

THE VOICE OF GALILEE



Dear Galilee Brothers and Sisters,

On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past and honor the contributions of all Americans and immigrant Americans.

My journey as an immigrant in Minnesota is a tapestry of resilience, adapting to the bitter cold, and navigating the system. As a new immigrant, adapting to the climate was not easy: Stepping off the plane to face my first Minnesota winter was a profound culture shock. Learning to navigate the snow and sub-zero temperatures becomes a true badge of honor and a symbol of resilience. Arriving in the winter of 1991, Minnesota is historically defined by the legendary Halloween Blizzard. I decided to go Trick or Treating with my kids. Needless to say, it did not go well for obvious reasons!

To become a Naturalized Citizen you must go through a several steps with Immigration offices, lawyers, and money. By the time my request was approved, I had to study for a year before taking the final test. You must remember American history was way beyond my limited education on American civics. Historical names and dates, geography, the National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, etc. Finally, when I passed my test, I had an invitation to my oath to become US citizen. I've had the privilege to experience two different cultures that are so unique, yet I find myself to be a perfect mixture of both.

This has led me to be a fluid-minded individual that sees the world through two different lenses and still finds an incomparable beauty in both. I have been living in the United States more years than my country of origin. Immigrants have struggles that are hard to understand if you aren't one. Being an immigrant is more than just moving to another country. We all walk on different paths of life, but the journeys that we embark on are not what determines who we are. It is through the Holy Spirit guiding me to the decisions that I made through that journey that shaped my character and molded me into the person I became. I want to invite you to think and share about your ancestor's journey and struggles coming to America.

God Bless United States, and grant that we may use our freedom in accordance with God's will, striving always for truth, justice, and liberty for all. Amen.

Humbly yours in Christ,
Pastor Jacqueline Belzer

AROUND OUR CHURCH



GALILADIES

June 18th the GaliLadies plus guests went to the Olive Garden in Maplewood for lunch. There were 12 ladies there. We had a great time visiting with each other.

Next month (July 16th) we will bring either salads or picnic food. (Plus we need a dessert or two.) Thank you to all who have brought cards for our group to use. We will make good use of them. Appreciate getting them. The welcome mat is out for anyone that wants to join our fun group. Any questions call Ardis at 651-206-8214.



YOUNG AT HEART

July Young at Heart meetings are scheduled on the 14th and 28th. Mark your calendar now for that time of socialization. As Uncle Sam would say, "We Want You!"

Joe took a tumble and ended up with a very sore arm. Brenda had knee replacement, and Shari had a procedure related to the heart. All are getting better, a day at a time, for which we are very grateful. We celebrated June birthdays for Steve and Brenda.

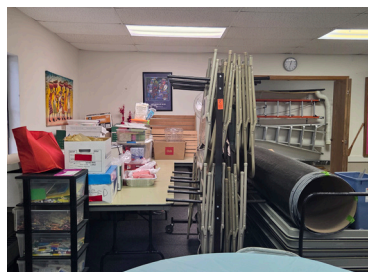
Steve and Karen went to Willmar for Steve's class reunion, then headed to Vermillion, South Dakota. They also visited with Steve's brother and then headed to the lake for some fishing. I'm waiting to see pictures of the big fish.



Our group size has shrunk, so if you have ever considered an afternoon that includes a pot luck lunch, easy card games, and laughter, please consider joining us. Any questions can be answered by Karen at 651.488.8074 or Sharell at 651.746.9074.

FELLOWSHIP HALL CLOSET CLEAN-OUT

As many may have noticed, the contents of the Fellowship Hall closet has been put in the Fellowship Hall. Since the roof in the closet area has been fixed, the plan is to remove all of the items stored on the floor so that we can mop and repaint the floor. The ceiling tiles and grid will also be removed. Thank you, Steve Groebner, for all your hard work!!



SPRING CLEAN-UP GRATITUDE!!

Thank you to all of the following volunteers:

Pastor Jacqueline Belzer
Karen Groebner
Steve Groebner
Miriam Peterson
Jim Zrust
Terry O'Keefe
Abe Watson
CarolAnn Hart
Joe Juneau
Larry Biermeier



- from MN Faith Chinese Lutheran church:

Pastor Thomas Tsen
Alan Wang
Lily Duan
Wei Bao Wu
Hong Xie
Ai Lian Ding

- and to those who brought yummy food for all:

Darla Nelson	Amanda Nelson
Lori O'Keefe	LaParis Nelson
Pastor Belzer	Karen & Steve Groebner

LUTHERAN NIGHT WITH THE TWINS

Tuesday, Aug. 11 - 6:40 p.m. | Target Field, Minneapolis



Join Lutherans from all over the Twin Cities and beyond for a night at the baseball game as the Twins take on the Baltimore Orioles! It's a great event for congregations, youth groups and more. There are a variety of seating options and pricing, ranging from upper level (\$16) to club level (\$51) and more. For tickets, contact Ryan Thomson at 612-659-3582 or ryanthomson@twins.com. Come early to join other Lutheran voices in singing The Star-Spangled Banner at the start of the game! You will need to arrive at the field by 5:20 p.m. and meet the group outside the stadium.

CAUSE FOR PAWS

Cat spay & neuter clinic

Thursday, August 27th. 8am-4pm at Galilee



Cause for Paws is hosting a spay and neuter clinic for **owned cats*** through the Minnesota Spay Neuter Assistance Program (MN SNAP) mobile unit. This mobile unit will be in the Galilee Lutheran parking lot on August 27th. The surgery is \$25 per cat for either a spay or neuter. A couple vaccines are also offered, but only with a spay or neuter. No 'vaccine only' appointments!

This clinic is partially funded by the Roseville Area Community Foundation and Cause for Paws.



See inserted flyer for qualification details/contacts for appointments.

***not 'for sale' or cats being re-homed.**

AROUND OUR CHURCH

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

There will be no school supply drive in 2026. Over the years Outreach has collected supplies and Galilee has hosted families to come for food, games and supplies. However, there are many other churches and organizations that have been doing the same and attendance at our event was low. We then decided to donate directly to schools; however, we found that they too had been given either grants or donations for supplies and did not need any additional. Thanks for all the support you have given over the years!



GALILEE SUMMER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: JUNE 1 - AUGUST 31

PROJECT #1 - DOCTOR ASPHALT ESTIMATE - \$21,000.
The parking lot goal has been reached!! Thank you very much.

PROJECT #2 - CITYWIDE GLASS ESTIMATE - \$1,400. *We have collected about \$600.*
In the pastor's office a couple of broken windows need to be replaced. The outer front door needs to have the insulation strip replaced. The inner door needs to be readjusted. In Fellowship Hall the screens need to have clips that will keep them in place.

PROJECT #3 - OSTVIG TREE CARE - \$1,300. *We have collected \$150.*
The two maple trees in the lower-level parking area near the building need to have the canopies trimmed back so they don't do damage to the building.



FATHER'S DAY AT GALILEE

We gave thanks and prayed for fathers near & far, father-figures in our lives, and our Father God. It was a special blessing for special people.

PROPERTY TEAM MEETING Submitted by CarolAnn Hart

We talked about the Spring Cleanup and what else needs to be done over the summer as well as the Fellowship Hall closet plan. The First Aid box is located on the wall in the kitchen. The AED box is located in the front hallway for easy access. We have decided that the swing set is not holding together well and will be taken down. Terry is working on the butterfly garden and already has some plants. Larry is working on the labyrinth and hopes to be completed in time for July 4th weekend service. We will not be having a meeting in July.

WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING Submitted by CarolAnn Hart

Cynthia has acquired a director's platform and it is kept in the music room. The shims for the pulpit microphone are holding it more securely. Going forward, the congregation will sit down during Hymn of the Day. Singing a hymn verse before the Prelude seems to be working well to invite the congregation into the sanctuary. This will not be done on the first Sunday of the month because of the Healing Prayer time. Following Sharing of the Peace, the organist will play three chimes to alert the congregation to be seated. If people do not respond to the chimes, Pastor will ask people to take their seats for the offering. Paul made a trip to Metro Sound to have microphones repaired for a cost of about \$100. Lori will clean out the robe closet in the work room, as she does every spring. She will launder and iron the robes. Some robes are stained or in need of repair. Lori will use her discretion on what needs to be done and some robes may be donated or disposed of appropriately. A mirror for the organ has been identified and Paul will order it. Cost: about \$50. A new source for Prayers of Intercession has been found, "Lutheran Prayer Core Prayers of the Church". The Worship and Music committee will not meet in July. Our August meeting will be on Tuesday, August 4th, and will be a potluck at the O'Keefe's.

SYNOD EVENTS:

Farewell for Bishop Lull. Sunday, July 26 - 2-5 p.m. | Roseville Lutheran Church

As Bishop Patricia Lull concludes her service as bishop, we gather in gratitude for God's many gifts embodied throughout her ministry. Together we will celebrate the seeds she has sown, the growth God has given, and the abundant blessings that will continue to bear fruit for years to come. Please join us for an afternoon of hymn singing, storytelling and thanksgiving for Bishop Lull's faithful leadership as we commend her to the next chapter of God's call.



Save the Date: Sunday, Sept. 13

Installation of newly elected Bishop Grimm. More info to follow. Or check out the Synod's website: spas-elca.org

WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Scripture Readings

JULY 5

6th Sunday after Pentecost
Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

JULY 12

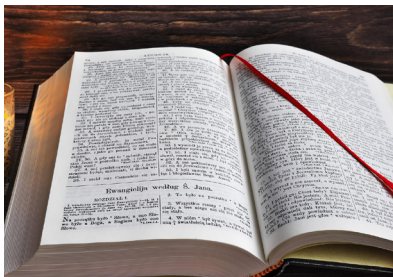
7th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

JULY 19

8th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

JULY 26

9th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



**BIBLE STUDY MEETS
EVERY WEDNESDAY
IN THE LIBRARY @ 11AM**

Communion

July 5 Larry Biermeier
July 12 Peter Solberg
July 19 Ron Peterson
July 26 Joan Jarombek

Lectors

July 5 Miriam Peterson
July 12 Ron Peterson
July 19 Peter Solberg
July 26 Paul Swenson

Ushers

July 5 Zrust/Watson
July 12 O'Keefes
July 19 Hart/Zrust
July 26 Solbergs

July Birthdays

CarolAnn Hart	7/1
Tim Rand	7/1
Veniessia Taylor	7/1
Shari Sailer	7/5
Lyn Grunewald	7/6
Sandy Beimeier	7/7
Edith Londroche	7/10
Ruth Hartmann	7/17
Mary Lanoux	7/19
LaParis Nelson	7/25
Monique Taylor	7/27
Martrell Jaco	7/28
Joe Juneau	7/31
Dora Taylor	7/31



Prayers

Pat Craft
George Beeks
Taylor Altendorfer
Brenda Meyer
Dora Taylor
Bob Gralish
Justina Blatterman
Ryan Miller
Dave Gallaway
Mary Lanoux
Bill Zrust
Ron Jarombek
Pastor Brenda Boogren
James Hart
Darla Nelson
Janis Behrens
Shawn Altendorfer

Family & friends of:

Dorothy Grauel
Randall Strand
Jean McGough
Tim Gordon
John Bell
David Shores

Care Center/Homebound:

Kitty Fisch
Edith Londroche

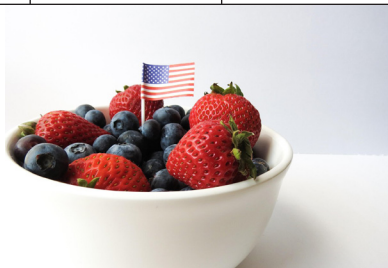
Missions/Ministry:

Rice Street Gardens
MN Faith Chinese Lutheran
Balali & Uhominyi, 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 call the office.**

JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 11a Bible Study	2	3 July 4th Federal holiday observed	4 9a Ham Radio group 250th year of USA!
5 9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a MFCLC Worship	6	7	8 11a Bible Study 1p Villa Park	9 6:30p SP Clown Club	10	11
12 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a MFCLC Worship	13	14 10a Donut group 12:15p Young at Heart 6:30p Alley-19	15 11a Bible Study	16 12p GaliLadies	17	18
19 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a MFCLC Worship	20 VOICE ARTICLES DUE	21 10a Donut Group	22 11a Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a MFCLC Worship	27	28 10a Donut Group 12:15p YAH	29 11a Bible Study	30	31	



GALILEE July 2026

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30 A.M.

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

2026 Congregational Council

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CarolAnn Hart, Vice President
Ron Peterson, Secretary
Joan Jarombek
Elen Swenson
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Daria Nelson
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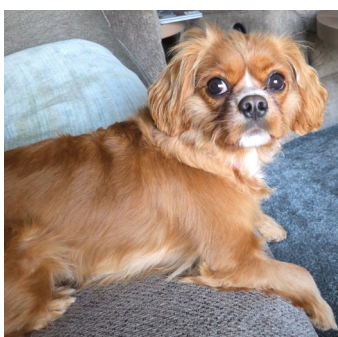
GALILEE'S MISSION STATEMENT

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 **20th 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.

Galilee is a fragrance free church. Some people have an allergy to fragrances which affect their health.



MEET RUBY

(CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL)....



Admin Assistant Sue's "part-time" pup. Her roommate adopted Ruby and Sue gets all the benefits of "dog-sitting" without the Vet expenses. What a deal! Ruby just turned one and she is the sweetest.