



GOD'S PRECIOUS GIFT

Dear People of Galilee,

We are grateful for the new Baptismal Bowl, hand thrown on a potter's wheel by Leesa Matthews. I love the fish painted in the bowl with blue glaze. It is a precious gift. The gift of Baptism itself is a precious gift from God.

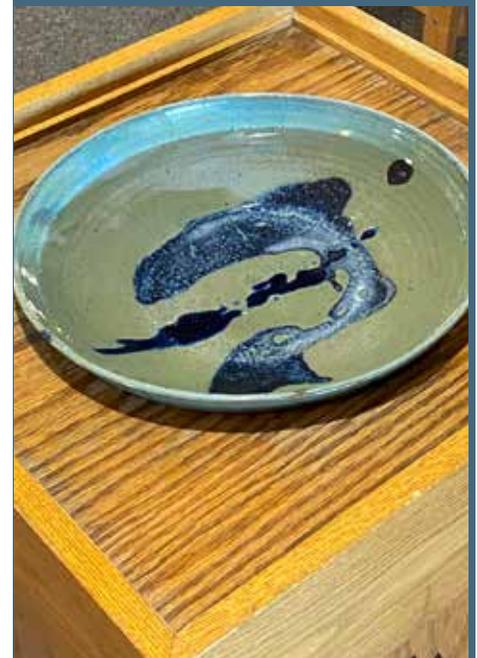
In August, many of you remember we had a visitor from China, a young man named Daniel, whose parents were in town from Shanghai. They were waiting in the narthex for the Chinese worship service to begin at 11am, but Daniel heard God calling him to come into the sanctuary and begin worshipping right away. He was surrounded by "kind, friendly, smiling people" in our English-speaking service. So, he came in, along with Alan Wang and his parents, midway through our worship service, and reached out his hands to receive Holy Communion, the real presence of Jesus Christ. He was so touched by the presence of God he felt that he asked to please be baptized that very morning. So I rushed to make Daniel a certificate, and get him a white cloth and a small candle. Larry Biermeier got the tall paschal candle out of the closet and carried it into the sanctuary. Then, by now about 11:30am, Pastor Thomas Tsen baptized Daniel in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and I anointed his forehead, "sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever." The water in the Baptismal bowl was never emptied between worship services, and the cover was never placed over the bowl.

Actually, we have been conducting a kind of experiment for the past two months. Our ushers and the Worship & Music Team members know all about it. We have intentionally been leaving the water in the font, and keeping the font uncovered, 24/7. I feel so good when youth groups come to Galilee mid-week to learn about the Rice Street Gardens. We show them a movie in the sanctuary and they walk past that beautiful bowl shimmering with clear water and a shiny blue fish! What do you think about leaving the cover off the font, and keeping fresh water in the bowl, throughout the week?

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" The water that I will give will become in you a well of living water springing up to eternal life."

John 4:14



AROUND OUR CHURCH

YOUNG AT HEART



On June 5th Sharell had surgery on the ulnar nerve in her elbow. On June 9th she ended up with a humerus fracture of the same arm...a life changing event, since she lost the use of her right arm for the next ten weeks. She is now getting physical therapy, but more importantly, can drive again. Hallelujah! She wants to thank her daughters, as well as Karen and Steve, for their care during this time. Also, thank you friends for your cards and calls. You'll never know how much they mean unless you end up in a similar situation. Thank God for friends, the U. S. Post Office, and good old Ma Bell. Joe Juneau's son/family is on a fishing cruise to Alaska. Shari Sailer had house guests from Onalaska, WI - (friends for 50+ years). Abe was missed in August when he took a trip to the East coast.



In August we celebrated Betty Jean's birthday!!

We encourage you to join YAH on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month for a light lunch, followed by socialization and card games. Hope to see you September 12 and 26 in Galilee's library at 1:00pm- ready to eat! Contact Sharell Babin or Karen Groebner at 651.488.9074 if you have any questions.

Red Cross Blood Drive Galilee Lutheran Church



Fellowship Hall
145 N. McCarrons Blvd
Roseville, MN 55113

**Wednesday, September 20, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter: Galilee to schedule an appointment.

Sign up here:

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

**Our June 28th blood drive collected
25 pints of life-saving blood!**

GALILADIES Ardis Haslach

We always welcome new ladies in our group. If anyone is interested, please join us at 12 noon, every third Thursday, for lunch & a short meeting, then crafts, games & visiting.

--Marlene is recovering from hip surgery. We thank Kathleen for being a big help to her.

--Joyce's cousin Ken & wife Glenda Grafton visited from Green Valley, AZ. They all went to the Beatles sing-a-long at Galilee and really enjoyed it!

--Sandy A. met with a realtor & is thinking about putting her house up for sale.

--Ardis & Dick's garden is producing very well. Keeps them very busy. There will be canning to do soon..next will be grape picking. They have a wedding anniversary coming up September 6th. . . . 65 yrs!!

We spent our meeting making cards for the Harmony Gardens home. Judy will deliver them.

We will be signing Christmas cards at the next three meetings, for patients at Harmony and for Veterans. If anyone has extra Christmas cards they don't want we could use them. Thank you for the cards.

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Some fonts have covers, although they are no longer necessary. Font covers originated in medieval times when the consecrated water for baptism was believed to have magical purposes, so churches were required to keep the fonts covered and locked. Today it is unlikely in our cultures that people will steal water from the font, and therefore font covers are superfluous. It is better to keep water in the font and to allow people to see and touch it and be reminded of their baptism. (1)

In Christian history, the pool or font has been made smaller and smaller; it has been pushed aside, finally not even filled. In many of our assembly spaces, it is as if there were not one to push the curtain aside for us to see the symbol beyond our control. But in the places where people have begun to fill the basin again, perhaps to enlarge it to a flowing pool, perhaps to place it near the entrance of the assembly room in its own strong space, the water may be seen as a symbol already.

We may behold it and find, namelessly both our dreams and our communal experience of hope for life and fear of death drawn toward it. We may see in it a birthing place, a watery sipapu, a magic pool, or our connection to mountains and streams away from here, our hopes for a more cared-for and cleaner earth. It is this water that our worship uses. If bread and wine are at the center of the assembly, water is at its edge, marking its boundary, slaking its thirst, holding its life and its death. (2)

Through much of church history, the size and shape of the font reflected the significance of baptism. Fonts in the late fourth to the sixth centuries for example were often pools as large as twenty-five feet in diameter, to accommodate the immersion of several persons. Often, they were hexagonal or octagonal or cruciform (cross-shaped). Unfortunately, there has been a trend through the centuries to minimize the size of the font, with a resulting decrease in people's understanding of the significant meaning of baptism. Today many congregations are reversing that trend, realizing that the size and shape of the font help people recognize what baptism means for their lives. As LBW expresses it, "In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ" (3)

Thank you for participating in this "experiment" with me & our ushers.

Yours in service,
Pastor Dana K. Nelson



LBGTQ+ Support Group

We welcome the LBGTQ+ and friends to our monthly support group. This group meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 2pm, in the sanctuary. We are a safe and affirming group. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Our meeting format is as follows:

One-third of the time for education;
One-third of the time for praising God, sharing a scripture message & having Communion;
One-third of the time for sharing & fellowship.

If you have questions, or want to reach out before our next meeting, please contact Steve Bartz or Pastor Dana.

SAVE THE DATES

Monday, September 11 @ 7pm

The Kalpulli Tlaloctecuiltli Aztec Dancers

Wednesday September 20th @ 11am

The Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday September 10th @ 11am

Rally Sunday & Potluck (please bring a dish to share)

Sunday, October 1st @ 9:30am service

Blessing of Animals

Saturday, October 14th @ 9am

Fall Cleanup

AROUND OUR CHURCH

ENJOYABLE EVENING SERIES

Two Enjoyable Evening Series have been such a success! A Piano concert in July and a Beatles sing-a-long in August. The next upcoming events are:

Monday, September 11 - The Kalpulli Tlalocteculitli Aztec Dancers - Dazzling costumes and intricate dances weave together the cultural understandings of the Nahuatl cosmo-vision and create stories of their Mexican ancestors. More events will be posted on Galilee's website & in future newsletters. Bring your family and friends.

Monday, October 9th - Centennial Stompers Dixieland Band. The members of the band are members of Centennial United Methodist Church of Roseville.

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

PAST CELEBRATIONS

On July 21st a Celebration of Life was held for Clara Ann Baumgart. Clara Ann was born on February 14, 1932 and passed away peacefully on May 21, 2023.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday September 17th Adult Forums & Sunday School starts.

Sunday September 24 Our Brother in Christ Larry Biermeier will preach the Gospel of Matthew 20:1-16. "The last shall be first and the first shall be last." v.16 We look forward to Larry bringing us the Word.

Wednesday September 27th at 6pm the Bells of Galilee will begin rehearsals in the sanctuary. We welcome new members! If interested, contact cynthia@minnmicro.com



GLOWOUT FUN



Many thanks to all who supported this event. Volunteers, donors, etc. It was a huge success and we are very grateful for you all!!

AROUND OUR CHURCH

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING

Since there was no meeting in July, we had many agenda items to discuss at this meeting. Our Administrative Assistant Sue is working out well. I will be Sue's backup when she goes out of town every couple of months. Exterior work on the new part of the church has been completed. They did a GREAT job!

We completed all of the recommendations that the insurance company wanted us to do. A new battery for the AED machine was purchased and installed. The First Aid Kit and AED machine will be stored together in the mailroom on a shelf that every adult should be able to reach, including me!

The new chairs will be coming the end of September or early October. We will also be having the blessing of the animals about this time -- date to be determined.

Paul Swenson was at the Council meeting to discuss the possibility of purchasing a baby grand piano with money from an anonymous donor. The Council approved this purchase, not to go over the donated amount.

June blood drive had 25 pints of blood donated. The next blood drive is September 20th.

The Rice Street Gardens was a success. In the tin bank, we had over \$1,300 in donations. In order for me to get the money out of the piggy bank I had to use a steak knife and a hammer to open the bottom, because the bank was made without any opening.

Shobi's Table asked if they can keep their food truck in our parking lot during the State Fair; Council approved. Normally they park the truck at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church on Arcade Street. However, that parking lot is in use during the State Fair.

Sunday school will be starting in September.

Our new Enjoyable Evening Series is a hit!! In July, 63 people showed up for some awesome piano performers. In August, the audience had a great time with Beatles sing-a-long evening. Many stayed after for delicious refreshments.

The great GLOWOUT was a success. We gave out 126 backpacks and lots of school supplies. We had many desserts for the cake walk, and Larry Biermeier made two pinatas. We also had the famous duck pond. Besides hot dogs, chips and fruit pops, Abe & Rebecca made yummy s'mores & roasted corn outside on the fire ring.

The Spanish-speaking church who wants to rent our facility for their Sunday service at 4:30pm was approved by the Council.

The Council decided that it was time to increase the Nepali rent since they are now using the upstairs.

We are waiting on an estimate for exterior work on the old portion of our building. This includes caulking windows, painting window trim, power washing the building, cleaning vines and painting the cross. We are also waiting on an estimate from the tree service we used last year. This estimate is for the dead willow tree and the crab apple tree stump.

That wraps up the council meeting highlights for August.

Everyone have a GREAT September!

CarolAnn Hart
Galilee Council President

GLOBE OFFERING

We now have more than \$800.00 to purchase farm animals. Thank you for your contributions.



WORSHIP & EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION

Sundays 11:15am -12noon downstairs.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

SEPTEMBER 3
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 15:15-21
God fortifies the prophet against opposition
Psalm 26:1-8
Your love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you
Romans 12:9-21
Live in harmony
Matthew 16:21-28
The passion prediction and rebuke to Peter

SEPTEMBER 10
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Ezekiel 33:7-11
The prophet's responsibility to warn the people
Psalm 119:33-40
I desire the path of your commandments
Romans 13:8-14
Live honorably as in the day
Matthew 18:15-20
Reconciliation in the community of faith

SEPTEMBER 17TH
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 50:15-21
Joseph reconciles with his brothers
Psalm 103:[1-7]8-13
Lord you are full of compassion and mercy
Romans 14:1-12
Accepting diversity in the community of faith
Matthew 18:21-35
A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith

SEPTEMBER 24

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Jonah 3:10--4:11
God's concern for the city of Nineveh
Psalm 145:1-8
The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love
Philippians 1:21-30
Standing firm in the gospel
Matthew 20:1-16
The parable of the vineyard workers

Prayer List

Marlene Reding
Rev. Tom Schultz
Dell Sailer
Sandy Altendorfer
Sandy Biermeier
Madeline Johnson
Bobby Murphy
Brenna O'Keefe
Randall Strand
Michelle & Miranda (friends of Steve Bartz)
Darren Eide (SIL of Lorrie Hayne)
Linda Kemblowski (CarolAnn's Friend)
Uhominyi Lutheran Church in Iringa, Tanzania
MN Faith Chinese Lutheran
St. Paul Friends Nepali Church
Family & friends of Armin Bartz (Steve Bartz' Uncle)
Family & Friends of Pat Murphy (Karen's BIL)
Family & Friends of Lillian Rand
Family & Friends of Ann Baumgart
Family & Friends of Anthony Brown (Paula Louie & Mario)
Friends & Family of Laquandis Simmons (Pamela Beverly)

SEPTEMBER ADULT FORUMS

Sept. 17th
Sept 24th

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 2pm in the library

September Birthdays

- 5 Bill Johnson
- 8 Jackie Nerud
- 8 Dazhanea Mitchell-Taylor
- 10 Lyle Sorum
- 12 Gina Kelly
- 15 JoAnn Lano
- 23 Robert Osterman
- 26 Louise Fehrman
- 27 Darlene Schmidt
- 28 Kately Good
- 29 Kendra Fehrman



September Lectors

- 3 Ruth Hartmann
- 10 Jackie Nerud
- 17 Joan Jarombek
- 24 Sandy Biermeier



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 6a Chinese prayer 9a Ham Radio Group 11a Aztec Dancers
3 9a Prayer for Healing 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a Faith Chinese Lutheran 1p Friends Church	4 LABOR DAY	5 10a Donut Group 7p Worship & Music Team Mtg	6 10a Faith by Hearing 2p Bible Study	7 4p Property Team Mtg	8 10a L. Simmons Funeral	9 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers
10 RALLY SUNDAY 9:30a Galilee Worship & Potluck 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a Faith Chinese Lutheran 1p Friends Church	11 6:45p Growing Thru Loss - Centennial United Methodist 7p Enjoyable Evening	12 10a Donut Group	13 10a Faith by Hearing 1p Villa Park Devotion 2p Bible Study 6:30p SP Clowns	14 2p LGBTQ+ Support Group 6:30p Council Mtg	15 VOICE ARTICLES DUE 7p Chinese Bible Study	16 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers 1p David Lammers Funeral (Darla's Cousin)
17 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a Galilee Education Hour 11a Faith Chinese Lutheran 1p Friends Church	18 6:45p Growing Thru Loss - Centennial United Methodist	19 10a Donut Group	20 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 10a Faith by Hearing 2p Bible Study	21 12p Galiladies	22 7p Chinese Bible Study	23 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers
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Location Key: DS - Downstairs S - Sanctuary FH - Fellowship Hall Lib - Library

GALILEE

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SEPTEMBER 2023

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

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We share the air.

At Galilee, we
STRIVE to be
fragrance-free!

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR FUN FACTS

*The very first state fair was in 1859, the year after Minnesota was granted statehood.

*Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt delivered the famous "Speak Softly and Carry a Big Stick" speech at the Minnesota State Fair in 1901. Later known as the "Big Stick Policy", it was a foreign policy that advocated the use of caution and diplomacy, backed by the use of power if needed.

*Legendary pacer horse, Dan Patch, set the world record for one-mile at the Grandstand; the record stood for more than 30 years — 1906.

*John Phillip Souza composed the "Minnesota March" and performed it in 1927 at the Minnesota State Fair.

*F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote about the Minnesota State Fair in his 1928 book titled "A Night at the Fair".

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.