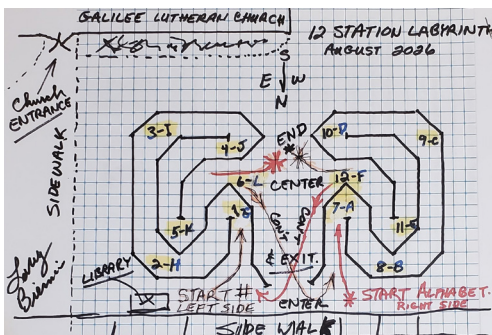
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12-STATION LABYRINTH by Larry Biermeier

A Labyrinth is a design with one single, winding path that leads to the center and back out. Unlike a maze, a true Labyrinth has no dead ends and no choices to make. People use them for quiet thinking, walk meditation and prayer.

My design follows this definition, but I made it with two options. First, you may start on the left side and follow the numbers 1 thru 6, doing only half the Labyrinth before exiting. Or you may continue to numbers 7 thru 12 for the whole journey. This method can allow another group to start on the right side entrance and follow letters A thru F, again doing only half the Labyrinth if they wish or continuing with letters G thru L.



I plan to have instruction sheets in a folder in the outdoor Library House. These sheets will have illustrated drawings, a first walk of Jesus' journey, a page with questions you may use on your visit, and a final page you could use for homework to plan your Biblical journey. You may keep your copy or return it to the Library House when your walk is done. I will try to keep the folder filled. Any questions, please check with me. Enjoy your Meditation Journey; follow your heart; walk this path in God's Love, Grace & Mercy.

'The Lord Be With You'

Larry Biermeier

PASTOR TAN continued.....

Pastor Tan attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul and was ordained into ministry in 2002. He brings 24 years of pastoral ministry experience, having served congregations in both South Dakota and Texas.

We give thanks to God for calling Pastor Tan to this ministry and for bringing his family back to the Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church. We look forward to welcoming Pastor Tan and his family, and to continuing our relationship with our sister congregation.

Please join us in welcoming the Tan family and praying for them as they begin this new chapter of ministry with the Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church.

AROUND OUR CHURCH

TANZANIA/UHOMINYI SCHOLARSHIPS

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. 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. We already have \$3,200 pledged to provide 8 scholarships.

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



FAREWELL PASTOR TSEN

On Sunday, August 2nd I attended worship service and a BBQ potluck at Sucker Lake Park to celebrate Pastor Tsen's final day as MFCLC pastor before his retirement. It was a beautiful day filled with fellowship, laughter, and wonderful memories. Wishing Pastor Tsen and Pastor Laura all the very best as they begin this new chapter of retirement.

GROWING THE RICE STREET GARDENS

An article in the July edition of The Roseville Reader was all about our neighborhood's incredible community garden and how it came to be!

A very important part of the article stated how RSG is looking for new leaders to continue the vital service and stewardship of this neighborhood asset.

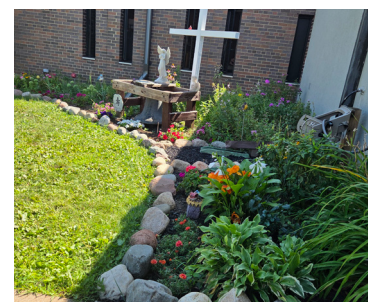
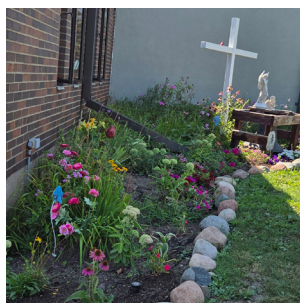
Visit <https://www.ricestreetgardens.com> to learn more.

To see the entire article: www.rosevillereader.com/growing-the-rice-street-gardens/



...AND SPEAKING OF GARDENS.....

A huge thank you to Darla for all the hard work she put into Galilee's gardens! Darla did a beautiful job, and it looks absolutely wonderful. We truly appreciate all your time and effort!



AROUND OUR CHURCH

PROPERTY TEAM MEETING Submitted by CarolAnn Hart

The air-conditioning unit for Fellowship Hall needed to be in place by August 11th for voting. The money needed for the windows has been raised.

The two red maple trees have been trimmed, and one dead tree was removed. We received a schedule for the parking lot repairs. Weather permitting, all work should be completed by mid-September.

There was another leak in the Fellowship Hall closet, in a different area than the previous leak.

We believe it was residual water, but we will continue to monitor the area.

We discussed purchasing a new Christmas tree for the sanctuary. The current tree is falling apart.

We discussed whether we should continue having the Easter Breakfast.

Possible dates for the fall cleanup are October 17 or October 24.

The sanctuary lights are not being turned off completely.

We continued our discussion about the playground.

WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING Submitted by CarolAnn Hart

Since repairs were done on the ear microphones that are mostly used by the assisting ministers, Paul wanted to know if they were working. Barb reports that the ear microphones are working. The link to the mirror we had talked about has reappeared and Paul will be ordering it for the organist.

Instead of using the prayers from Sundays and Seasons, Pastor Belzer would like to use prayers that reflect what is happening currently in our community and world. These are the prayers we say before we do the peace.

On Sunday August 2nd the congregation was singing the gospel acclamation softly. Instead of having the whole choir sing the psalm, it was discussed that a few would sing and the rest of the choir would sit in the audience.

The assisting ministers will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month so that there are no conflicts with the bells or subs. Teresa, Lori, Paul and Barb will be assisting ministers. We will introduce new tunes but limit them.

Since Riley is in confirmation class with Cherie, it was discussed to have him be involved in Sunday worship.

There are three Sundays in the fall that Yuko will be our organist.

We discussed what our priorities in worship will be for the coming year.

SYNOD EVENT: **Bishop Installation Service** **September 13 @ 3:30 pm**
 Shepherd of the Valley Luthern Church
 12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Rd, Apple Valley

Join us as The Rev. Justin Grimm is installed as the next bishop of the Saint Paul Area Synod! ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry will preside and preach. Clergy are invited to vest and process. The color of the day is red. A light reception will follow this celebratory worship service of Holy Communion.



WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Scripture Readings

SEPTEMBER 6

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

SEPTEMBER 13

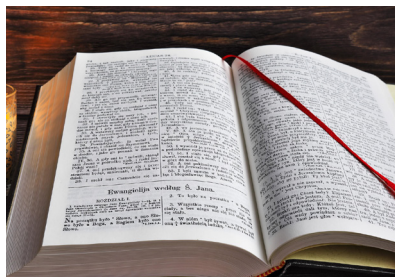
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

SEPTEMBER 20

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

SEPTEMBER 27

18th Sunday after Pentecost
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32



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

Communion

Sept 6 Assisting Minister
Sept 13 Ron Peterson
Sept 20 Assisting Minister
Sept 27 Larry Biermeier

Lectors

Sept 6 Larry Biermeier
Sept 13 Abe Watson
Sept 20 JoAnn French
Sept 27 Teresa Shores

Ushers

Sept 6 Solbergs
Sept 13 O'Keefes
Sept 20 Groebners
Sept 27 Petersons

September Birthdays

Bill Johnson	9/05
Dazhanea Mitchell-Taylor	9/08
Jackie Nerud	9/08
JoAnn Lano	9/15
Debbie Nimis-Rohloff	9/15
Robert Osterman	9/23
Louise Fehrman	9/26
Darlene Schmidt	9/27
Kendra Fehrman	9/29



Prayers

Linda Kemblowski
Martha & Steven Krow-Luca
Pat Craft
George Beeks
Taylor Altendorfer
Brenda Meyer
Bob Gralish
Dave Gallaway
Mary Lanoux
Bill Zrust
Ron Jarombek
Pastor Brenda Boogren
James Hart
Janis Behrens
Shawn Altendorfer

Family & friends of:

Dorothy Grauel

Care Center/Homebound:

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 call the office.**

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 10a Donut Group	2 11a Bible Study	3 6p Property Team	4	5 9a Ham Radio group
6 9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a MFCLC Worship	7 LABOR DAY	8 10a Donut group 12:15p Young at Heart 6:30p Alley-19 7p Worship/Music	9 11a Bible Study 1p Villa Park 7p Outreach mtg	10 6:30p Council mtg 6:30p SP Clown Club	11	12
13 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a MFCLC Worship BISHOP GRIMM INSTALLATION DAY	14	15 10a Donut Group	16 11a Bible Study	17 12p Galiladies	18 PARKING LOT REPAIRS - entire lot closed	19 PARKING LOT CLOSED ALL DAY
20 9:30a Galilee Worship - Larry B. preaching 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a MFCLC Worship	21 VOICE ARTICLES DUE	22 10a Donut Group 12:15p YAH	23 11a Bible Study 6p Bells rehearsal	24	25	26
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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30 A.M.

OFFICE HOURS: M, W, F 9AM-1PM

2026 Congregational Council

Joyce Solberg, President
CarolAnn Hart, Vice President
Ron Peterson, Secretary
Joan Jarombek
Elen Swenson
Larry Biermeier
Darla Nelson
Barb Strenge, Treasurer
Miriam Peterson, Financial Secretary

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Organists: Raymond Nottidge & Tim Rand

Bells of Galilee: Cynthia Erickson
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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.



PARKING LOT REPAIRS

The Galilee parking lot will be blocked off ***Friday, September 18, and Saturday, September 19*** sealing and to allow the sealant to cure.

GALILADIES' REQUEST

The GaliLadies would like to borrow a one-gallon glass jug for a project they have in mind. If you have one, please let Ardis know.