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APRIL 2026

***Dear Galilee church family,
Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!***

April is here, and so is Easter! We are still in the season of Lent and will make our way to the cross. I am looking forward to celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ with you all! It will be a joyful time and a reminder of Jesus' deep love for us.

As spring blooms and we welcome warmer temperatures, we bask in the glow of Easter and celebrate the warmth of God's love through the resurrection of Jesus. The Easter season spans 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It's a season of renewal, of new life, and of divine discovery. Long ago, during this season, the disciples began to fully grasp the meaning of the resurrection. Their experience, knowledge, and wisdom were guided by the Spirit, and the church was born!

As we enter Easter and no longer have midweek worship services together, I began to wonder what it might look like to have some Easter spiritual practices in line with the disciples' post-resurrection experience after the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Grab your Bible and check out Acts 2, verses 42-47, and you'll see what I mean. I began to wonder what might change if we were to, like those first believers, continue to devote ourselves to learning, to eating together, and to prayer. If we were to be intentional about those things and continue to take the time to praise God and serve others, how might God continue to work through us for the good of our congregation and the wider community?

This newsletter (VOICE) is full of opportunities for you to do these things.....You could choose to learn and be involved in many of the ministries here, including Bible Study! Come and tell me your ideas of how we can learn, fellowship, pray, praise, and serve together. Let's continue to do our best to make Galilee a place where we work to share the Bread of Life with a hungry world, and where all people find welcome and a place to belong.

Thank you, thank you friends, for all that you have done to make Lent and Holy Week so special. May this Easter be a season of renewal and resurrection hope for us all!

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Pastor Jacqueline Belzer

AROUND OUR CHURCH

GALILADIES

March 19 there were seven ladies at our Irish celebration. Lots of yummy foods. Lots of green. A story of Ireland was told.

We worked on signing 100 Easter cards for Harmony Gardens and shut-ins. We decorated the cards with bunny and chick stickers. Judy will deliver them in a week so they have time to enjoy looking at them. We thank everyone who gave us used cards to recycle them. We can use more used greeting cards to make more cards next year.

We celebrated Marlene and Kathleen's birthday, but they weren't there. We also celebrated Sandy's birthday.

Next month we plan to go to the Hidden Treasure thrift store in St Anthony. Anyone interested in going please be at the church at 11:00 on April 16. After shopping we will stop at a place to eat.



YOUNG AT HEART



This month YAH meeting dates are April 14 and 28. We celebrated Sandy Altendorfer's birthday with a carrot cake on Saint Patrick's Day.

Lunch consisted of lasagna with garlic bread, deviled eggs, broccoli/pea salad, spring lettuce salad, personal size pot pies, and even freshly made rice krispie bars (by Steve).

We missed Jim and Mary because they were at Breezy Point playing cards, enjoying a fireplace and hot tub, puzzling, and just lots of relaxing and eating out. Abe was also unable to attend.

We consider ourselves a friendly bunch and we would love to have more people join us whenever you are able. If you have any questions, please call Karen Groebner at 651-488-9074 or Sharell Babin at 651-746-9074. We hope to see you on April 14th and 28th.



PROPERTY TEAM MEETING

We met on Thursday March 7th. We have completed the following: Door in classroom has been fixed, batteries have been purchased, the kitchen light is working needed a new fluorescent light not a new light fixture. President Joyce Solberg was at our meeting and talked about using sand mixture instead of all salt for the walkways. Terry found there were many good ceiling tiles to use in Paul Swenson/Pastor Tsen's office. We talked about preparing for the Easter breakfast. We will be setting up the day before Easter starting at 10am. Kids will be dyeing eggs that morning. Due to holy week we will not be having an April meeting.

ANNUAL EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY APRIL 5TH 7:30AM TO 9:00AM

Join us for fellowship and food, prior to our 9:30am Easter worship service.
Bring friends.....extended family.....neighbors.
On the menu will be: pancakes, sausage, hard boiled eggs, juice and coffee.
Cost: \$5/person (children under 5 years old eat free!)

**All money collected will go towards our Property Team fundraiser
to help whittle down our to-do list for 2026**

SPRING 2026

Growing Through Loss

PURPOSE

The series provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues.

PLACE	Centennial United Methodist Church (see map on back of brochure)
TIME	Thursdays 6:45 to 9 p.m.
AGENDA	Registration 6:45 to 7 p.m. Speaker 7 to 7:45 p.m. Small groups 8 to 9 p.m.

Registration takes place each program night at the host church. Each session is complete in itself. You are welcome to attend one or all. Donations are accepted. For more information, call Margie Alexander at **763-755-5335**.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED

- the death of a loved one
- a broken relationship
- a divorce or separation
- pregnancy or infant loss
- a job loss or change
- a move to a new home or city
- a loved one who needs your support

DO YOU FEEL

- in need of support, or
- interested in learning more about grief

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then this series is for you.

SCHEDULE

April 9 April Showers: A Grief Metaphor

Ted Bowman
Trainer, Consultant, Educator
and Author

April 16 Dealing with Your Feelings

Sister Adaire Lassonde
Funeral Services Coordinator,
Catholic Cemeteries

April 23 What Do I Do Now? Navigating Life After Loss

Erin Hente
Financial Planner, Certified Life Coach,
Grief Center Board Member

April 30 Grief and the Family

Janice Winchester-Nadeau, Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologist, Marriage and
Family Therapist

May 7 Watch for the Signs

Donna Mathiowetz
Speaker and Author

May 14 Service of Comfort and Healing

Pastor Bitrus Bamai
Congregational Care Facilitator



GROUPS AVAILABLE

- loss of spouse
- loss of child
- loss of parent
- loss of sibling or friend
- loss of grandparent
- suicide survivors
- divorce or separation
- transitional loss (for example, empty nest, moving, job loss, broken relationship, financial setbacks)

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The next series will be at The Church of
St. William in Fridley, beginning
September 21, 2026, Mondays.

Visit our website at:
www.growingthroughloss.org

AROUND OUR CHURCH



Women's Retreat - April 17-19

All women are invited to a retreat led by Pastor Brenda Boogren, held with Chippewa Falls and Barsness Lutheran Churches.

We'll gather at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria, MN, beginning Friday at 7:00 p.m. and ending Sunday after worship.

Our theme is Isaiah 43:1: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

Cost (per person, includes 2 nights and 4 meals):
1/room: \$288.50 | 2/room: \$172.00 | 3/room: \$133.17

Join us for a meaningful time of rest, fellowship, and renewal!



The week of Good Friday is known as **Holy Week (or Passion Week)**, the most sacred time in the Christian calendar. It commemorates the final week of Jesus's life, starting with Palm Sunday, including Maundy Thursday, and ending with his crucifixion on Good Friday and resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Holy Monday & Tuesday: Recall Jesus cleansing the Temple and predicting his death.

Spy Wednesday: Remembers Juda's betrayal of Jesus.

Maundy Thursday: Celebrates the Last Supper, the institution of the Eucharist, and the washing of feet, symbolizing love and service.

Good Friday: A day of fasting and penance marking the crucifixion and death of Jesus, often including the Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday: A day of quiet reflection and waiting, as Christians meditate on Christ's body in the tomb.

Easter Vigil/Sunday: Celebrates the Resurrection, light, and victory over death, often featuring fire rituals and baptism renewals.



Celebration of Life
was held March, 10 2026 for
Willis "Bill" Friberg

Bill was born on May 19, 1923 and passed away peacefully on February 15, 2026.

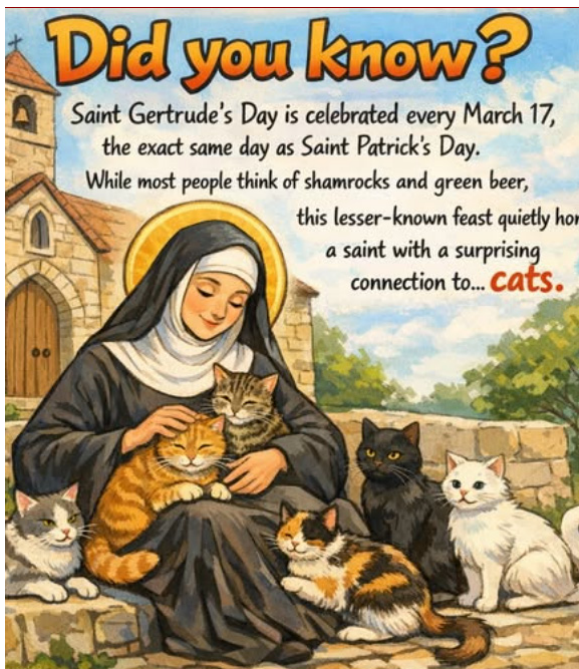
May he rest in perpetual peace.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MEETING

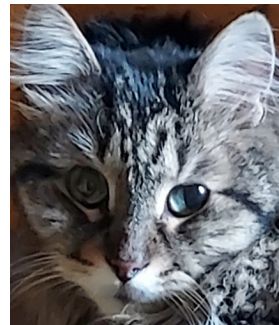
Here are a few things that were discussed at the meeting. We talked about recent worship services, clean water in the font for Sunday mornings, not announcing the hymns seems to be working well. Both baby grand and upright pianos have been tuned. Organists would like a mirror to sit on top of the organ, discussed which mirror would work best. Palm Sunday service planning the Processional. Do the clip on lavaliers work better than the microphones that go over the ear, where you have to tape it to your cheek for it to stay in place. Maundy Thursday communion will be by intinction. Talked about Easter Sunday breakfast and service and the Easter Season as a whole. We ended our meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by CarolAnn Hart VP - (Worship & Music Liaison)

DID YOU KNOW MARCH 17TH ISN'T JUST SAINT PATRICK'S DAY..



Did you know St. Gertrude is often honored as the patron saint of cats, symbolizing protection and quiet companionship? In her time, cats were more than animals—they were trusted guardians, offering comfort and safety in a world filled with uncertainty. As we celebrate St. Gertrude's Day, it's a beautiful reminder to cherish every cat that brings warmth into our lives. Today is not just about history, but about honoring their gentle presence and the quiet joy they give us every day.



PEACHES & TULLY

APRIL FOOL'S DAY

Is celebrated annually on April 1st, it is an unofficial holiday dedicated to practical jokes, hoaxes, and light-hearted trickery. While its exact origins are unclear, the tradition is generally believed to have emerged in 16th-century Europe, with roots possibly stretching far back to ancient spring festivals.

The main purpose of April Fools' Day is to spread joy and laughter by catching friends, family, or colleagues with harmless tricks, usually followed by yelling "April Fools!". It is a celebration of absurdity and a break from serious routines, often observed around the changing of the seasons and the vernal equinox.

WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Scripture Readings

APRIL 5

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

APRIL 12

Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

APRIL 19

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

APRIL 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Adult Forums & Events

*April 2nd Maundy Thursday
@ 6pm*

April 3rd Good Friday @ 6pm

*April 5th - Easter pancake
breakfast ...7:30am-9am
Worship Service 9:30am*

*April 12th Tim Rand
World Travel Adventures*

*April 19 TBD
April 26th TBD*

Communion

Apr 2 Maundy Thrs 6pm Barb Strenge
Apr 3 Good Fri 6pm N/A
Apr 5 Easter - AM - Paul Swenson
Apr 12 AM - Lori O'Keefe
Apr 19 Elen Swenson
Apr 26 AM - Barb Strenge

Lectors

Apr 2 Maundy Thrs 6pm Pat Craft
Apr 3 Good Fri 6pm Paul Swenson
Apr 5 Easter - Lorrie Hayne
Apr 12 Larry Biermeier
Apr 19 Teresa Shores
Apr 26 Jay Fehrman

Ushers

Apr 2 Maundy Thrs 6pm Groebners
Apr 3 Good Fri 6pm Solbergs
Apr 5 Easter - Hart & Watson
Apr 12 Petersons
Apr 19 Groebners
Apr 26 Hart & Zrust

April Birthdays

Karen Groebner 4/09
Karen Murphy 4/10
Henry Taylor 4/16
Colin O'Keefe 4/19
Jacob Osterman 4/26
Kalea Bergman 4/28
Maria Brown 4/30
Cherie Garrod 4/30



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is at 11am
and meets in the church
library.

Prayer Requests

Adrian Davis
Nijah Davis
Nancy Seefert-Tomczyk
Nick Tomczyk
Ardis Haslach
Ron Jarombek
James Hart
Ron Peterson
Mary Lanoux
Bill Zrust
Randall Strand
Darla Nelson
Larry Biermeier
Janis Behrens
Shawn Altendorfer
Ruth Altendorfer
Family & Friends of Bill Friberg
Family & Friends of Dave Macklin

Care Center/Homebound:

Kitty Fisch
Edith Londroche
David Shores

Missions/Ministry:

Rice Street Gardens
MN Faith Chinese Lutheran
Church
Balali & Uhominyi in Iringa,
Tanzania

***We will keep those in need of
prayer on our list for two months.
If we take
someone off after two months
and they need to stay on, please
let the office
know 651-488-6769.**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 11a Bible Study 6p Bell Choir	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6pm worship	3 GOOD FRIDAY 6pm worship	4 9a Ham Radio group 10a Egg Coloring 10a Easter Bk Setup
5 EASTER 7:30a Pancake Breakfast 9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Galilee Easter Worship 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a MFCLC Worship	6	7 10a Donut group 7p Worship/Music	8 11a Bible Study 1p Villa Park 6p Bell Choir 7p Outreach mtg	9 6:30p Council mtg	10	11 9a Rice Street Gardens
12 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a MFCLC Worship 11a Adult Forum	13 5p Rice Street Gardens	14 10a Donut Group 12:15p YAH	15 VOICE ARTICLES DUE 11a Bible Study 6p Bell choir	16 12p GaliLadies 6p Musikmeisters	17	18
19 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir 11a MFCLC worship 11a Adult Forum	20	21 10a Donut Group	22 EARTH DAY 8a Hand in Hand using parking lot 11a Bible Study 6p Bell choir	23 6p Musikmeisters	24	25 9a Rice Street Gardens
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GALILEE April 2026

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

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2026 Congregational Council

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Bells of Galilee: Cynthia Erickson
cynthia.erickson@minnmicro.com

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.

VOICE articles must be received by the **15th of each month**. To submit articles for publication in the VOICE or to receive the VOICE newsletter by e-mail, please contact the church office at:
office.galilee@gmail.com.

Reminder:
Galilee is a fragrance-free church.
Some people have an allergy to fragrance which affect their health.
Thank you.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES:

MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 2ND 6:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3RD 6:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5TH:

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7:30AM

TO 9:00AM (COST \$5.00)

WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30AM