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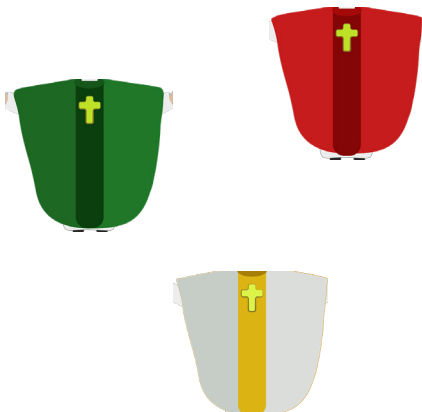
Galilee Members and Friends

Permit me to explain the curious outfit I put on before celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This liturgical vestment is a chasuble. During my second congregational call at St. Paul's in Carlisle, PA., a member gifted me chasubles in every seasonal liturgical color. The Galilee Lutheran paraments (the cloths draping the lectern and altar) are in all the seasonal liturgical colors

as well: **(Advent-blue; Christmas-white Epiphany-green; Lent-purple; Palm Sunday-scarlet; Easter-white and/or gold; Pentecost-red then green** (the longest season of the church calendar year)). These liturgical colors match the chasubles that I wear and share. If you want to help change the liturgical paraments and set-up for Holy Communion, please talk to Altar Guild member Barb Streng.



The historic ecumenical practice of wearing chasubles before and during the consecrating, as well as celebrating Holy Communion, is a liturgical action shared by clergy among the Anglican (Church of England), Episcopalians (U.S.), Orthodox and Roman Catholic. There may be other religious and faith groups that wear something similar since many of these liturgical vestments were worn in geographical regions that were colder.



Wearing these also began historically when few worshippers were literate in Latin or the language of the missionaries - - thus chasubles were a sign that the sacrament of Holy Communion will be shared. The liturgical colors emphasize the liturgical church year season the way that stained-glass windows teach the biblical stories without words.

Interim Pastor Kelly

AROUND OUR CHURCH

YOUNG AT HEART

In March we celebrated both Sandy Altendorfer's birthday and St. Patrick's Day with a delicious dessert from Lou Wanna. We are so lucky to have so many good cooks at Galilee for our potluck lunches.



We would love to have you join us for lunch and socializing in April (8th & 22nd). We gather in Galilee's library at 12:15 for lunch and then move on to game playing until around 4:00 in the afternoon. We have no set time limit. We are a small group of about ten people and would love to have three or four more join us if you are able. Come check us out!



If you have any questions, call Karen at 651.488.9074 or Sharell at 651.746.9074.



GALILADIES

March birthdays were Sandy A., Marlene, and Kathleen. And as always, very good lunch was served!

We worked on making Easter cards. When done there should be about 90 cards. Judy will take them to Harmony Gardens residents.

For our April meeting (4/17) we will go to a huge thrift store in downtown Hastings. We all hope to find treasures!

On May 15th GaliLadies will have our annual high tea luncheon for Mother's day. **All ladies from church and friends are invited.** If you plan to come please call Ardis at 651-206-8214 or Sandy A. at 651-489-0623

Happy
Easter



WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

Hello Women of Galilee:
We have received an invitation from Pastor Brenda Boogren (pastor of Chippewa Falls Lutheran and Barnsness Lutheran churches) to consider joining the women of these churches for their Annual Spring Retreat. It is at Luther Crest Bible Camp on Lake Carlos in Alexandria, the weekend of April 25-27.

The theme this year is "Be Still". Please talk with Joyce Solberg if you are wanting to join us. If you have other questions, please give Pastor Brenda a call or text at 651-398-5709.

The cost is based on how many are in your room. For a single occupancy and four meals it is \$278.50. For double occupancy and four meals it is \$166.00. For triple occupancy and four meals it is \$128.50.

Pastor Brenda helped out at Galilee about 10 years ago as she was going to seminary. In the past, Pat Craft, Shari Sailer and myself have joined Brenda and her ladies on retreat. We had a great and meaningful time.

~Joyce Solberg



AROUND OUR CHURCH

MARCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

The Council meeting included a very noteworthy proposal from the MN Faith Chinese Lutheran Church. They are interested in the possibility of sharing a pastor with Galilee in 2026. Council members will be reviewing that possibility throughout this year.

The Council is also continuing to search for plans and bids for repairing the leaking section of the church roof which is nearly 60 years old.

The next Council meeting will be on April 10th at 6:30PM.

Elen Swenson, President

A BLESSED EASTER
TO YOU & YOURS.
ALLELUIA
JESUS HAS RISEN



GALILEE COUNCIL & STAFF

GALILEE'S NEWEST MEMBERS

"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."Romans 15:7

Affirmation of Baptism was extended to Galilee's two newest members as baptized Christians, Justine Blatterman and Deb Nimis-Rohloff on February 2nd. It's always a joyous event to witness. The growth of Galilee fills us with hope for our future in Christ's mission.



PUZZLE TIME

Fellowship (& fun) outside of Galilee is a great way to socialize, laugh, keep active, and bond with others.

Here, Galilee members Barb, Teresa, Jo Ann, and Ron participated in a jigsaw puzzle contest sponsored by St. Paul Community Education. The contest was held at the Washington Magnet School. The goal of the competition was to finish as fast as you can! But this group's goal? Simply to finish at all - as they did.

Any other activites out there you know of, please email Galilee with suggestions: office.galilee@gmail.com



AROUND OUR CHURCH

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 20th. 7:30am-9am
Bring friends.....extended family.....neighbors. Join us for fellowship and food, prior to our 9:30am Easter worship.

Cost: \$5/person (children under 5 years eat free!)
Monies raised will support our Property Fund. No advance tickets. Please pay at the door.



LENTEN WORSHIP/SOUP SUPPERS

We continue our Wednesday Lenten worship when we will gather for Holden Evening Prayer and a simple soup supper. We will worship for about 20 minutes, beginning at 5pm in the sanctuary, and move to the library afterwards to serve soup & bread. Soup Suppers are an excellent time to bring visitors and guests to church. To help out, please use the sign-up poster in the narthex.

Holden Evening Prayer 5pm
Soup Supper 5:30pm
DATES: Wednesday, April 2nd, 9th



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.

Sessions started on Monday 3/31/25, and continue Mondays until 5/12/25. 6:45pm-9pm. Each session is complete in itself. You are welcome to attend one or all.

- Schedule:**
- 3/31 Multiple Losses and the Transformational Nature of Grief
 - 4/7 Understanding the Basic Characteristics of Grief
 - 4/14 NO SESSION - Easter week
 - 4/21 The Miracle That Came in the Mail: The Dragonfly Project
 - 4/28 Getting a Grip on Grief
 - 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

CALL COMMITTEE TIMELINE

Please receive this brief review of the timeline of the Galilee Call Committee (shared historical timeline is pictured below--**PINK** for significant member/Galilee events; **GREEN** for growth among Galilee and members; and **BLUE** for all sorrowful occasions):

- October 2024 - Council invited congregation members to receive nomination as a slate for the Galilee Call Committee members. Congregation nominees provided a statement of interest for election to the Call Committee.
- November 2024 - All Committee slate elected.
- Call Committee first Wednesday meeting was on Wednesday, Dec.4, 2024.

Sunday Adult Faith Formation forums included these discussions/presentations hosted by Galilee Call Committee members:
Dec. 15 - table fellowship conversation;
Dec. 29 - table fellowship conversation;
Jan. 5 - your life at Galilee completing wall timeline;
Jan. 12 - Pastor Tori Krause Roseville Lutheran interpreting wall timeline;
Jan. 26 - Call Committee summarizing completed steps of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP)
Feb. 9 - Gloria Johnson, Galilee charter member, in an interview on memory and forgiveness in congregational ministry.

The Galilee Call Committee has spent much time discerning and choosing, with clarity and specificity, responses based on your Dec. 15 & 29 input and actual ministry practices. After completing all the questions in the Ministry Site Profile, this document will be submitted to the St. Paul Area Synod (SPAS). After their review, the Call Committee will present the content of the MSP.

Because we are in the Lenten season, Call Committee will meet on Mondays (Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke is paused- - to be resumed April 28th). As interim pastor, I have been shepherding the completion of the Galilee Lutheran Ministry Site Profile assisting with discernment and decisions in the responses to the interpretative questions. The Galilee Call Committee will elect a chairperson/s before submitting the profile to the SPAS.

Receiving your prayers, Interim Pastor Kelly



WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Scripture Lessons

APRIL 6
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

APRIL 13
Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14 - 23:56

APRIL 20
EASTER/Resurrection of Our Lord
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

APRIL 27
Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Sunday Adult Forums

April 6 - Master Gardener

April 13 - PALM SUNDAY
(no forum)

April 20 - EASTER SUNDAY
(no forum)

April 27 - Lianna Taylor-Galilee
scholarship recipient

Prayer Requests

Randall Strand
Joe Juneau
Larry Biermeister
Terry O'Keefe
Larry Sims
Scott Solberg
Taylor Altendorfer
Sandy Altendorfer
David Shores
Mary Lanoux
Joy Brown
Carol Leaders (Villa Park)
Carole Anthony (Villa Park)
Family & friends of Betty Kelly
Family & friends of Chuck Dearborn
Family & friends of Robert & Roberta Reimes
Family & friends of David MacMillin
MN Faith Chinese Lutheran Church
Balali & Uhominyi in Iringa, Tanzania



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

April Birthdays

Karen Groebner 4/9
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



April Lectors

April 6 Lori O'Keefe
April 13 Jackie Nerud
April 17 JoAnn French (Thur-6:30pm)
April 20 Elen Swenson
April 27 Terry O'Keefe

April Ushers

April 6 Groebners
April 13 Zrust/Watson
April 17 Groebners (Thur-6:30pm)
April 20 Zrust/Watson
April 27 Groebners

April Communion

April 6 TBD
April 13 Teresa
April 17 Elen Swenson (Thur-6:30pm)
April 20 JoAnn
April 27 Lori O'Keefe

April Refreshment

April 6 Debbie Nimis-Rohloff
April 13 TBD
April 20 TBD
April 27 TBD

APRIL 2025

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Please email Galilee the names of your 2025 high school & post-secondary graduates:</p> <p>office.galilee@gmail.com</p>			1	2	3	4	5
			10a Donut group 7p Alley 19 Clown 7p (zoom) Worship & Music Team	5p Lenten worship 5:30p soup supper 6p Bell Choir rehrl	6p Musikmeisters 6p Property Team	7p Chinese Bible Study	6a Chinese Prayer 9a Ham Radio group 12p Aztec dancers 1p RSG** training
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a Adult Forum - see pg 6 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran	1p Call Committee	10a Donut Group 12:15p YoungAtHeart 2p North Central Conference at St Paul Area Synod	1p Villa Park 5p Lenten worship 5:30p soup supper 6p Bell Choir 6:30p SP Clown Club 7p Outreach mtg	6:30p Council mtg	3:30p RSG training 7p Chinese Bible Study	6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers	
PALM SUNDAY 13	HOLY MONDAY 14	HOLY TUESDAY 15	HOLY WEDNESDAY 16	MAUNDY THURSDAY 17	GOOD FRIDAY 18	HOLY SATURDAY 19	
9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran	1p Call Committee	VOICE ARTICLES DUE	11:30am Healing Anointing with oil. Holy Communion	6:30pm worship/ Holy Communion	6:30pm Word & Prayer worship	6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers	
EASTER SUNDAY 20	EASTER MONDAY 21	22	23	24	25	26	
7:30-9a Easter Breakfast 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran	1p Call Committee	10a Donut Group 12:15p Young at Hrt 6:30p Alley 19 Clowns	6p Bell Choir	6p Musikmeisters rehearsal	3:30p RSG training 7p Chinese Bible Study	6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers	
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		**Rice Street Gardens					

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



*With gratitude...
for Galilee's many "behind
the scene" members
--e.g., Ruth Hartmann,
attending the Rice/
Larpenteur Alliance
annual meeting.*



*Also blessed with worship hosts, ushers, altar guild,
Bell Choir, Adult Faith Forum leaders, Sunday
hospitality providers, and our Lenten Wednesdays
pianists, singers, soup/bread providers - -
All who have given their prayers and time in serving.
THANKS!*

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.