

THE VOICE OF GALILEE



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Call Committee is Hosting Galilee Lutheran History Day
on two Sundays: January 5th and 12th

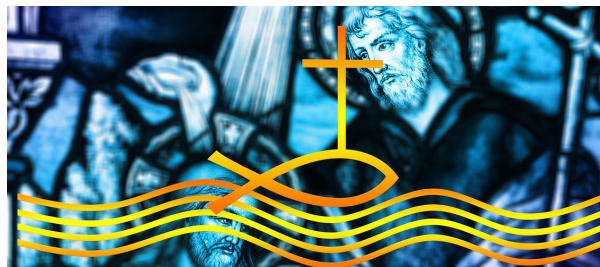
We will begin the new year, 2025, with the second Sunday after Christmas on January 5th! After worship, we need you to stay for fellowship hosted by the Galilee Lutheran Call Committee. During worship everyone will receive three different colored sticky notes. These notes are for remembering as broadly as possible your life with Galilee Lutheran. The **red** sticky note is for a "red letter" day. . . .a time that was joyful at the church or you personally experienced joy at Galilee. **Blue** notes are for grief, when sorrow or struggle was either within the walls of Galilee or you experienced sorrow or struggle at Galilee. **Green** is for growth, a time of growing whether for yourself and/or at Galilee or within the church of Christ as a whole. Each colored sticky note could contain your remembered year!

All notes will be anonymous (without your names attached). We will place your sticky notes on the timeline when the event happened.

During the week the first week of the new year, come, view the notes and pray about what they contain. If you are unable to attend on January 5th, bring your own written red, blue and green notes according to joy, sorrow or struggle and growth. There will be tape and glue to attach them to the timeline. If your schedule only permits entering the building in the evening, I can meet you to let you in. Please call the church office at 651-488-6769.

Sunday, January 12th, is the *Baptism of Our Lord*, in the season of Epiphany! After worship, we will discuss the attached colored notes of remembered events. Come and meet the Reverend Tori Kraus, Associate Pastor at Roseville Lutheran Church. Pastor Kraus will lead our conversation about this timeline.

Interim Pastor Sharon Kelly



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.



LouWanna made a Christmas tree shaped "cheese ball" (covered with parsley) and used stick pretzels for branches. She also made an edible gift for each of us - a covered candy dish with candy in it. Such a talented lady!



December birthdays were celebrated for Jim & LouWanna



We also had a wrapped, generic gift exchange. It was a fun month of celebrations.



Please accept our invitation to join us in the library for Young at Heart on January 14 and 28 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.



FROM JOEL & EMANUEL

Thank you!

"We are writing this letter to express our sincere gratitude for the exceptional support that Galilee has provided us with over these past months (rent payments, food, and every other kind of help).

We do not know what we would have done without your support! May God continue to bless your church along with each and every one of you. We will forever be grateful.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts! God Bless."



GALLILADIES

The GaliLadies Christmas party had to be cancelled due to a snow storm. We got about 6" of the white stuff!

We all had our gift exchange ready and had bought food to take, plus extra things. But we figured it's better to be safe than sorry.

Judy took the Christmas cards we signed to Harmony Gardens. Ardis took the cards for the veterans to the American Legion, and they will make sure they get to the Veterans' Hospital.

We hope everyone had a safe and healthy holiday season. Alleluia, Christ is born! He is the reason we celebrate the season.

Thank you for beautifying the sanctuary with poinsettias during the 2024 Christmas season

- Sharell Babin in memory of loved ones and in honor of all care providers everywhere*
- Bradley Erickson in honor of my grandma Viola Satenig Reimers*
- Bill Friberg and JoAnn Lano in memory of Henry Diehl and Dee Friberg*
- Cherie Garrod in memory of my parents Russ and Nila, and Randall's parents Harley and Arlys*
- Ruth Hartmann in memory of family. Thank you for bringing me to church in my growing up years. Now I continue the tradition with Galilee.*
- Lorrie Hayne in memory of Dan Hayne, Bea and Clark Folkenson, and in honor of family*
- Gloria Johnson in honor of my family*
- Mary Lanoux in memory of Louis Lanoux, Henry & Margaret Zrust, and Violes & Frieda Lanoux*
- Darla Nelson in memory of Cecil and Arlene Nelson*
- Darlene Schmidt in honor of Bob Schmidt's 90th birthday*
- Joyce Scholen in memory of Doris Engstrom*
- Dylan Solberg in memory of Grandma Via and Uncle David*
- Paul and Elen Swenson in honor of Joanna Elizabeth Swenson*



AROUND OUR CHURCH

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

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

- Sue will be on vacation 1/8-1/12.
- Staff Handbook
- Men's upstairs bathroom floor being replaced
- Joint services with MNFCLC 2 times a year
- Christmas program
- Musikmeisters renting and storing equipment
- Cancelled December blood drive and no blood drives in 2025
- Last Enjoyable Evening series
- Nominations for 2025 council



AROUND OUR CHURCH

The season of "Epiphany" (a Greek word for visible) is a church festival celebrated every January 6 that commemorates the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. In the Eastern Church, it is the commemoration of the baptism of Christ. The liturgical season of Epiphanytide runs from Epiphany Day until Septuagesima Sunday, which is:
-in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark, three Sundays before Shrove Tuesday;
---in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, from Epiphany Day until the day before Ash Wednesday.



WELCOME TO GALILEE!

The Bavarian Musikmeisters from our Enjoyable Evening series will be renting Fellowship Hall for their practice sessions, which they hold several times a month on Thursday evenings. Do check out their website for performance schedules & to see photos from their events:



www.musikmeisters.com

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Much appreciation for all the stewardship pledges already turned in to Galilee. And it's not too late - - every pledge is a blessing for our church.

GLOBE DONATIONS

Globe money towards "Feed the Ukrainians" is now close to \$1,000 for the year - - Fantastic! Thank you Galilee.



AROUND OUR CHURCH

COMFORT FOR GRIEF & STRESS

The Roseville Area Senior Program has an offering for support with mental health.

It takes place at the Education Center, 1910 County Rd B West, Roseville. Room C121 phone: 651-604-3520:

1st & 3rd Mondays

Grief/Stress Support Group meetings
1pm-2:30pm

This is a mutual self-help group to offer support, resources & referrals to members, under the guidance of experienced leaders.

Whether your experience in grief is from recent or past events, you will gain support and encouragement from each other.

Schedule: 1/6, 1/21, 2/3, 2/24, 3/17, 4/7, 4/21, 5/5, 5/19, 6/2, 6/16. (NOTE: meetings that fall on Monday holidays may be re-scheduled)



OUTREACH NEWS

Outreach has decided to have our Christmas project this year be our continued support of **My Very Own Bed** located in NE Minneapolis. They buy bed frames and mattresses with donation money. Then people like us donate new sheets, blankets, pillows, protectors, and stuffed animals. Most of the children and young people are coming out of homelessness so they are often sleeping on the floor, a couch or an air mattress. They really do not have beds of their own! After getting one, the effects are life-changing. They sleep better and even do better in school. Children are recommended by schools or social service groups.



We will collect the following new items through Sunday, January 5:

- twin sheet sets with a pillowcase
- pillows and pillow protectors
- twin mattress protectors
- twin blankets or comforters
- smaller sized stuffed animals

If you prefer giving money, you may write a check to Galilee Outreach or give cash to Miriam Peterson. Last year we totally filled Joan's vehicle---a large Suburban! Maybe this year we can do even more. Thank you for helping!



Pastor Kelly and the ministry staff are incredibly grateful for all the Christmas greetings and gifts we received. Many thanks, and a blessed New Year to all!

WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Scripture Lessons

JANUARY 5

Second Sunday of Christmas
 Jeremiah 31:7-14
 Psalm 147:12-20
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 John 1:[1-9]10-18

JANUARY 12

Baptism of our Lord
 Isaiah 43:1-7
 Psalm 29
 Acts 8:14-17
 Luke 3:15-17,21-22

JANUARY 19

Second Sunday after Epiphany
 Isaiah 62:1-5
 Psalm 36:5-10
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
 John 2:1-11

JANUARY 26

Third Sunday after Epiphany
 Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10
 Psalm 19
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
 Luke 4:14-21

Sunday Adult Forums

Jan. 5 Creating a timeline for life with Galilee. Call Committee & members participate.

Jan. 12 Timeline discussion, hosted by Rev. Tori Kraus, associate pastor at Roseville Lutheran Church.

Jan. 19 Galilee's 2025 church budget.

Jan. 26 Galilee's annual meeting.

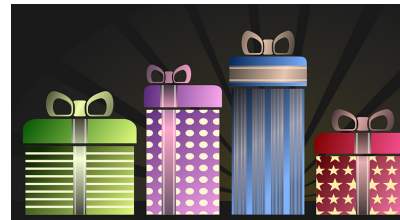
Prayer Requests

Isabel Young
 Janis Behrens
 Amber Solberg
 Mike Osterman
 James Hart
 Darlene Schmidt
 Kathleen Voss
 Terry O'Keefe
 Scott Solberg
 Bob Schmidt
 Nel Sorum
 Michelle Virginia
 Bill Friberg & JoAnn Lano
 Leesa Matthews
 Sandy Biermeier
 MaryAnn & Ray Sentz-Campbell
 Mark & Lynne Bereis
 Stan Clasen
 Shawn Altendorfer
 Charlotte Knight (Karita Wienke's Great Grandbaby)
 Randall Strand
 Nancy Seefert Tomczyk & Nick
 Family & friends of Lisa Bockman
 Family & friends of Joseph Biermeier
 Family & friends of Carol Haslach
 Family & friends of Madeline Johnson
 MN Faith Chinese Lutheran Church
 Balali & Uhominyi in Iringa, Tanzania



January Birthdays

Abraham Watson 1/7
 Gloria Johnson 1/18
 Jeremy Brown 1/19
 Terry Londroche 1/23
 Joy Brown 1/26
 Judy McLean 1/30



January Lectors

Jan 5 Miriam Peterson
 Jan 12 Larry Biermeier
 Jan 19 Sandy Biermeier
 Jan 26 CarolAnn Hart

January Ushers

Jan 5 Groebners
 Jan 12 Petersons
 Jan 19 Solbergs
 Jan 26 Zrust/Watson

January Communion

Jan 5 Barb Strenge
 Jan 12 Asst'g Minister Paul
 Jan 19 Miriam Peterson
 Jan 26 Asst'g Minister Teresa

January Refreshment

Jan 5 Deb Nimis-Rohloff
 Jan 12 Riley & Darla Nelson
 Jan 19 TBD
 Jan 26 TBD

JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3 7p Chinese Bible Study	4 6a Chinese Prayer 9a Ham Radio group 12p Aztec dancers
5 9a Prayers for Healing 9:30a Galilee Worship 10a MFCLC Choir 11a Adult Forum - see pg 6 11a MN Faith Chinese Lutheran	6 1p Bible Study	7 10a Donut Group 7p Worship & Music	8 2p Call Committee 6p Bell Choir 6:30p SP Clown Club 7p Outreach mtg	9 6:30p Council mtg	10 7p Chinese Bible Study	11 6a Chinese Prayer 11a Aztec Dancers
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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2025

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30 A.M.

OFFICE HOURS: M & F 9AM-1PM

WED 1PM-5PM

Office Closed New Year's Day.

2025 Congregational Council

CarolAnn Hart, President
Elen Swenson, Vice President
Joan Jarombek, Secretary
Cherie Garrod
Larry Biermeier
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***GALILEE & MINNESOTA FAITH LUTHERAN OFFER
A BIG "THANK YOU" TO EVERYONE WHO MADE
OUR JOINT SERVICE SUCH A SUCCESS!!
AND THANKS FOR THOSE WHO BROUGHT FOOD
TO SHARE. OUR POTLUCK WAS DELICIOUS.***

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.

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