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**MARCH 2025**

Galilee Members and Friends.

Please receive my gratitude for your caring love with the kindness of our Christians disciplines and gifts (listening, prayers, spoken, and written condolences and sympathies) in the death of my mother, Betty. On returning to ministry on Saturday, February 22, after my absence from Galilee (Feb. 13 to 21), I joined six Call Committee and Council members at the St. Paul Area Synod (SPAS) Conference Assembly and Tool Kit in Apple Valley hosted by Shepherd of the Valley. The SPAS Toolkit offered presenters on ministry concerns and matters related to congregational faith, life, and community. At the North Central Conference assembly, Galilee had the most congregation voters attending. Galilee joined in reelecting Conference Dean, The Reverend Ivy Huston, pastor of Living Waters Lutheran Church, Lino Lakes, and unanimously voting to forward the ENGAGE resolution on gun safe actions (promoted by SPAS congregations) to the May 16-17 SPAS assembly. ENGAGE is a SPAS public witness committee on gun violence prevention (GVP). Their mission is to meditate on, educate about, and advocate for gun violence prevention in the non-violent Spirit of Jesus. After our worship of word (sung and spoken) and prayer, we participated in the following workshops: Centering Prayer, Shared Ministry, Becoming an Effective Treasurer, Embodied Practices for Social Justice, Decision or Discernment, and Healing Nature Trails. Expect to hear in March about these presentations from the Galilee participants.

**Liturgical life at Galilee:** Lent is the season of thanksgiving and praise for our gift of holy baptism and our call to live as a baptized community. Lent, meaning springtime, begins with Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday, March 5 at 4:00 p.m.

**Community Ministry Matters:** With two or more members of Galilee, I look forward to meeting in the Galilee parking lot at 5:15 to carpool to attend the Rice and Larpenteur (3 cities.1 Neighborhood) Community Gathering on Tuesday, March 4th 5:30-7 pm.

Galilee participates in the MN Food Share Campaign. We hope you and your household will participate in this ministry and invite a neighbor to join you. See the door knob invitation for your neighbor in this Voice, p.5.

With gratitude, Pastor Kelly

## AROUND OUR CHURCH

### YOUNG AT HEART

After an enjoyable meeting on February 4th (including Abe's birthday celebration), the cold weather hit, as well as travel plans, doctor appointments, etc., so no second meeting was held.



A change for this month: We are meeting on the **first** and fourth Tuesdays in March, as an election is taking place March 11th. We will be meeting in the library (ready to eat) at 12:15. We enjoy socializing/getting to know each other better, so if you are available, we would love to have you join us. If you have any questions, call Karen at 651-488-9074 - or - Sharell at 651-746-9074.

### SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

The team for Family and Community are responsible for securing refreshments during social time following the Sunday church services. We are asking for more volunteers to both provide refreshments throughout the year, and also for people who want to serve the refreshments. Please sign up in the brown binder on the Narthex information cabinet. We need ministry groups to sign up and households to share this hospitality ministry.

We are so grateful for your willingness to help. Thank you!



### GALILADIES

Galiladies met on February 20th. So happy to see everyone because we hadn't met since November. There were only six ladies this month as some are still dealing with colds or illnesses.

We always sing our opening prayer then have our usual good lunch. There was no theme this month.

Secretary Marlene read notes. Plus she gave us lots of ideas to do in the upcoming months, from making cards, playing dice, cards, bunco, learning to knit, and exchanging white elephant gifts.

In March our food theme is St. Patrick's Day. We will be making Easter cards for Harmony Gardens. We will still collect items for bingo for the home.

If you think this is a group you might enjoy being a part of, please come and join in the fun. Any questions please call Ardis 651-206-8214.



## AROUND OUR CHURCH

### OFFERINGS:

So far in 2025, the Globe offering is \$135.



And in February, Galilee collected \$14,742 as offerings for our church. We thank everyone who contributed. Bless you!



### FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Council met Monday, February 10th, and held an election for this year's officers.

Ron Peterson was elected Secretary, Joyce Solberg was elected Vice President and Elen Swenson was elected President

The Council is continuing to work on getting bids for repairing the church roof. The Council is also discussing the North Emanuel Legacy Fund and how to encourage congregation members to consider investing in the fund.

### THANK YOU VOLUNTEER PAINTERS!!

Galilee is blessed to have volunteers willing to "spruce up" some of our gathering spaces.

Property Team members Darla Nelson & Steve Groebner worked hard on Galilee's downstairs rooms, getting them bright, clean, and welcoming. Your efforts and willingness to do these tasks are very much appreciated. Slowly but surely Galilee spaces are getting the "freshen up" they deserve.

Praise God, and pass the brush.



A Special Election will take place on Tuesday, March 11th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Roseville/Shoreview area. No groups can meet at Galilee on this day.

Thanks for understanding  
--- and for voting.

## AROUND OUR CHURCH

### FEED MINNESOTA

In conjunction with MN FoodShare, for the month of March, Galilee Outreach is holding a food drive. All money received will be donated to the Keystone Food Shelf on University Avenue in St. Paul. All food received will be donated to the Department of Indian Work located on Centerville Road in Little Canada.

Please ask your neighbors to join this campaign with Galilee. Cut the invitation below to give to your neighbors.

If you are donating food, please place it in the wagon located in the narthex.

If you are donating money, your dollars will purchase needed food! If paying by check please make checks payable to: Galilee Lutheran Church, and in the memo line please write MN FoodShare. You may put your cash or check into your offering envelope (identify what amount is regular offering and what is for the food drive), or in the MN FoodShare envelope located by the poster in the narthex.

We will be collecting during the entire month of March. **All monetary donations need to be in by March 30th.** Many companies will give additional support to our donations during the month of March only. Thank you from the Outreach Team



### GREETINGS NEIGHBOR

Galilee Lutheran Church would like to share this campaign with you. We are proud to partner in this important cause. Prayfully consider any monetary donation you could contribute.

Bless you and yours!

Galilee Outreach Committee



## AROUND OUR CHURCH

### EASTER VICTORY GARDEN

You are invited to purchase a lily to display in Galilee's Victory Garden on Easter Sunday. Please complete the order form below, clip out, and either place in the offering plate, give to Barb Strenge or Sharell Babin, or mail to Galilee Lutheran Church by Wednesday, April 2nd.

The cost is \$13.00 for each plant ordered, and may be paid by cash or check. Please make checks payable to: Galilee Altar Guild. The plant(s) may be given in memory of your loved ones or in honor of someone living.

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Payment attached \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Proceeds benefit the Galilee Altar Guild. Thank you!



Pastor Kelly will attend with Galilee members. Can we meet at Galilee's parking lot on Tuesday, 3/4, at 5:15pm?

Please send me an email or simply come to Galilee 3/4 and we can carpool.

skelly.galilee@gmail.com



## Scripture Lessons

### MARCH 2

Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 99  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 9:28-36[37-43a]

### ASH WEDNESDAY 3/5 4PM

Joel 2:1-2,12-17  
Psalm 51:1-17  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

### MARCH 9

First Sunday in Lent  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 91:1-2,9-16  
Romans 10:8b-13  
Luke 4:1-13

### MARCH 16

Second Sunday in Lent  
Genesis 15:1-12,17-18  
Psalm 27  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Luke 13:31-35

### MARCH 23

Third Sunday in Lent  
Isaiah 55:1-9  
Psalm 63:1-8  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9

### MARCH 30

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

## Sunday Adult Forums

**March 2** Miriam on Cuba

**March 9** CarolAnn on Saints

Valentine and Patrick, & April Fool's

**March 16** Ron & Peter on Scan-  
danavia and Vikings

**March 23 & 30** -suggest a topic or  
experience to share. Email or call the  
office to reply.

## Prayer Requests

Scott Solberg  
Taylor Altendorfer  
Sandy Altendorfer  
David Shores  
Ron Jarombek  
Mary Lanoux  
Plamedi Mhayo (Joel's brother)  
Sharon Harris  
Randi Meyer  
Janis Behrens  
Amber Hansen  
Mike Osterman  
Kathleen Voss  
Shawn Altendorfer  
Randall Strand  
Mark & Lynne Bereis  
MaryAnn & Ray Sentz-Campbell  
Stan Clasen-Karen Groebner's brother  
Nancy Seefert Tomczyk & Nick  
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)

## March Birthdays

Ellen Shores Tran 3/2  
Tyler Nerud 3/4  
Ron Jarombek 3/5  
Elaine Mundt 3/9  
Sandra Altendorfer 3/13  
Kyle O'Keefe 3/13  
Paula Janice Taylor 3/15  
Andy Nerud 3/20  
Teri McDonald 3/26  
Marlene Reding 3/26



## March Lectors

Mar 2 Cherie Garrod  
Mar 9 Barb Strenge  
Mar 16 Joan Jarombek  
Mar 23 Caroline Herman  
Mar 30 Peter Solberg

## March Ushers

Mar 2 O'Keefes  
Mar 9 Groebners  
Mar 16 Petersons  
Mar 23 Solbergs  
Mar 30 O'Keefes

## March Communion

Mar 2 Darla Nelson  
Mar 9 Asst'g Minister Barb  
Mar 16 Joan Jarombek  
Mar 23 Asst'g Minister Paul  
Mar 30 Larry Biermeier

## March Refreshment

Mar 2 Karen Groebner  
Mar 9 TBD  
Mar 16 Darla Nelson & Riley  
Mar 23 TBD  
Mar 30 Elen Swenson/Lori O'Keefe

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 6a Chinese Prayer 9a Ham Radio group 12p Aztec dancers
2 9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a Adult Forum - see pg 6 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran	3 1p Bible Study	4 10a Donut Group 12:15p YoungAtHeart 7p Worship & Music	Ash Wednesday 5 2p Call Committee 4pm Service 6p Bell Choir	6 6p Property Tm mtg 6p Musikmeisters rehearsal	7 7p Chinese Bible Study	8 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers
9 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir practice 11a Adult Forum - see pg 6 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran	10 1p Bible Study	11 7am - 8pm SPECIAL ELECTION	12 1p Villa Park-Holy Communion 2p Call Committee 5p Lenten worship & Soup Supper 6p Bell Choir 6:30p SP Clown Club	13 6:30p Council mtg	14 7p Chinese Bible Study	15 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers
16 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir Practice 11a Adult Forum - see pg 6 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran	17 St. Patrick's 1p Bible Study	18 10a Donut Group	19 2p Call Committee 5p Lenten worship & Soup Supper 6p Bell Choir	20 12p Galiladies 6p Musikmeisters rehearsal	21 7p Chinese Bible Study	22 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers 2p Private party
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30 A.M.**

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

## 2025 Congregational Council

Elen Swenson, President  
Joyce Solberg, Vice President  
Ron Peterson, Secretary  
CarolAnn Hart  
Joan Jarombek  
Cherie Garrod  
Larry Biermeier  
Darla Nelson  
Barb Streng, Treasurer  
Miriam Peterson, Financial Secretary  
Interim Pastor Sharon Kelly

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### Staff

**Interim Pastor:** Sharon Kelly  
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**Music Director:** Paul Swenson

**Organists:** Raymond Nottidge & Tim Rand

**Bells of Galilee:** Cynthia Erickson  
[cynthia.erickson@minnmicro.com](mailto:cynthia.erickson@minnmicro.com)

**Administrative Assistant:** Sue Malenick  
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## All Are Welcome

The Call Committee members are completing Galilee's Ministry Site Profile. Please come and listen during their Wednesday meetings, 2pm.

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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.

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.