

THE VOICE OF GALILEE

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Blessings to you and yours. Ten households enjoyed playing Bingo and having ice cream for Galilee's first "Blanket Bingo" on the lawn Tuesday evening, June 10th. I had placed signs on the North McCarrons Blvd apartments, the condominium across the Galilee parking lot, and the seven houses north of Galilee on Rice Street.

We give thanks for your prayers, especially regarding the weather, and for your participation in donations. We also received household donations from the Do Good Roseville organization. The Alley 19 Clown group loaned us the mechanical bingo set and the cards with sliders (no chips or daubers needed).



After this gathering, the remaining household items and 85 pounds of packaged food were donated to the Department of Indian Work in Little Canada. This unexpected gift that Galilee shared helps reduce food insecurity during the summer in Minnesota.



Another concern: When school is out, food-insecure households continue to need food assistance. Please pray and participate in the Keystone Drive-Thru Produce Distribution on Friday, July 25. Volunteers are needed between 10am-12pm. We then need to make sure our building is secure and safe. Everyone may enter the building until 1pm, when our Administrative Assistant Sue departs and locks the doors.

And speaking of food, *let's create a Sunday Harvest Table in the narthex!* You can share something from your garden and feel free to take what others bring.** Expect to see our Harvest Table during August, September, October and November.



Finally, Hand In Hand Christian Montesorri shared two bottles of maple syrup they collected from the Galilee trees. They are seeking volunteers to harvest mulberries (now), and apples in September and October. Please call the Dean of their Creo High School, Nikolas Winter, at 612-419-4486.

Interim Pastor Sharon Kelly

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

AROUND OUR CHURCH

YOUNG AT HEART - Sharell

In June we celebrated birthdays for Tom Wackerfuss, Brenda Meyer, and Steve Groebner before adjourning for friendly card games. The prize is bragging rights for the day.



Tom was called by me the day before our group meets. It was great having our former custodian visit with us.

We missed our friends Lou and Abe. Lou was babysitting grandchildren, and Abe accompanied his wife on a business trip out East. Karen and Steve spent a week in Boston with a group of 17 relatives from this area for a niece's wedding. To our friends with health concerns, our prayers are with you.

If you enjoy good food and/or socializing, we meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and would love to have you join us. We will be in the library at 12:15 on July 8 and 22. Questions? Call Karen Groebner at 651-488-9074 or Sharell at 651-746-9074. If you have time, give us a try. We may be aging, but we're still YOUNG AT HEART.

GALILADIES - ARDIS HASLACH

On Thursday, June 19th, the GaliLadies met at the Great Moon restaurant in White Bear for lunch. There were eight of us - a great group! We all enjoyed the luncheon and most of all being with friends.



Next month's meeting (July 17th 12:00) we'll be back at the church library. Our subject is antiques. Everyone is asked to bring a few antique items and to share the stories behind them.

It should be a very interesting get together. And we always welcome new members.



HOMEBOUND/CARE CENTER MEMBERS*

Their names are an invitation to remember anyone who cannot worship weekly. Please consider sending a postcard or greeting card. It will be a joy for these members to decorate a space with all the cards received. Also, one homebound resident needs two wall clocks with large face, large print numbers and a clear or white clock face background. Please contact Interim Pastor Kelly if you are willing to donate two wall clocks with these features. (And for those who've agreed to receive calls, I can share phone numbers) Thank you!

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

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.)

AROUND OUR CHURCH

JULY'S ENJOYABLE EVENING MONDAY, JULY 7TH 7PM

They're back!! Our first concert of the summer will be the fabulous Roseville Community Band!

Under the direction of Dan Kuch, The Roseville Community Band has established itself as one of the top community bands in the upper Midwest. It is a "true community band" in that no auditions are required and membership is open to any adult musician.

Galilee members please invite family, friends and neighbors especially if they are not worshipping at any congregation. Before the concert ends, and with your help (thanks!), we will place invitations to worship at Galilee on all attendee cars. **see sample below*



JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

Council meeting took place on Tuesday, 6/12.

An estimate has been requested for a new railing to be installed on the stairs between the upper parking lot and the lower parking lot. The Council voted to proceed on the roof repairs for the leaking section over Fellowship Hall.

This year Galilee has been asked to not donate backpacks for the Glow-out, but to provide school supplies only. The next Council meeting will be on August 11th at 6:30PM. - Elen Swenson, President

**Please cut and share with a neighbor.*



GATHER TWIN CITIES (an ELCA ministry)

Let's have fun at a Saints baseball game!! Join fellow fans on Tuesday, July 8th. CHS Field 7pm.

More info to follow, but please order your tickets by emailing your RSVP to:

gathertwincities@gmail.com



AROUND OUR CHURCH

CALL COMMITTEE

We are completing the Ministry Site Profile. We would like to thank everyone for filling out our surveys a couple of weeks ago. We read all that were submitted and it helped us greatly answering the seven questions.

On Monday, July 14th we will be having a meeting with Deacon Krista Lind, SPAS, who will help us with our next steps in our search for a pastor.

A GIFT FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

A huge thank you to Hand-In-Hand Montessori school, who gifted us an electric ultraviolet sanitizer. This is perfect for making sure all prayer shawls distributed are "spick and span"! And as time goes on, other uses for this gift are sure to present themselves.



SUNDAY ADULT FORUMS

On Sunday, July 6, Mark Olson, owner of JoshuaMarkum Builders, is available to return to Galilee Adult Faith Forum. His topic will be how building homes grows communities. Mark had previously come to Galilee for an open house and information distribution on the five new townhomes proposed for Elmer Street, across the wetlands.

Then, on Sunday, July 13, let's watch the online video presentation of "Jesus: The Most Interesting Word We Have for the World," featuring The Reverend Doctor Will Willimon. Dr. Willimon brings decades of experience to this conversation that helps us consider evangelism with a new lens rather than a quick fix or repeating outdated approaches.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION



The Outreach Team decided to do something different this year. We are collecting school supplies for Edgerton Elementary School which has Kindergarten through 6th grades. A flyer of requested items is inserted. Thank you, once again, for participating.

CENTERING PRAYER - Joyce Solberg

Miriam Peterson and I went to a session on Centering prayer at the February St. Paul Area Synod Tool Kit. My background is on meditation, learned at a workshop. One day, a coworker and I were talking about her practice of centering prayer and meditation. They sounded the same. I understand that some people don't like the word "meditation" because it sounds non-Christian. Please consider the following definitions:

Centering prayer: "A silent prayer practice that involves choosing a sacred word or phrase, sitting quietly, and gently returning to that word when thought arise, thus *fostering a deeper connection to the divine.*"

Meditation prayer: "A quiet and reflective practice, inviting stillness and *connection with a higher power* or oneself, often incorporating elements of gratitude, reflection and surrender."

Benefits of both: Cultivating inner peace; Deepening spiritual awareness; Fostering a stronger relationship with God; Potentially reducing stress, anxiety, depression; Giving a new way to look at things that cause stress; Making you more self-aware; Focusing on the present; Reducing negative feelings.

Centering prayer guidelines

It was suggested to start with 10 minutes.

Choose a sacred word as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence.
Sit comfortably with eyes closed. Settle briefly, then silently introduce your sacred word.
When "*mind thoughts*"* begin, gently return to your sacred word.
At the end of your prayer period, remain in silence for a couple minutes.

(*"*mind thoughts*" or "*monkey mind*": thinking about tasks, feelings, images)

Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other types of prayer, but simply to cast a new light on prayer. There are synod congregations that have started Centering Prayer groups.

Thomas Keating has many good books about Centering Prayer.

Lectio Divina (Divine Prayer): Another type of meditative prayer that is more active.
It starts with a sentence/phrase, which is repeated dropping one word at a time:

Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I AM
Be still and know that I
Be still and know that
Be still and know
Be still and
Be still
Be

This practice, to me, feels like I am sitting in the presence of God our Creator.

WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Scripture Lessons

JULY 6

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:[1-6]7-16
Luke 10:1-11,16-20

JULY 13

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

JULY 20

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

JULY 27

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15[16-19]
Luke 11:1-13



Prayer Requests

Dan Nerud
Nijah Davis
Karl Blatterman
Bill Friberg
Bob Schmidt
Randall Strand
Scott Solberg
Shawn Altendorfer
David Shores
Mary Lanoux
Fuller Center Mission Team
MN Faith Chinese Lutheran Church
Balali & Uhominyi in Iringa, Tanzania



Call Committee Members

Joyce Solberg, chairperson
Sandy Biermeier
Jim Zrust
Sandy Altendorfer
Miriam Peterson
Karita Wienke
Abe Watson
CarolAnn Hart
Pastor Kelly (ad hoc member)

July Birthdays

CarolAnn Hart	7/1
Tim Rand	7/1
Veniessia Taylor	7/1
Shari Sailer	7/5
Lyn Grunewald	7/6
Sandy Biermeier	7/7
Edith Londroche	7/10
Ruth Hartmann	7/17
Mary Lanoux	7/19
Monique Taylor	7/27
Martrell Jaco	7/28
Joe Juneau	7/31
Dora Taylor	7/31



July Lectors

July 6 Ruth Hartmann
July 13 Barb Strenge
July 20 Abe Watson
July 27 Cherie Garrod

July Ushers

July 6 Zrust/Watson
July 13 O'Keefes
July 20 Hart/Groebner
July 27 Solbergs

July Communion

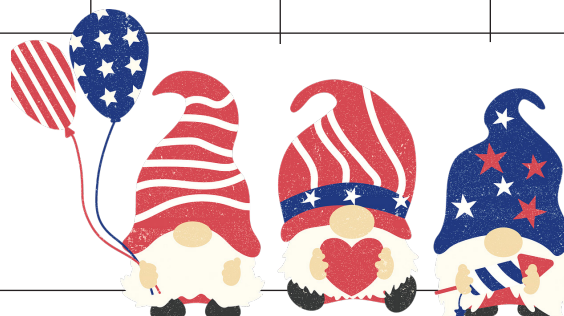
July 6 Elen Swenson
July 13 TBD
July 20 TBD
July 27 TBD

July Refreshments

July 6 TBD
July 13 TBD
July 20 TBD
July 27 TBD

JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 10a Donut Group 7p Worship & Music	2	3	4 7p Chinese Bible Study JULY 4th	5 6a Chinese Prayer 12p Aztec dancers
	Pastor vacation -----				Pastor returns -----	
6 9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC choir 11a MFCLC worship 11a Adult Forum	7 11:30a Bible Study 1p Call Committee 7p Enjoyable Evening - -distribute worship invitations on cars	8 10a Donut Group 12:15p YAH 7pm Alley 19 Clowns	9 1p Villa Park 6:30p SP Clowns	10	11 7p Chinese Bible Study	12 6a Chinese Prayer 9a HAM RADIO SALE 11a Aztec Dancers
13 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran	14 11:30a Bible Study 1p Call Committee 3:30p Outreach mtg	15 10a Donut Group Voice articles due	16	17 12p GaliLadies	18 7p Chinese Bible Study	19 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers
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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30 A.M.

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

2025 Congregational Council

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Reminder:

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



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events take place from **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.**
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the QR code to learn more!



GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

145 N McCarrons Blvd,
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- June 27
- July 25
- August 15
- September 19
- October 10

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.