



December, 2020

## Come, Lord Jesus

Dear People of Galilee,

We are preparing the way. Preparing a straight and level pathway, because God is coming to us straight on, and we are ready, making God's way direct and wide and smooth so that nothing will impede the coming of our Lord God into our hearts, into our homes.

Christ is among us, with us. He shines his light and his love on us, transforming us, giving us new life, and setting us free one by one from the things that bind us. We belong to God. God's story is our story too.

Can you see or hear or feel or trust that the Lord is present with you? Prepare a way for him, especially in the most difficult areas of your life, prepare a way. Open up a way for the Spirit of Love to come in. Here is your God, who comes to guide us, redeem us, and save us. Come, Lord Jesus. Come transform our lives.

The Savior comes and interrupts our preparations. We pray, "Come Lord Jesus, be our guest," and before we know it Jesus is already here. Ready or not, Jesus Christ comes to us and enters our lives, bringing with him renewed hope. This good news of the arrival of our Savior is for each and every one of us. The Lord our God comes to us in the baby Jesus on the night of Christmas eve but also comes to us now, today, when we pray, when we hear his Word, when we sing with our whole heart, and when we eat the bread of life and drink from the cup of salvation. We have faith that God comes to us, and that is how we can make it through this pandemic.

Prepare the way of the Lord. Christ is coming again. The Lord has done great and wonderful things in the past and the Lord our God is faithful. He promises to be our future... to meet us where we are, and save us by his grace. "Come, Lord Jesus."

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Dana K. Nelson



Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman[a] is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14



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# AROUND OUR CHURCH

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## Young at Heart

When talking with Eldre Westegaard, I learned she and Lorrie Hayne resumed the quilting group at Galilee mid November. Eldre and daughter Kaja made 10 pounds of potatoes into lefse, so are ready for the holiday season. (Yum)

Lyle Sorum said he and Nel are "behaving" and following all the rules to stay healthy during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Shari Sailer shared Roger Ettel misses our Young at Heart outings.

Abe Watson helped set up the church for the November 3rd elections, and stays active with church council activities, but is anxious for the day Young at Heart can again actively socialize at Galilee.

We miss you and hope you stay well as you safe distance over the holidays. Blessings to all.

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## Dial-a-Devotion - 651-488-6769

Every day during this COVID-19 quarantine, you are invited to call your church to listen to a brief devotion from God's Word. Share this number with your friends and family. Make dial-a-devotion part of your daily prayer.

~Pastor Dana



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## Blood Drive

From Ashley, our Red Cross contact, "I have your drive results from this week's blood drive. We collected another 22 units from your group for a total of 66 lives saved! Well done once again! As always, let me know if there's any feedback for me on this drive.

I've got you down for you last drive of this year on December 9! Let me know if you have any questions. You all are almost to 250 units of blood collected this year. I hope we can reach that milestone at the next one!

Thank you, once again, on behalf of the patients and hospitals we serve. We cannot do this good work without you!!! It's amazing!"

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help, or given blood.

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## Worshipping During COVID

Continuing in December, the service will be available at 9:30 am, Sunday in four ways:

1. On the Galilee **Facebook** page. [Click here](#). You do need to be a Facebook member and be a Galilee "friend" to see this. The video will remain on the Facebook site for a while, so you don't need watch at exactly 9:30 am.
2. On **YouTube**. Pastor Dana will send the direct link to the YouTube video on Saturday or Sunday, so if you would like to be on that email list to receive the YouTube link, let her know. Here again, the video will be available long after Sunday morning.
3. For those who have internet, the best way to feel part of the Galilee worship will be to connect on this **Zoom** link: [Click Here](#). This link should work for all Sunday Galilee worships for the 9:30 am service all through the winter. While the official service will begin at 9:30 Sunday, the meeting will open 20 minutes earlier and will stay open 20 minutes after the service, so that we can all see our friends and say a few words to one another. New people welcome too! If you haven't previously
4. **For those with no internet** connection, we will allow a limited number of people to come to watch the service video on the large screen in the Galilee sanctuary on Sunday morning at 9:30 am. People will be well separated and will be expected to wear masks and to be careful. The number will be limited to only ten at first, but we may allow more if it feels safe. Understand that this will not be a "live" service. It will be a viewing of the zoom gathering and service on the screen. Those who wish to attend and have no internet, should call Anne or Pastor at the Galilee phone number and sign up to attend, 651-488-6769. You can start signing up right away.

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### Worshipping, continued....

used Zoom, clicking the above link will first ask you to join the free service.

It's Time Again!

### BLOOD DRIVE #10!

Healthy, eligible donors are strongly urged to donate amidst coronavirus concerns. Donating is a safe process and people should not hesitate to give or receive blood at this time. [Learn more](#)

If you'd like to volunteer at the blood drive taking people's temperatures or greeting people at the door, please contact pastor Dana 651-488-6769. We could use the help!

### Red Cross Blood Drive



Galilee Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall

Sign up here:

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

**Wednesday, December 9**

**11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Every 2 seconds,  
someone needs blood

### Welcome New Member, CarolAnn!

I grew up in a town called Warners, which is located five miles west of Syracuse, New York. I have a two-year, four-year, and a masters degree in Business Administration. I have worked in retail, mortgage, accounting, finance, software support, and as a PCA for developmentally disabled adults. I currently work at Metro Transit as a part-time bus operator.

I am very excited to be a member of Galilee; some of you already know me through North Emanuel where I was on the church counsel as Vice President, Sunday school teacher and play director for an Easter play put on by my Sunday school kids. I enjoy volunteering and meeting new people.

I am an officer in King of Clubs Toastmasters, a Star Trek fan and enjoy working on computers and other forms of technology. I am a crazy cat and dog lady. My hobbies include baking, canvas painting, camping, crafts, photography, reading, writing, and collector of board games, stuffed animals and Christmas ornaments. For several years I have participated in the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon 5K walks. For the last two years I have participated in the APDA (American Parkinson Disease Association) Optimism Walks.

I look forward to being an active member at Galilee!



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## AROUND OUR CHURCH

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### GALILEE'S FINANCIAL UPDATE

by Miriam Peterson

We have now received 25 pledges for 2021. The total pledged is \$94,004. Last year we had 33 pledges for \$106,292. There is still time to send in your pledge so that we can work on the budget for 2021. The annual meeting will be the last Sunday in January on Zoom. There will be a financial meeting on Zoom two weeks before.

In October we received \$11,964 in offering. That was close to the amount needed to pay our bills, but slightly under. Please continue to mail in your offering.

### UHOMEINYI, IRINGA, TANZANIA

by Miriam Peterson

We have received donations for student scholarships and for bikes for the evangelists. If you would like to donate, please send money with your offering. You can simply write one check for everything and then detail how much should go to each.

### ANNUAL MEETING—JANUARY 31, 2021

by Barb Streng

The annual meeting of Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held Sunday January 31, 2021. The church council passed a resolution that permits this annual meeting to be held remotely, so the plan is to create a hybrid version of our annual meeting. This will include three options for attending.

1. Via a Zoom meeting on your laptop, or other device.
2. By phone via a conference number that will allow members calling in to be heard and to hear all other participants.
3. Following proper precautions, a limited number of people will be allowed to be in the church.

These members will be part of the Zoom meeting via a laptop projected through the overhead projector onto the screen in the sanctuary.

As the date gets closer we will be provide more details about how to log into the meeting. We need 25 people to have a quorum for the meeting so we will be asking members to register ahead of time, if possible, so we can make sure we have enough attendees to hold the meeting. This is new to all of us, so we ask for your patience and understanding as we work our way through these challenges.

Galilee Lutheran Church Council

**Committee Heads!**

Please get your reports to the office by January 4!





VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

<https://alcm.org/2020-lutheran-college-virtual-christmas-programs/>

## Stewardship 2021

It was only a short time ago that we could be certain of so many things. We knew that we could go to a restaurant whenever we wanted. We knew that we could safely go to a grocery store or hug a friend. We knew that we could gather together each Sunday at church, worship and sing together, receiving communion in fellowship with the person standing right next to us.

Now so much seems uncertain, but there is one certainty we can hold to and this that Jesus Christ will never change. He is here with us, and will always be here with us, in certain and uncertain times.



We cling to that promise and wait for that time when we can gather together again. Until that time, we work to maintain Galilee Church, support its ongoing ministry and mission, and prepare for when we can gather together within its walls.

As with many things during this time, our stewardship is different this year.

We ask that if you have not already pledged, and are moved to do so, that you complete the pledge card and mail it to Galilee.

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**2021 Pledge Card**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week for Regular  
Giving in 2021.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

My copy of my 2021 Pledge Card

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week for Regular  
Giving in 2021.

# WORSHIP & EDUCATION

## Scripture Lessons

### December 6

#### Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11

*Good news of God's coming to a people in exile*

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

*Righteousness shall prepare a pathway for God. (Ps. 85:13)*

2 Peter 3:8-15a

*Waiting for and hastening the day of God*

Mark 1:1-8

*John appears from the wilderness*

### December 13

#### Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

*Righteousness and praise flourish like a garden*

Psalms 126

*The Lord has done great things for us.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

*Kept in faith until the coming of Christ*

John 1:6-8, 19-28

*A witness to the light*

### December 20

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

*The Lord's promise to David*

Luke 1:46b-55

*You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly.*

Romans 16:25-27

*The mystery of God revealed in Jesus Christ*

Luke 1:26-38

*The angel appears to Mary*

### December 24

#### Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7

*Light shines: a child is born for us*

Psalms 96

*Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.*

Titus 2:11-14

*The grace of God has appeared*

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

*God with us*

### December 27

#### First Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 61:10--62:3

*Clothed in garments of salvation*

Psalms 148

*The splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven.*

Galatians 4:4-7

*Children and heirs of God*

Luke 2:22-40

*The presentation of the child*

## Prayer Requests

Friends and Family of Isidro Diaz

(Sonia Rivas Family)

Friends and Family of Eddie Chavez

Friends and Family of Deb (Galilee neighbor)

The people of Armenia

Jake and Shirley Beireis

All suffering with COVID and the effects of COVID

Corin and her baby Jazmin

Kim Ellis

Ed Fenton

Florence

Jenifer Grayson

Kim Dreaming Bear

Friends and Family of Jerry Sailer (Dell's brother)

Family and friends of Diane Sato (GLOW)

Friends and Family of Jim Pappert (Sailors)

Those travelling South for the winter:

Duane Haukebo, Steve and Karen

Groeber, Lorrie Hayne

A new Pastor for Minnesota Faith

Chinese Lutheran Church

Joshuda (pastor Kumar's wife)

St. Paul Friends Church

## Hey Youth!

Join us on ZOOM on December 6 at noon, with Joe Davis! Pastor will send u link.



## December Birthdays

- 3 Angie Bergman
- 5 Jim Zrust
- 5 Lennex O'Keefe
- 6 Raymond Nottidge
- 7 Liana Taylor
- 8 Patricia Craft
- 10 Parker Robert Osterman
- 11 Dick Haslach
- 16 Lou Wanna Osterman
- 18 Jim Hart
- 18 Tana Ososki
- 18 Cameron Anderson
- 22 Katie Kelly
- 23 Natalya Edson
- 28 Bob Schmidt



## Sunday Flowers

Date to bring flowers is one or two days before each of these dates. Contact the Church Office if you can bring flowers once or twice in 2021!



- Dec. 6 LouWanna Osterman
- Dec. 13 LouWanna Osterman
- Dec. 20 Caroline Herman (in memory of sister, Diane Vaudrin)
- Dec. 24 Altar Guild
- Dec. 27 Helen Heinen

## Christmas Flowers

Ron and Miriam Peterson  
in honor of Galilee family  
Mary Lanoux  
in memory of Louis Lanoux  
Gloria Johnson  
in memory of George Johnson  
Wayne and Janet Christensen  
in honor of our children  
Sharell Babin  
in memory of loved ones, and in appreciation of the Christensens and Groebners



# DECEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Communion Pick-up</b> You may pick up your communion kits for your household, for the month of December on Tuesday, December 1, between 10 am and 6:30 pm.		<b>1</b> 10a-6:30p Communion Pick-up 7p Worship & Music Zoom Mtg	<b>2</b> 2p Going to the Happy Place: bring your Bible" Zoom Gathering	<b>3</b> 4p #Run with Maud	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30a Record Worship 9:45a HAM Radio Group - <b>cancelled</b>
<b>6</b> 9:30a Online Worship 12p Youth ZOOM w/Joe Davis 	<b>7</b> 12:30p Quilting Group	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 11-5p Red Cross Blood Drive 1p Villa Park Devotions - <b>cancelled</b>	<b>10</b> 4p #Run with Maud 6:30p Zoom Council Mtg	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30a Record Worship 11a Kalpulli Tlaloctecutli - <b>cancelled</b>
<b>13</b> 9:30a Online Worship 	<b>14</b> 12:30p Quilting Group	<b>15</b> VOICE Articles Due	<b>16</b> 2p Going to the Happy Place: bring your Bible" Zoom Gathering	<b>17</b> 4p #Run with Maud	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:30a Record Worship 11a Kalpulli Tlaloctecutli - <b>cancelled</b>
<b>20</b> 9:30a Online Worship 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> TBA Record Worship	<b>23</b> 2p Going to the Happy Place: bring your Bible" Zoom Gathering	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> 9:30a Record Worship
<b>27</b> 9:30a Online Worship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>#runwithmaud</b> Walk around Lake McCarrons every Thursday at 4pm. Join us! 		

Location Key: DS - Downstairs S - Sanctuary FH - Fellowship Hall Lib - Library

# **GALILEE**

## **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**DECEMBER 2020**

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30 A.M.**

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays 8 a.m. – noon  
Thursdays 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**For the latest pictures and more,  
find us on Facebook!**



**<http://on.fb.me/14BMhUi>**

### **2020 Congregational Council**

Abe Watson, President  
Terry O'Keefe, Vice President  
Barb Streng, Treasurer  
Miriam Peterson, Financial Secretary  
Jackie Nerud, Secretary  
Pastor Dana Nelson  
Steve Bartz      Rebecca Nelson  
James Hart      Ron Peterson  
Darla Nelson      Jackie Nerud

### **Staff**

**Pastor:** Dana Nelson  
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We share the air.

At Galilee, we  
STRIVE to be  
fragrance-free!

## **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.

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## **Christmas Project to Help Homeless Youth**

This year we cannot bring goods to church to help youth from 18-24 transitioning to apartment life in a building sponsored by Lutheran Social Service. But we can still give money which Rezek House will use to buy products that these young people need. Please donate money by December 20. Just write the check out to Galilee and include with your offering. One check will work for offering and homeless youth if you simply define how much goes to each. Thank you for all you do to help others.

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](mailto:office.galilee@gmail.com).

Articles must be received by the 15th of each month.