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FEBRUARY 2025

Galilee Members and Friends.

Welcome to February and the continuing season of Epiphany!

Please receive my gratitude for your continuing ministry in completing annual reports about the life of the congregation. This newsletter will be received before the February 2 Annual Meeting. We hope you attended the Cultural New Year celebration hosted by Minnesota Faith and enjoyed the joint choirs of Galilee and Minnesota Faith.

Thanks to the participation of the Galilee congregation, its Call Committee has received many responses as content for inclusion in the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). This MSP document that the Call Committee has to complete introduces Galilee to pastors seeking to interview here.

All the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America congregations with a Call Committee within its 65 synods have to complete the MSP when seeking to call a pastor. The MSP permits elected Call Committee members to interpret (through interacting with other congregation members) discerning the mission of our Triune God.

We thank Galilee members present on December 8 and 22 for their responses to four questions: (1) What do you say about ourselves and are we who you say we are; (2) What are you willing to do to fulfill God's mission at Galilee; (3) What is God up to in our community; (4) What opportunities for partnership are available to our congregation: locally, synod-wide, nationally, and globally.

On January 5 and 12, we presented our important/red-letter days, with moments both growing and somber throughout the decades of Galilee Lutheran Church present in the Roseville community. Between 1960-1990, because of many factors, there were fewer members present to name those moments and they are being forgotten. I have met with one of the original Galilee charter members. The timeline is most crowded between the years 1991-2025. It is our shared hope you will come and include your important and growing as well as somber moments on the timeline.

AROUND OUR CHURCH

YOUNG AT HEART

We are blessed with some great cooks here at Galilee. Our potluck lunches are both good, and plentiful. We are so pleased Pastor Kelly joins us for lunch.



Please accept our invitation to join us in the library for Young at Heart on February 11th & 25th at 12:15 pm for lunch, followed by socialization and card games. We enjoy getting to know each other better.

If you have any questions, call Karen at 651-488-9074 - or - Sharell at 651-746-9074.

Maybe a cup of coffee and a plate of cookies and then:

The team for Family and Community are responsible for securing refreshments during social time following the church service. We are asking for more volunteers to both provide refreshments throughout the year, and also for people who want to serve the refreshments. We would most definitely appreciate more help.

It is with great pride I announce my granddaughter Randi Meyer has completed all assignments and graduated from McKinley High School in Eau Claire, Wisconsin this past month. From L to R: Ray Babin, Randi Meyer, Sharell Babin



GALILADIES

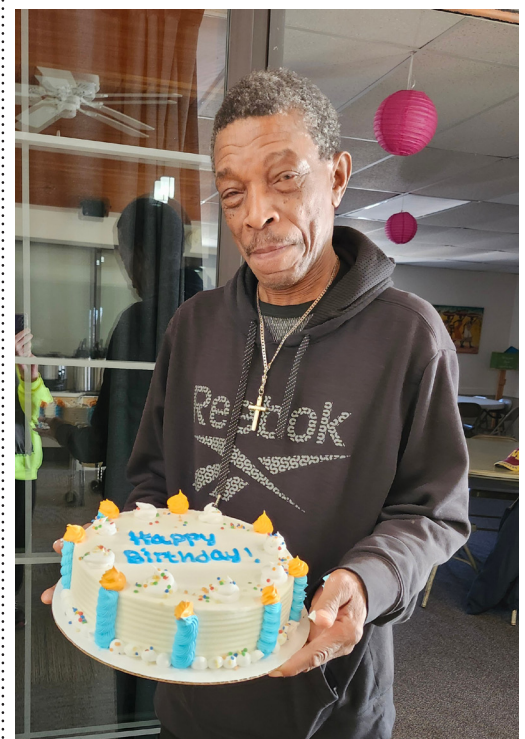
Unfortunately in January we did not meet due to some in our group not feeling well.

We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be on February 20th starting at 12 noon.

We would love to have a couple more ladies join our GaliLadies group. We do have a lot of fun visiting, eating and our main project is making and signing cards for The Harmony Gardens Care Center.

Please think about joining our group every third Thursday of the month at 12noon. Or visit and see if it's something you would like.

Abe's Birthday Celebration



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After the Galilee Call Committee submits the MSP to St. Paul Area Synod, and Bishop Lull approves this document, the Call Committee will present its content at a scheduled congregation meeting. Please continue to keep the Call Committee in your prayers as they work together in responding to the MSP with your gathered input!

During the call committee interviews, the pastor candidates are welcomed to ask about worship attendance. It is best to pursue as a congregation the healthiest worship attendance during this new year and continuing transition.

Your participation is needed further. At every congregation in transition, I ask members to renew attending weekly worship. If your health and schedule has been challenging, please permit us to support you and your household. Prayerfully accept this invitation to re-start worshipping one Sunday a month.

Interim Pastor Sharon Kelly

JANUARY GIVING

\$22,583.21

This includes rent and initial offering and offerings for My Very Own Bed etc. This was a higher than usual amount because a couple people gave their entire pledged offering for the year in January.

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Here are a few items we discussed at the council meeting:

- Emergency contact list if someone in the building needs help
- Position descriptions for employees
- Legacy fund
- Meeting with Flynn for roof estimate
- MFCLC special Chinese New Year program
- Moving Annual meeting to February 2nd
- Nominations for council

OUTREACH NEWS

Thank you to everyone who donated bedding to *My Very Own Bed* this year. We filled the Jarombek Suburban on January 14 with the following items;

18 sets of sheets, 20 blankets,
20 pillows, 11 mattress pads,
22 stuffed animals, 5 books,
9 bonus items including
pillow protectors and throws.

The people at *My Very Own Bed* were thrilled to get so many beautiful items. They will probably all be given away in the next month.

AROUND OUR CHURCH

Congregational Assessment hosted by the Call Committee from 12/08/24 & 12/22/24 What is God up to in our community?

Bringing Peace so people can get along. Caring for others. People working to keep the church in order. The Word of God presented. Keep history and background of Jesus. Help us grow in size. Bring kids in. Mixed population immigrants and long-term seniors. Meeting different types can be a big benefit – Elen & Paul story. Laundromat soap spill – everyone pulled together; diversity is a good thing. Lutheran very open for all types. Bring us together.

Rice/Larpenteur Alliance. Enjoyable Evenings. Welcoming neighbors and helping. He is watching over us and keeping us safe. If we believe in God we will all be safe. Community: Red Cross drive; Bedding drive; Diapers; Backpacks; Monday Evening concerts; Rice Street Gardens; Jonathan House. Wants to invite us. Sort out division. Opportunities to help homeless, etc.

God is always working around us. I think of all the churches in our local communities. I appreciate all the services that are available from Toys for Tots to the Salvation Army and the Red Cross. There is such a need that they aren't always met.

At Christmas time we see God working very hard to make us want to help others. When we need help there is 911, police, firefighters, Medicare, healthcare programs, snowplows, and food shelves. We even can have better relationships with the people around us.

What opportunities for partnership are available to our congregation: locally, synod-wide, nationally & globally?

We need to change to bring in more children! Join choir. Synod – Participation in Synod meetings; Globally Scholarships & support for African congregation. Working with MN Faith Chinese; Visit other churches & communicate with members and leaders

Continue to worship with MN Chinese; Rice Street Gardens; Tanzania; Open our building to others (i.e., Clown Club); Union Gospel at Christmas (cards & socks)

Police & Fire departments when doing community events; Working with Tanzania; Keeping in touch with Synod to see what's available; Community organizations that we donate to. Rice Street Garden as example, example of local church that had large immigrant groups; it fell apart after awhile. Do homogeneous congregations grow more than mixed ones? Politics could drive people away. Wanna talk – outside sofa; all kinds stopped. MN Faith Chinese – more joint worship – share/alternate food service – outreach connection. We care about people – how can we make that known throughout the area. Free beer.

The ELCA provides many ways to partner with our own synod's churches and others in our country and around the world. They give us opportunities to help with programs like Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief. We are very fortunate to be involved with Bega kwa Bega, with our partnerships with Uhominyi and Balali in scholarships and visits. Our Outreach program supports many things: ISAIAH, an ELCA missionary in South Sudan, food programs, Exodus Lending, and My Very Own Bed.

Since our church membership is declining, maybe we should do more programs with other local Lutheran churches like we have done in the past for Lenten suppers and programs. We did even have choir programs with North Emmanuel. Something like that might be possible. If we share responsibilities, it is not so difficult for a few people to have so many responsibilities.

AROUND OUR CHURCH

What do you say about ourselves, & are we who you say we are?

Outreach is doing worthwhile activities. Things that make a difference. So is the Property Committee doing a good job? We are People of God. Music is getting better. More variety - small, med 1 time groups. Throwing in different things. Property Committee is a bunch of (old) men who really can't do anything anymore. (Call committee discussion on 12/11 confirmed by members on the property committee because they do not have strength or time. Their limitations were affirmed because of the tasks they completed. Amazing committee). We have a Variety of Ministries. Not always. We are human, we try but not always who we want to be. Volunteer connect; Share the good news; Show up at church. Help people feel welcome, comfortable/safe. Some nurturing, thoughtful, good listener, some apathetic.

Call Committee member asked could we invite children from the apartments? Volunteers burned out from the Galilee Glow. Our mission is all of the above and activities after work? Worship has good message; participate in coping with requests; helping with different. Friendly care about people and one another, friendly and reaching. We are a family, caring about each other. We are aging- 60-80s without any youth. People are dying and moving away to be near family (Our only youth are grandchildren) We are concerned that without new people, we could be a dying church. Generous, caring friendly, Rice Street Gardens, Bedding, Diapers, Backpacks, concerts.

What are you willing to do to fulfill God's mission at Galilee Lutheran?

OUR MISSION: 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.

OUR VISION: Gather: To involve an ever-growing number of people in regular participation in worship. Christian faith

SHARE: To continue involvement in present outreach ministries, and expand the leadership participation and commitment. Our task and calling is to work together to actualize what we sense in God's Spirit working in our midst.

Get a younger pastor who could draw people with children. The job would probably be a part-time job . . . 80% time give or take. Comment - Younger Pastors would probably need a full time job, especially if they have a family Grow - get more people... not big but at least double what we are now. Be willing to help out when something comes up. Be open to helping where we are not now. When/with something new. Give more money; Give more money regularly. Need people to step up and do.

Then need them to follow through. Do the work required or requested with the task We are already at our maximum. Most members are already doing many jobs. We could try to involve the non-active people by asking them to do specific tasks. Evangelize in the community; free entertainment. I stray to other churches to have soulful or spirit filled music. We need upbeat music. My tithing goal is \$1200.00. Donating my time; bringing juice,. Keep people strong in their faith by unifying,. Keep being open and accepting Fun things that get more people involved Attend worship more often and get involved. Gather together and share. Keep up what the treats are and social time. Support the new pastor in many ways. Many pastors in our 43 year history as well as interns. There is blaming the pastor for no more members. Resigned pastor was gone a lot. Temple talk about what will we be willing to do for getting people in the door.

WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Scripture Lessons

FEBRUARY 2

Presentation of Our Lord

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalms 84

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

FEBRUARY 9

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8[9-13]

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

FEBRUARY 16

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

FEBRUARY 23

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11,15

Psalms 37:1-11,39-40

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Luke 6:27-38

Sunday Adult Forums

Feb. 2 Annual Congregation Meeting

Feb. 9 Memory & Forgiveness

Feb. 16 Pastor Kelly - Global Experience

Feb. 23 Joyce Solberg & Cynthia Erickson - Tanzania trip

Prayer Requests

Sharon Harris

Elen Swenson

Randi Meyer

Janis Behrens

Amber Hansen

Mike Osterman

Kathleen Voss

Scott Solberg

Nel Sorum

Michelle Virginia

Shawn Altendorfer

Randall Strand

Mark & Lynne Bereis

MaryAnn & Ray Sentz-Campbell

Stan Clasen-Karen Groebner's brother

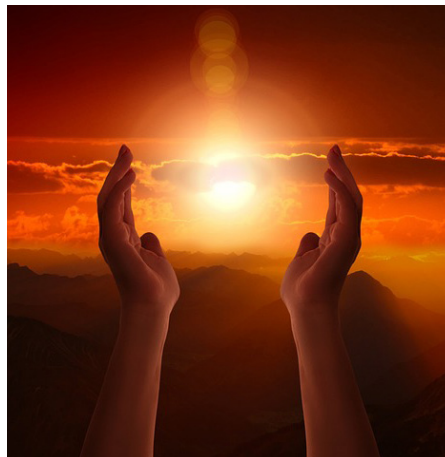
Nancy Seefert Tomczyk & Nick

Family & Friends of David MacMallin

Family & friends of Lisa Bockman

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)

February Birthdays

Miriam Peterson 2/7

Jackson Bergman 2/8

Michael Osterman 2/11

Nuwoe Davis 2/16

Teresa Shores 2/16

Joan Jarombek 2/18

Mike Bergman 2/19

Judy Hogan 2/22

Larry Biermeier 2/27

Taylor Altendorfer 2/28



February Lectors

Feb 2 Ron Peterson

Feb 9 Cynthia Erickson

Feb 16 Ruth Hartmann

Feb 23 Abe Watson

February Ushers

Feb 2 O'Keefes

Feb 9 Zrust/Watson

Feb 16 Groebners

Feb 23 Solbergs

February Communion

Feb 2 Joan Jarombek

Feb 9 Asst'g Minister Jo Ann

Feb 16 Larry Biermeier

Feb 23 Asst'g Minister Lori

February Refreshment

Feb 2 Debbie Nimis-Rohloff

Feb 9 Riley/Darla

Feb 16 TBD

Feb 23 TBD

FEBRUARY 2025

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---|--|------------------------------------|---|---|
| | | | | | | 1 6a Chinese Prayer 9a Ham Radio group 10a Private party 12p Aztec dancers |
| 2 9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a Annual Meeting 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran | 3 1p Bible Study | 4 10a Donut Group 7p Worship & Music | 5 2p Call Committee 6p Bell Choir | 6 6p Property Tm mtg | 7 7p Chinese Bible Study | 8 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers |
| 9 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a Adult Forum 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran | 10 1p Bible Study | 11 10a Donut Group 12:15p Young At Heart | 12 1p Villa Park 2p Call Committee 6p Bell Choir 6:30p SP Clown Club 7p Outreach mtg | 13 6:30p Council mtg | 14 VALENTINE'S DAY 7p Chinese Bible Study | 15 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers |
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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30 A.M.

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

2025 Congregational Council

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Cherie Garrod
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TO PRAYER SHAWL MINISTERS

THANKS! TO ALL OF YOU WHO GATHER TOGETHER
TO KNIT OR CROCHET SHAWLS. THEY FOR SURE
BRING PLEASURE TO PEOPLE AT LOW POINTS IN
THEIR LIVES. I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS GIFT AT
THIS TIME. THANKS! IT IS PERFECT!

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.

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:
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