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Blessed Easter to you and yours!

The Easter season is a reason for boasting! We get to boast individually and corporately in how your baptized personal and public witness, as a member of Galilee, opens for you the love of Jesus at work in your life as well as the life of Galilee Lutheran's mission and ministry! Holy Week at Galilee had three scheduled worship offerings, only one additional, primarily for seniors, at 11:30 am on Wednesday with prayers of healing and Holy Communion. Given that the call to ordain leadership at Galilee is 80% time (measured as 32-34 hours/week) it is easy to exceed - - - with and without attentive planning.

On the Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday morning, I overextended myself after purchasing mylar balloons stating "Happy Easter" and obtaining bamboo sticks to make Easter signs for greeting Galilee worshipers and our neighbors. I did not know whether there was any energy in my well for completing this task but when I arrived in Galilee, a little after 7:00am, a member who had arrived earlier greeted me with "Happy Easter" and asked how to help. By 8:00am, with helping hands, eight Easter signs were created and placed along Rice and McCarrons. Also placed were two attached signs saying "Enter Here" at both parking lot entrances. It is a boastful greeting for all! On Easter Monday, a member removed the rain-soaked damaged signs. Any suggestions for signs to welcome first-time worshipers to Galilee?

The week before the Passion of our Lord/Holy week, I attended two community meetings. On April 10, **Do Good Roseville**, an all volunteer organization, hosted a discussion on immigrants and refugees for the Roseville Area Faith Community. A summary is being emailed to all Galilee members, and will also be available on the narthex table. Please pray for and engage in your communities and at Galilee.

The second community meeting I attended was for Northeast Family and Youth services. It is a community mental health clinic with offices in Shoreview and White Bear Lake. They offer services like youth diversion to help families not experienced in the juvenile detention system.

Interim Pastor Sharon Kelly

AROUND OUR CHURCH

YOUNG AT HEART

In April we celebrated Karen Groebner's birthday and enjoyed a good pot luck lunch before game playing.



An early "Easter Bunny" dropped off a tray of eggs to enjoy.

We were happy to have George Beeks join us for lunch, and are hoping he will stick around for cards next time. At our March 25th gathering we learned it was Steve and Karen's wedding anniversary, and we were happy they chose to spend the day with us. We also extend our deepest condolences to the Groebners at the recent loss of Karen's brother Stan. Our May meetings will be on the 13th & the 27th at 12:15. (Even though Memorial Day is May 26th, most of us are still in town for the 27th. We will miss those who have plans to be elsewhere.)

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.

REMINDER
GALILEE IS A FRAGRANCE FREE CHURCH. FRAGRANCE IS FOUND IN SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, HAND CREAMS/LOTIONS, PERFUME, COLOGNE, ETC. SOME PEOPLE HAVE AN ALLERGY TO FRAGRANCES, WHICH IMPAIRS THEIR HEALTH. THANK YOU



GALILADIES - ARDIS HASLACH

In April our GaliLadies decided to go to downtown Hastings to some antique/thrift store. We first met for lunch at The Quarry. Then we headed to the stores to shop. We went to 2nd Street Antique Mall, some other shops and ended up at the SC Toy store. Some ladies found some good treasures. It was a fun filled day with our friends.



For our May meeting we will have a tea party. All ladies from church are invited.... May 15th at 12 noon.



APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting took place on April 10th. The Council voted to repair the southwest roof area for \$3500. Ideas were reviewed regarding summer ministry events. Enjoyable Evening events may resume this fall. The possibility of sharing a pastor with MN Faith Chinese Lutheran Church was reviewed, but it was agreed Galilee did not have sufficient information to explore this more thoroughly at this time. Financial revenue for April (through 4/20) = \$14,975.

Next Council meeting: 5/8 6:30pm
Council President Elen Swenson

AROUND OUR CHURCH

- JULIAN OF NORWICH
"The mother can hold her child tenderly to her breast, but our tender mother Jesus can lead us in friendly fashion into his blessed breast by means of his sweet open side, and there he can show us something of the godhead and the joys of heaven with a spiritual assurance of endless bliss. This he showed us where he said, "See how I loved you!" Look into his blessed side, rejoicing. This fair, lovely word "mother" is so sweet and so natural in itself that it cannot truly be said of anyone but him, or to anyone but him, who is the true mother of life and of everything."



EASTER CELEBRATION. ALLELUIA!



AROUND OUR CHURCH

SPRING CLEAN UP



Saturday, May 17, 9am-12pm.

Please join us for a cleaning *inside and outside* of Galilee's grounds and building. Bring your gloves, rakes, sponges, brooms, rags, etc. A light lunch will be provided. Thanks for beautifying Galilee.

BEAUTIFUL LILIES....HEARTFELT THANKS!

- Sharell Babin with gratitude & appreciation for family, good friends, and volunteers (angels) who give so much of themselves.
- Cynthia Reimers Erickson in honor of my mom Viola Reimers
- Bill Friberg in memory of Dee Friberg
- Cherie Garrod & Randall Strand in memory of our parents Russ & Nila Garrod, and Harley & Arlys Strand
- Steve & Karen Groebner in honor of our children and grandchildren
- Caroline Herman in memory of Cheri Soberg
- Gloria Johnson in honor of family
- JoAnn Lano in memory of Ron Lano
- Karen Murphy in memory of Dave Murphy and Madlene Johnson
- Darla Nelson in memory of Cecil & Arlene Nelson
- Ron & Miriam Peterson in honor of our family
- Joyce Scholen in memory of Jim Scholen
- Elen & Paul Swenson in memory of John & Maurita Swenson, Roy & Katie Merrill, and in honor of Joanna E. Swenson



GROWING THROUGH LOSS

This series provides an opportunity to obtain information and support for grief and loss issues. The spring sessions are held at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 8211 Red Oak Drive, Mounds View 55112.

There are two Monday sessions left. 6:45pm-9pm. Each session is complete in itself.



Schedule: 5/5 Grief and the Family
5/12 Service of Comfort and Healing

These sessions are free; donations are accepted. Questions? 763-755-5335

AROUND OUR CHURCH

"GRIEF IN THE CHURCH SYSTEM" (SUMMARY BY MIRIAM PETERSON)

(by Rev. Dr. Jules Erickson; Feb. 22, 2025)

It's hard to say goodbye to a pastor. There's anxiety in the departure and also in the wait for a new pastor. We have to go through stages of grief from anger to denial to acceptance. Grief is about the process. Pastor Erickson thinks it is more important to tell our stories than just to state statistics.

Losing people in the congregation - pastor or members - puts us "out of whack". If there is pain in the congregation, it affects all of us. It is important to talk about the pain rather than hide it away in a dark place. The Call Committee needs to talk about the history of the church to each other and to the new pastor. Be willing to discuss the dark times as well as the good times. It's important for the "OWLS" (Older Wiser Seniors) to remember and speak up. (This is like Gloria Johnson telling us her story.) Anxiety is the most addictive emotion. We need to soothe ourselves by having compassion for ourselves and each other. In the U.S. right now we are all experiencing hard times. Pastor Erickson says that rather than building walls, we should build a longer table to invite others in. According to MPR, many pastors are under great stress. How do you preach to the red and the blue? Try to remember that long table of inclusion, rather than creating high walls.

Is our church dying? We need to talk about that worry. Churches like Galilee need permission to change. You can't continue everything from the past. It is good to adjust and be able to drop some old things and add in new. For example, at a Galilee without children we had to drop GLOW and now maybe GLOWOUT as well, with the filled backpacks. We are hoping to get school supplies for Edgerton School without having the big party at church. We can do more for the seniors we do have. Pastor Erickson had some books to suggest. If you want to know more, a list of titles can be made available. Most important, be willing to talk to each other. Share your concerns and your hopes. Please talk to the Call Committee members as well.

PRAYER SHAWL THANKS

In gratitude for your prayers and this gift by the Prayer Shawl Ministry of the Wellness Team. I am renewed with comfort and care in remembering my mother, Betty.

If you would like to receive a prayer shawl, please call the office: 651-488-6769.



CALL COMMITTEE

This committee expects to complete the Ministry Site Profile by the end of May. It will then be submitted to the St. Paul Area Synod. Please continue to pray for this ministry. Also, your participation is welcomed! The Call Committee meets on Mondays, from 1pm - 3pm. You may also contact the chairperson, Joyce Solberg, with your questions. Your input is a blessing!

WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Scripture Lessons

MAY 4
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:1-6[7-20]
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

MAY 11
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

MAY 18
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

MAY 25
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10,22-22:5
John 14:23-29

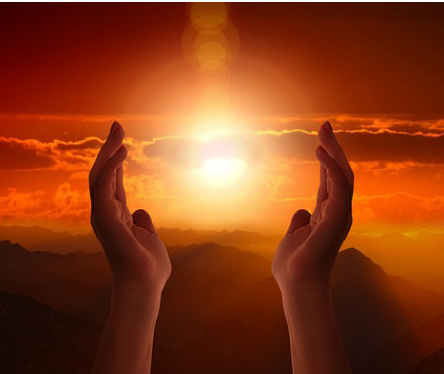
Sunday Adult Forums

May 4 - Amy Fisher -
National Parks
May 11 - Cynthia & Joyce -
Tanzania pt II
May 18 - Elen Swenson -
Mental Health
May 25 - No Adult Forum

During the summer
there will be monthly
Sunday Adult Forums
scheduled

Prayer Requests

George Beeks
Bob & Darlene Schmidt
Randall Strand
Joe Juneau
Larry Biermeister
Terry O'Keefe
Larry Sims
Scott Solberg
Taylor Altendorfer
Sandy Altendorfer
David Shores
Mary Lanoux
Joy Brown
Carole Anthony (Villa Park)
Family & friends of Bonnie Berger
Family & friends of Greg Ochs
Family & friends of Betty Kelly
Family & friends of Robert &
Roberta Reimers
Family & friends of David MacMillin
MN Faith Chinese Lutheran Church
Balali & Uhominyi in Iringa, Tanzania



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

May Birthdays

Caroline Herman 5/4
Jeanette Uran 5/5
Terry O'Keefe 5/6
Joyce Solberg 5/17
Bill Friberg 5/19
Sonia Rivas 5/20
Howard French 5/23
Sharell Babin 5/26
George Beeks 5/27



May Lectors

May 4 Joy Fehrman
May 11 CarolAnn Hart
May 18 Lorrie Hayne
May 25 Terry O'Keefe

May Ushers

May 4 Zrust/Watson
May 11 O'Keefes
May 18 Petersons
May 25 Solbergs

May Communion

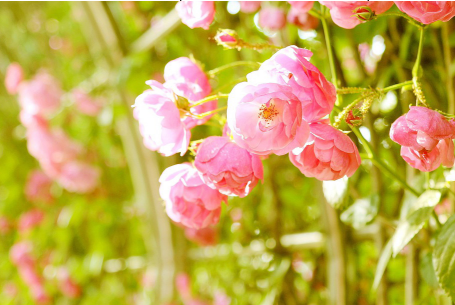
May 4 Elen Swenson
May 11 Ass't Min Barb Streng
May 18 Miriam Peterson
May 25 Ass't Min Paul Swenson

May Refreshment

May 4 Joan Jarombek
May 11 Riley & Darla Nelson
May 18 Darla Nelson
May 25 TBD

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Please email Galilee the names of your 2025 high school & post-secondary graduates: office.galilee@gmail.com				1 6p Musikmeisters 6p Property Team	2 7p Chinese Bible Study	3 6a Chinese Prayer 9a Ham Radio group 12p Aztec dancers
4 9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a Adult Forum - see pg 6 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran	5 11:30a Bible Study 1p Call Committee	6 7a Yuko-organ practice 10a Donut Group 7pm Alley 19 Clowns	7 6p Bell Choir	8 6:30p Council mtg	9 7p Chinese Bible Study	10 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers
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18 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a Adult Forum-see p.6 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran	19 11:30a Bible Study 1p Call Committee	20 7a Yuko-organ prctc 10a Donut Group	21	22 6p Musikmeisters	23 7p Chinese Bible Study	24 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers
25 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran	26 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED -no Bible study -no Call Committee	27 10a Donut Group 12:15p Young At Heart 6:30p Alley 19	28	29 6p Musikmeisters	30 7p Chinese Bible Study	31 6a Chinese Prayer



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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

2025 Congregational Council

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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 to the church office at: office.galilee@gmail.com.

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



We thank all the Galilee ministry teams (members and guests), all musicians and singers, and all who assisted in planning and preparing for our blessed Holy week of three worships, gathering children and youth for Holy Saturday, Easter Play and Pizza, and the Pancake Breakfast! Accompanied by the leading and attending Holy Spirit of God in Christ Jesus, yours and any blessed prayers with your participation, that brought us to the festival worship of the Resurrection of our Lord!



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.