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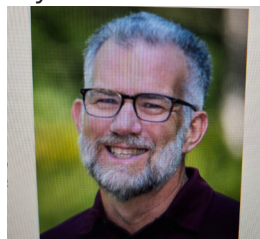
ELCA The Rev. Yehiel Curry has been elected to a six-year term as presiding bishop of the ELCA. The election took place July 30 during the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona. Curry, who was elected on the fifth ballot, will be the ELCA's first Black male presiding bishop. As a member of Shekinah Chapel, in Riverdale, Ill, Presiding Bishop-Elect Curry began as their lay mission developer while he participated in the Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) program, which prepares individuals for ordained ministry in the ELCA focusing on emerging ministry contexts like ethnic-specific, multicultural, rural and inner-city settings. Previously, Curry had served as bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod since 2019. He also previously served as pastor (2012-2019) of Shekinah. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill, in 1995 and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) in 2013. ***The Bishop-Elect will be installed on Saturday, Oct. 4, at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. The presiding bishop installation is open to the public, and tickets are not required. Doors open at 1 p.m. Central time, and worship begins at 2 p.m.***



ELCA Secretary: The Rev. Lucille "CeCee" Mills was elected to serve a six-year term as secretary of the ELCA. Pastor Mills noted that she is also a product of the TEEM program. The Office of the Secretary provides administrative services and tools for ELCA leaders who are serving in congregations, synods and the churchwide organization, especially those given responsibility for governance. The secretary interprets the

constitutions and other governing documents and is responsible for maintaining its rosters, the ELCA archives, and the minutes and records of certain meetings. The Office of the Secretary receives the annual report of the congregations, provides travel and physical arrangements for meetings of the churchwide organization, compiles information for the online ELCA Directory, staff the nominating processes of this church and coordinates the use of legal counsel.

New St. Paul Area Synod Treasurer: Matt Smith was appointed to a four-year term as treasurer of the synod, beginning August 1st. Matt is a member of Christ Lutheran in Marine on St. Croix and has been involved with Bega Kwa Bega programs. Over his career, he has served with USDA as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Revenue, as finance director for the City of St. Paul, and most recently as finance director and county manager for Dakota County until his retirement last year. Matt lives with his wife on a family farm near the St. Croix River. We welcome him to this new service as an officer of the synod! Laden, who has served as synod sented financial reports at synod with church financial folks at many and has been a well-spoken advocate continue to serve on the synod's



We extend our gratitude to David treasurer since 2017. David has pre-assemblies, shared helpful information Tool Kits for Congregational Leaders for mission support. David will Finance Committee.

AROUND OUR CHURCH

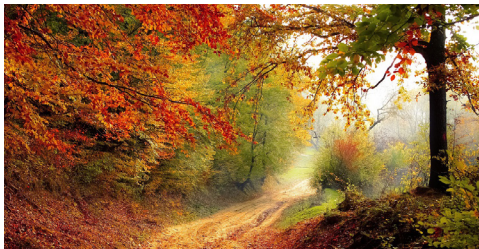
YOUNG AT HEART - Sharell



Karen and Steve Groebner spent a few days at a resort in Park Rapids with daughter Jen and granddaughter Allie. Karen also enjoyed taking her granddaughters shopping for back to school outfits. The joy of still having youngsters around; they grow up so-o-o-o fast. Joe Juneau and Sharell Babin both had their refrigerators die the same week, and now both have new appliances that should outlive them. Shari Sailer enjoys dogsitting Greta for son David when he travels. She also traveled with family to Bozeman, along with niece (Shari) from out East to visit grandson. They visited Yellowstone while there.

YAH meets in the library at 12:15 on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, which will be September 9th and 23rd. 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 and falling leaves, and raking.



GALILADIES - ARDIS

August GaliLadies served food on a stick in honor of our State Fair. We talked about the new foods at the fair. **1.**Which food is the biggest seller? **2.**What is oldest ride? **3.**How big the fair grounds are in acres? **4.**And who's going this year? Some gals also brought items they made for show.

In September our food subject is "Fall foods". We plan to play games and we all will bring a prize or two. We also collect prizes for the care center when they play Bingo. We can use Christmas cards to sign for the care center and veterans as well.

Our GaliLadies always welcome more ladies. Please come the 3rd Thursday of the month (9/18) - - - 12noon in the library.



- 1.** Sweet Martha's Cookies - avg 3 million per day!
- 2.** Ye Old Mill - since 1915
- 3.** 322 acres
- 4.** Most everybody!!

Last year's attendance=1,925,904

HOMEBOUND/CARE CENTER MEMBERS*

Bill Friberg, Maplewood Care Ctr, 1900 Sherren Ave E, Maplewood 55109

Edith Londroche, Suite Living Senior Care, 938 S Robert St, W St Paul 55118

Kitty Fisch, David Shores, New Perspectives Senior Living, 2750 N Victoria St, Roseville 55113

Karen Murphy, Lyngblomsten apt, #218, 1455 Almond Ave, St Paul 55108

Janet Christensen, 5359 395th St, North Branch, MN 55056 (Trinity Lutheran, North Branch)

We give thanks for these intercessors, praying for our community and the world:

Galilee Prayer Team: Jackie Nerud; Shari Sailer; Elen Swenson; Karen Groebner

**(All the names of these members were asked for permission to be in our newsletter.)*

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GALILEE SUNDAY HARVEST TABLES

Again for the month of September, Galilee is continuing Harvest tables!! You can share something from your garden and feel free to take what others bring.** Mark your calendars and expect to see our Harvest Tables continue during October and November.

**** (Please note: Everything needs to be removed by Sunday evening, so we can enjoy a bug-free building.)**



Congregational Council

The Galilee Church Council met on August 14. Galilee Lutheran Church has received the first quarter payment (\$5,800) of the \$16,000 we applied. (Employee Retention Credit during Covid) A recent check for \$4,400 was also received.

September 2025 will be Galilee's 65th Church Anniversary. This year's Stewardship campaign will commence on September 14. Discussion continues on repairs. The new railings for the Church steps have been ordered. The church's MSP has been completed and sent to the Synod. Interviews for the call of a new pastor will commence soon. The next Council meeting will be September 11. Elen Swenson, Council President

Bells of Galilee is Recruiting

Have an interest in music? Think it might be kinda cool to ring handbells? The Bells of Galilee are looking for a few more hands to join them in offering music for our worship services. No experience necessary. We practice on Wednesdays, 6-7pm, September through May. We play at worship once a month. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Cynthia Erickson at 651-917-1818 cynthia.erickson@minnmicro.com or Galilee's office: 651-488-6769 office.galilee@gmail.com



January - July 2025 Received Financial Pledged Offerings (envelopes & loose): \$100,818

THANK YOU!

Jan \$21,195	Apr \$14,271
Feb \$11,235	May \$11,289
Mar \$14,972	Jun \$13,900
	Jul \$13,956

Call Committee

We submitted the Ministry Site Profile on Sunday, July 27th, and it was approved by the synod Monday August 11th. They have uploaded it to the ELCA's website. The synod will be vetting the candidates before they provide us with contact information for the Call Committee to start doing interviews.



Gift of Thanks

With gratitude from the Galilee Call Committee, Pastor Kelly received this succulent plant and note: "It has been our shared blessing to work together with congregation members' reflections and the Call Committee interpretations on completing the Galilee Ministry Site Profile."

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GALILEE'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY - REMINISCING.....

- *Wayne and Janet Christiansen* relocated to North Branch in 2024 and are now members of Trinity Lutheran there. Wayne remembers the 1970s and 1980s with young children and growing youth at Galilee! He and family enjoyed the feasts/smorgasbords held either in the basement of the first chapel or in the original worship building (now Fellowship Hall). He and Janet were invited to be first in line because they had four playful little children..... It was easier to get them in line first then to have to look for them & gather them up to eat later.



Continuing through December, we welcome your stories, memories, etc. from your time here at Galilee. Please email the office to have them placed in future Voice "Reminiscing" columns.
office.galilee@gmail.com

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

The Twin Cities' North Suburban Grief Support Coalition sponsors the "Growing Through Loss" series twice yearly, providing an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Have you experienced:

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| a death of a loved one | a broken relationship |
| a divorce or separation | pregnancy or infant loss |
| a job loss or change | a move to a new home or city |
| a loved one who needs support | |



The next grief support series will be held this Fall on Thursdays beginning Sept. 18. It will run for six consecutive Thursday evenings, ending Oct. 23 and will be located at St. Phillip's Lutheran Church in Fridley. Please check their website for exact scheduled topics, meeting times, and map to church:
www.growingthroughloss.org

OUR HARVEST SEASON - Interim Pastor Kelly

We describe the season with our limited meteorological knowledge as Fall. The greening will diminish and eventually die. In North America, the seasonal change is received with cooler weather and shadowy mornings. Nothing wrong with calling the season Fall, but it remains, liturgically for Christians, the harvest season of Pentecost. One of the plans for October is to focus on the theme of creation during worship. At Galilee, we will be giving thanks for the created mission and ministry that started 65 years ago, May 1960. In addition, the Galilee Council is prayerfully requesting your 2026 financial commitment as a stewardship pledge.

For three weeks in September during fellowship (no adult faith forum), members and guests will be discussing the practices that brought Galilee to these 65 years. These weeks will focus on constitutional purposes of the ministry and mission that Galilee continues to steward; by caring, loving, sharing, and welcoming your financial commitment in pledging for 2026, Galilee's 66th year!

As this period of interim transition continues, we can celebrate in the months ahead other areas of ministry for thanksgiving in celebration of these blessed 65 years!

2025 July Worship Attendance = 135

2024 July Worship Attendance = 153

2025 Jan-July attendance = 1,348

2024 Jan-July attendance = 1,303



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KEYSTONE FREE FARMERS' MARKET



The last two remaining "drive-thru" markets will be held on September 19th and October 10th. Keystone employees have repeatedly expressed their gratitude to Galilee for sharing our space, volunteers, coffee, water, etc. to make these events such a success!

OneChallenge.org "A Place at the Table"



...from Mihai & Tammy Lundell: "One of our favorite things about observing Jesus and his ministry was how often he sat, ate, and talked with people at the table in their homes. In our own city of Genova, Mihai participated in a city-wide event in May call "Cena Insieme" (Italian for 'dinner together'). The entire city center was full of big, long tables where people brought food to share. Lights were strung up, songs were sung, and people stayed laughing, singing, and conversing for hours. Many people in our outreach ministry said it made them feel that they have a place here, and it helped them to understand their neighbors. How about you? Do you provide places at the table for others?"

ENJOYABLE EVENING FUN

The North Suburban Chorus was a great show, and perfect ending to our Summer concerts. Glad those who came saw such a festive performance. (attendance=42). Outreach Team distributed 45 invitations. Two members distributed 13 invitations to apartments and condominiums. Eight invitations were distributed by Pastor Kelly to Rice Street residents. Ten attendees received invitations to worship at Galilee.



WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Scripture Lessons

SEPTEMBER 7

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

SEPTEMBER 14

Holy Cross Day
Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

SEPTEMBER 21

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

SEPTEMBER 28

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31



Prayer Requests

Homebound:

Janet Christensen
Kitty Fisch
Bill Friberg
Edith Londroche
David Shores
Larry Sims (spouse
Carolyn Brase-Koehler)

Family/Members/Friends:

Shawn Altendorfer
Janis Behrens
John Bell
Justin Blatterman
Nijah Davis
Unji Wildani
Gageek Hakobyan
Mary Lanoux
Karen Murphy
Dan Nerud
Scott Solberg
Randall Strand
Nancy Seefert Tomczyk
Kathleen Voss

Missions/Ministry:

Rice Street Gardens
MN Faith Chinese Lutheran
Balali & Uhominyi in Iringa

September Birthdays

Bill Johnson	9/5
Dazhanea Mitchell-Taylor	9/8
Jackie Nerud	9/8
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



September Lectors

Sept 7 Teresa Shore
Sept 14 Joan Jarombek
Sept 21 Cynthia Erickson
Sept 28 Peter Solberg

September Ushers

Sept 7 Zrust/Watson
Sept 14 O'Keefes
Sept 21 Groebners
Sept 28 Petersons

September Communion

Sept 7 Joyce Solberg
Sept 14 Darla Nelson
Sept 21 TBD
Sept 28 TBD

Sept. Refreshments

Sept 7 - - - Worship & Music
celebrating Galilee's
Anniversary year

Sept 14th, 21st, and 28th:

Two Galilee Anniversary
Stewardship Hosts
Welcome

Call Committee Members

Joyce Solberg, chairperson
Sandy Biermeier
Jim Zrust
Sandy Altendorfer
Miriam Peterson
Karita Wienke
Abe Watson
CarolAnn Hart

Pastor Kelly only attends at the
request of Chairperson Solberg.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 10a Donut group 7p Worship & Music	3	4 6p Property Team	5 7p Chinese Bible Study	6 6a Chinese Prayer 9a Ham Radio group 12p Aztec dancers
PASTOR KELLY'S VACATION - - - (emerg: Interim Pastor Steve Sylvester 651-484-4144 Prince of Peace, Roseville pastor@poproseville.org)						
7 9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC choir 11a MFCLC worship Harvest Tables	8 12noon lunch with the Gospel of Matthew	9 10a Donut Group 12:15p Young At Heart 7p Alley 19 Clowns	10 1p Villa Park 6:30p SP Clowns 7p Outreach mtg	11 6:30p Council mtg	12 7p Chinese Bible Study	13 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers
14 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran Harvest Tables	15 12noon lunch with the Gospel of Matthew Voice articles due	16 10a Donut Group	17	18 12p GaliLadies	19 8a Keystone setup 10a Farmers Mkt 7p Chinese Bible Study	20 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers
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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30 A.M.

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

2025 Congregational Council

Elen Swenson, President
Joyce Solberg, Vice President
Ron Peterson, Secretary
CarolAnn Hart
Joan Jarombek
Cherie Garrod
Larry Biermeier
Darla Nelson
Barb Strenge, Treasurer
Miriam Peterson, Financial Secretary
Interim Pastor Sharon Kelly

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VOICE articles must be received by the
15th 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.

Reminder:

Galilee is a fragrance-free church.
Some people have an allergy to
fragrances, which affects their health.
Thank you.

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.



PLANTS REFRESH

Thank you to Property Team members..... trimming excess
branches & some roots, and adding fresh soil to two library
plants! One more plant needs attention in the library. And it
looks like the two narthex plants may need to be removed - - -
seem to be dying. To assist, please call Sandy Altendorfer at
651-489-0623.