

THE VOICE OF



November 2023

THANKFUL & BLESSED

Dear People of Galilee,

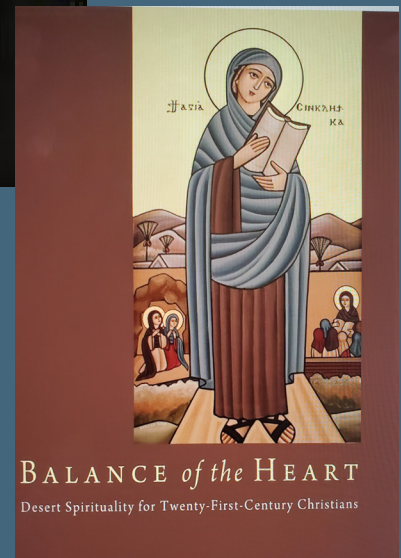
Blessed Thanksgiving Season! We are going to celebrate Sunday Nov. 19th with a Chinese-English Worship service! You can sleep in on that Sunday as we will begin our bilingual worship at 10am, followed by a pot luck! Our Chinese brothers and sisters request that we bring American Thanksgiving dishes for the pot luck. They will bring their delicious Chinese foods. We haven't worshiped together with Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church since 2019, so we are longing for this Sunday to come!

On November 4th we have a guest coming to our Adult Forum. She is an Orthodox nun and scholar from the Egyptian Coptic Church. Her name is Dr. Lois Farag. She will speak to us about the Christian spirituality from the ancient church, during the times of the desert fathers and mothers, from 1500 years ago! She is a retired professor from Luther Seminary, which is how Rebecca Chase and I know her. She has been a lecturer at universities and seminaries around the United States, including the Ecumenical Institute of Theology, Loyola University in Baltimore, and Trinity College in Washington, D.C. She is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School here in the United States, and the American University in Cairo Egypt. More importantly, Dr. Farag teaches about the Word of God being a Living Word, living in us and becoming part of our very selves. She is going to talk about the concept of "renunciation", like Jesus said to the young man upon hearing the story of the Good Samaritan. Jesus said to him, "You only lack one thing. Go and sell everything you have and give it to the poor." Is Jesus really being serious? Dr. Farag is going to tell us about this - as she, living as a monastic sister, has done this. She has renounced earthly riches to walk more nearly, dearly and closer to God. You don't want to miss this forum!



"As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

1 Timothy 6:17



Yours in service, Pastor Dana K. Nelson

AROUND OUR CHURCH

YOUNG AT HEART



In mid September Abe Watson took a trip to the Lake Michigan area (a 10-hr drive) and fished on Lake St. Clair with a friend from Detroit. They caught 3 bass sheephead. Very much worth it, as Abe said. "It was soooo much fun and my first trip to that area".

Shari Sailer says: **"Thank you"** for the prayers for Dell. It is hard to watch his decline! Once in awhile I get a smile from him, and it makes my heart so happy to see this."

Recently Mary Lanoux was visiting daughter Teri and saw a Garage Sale just down the road that was for a cancer fundraiser! Mary drove back the next day (with Jim) and bought several things to use as Christmas gifts for Teri and Chad.

The Twitch group all strive to be the President (winner). The janitor is the lowest score.

Recently Abe received an award of needed supplies for janitor of the day.



We will be meeting in the library (ready to eat) at 1:00 on Tuesday, November 14th and again on the 28th, after which we play Twitch and Social Security. We enjoy socializing/getting to know each other better, so if you are available on the 2nd or 4th Tuesdays of the month, we would love to have you join us. If you have any questions, please call Karen at 651-488-9074 or Sharell at 651-746-9074.



GALILADIES Ardis Haslach

In October, while Judy was at her trailer in Lanesboro, there was a bike race called The Filthy Fit. 1,080 bikes were in the race! That is quite a lot, and they made for an incredible race to watch.

Marlene made one more trip to her trailer in Isle to watch her grand kids play sports and spend time with them.

Ardis and Dick have partly closed up their cabin. Their son Alan does a final closing the first part of November. It's a little bittersweet because we know winter is coming.

Sandy's been busy painting rocks. Halloween-themed ones in October. Next it will be Christmas rocks. Good job, Sandy.

We had a new visitor, Joanne. We welcomed her and if anyone else wants to visit or join they are welcome.

We signed Christmas cards for Harmony Gardens Health Care Center and for The Veterans hospital.



GALILEE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Galilee has heartfelt gratitude for continued donations from our members. You are all such a blessing.

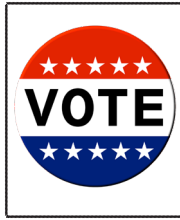
We regret to report that Galilee's budget (through September) is \$25,000 less than projected. Removal of dead trees & church exterior work are some of the reasons. While Galilee does have carryover money from years past, we are very hesitant to use this up. And our projects of new basement carpet & new floor in men's restroom need to be put "on hold".

On a positive note, we are able to receive government funds for retaining employees during COVID. Application has been sent. And our Thrivent investment is doing well. Again, thank you for your donations. If you are moved to help Galilee "catch up" by giving extra, we would appreciate it. May God bless us all.

AROUND OUR CHURCH

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 7TH

Galilee is a polling place.
Doors are open from
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. on
Tuesday November 7th.



OUR NEW CHRISTMAS PROJECT

This year we will be supporting a local program called **My Very Own Bed**. It is a 501(c)(3) located in Minneapolis. They are working on providing beds and bedding to kids of all ages who presently have no beds. More information will follow in December on how we will be able to provide bedding. Check out their website: myveryownbed.org

From Pastor Dana:

Galilee is blessed to have many octogenarians, a few nonagenarians, and even one centenarian, Bill Fryberg. Thanks be to God for longevity! We are all grateful to have the warmth of our people near us at Galilee. We pray for one another especially as we "get up there" in age. Each passing year is more and more precious, and not to be taken for granted.



I have some (wink, wink) "news" for you from one of our parishioners in his 90s, Lyle Sorum. He wants you all to know that the reason he hasn't been around the church for a while is that he has been extremely busy being the pope. You go, Lyle!!

"The best of the firstfruits of your harvest you shall bring to the house of the Lord your God."
(Exodus 34:26)

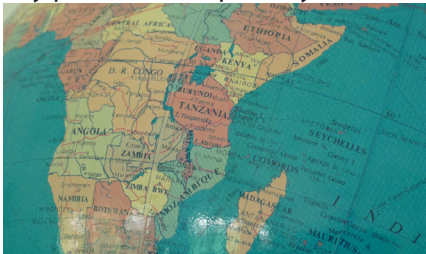
Our Holy Communion drink will come from the fresh grapes of Ardis and Dick Haslach's garden.

Come worship the Lord and receive the bread of life and the cup of blessing on November 19 at 10am, for a special Thanksgiving worship.



Uhominyi Scholarships

We are continuing to support 11 high school students in our companion church Uhominyi in Tanzania. They range from Form 1 to Form 6 (which is the equivalent of grades 7-12). Each student scholarship is about \$400 per year. They need to go to a boarding school since there is nothing local. The government only provides free primary school.



If you would like to contribute, just put the check into your offering envelope and mark it "Uhominyi Scholarship". We would like to receive the money by the end of November, to send into the Synod. We are making a *huge* difference in the lives of these students. Thank you for your support!



Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 13, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Galilee Lutheran Church
145 N. McCarrons Blvd.
Roseville, MN 55113

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: *Galilee* to schedule an appointment.

AROUND OUR CHURCH

ENJOYABLE EVENING SERIES

The Enjoyable Evening Series has been such a success! Past events have included a piano concert, dancers, bands & a sing-a-long! Attendance has been large and diverse - come join in the fun!!

Monday, November 13th, 7pm - Kitchen Kut Ups - This musical group's members are from Atonement Lutheran Church in New Brighton.

Monday, December 11th, 7pm - Roseville Community Band - Enjoy a medley of holiday tunes from this group of talented band members.

More events will be posted on Galilee's website & in future newsletters. Bring your family and friends.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 5TH

Come and give thanks to God for our loved ones who have gone to heaven before us. In this special All Saints worship service you will be invited to light a candle and place it by the altar in memory of one dear to you who has finished their pilgrimage on earth and is now at rest in paradise.



POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

You are invited to purchase a poinsettia plant to share at Galilee for the Christmas season. Please complete the order form below and drop it in the offering plate, return to Barb Strenge or Sharell Babin, or mail to Galilee Lutheran Church by Sunday, November 26th. The cost is \$12.00 for each plant, and may be paid by cash or check. Make checks payable to "Galilee Altar Guild."

To beautify our sanctuary for the Christmas season, you have the choice of red, white, or pink poinsettias (please check below to indicate your preference).

Quantity _____ Payment attached _____

Red _____ White _____ Pink _____

The plant(s) may be given in memory of your loved ones, or in honor of someone living.

From: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

We had the pleasure of welcoming Bishop Patricia Lull to our October meeting. Our Administrative Assistant Sue has been organizing our office. Sue will be having knee surgery the week of Thanksgiving. I will be filling in until she gets back. Pastor Dana will be attending the Bishop Theological Conference.

The October 9th Enjoyable Evening featured a Dixieland band. Audience enjoyed this talented group. Most of the band members are in their 80's. The leader is 87 years old and can play a mean trumpet. Cherie has bookings up to May, 2024. She is still looking for groups in March and April.

Peter Solberg did a stewardship temple talk on Sunday, October 22nd. Due to budget constraints, property repairs and improvements are on hold until next year. Willow tree and crab apple stump work is complete. A new idea for raising money for property repairs and improvements was brought up. CarolAnn will be creating the plan with the help of Steve Groebner and will present it next year to the congregation. We talked about getting a new freezer chest. It so happens that someone is looking to re-home theirs and is willing to donate it to Galilee.

On All Saints Sunday (11/5) we will be having a healing service. We are having a joint worship service with the Chinese church on (11/19) at 10am. A potluck will follow. A sign-up sheet will be posted, and it's been requested that Galilee members bring Thanksgiving food.

The baby grand piano now has climate control installed and was tuned. For "Lessons & Carols" Paul is looking for adult actors. On Saturday, November 4th, the St. Paul Synod is having a retreat on Spiritual Gifts.

Our September blood drive yielded 17 pints of blood; next blood drive is December 13th. Steve talked about the need for additional Sunday School materials and the budget. He also talked about Matt from OutFront MN and the information that Matt shared at the adult forum and the Thursday LGBTQ+ meeting.

Rice Street Gardens has raised over \$600,000 and is applying for more grants to reach its \$1 million goal. Regarding property insurance, Todd from American Church Group reached out. CarolAnn and Terry talked with him to get an insurance quote.

We pushed doing a "Trunk or Treat" until next year. CarolAnn noticed that Shobi's table was still parking their food truck in our lot. She contacted them to get an update. They had meant to contact us (& other churches) requesting lot usage, to minimize the chance of their truck being broken into or damaged. The council voted "Yes" for them to continue using our lot.

We will be getting around \$14,000 sometime in mid to late 2024. This is Employee Retention Program money due to COVID. This is in addition to the PPE that Galilee received. Barb will be creating an initial budget and present it to the council in November.

This wraps up the council meeting notes for October. Everyone have a GREAT November and Happy Thanksgiving!

CarolAnn Hart
Galilee Council President

FALL CLEAN-UP CREW

THANK YOU

To all who showed up for "fall clean-up" – your church thanks you. Trees were trimmed, windows were washed, and many other projects were taken care of. Approximately 12 from Galilee and 10 volunteers from the Chinese church showed up to tend to the needs of the church. Lunch was furnished by Darla Nelson and Lori O'Keefe.

The Property Committee says "Thank You".



WORSHIP & EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

NOVEMBER 5

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
(All Saints Sunday)

Micah 3:5-12

Psalm 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

NOVEMBER 12

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

NOVEMBER 19

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Psalm 90:1-8[9-11]12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

NOVEMBER 26

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION

11:15am -12noon downstairs

BIBLE STUDY

2pm Wednesdays in the library

....and looking ahead....

**CALLING ALL ACTORS
FOR "LESSONS & CAROLS" in
December.**

**CONTACT PAUL SWENSON
IF INTERESTED**

Lectors

Nov 5 Joan Jarombek

Nov 12 Cynthia Erickson

Nov 19 Lori O'Keefe

Nov 26 CarolAnn Hart

Ushers

Nov 5 Groebners

Nov 12 Zrust/Watson

Nov 19 Hart/Matthews

Nov 26 Groebners

Communion Assistants

Nov 5 CarolAnn Hart

Nov 12 Assisting Minister Larry

Nov 19 - - combined service

Nov 26 Assisting Minister Barb

ADULT FORUMS

Nov 5-Renunciation by Dr Lois Farag

Nov 12-Difficult Parts of the Bible:Job
by Rebecca Chase

Nov 19 & Nov 26 No Adult Forums

Prayer List

Josh Pelos

Aamanda Nelson

George Beeks

Ellen Tran

Dell Sailer

Madeline Johnson

Brenna O'Keefe

Randall Strand

Darren Eide (SIL of Lorrie Hayne)

The Armenian People Uhominyi

Lutheran Church-Iringa, Tanzania

MN Faith Chinese Lutheran

St. Paul Friends Nepali Church

Family & friends of Eh Moo (RSG)

Family & friends of Tom Schultz

Family & Friends of Anthony

Brown (Paula Louie & Mario)

Friends & Family of Laquandis

Simmons (Pamela Beverly)

November Birthdays



- 4 Dazhion Mitchell-Taylor
- 9 Elen Swenson
- 14 Alicia Nedland
- 15 Ethan Fehrman
- 15 Decklen O'Keefe
- 18 Edmira Jaco-English
- 19 Jacob Taylor
- 20 Lorrie Hayne
- 20 Michael Osterman
- 20 Justin Blatterman
- 23 Sheika Taylor
- 27 Bob Schmidt
- 28 Tom Ososki

A BIG THANK YOU

To all of the volunteers that came out at a moment's notice to help with the new chair delivery on Tuesday 10/24.

Property Team GREATLY appreciates it!!!

OLD SANCTUARY CHAIRS

For those of you that expressed interest in the old sanctuary chairs. Please help yourself. We are asking for a \$10.00 donation for each chair. If you are paying by cash we will gladly provide you with a receipt.

NOVEMBER 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 1 10a Faith by Hearing 12p Shobi's at R&L 2p Bible Study 6p Bell Choir rehearsal | 2 6p Property Team | 3 7p Chinese Bible Study | 4 6a Chinese prayer 9-4 Spiritual Gifts Retreat (Apple Valley) 9a Ham Radio Group 11a Aztec Dancers |
| 5 Daylight Svgs Time Ends 9a Prayer Healing 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a Galilee Education Hour 11a MFCLC 1p Friends Church | 6 | 7 <i>Election Day 7a-8p</i> Galilee is a polling site. | 8 10a Faith by Hearing 12p Shobi's at R&L 1p Villa Park Devotion 2p Bible Study 6p Bell Choir rehearsal 6:30p SP Clowns | 9 2p LGBTQ+ Support Group 6:30p Council Mtg | 10 7p Chinese Bible Study | 11 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers |
| 12 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a Galilee Education Hour 11a MFCLC 1p Friends Church | 13 7p Enjoyable Evening | 14 10a Donut Group 1p Young at Heart | 15 VOICE ARTICLES DUE 10a Faith by Hearing 12p Shobi's at R&L 2p Bible Study 6pm Bell Choir rehearsal | 16 12p Galiladies | 17 7p Chinese Bible Study | 18 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers |
| 19 10a Bilingual Chinese-English Thanksgiving Worship 11:30a joint potluck 1p Friends Church | 20 5:30p Healing Touch Exchange for Healers (sanctuary) | 21 10a Donut Group | 22 10a Faith by Hearing 12p Shobi's at R&L 2p Bible Study 6p Bell Choir rehearsal | 23 THANKSGIVING Office is closed | 24 7p Chinese Bible Study | 25 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers |
| 26 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice (No Forum today) 11a MFCLC 1p Friends Church | 27 | 28 10a Donut Group 1p Young at Heart 6:30p Alley 19 Clowns | 29 10a Faith by Hearing 12p Shobi's at R&L 2p Bible Study 6p Bell Choir rehearsal | 30 |  | |

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OFFICE HOURS: 8AM-12NOON M, TU, TH

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USED MENS JEANS

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT IS A CRAFTER OR SEAMSTRESS AND NEEDS OLD JEANS FOR PROJECTS. I HAVE A WHOLE BOX OF MEN'S OLD JEANS THAT ARE IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE.

CAROLANN HART



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.