

# GALILEE

January 2021

## Kalpulli Tlalocotecuhtli

Dear People of Galilee,

Thursday, September 10, in the afternoon, Carlos Ramos came to meet me in Galilee's church library. He had heard that Galilee is a welcoming, safe place. We visited, with masks on, staying far apart from each other. Our conversation that Thursday was so interesting! Carlos gave trilingual explanations of culture, spirituality, and history, full of hope.

During three months of occasional encounters, totally masked, amidst this pandemic, I had formed a visual, mental image of what Carlos looks like. I am laughing with delight because upon receiving this awesome photograph, I see now that Carlos and his fellow dancers look completely different than I had expected without masks on. I am so amused by this, and all the other surprises that 10 months of social distancing is having on my perception of our community. Maybe our relationship with our Lord God is kind of like that. We think we are seen by our Lord in a certain way, but actually God sees so much more. God knows us from the inside out, and sees us with much more complexity, detail and magnificence.

I requested this straightforward description of Carlos's group: "*Kalpulli Tlalocotecuhtli* means the great Lord of rain, lightning, and thunder. Our group is composed of youth that are committed to lifelong learning of the philosophy, dance, drum, and songs of the Mexica/Nahua/Aztec traditions."

As a church, the ELCA, we are committed to inter-religious relations, dialogue and common action for the sake of the world God loves so much. I thank God for Carlos coming to Galilee, to enrich us with inter-religious knowledge and friendship.

In closing, I want to share these words from our Church, the ELCA, about the importance of such interdependence. "God's vision is of a world in which humans and creation, in all their glorious diversity, live in unity, justice and peace. In such a

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The leaves of the  
tree of life are for the  
healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:2b



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# AROUND OUR CHURCH

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## Young at Heart

Karen and Steve are looking forward to riding their bicycles, taking walks, and enjoying the warm weather Minnesotans have put on hold until spring.

Kathy Juneau, currently living with her daughter, misses our social group.

Shari and Dell still try to take their daily walk on mild days, but it is getting rather chilly outside.

Shari has been busy baking for the holidays, and sharing treats with friends.

Abe Watson will celebrate a birthday January 7th and we will miss celebrating with him. Abe hasn't slowed down at all and lends a helping hand wherever and whenever needed. Happy Birthday, Abe.

Barb Bartok is getting in the spirit and celebrating the season is the reason.

Mary L will celebrate the holiday with daughter Teri, and family, in Lindstrom.

STAY well, wear face coverings, safe distance, and keep those telephone calls going. For people who live alone, nothing beats a real live voice.

Wishing each and every one of you a safe and happy new year.

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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, "We had another excellent drive on Wednesday, thanks for hosting yet again. We collected 39 units for a total of 117 lives saved! We actually had so many people show up for the drive we had to ask a couple to reschedule. It's a bummer to turn donors away, but it's a good problem to have because that means the donors are showing up and having successful donations, which is rare nowadays. I also wanted to give you your total from your first year hosting with us. We collected 271 units for a total of **813 lives saved!** You should be extremely proud, that's a huge feat! Thank you, once again. 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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## Worship at Galilee During COVID

Continuing in January, 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 are welcome too! If you haven't previously used Zoom, clicking the above link will first ask you to join the free service.
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 a.m. People will be well separated and will be expected to wear masks. The number will be limited to only ten. 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.

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>

Every 2 seconds,  
someone needs blood

Wednesday, January 6 & February 17

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## Thank you, Altar Guild

Thanks to the Altar Guild members who decorated the Christmas tree, coordinated the altar flowers, and placed candles on the altar for the Christmas Eve service, including Jackie Nerud, LouWanna Osterman, Betty Jeans, Lorrie Haynes, Sharell Babin, and Abe Watson for tree set-up, removal, and extra vacuuming required.

The Altar Guild is requesting your used Christmas cards for future use. Personal messages are removed.

Thank you to each of the participants who so graciously give of their time to make it possible for us to continue attending virtual church.

## Be the Change *by Martha Bolton*

Ever wish you could do something to change the world but you get discouraged because there's only one of you and you don't know where to begin? Well, chances are you can't change the world all by yourself, at least not all at once. But you can change it, one act of kindness at a time. Consider these ways you can change the world. It only takes.....

- one compliment to make someone feel appreciated
- one visit or call to end someone's loneliness
- one show of trust to make someone feel trustworthy
- one offer of hope to end someone's hopelessness
- one request for help to make someone feel needed
- one person listening to make someone feel important
- one burst of laughter to make others want to join in
- one outstretched hand to pull someone to safety
- one person caring to make someone feel valuable
- one act of forgiveness to erase someone's guilt
- one hug to make someone feel huggable

# AROUND OUR CHURCH

## GALILEE'S FINANCIAL UPDATE by Miriam Peterson

Our offerings were behind by about \$2,000 in November. We are doing well the first two weeks in December with offerings of over \$9,500. We need about \$12,500 per month to meet the budget. We will be OK through this year because we received a \$22,000 forgivable loan from the government. We have now received 33 pledges for 2021 for a total of almost \$104,000. This is just \$2,000 behind the pledges for 2020. Thank you! Your 2020 tax statements will be sent out in January. If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Peterson.

## PAYROLL PROTECTION PROGRAM UPDATE

by Barb Strenge, Treasurer

As part of the legislation provided by the federal government to help alleviate the financial impact of COVID-19 a law was passed that included a program called the Payroll Protection Program (PPP).

This program allowed qualified organizations to apply for a low interest loan to be used for qualified expenses such as payroll, utilities, and mortgage interest. The law also allowed for forgiveness of these loans up to the amount of the loan used to cover qualified expenses in the six months after the loan was received.

Galilee applied for a PPP loan of \$22,000 and after being approved the funds were received in May. In November, we submitted an application requesting forgiveness of the entire loan and provided documentation substantiating the use of the funds for payroll, and other qualified expenses. On December 15th we received notice from the bank that our forgiveness application had been approved for the entire amount of the loan.

This loan was instrumental in allowing Galilee to continue to pay the entire staff during 2019 and free up our other funds to cover other ongoing expenses.

Along with the generous contributions of all our members these PPP funds helped put us on a stable financial position going into 2021.



### **Richard (Dick) John Fisch**

1932–12/1/2020



A private family memorial will take place at a later date.



### **Stephen J. Good**

11/20/53–12/6/2020



The life of Stephen Good was celebrated on December 14, 2020. He was interned at Roselawn Cemetery.

## HOMELESS YOUTH

As of December 15, we have collected \$270 for the Rezek House sponsored by Lutheran Social Service. Outreach will contribute another \$625 so we are really able to help the young people from 16-24 who are now in transitional housing. Thank you for your help!!

## Annual Meeting - January 31, 2021

The annual meeting of Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held Sunday, January 31, 2021, immediately following the service and will begin at approximately 10:15 a.m.

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.

**Here is the information for the Zoom meeting for the January 31st, 2021 annual meeting.**

**Link to Zoom meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88230509927>

The meeting ID if you come in through the Zoom website rather than the link, or call in on your phone is: Meeting ID: 882 3050 9927

The phone number is 1-312-626-6799

We need about 25 people to attend to have a quorum and are asking you to let us know if you will be attending so we can make sure we have the required number of people. Please contact either Miriam Peterson or Barb Strenge if you plan to attend and how many people will be on the call with you.

Barbara Strenge: [bstrenge425@gmail.com](mailto:bstrenge425@gmail.com), 612-805-8125

Miriam Peterson: [miriam.peterson@comcast.net](mailto:miriam.peterson@comcast.net), 651-483-2394 (home), 651-491-5140 (cell)

This is new to all of us, so we ask for your patience and understanding as we work our way through these challenges.

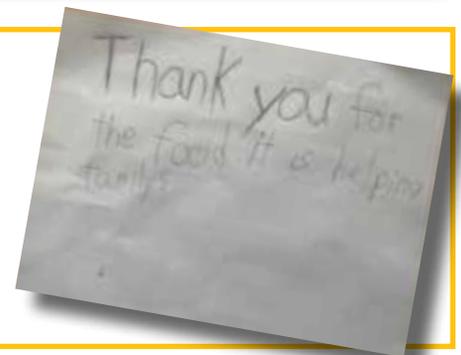
Galilee Lutheran Church Council

### **Committee Heads!**

Please get your reports to the office by January 4!

## OUR LITTLE FREE FOOD SHELF

Sunday morning, December 13, this note was found inside our Little Free Library turned Little Free Food Shelf. Keep up the good work, Galilee!



# WORSHIP & EDUCATION

## Scripture Lessons

### January 3

#### Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14

*Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

Psalms 147:12-20

*Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion.*

Ephesians 1:3-14

*The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

*God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

### January 10

#### Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5

*God creates light God creates light*

Psalms 29

*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.*

Acts 19:1-7

*Baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus*

Mark 1:4-11

*Revelation of Christ as God's servant*

### January 17

#### Second Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

*The calling of Samuel*

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

*You have searched me out and known me.*

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

*Glorify God in your body*

John 1:43-51

*The calling of the first disciples*

### January 24

#### Third Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

*Repentance at Nineveh*

Psalms 62:5-12

*God alone is my rock and my salvation.*

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

*Living in the end times*

Mark 1:14-20

*The calling of the disciples at the sea*

### January 31

#### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

*The prophet speaks with God's authority*

Psalms 111

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

*Limits to liberty: the case of food offered to idols*

Mark 1:21-28

*The healing of one with an unclean spirit*

## Prayer Requests

Albert Cifuentes (friend of the Watsons)

Family & Friends of Dick Fisch (Kitty's husband)

Family & Friends of Steve Good  
Jennifer Grayson (friend of Galilee)  
Kitty Fisch

All suffering with COVID and the effects of COVID

Family & Friends of Barbara Ann Johnson (Shmidt family)

Doug Johnson

Friends and Family of Ramon Martinez (Joanne M. North Emanuel)

Family & Friends of Rosemary McCall (Dana and Rebecca's aunt)

Family & Friends of Jim Pappert (Sailer Family)

Pastor Howard Rand (Tim's Dad)

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

Family & Friends of Diane Sato (GLOW family)

Jim Scholen (Joyce's husband)

Family & Friends of Cain Solheim (friend of the Browns)

## January Birthdays

7 Abraham Watson

18 Gloria Johnson

19 Jeremy Brown

23 Terry Londroche

26 Joy Brown

30 Judy McLean

31 Nicole Krautkramer



## 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!



Jan. 3 Caroline Herman, in memory of her sister, Diane Vaudrin

Jan. 10 Lorrie Hayne

Jan. 17 Joan Jarombek

Jan. 24 Helen Heinen

Jan. 31 For the Glory of God

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world, hope abounds, and fear no longer separates one person from another or one people from another. In this vision the leaves of the tree of life are for the healing of the nations (rev. 22). We envision a world in which God's grace and mercy are celebrated, and all of God's creatures and all of God's creating are regarded with value and treated with care." (1. Footnote: A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment p. 6)

In Peace,

Pastor Dana K. Nelson

# JANUARY 2021

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 January on Tuesday, December 29, between 10 am and 6:30 pm.		<b>29</b> 10a-6:30p Communion Pick-up	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b> 9:30a Record Worship
		<b>3</b> 9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Online Worship	<b>4</b> Annual Report Team Reports Due 12:30p Quilting Group	<b>5</b> 7p Worship & Music Zoom Mtg	<b>6</b> 11-5p Blood Drive 1p Villa Park Devotions - <b>cancelled</b> 2p Going to the Happy Place: " Zoom Gathering	<b>7</b> 4p #Run with Maud
<b>10</b> 9:30a Online Worship	<b>11</b> 12:30p Quilting Group	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 2p Going to the Happy Place: bring your Bible" Zoom Gathering	<b>14</b> 4p #Run with Maud 6:30p Zoom Council Mtg	<b>15</b> VOICE Articles Due	<b>16</b> 9:30a Record Worship 11a Kalpulli Tlaloctecuhli - <b>cancelled</b>
<b>17</b> 9:30a Online Worship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 2p Going to the Happy Place: bring your Bible" Zoom Gathering	<b>21</b> 4p #Run with Maud	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:30a Record Worship
<b>24/31</b> January 24 9:30a Online Worship  January 31 9:30a Online Worship 10:15a Annual Meeting ZOOM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 4p #Run with Maud	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30a Record Worship

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

# GALILEE

## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**JANUARY 2021**

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

### 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>

### 2021 Congregational Council

Abe Watson, President  
Terry O'Keefe, Vice President  
Barb Strenge, 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.



*Happy New Year to the people of Galilee from the Food Donation Connection and the crew at Starbucks in White Bear Lake.*

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.