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## Strength of Our Youth

Dear People of Galilee,

My father loves to sing Gospel songs. Today I heard him singing, "Give of your best to the Master. Give Him the strength of your youth..." It is comforting for my father to sing those old songs because it taps into his memory of giving his strength to the Lord. He loved the Lord Jesus as a young person; it felt so good to be in God's presence and to give the Lord everything he had - all of himself. My dad grew up in a little country church. He, his big brother, little sister and cousins sang in the choir on Sundays. That is where he learned and memorized all of those Gospel songs.

I'm so grateful that Galilee is a place where our youth can discover the amazing grace of God and "give of their best to the Master." That loving feeling of God's presence will be a memory they can lean on in their elder years. This experience will serve them for their whole life. Our young adult Edmira is graduating from St. Thomas University in math AND THEOLOGY! Her cousin Liana is spending the entire summer giving her BEST computer skills and creativity to children's ministries in the synod. Nate and Nara Jane decided to be with us here at Galilee and the Rice Street Gardens from June through August giving their BEST to the Lord.

Our young people love God! And when they too are old and in the last chapter of their lives, these memories of the feeling of loving God will stay with them. God bless you Galilee.

In Christ,  
Pastor Dana K. Nelson



*"Let no one look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith and purity."  
1 Timothy 12*

