

The Galilean | January, 2023

*Witnessing to God's love & grace in Jesus Christ for all people
through prayer, worship & service*

A Center for Ministry and Spiritual Formation



Transition Steps Start This Month...

It has been a joy and pleasure to join the ministry at Galilee as the Interim Pastor. While I am still getting to know you by name, I am becoming more familiar with our faith community and the ministry we share. I look forward to this New Year and all that awaits us.

In January, we will be taking two very intentional steps forward in our transition process:

1. Forming the METeam (Mission Exploration Team) - **What does the team do?** The role of the METeam is to guide the congregation through a process of exploration and discernment about its mission and the kind of pastor needed in the next chapter of Galilee's ministry. This team writes the *Ministry Site Profile*, in conversation with the congregation, and then submits it to the Leadership Board for approval. A final Town Hall Meeting with the congregation and synod concludes the MET work. This work may take 6-7 months.

How is the team formed? The Leadership Board will appoint about 8-12 people to serve on the team who, together, bring a variety of gifts and perspectives like:

- Love for Jesus and Galilee's ministry
- Good listeners
- Able to synthesize information
- Represent many ages and membership lengths
- Enjoys gathering demographics and data
- Writes and edits well
- Communication, technology skills and public speaking
- Prayerful and curious about where God is leading

It is also helpful if there is a representative from outside the congregation, perhaps from the Pewaukee community.

If you are interested in serving, please contact me or one of the Leadership Board members **by Sunday, January 15th**. The Board hopes to announce the team members by the annual meeting on January 29th.

2. **The Congregational Vitality Survey**- this survey is one tool we will use to gather data on our ministry. Members will be able to take the survey easily online and, for those who prefer, we can make it available in print. **Your input will be essential** as we begin to explore and understand our opportunities, our challenges, and where God may be leading. Please watch the weekly e-news for survey details and be ready to share your insights. Thank you!

May we follow Christ, guided by God's grace and love.

Pastor Jennifer

Galilee Women's Advent Party was again a success!

The Advent party on December 5th was a win! Sally Rudolph and Jill Plesch hit it out of the park with their rendition of the skit, "What are We Waiting for?". The skit was pointing to the birth of Christ, but the way there was full of humor, and the two of them had us laughing out loud! Then we went to the sanctuary, where Mary Kay played nearly every Christmas hymn in the book with party goers calling out the hymn numbers. Somebody yelled BINGO! The appetizers and desserts were wonderful, and Mary Winter made two different kinds of punch for us. Both were just delicious! Karen Buelow and Penny Van Weele made the table centerpieces which later became the door prizes. At the top of this article is a picture of one of them that the two of them gave to me. It's beautiful and I love it! Thank you ladies! Sara Schroeder took over the Prayer Pal portion of the party, where everyone who was involved exchanges presents. She also got the Prayer Pals set up and ready to go for 2023. I want to thank Terri Drover, who was my right hand from setup through party and cleanup. I couldn't have done it without her! Next year, if we continue scheduling the party for the first Monday in December, it will be on December 4th 2023 at 6:00pm! The Advent Party coordinator for 2023 will be Sara Schroeder! Thank you, Sara, for volunteering!

Thank everyone for coming! If you have not yet joined us at this event, come and join us next year! It really is a great evening!

Cori Rytta



Thank You Galileans!

You were so generous to the children of the La Casa de Esperanza Daycare. The wonderful gifts were delivered on December 12th. They will be shared with the children at the daycare Christmas party.

Special thanks to Jill Plesh and Mary Stauber for helping me set up and take down the tree; and to Al and Sue Burgemeister for helping to deliver all the gifts!

God's blessings!

Mary Winter



Baptism of Lucy Rayne Kropelin

We celebrated with the family & friends of Devin & Paige Kropelin, as Lucy was baptized into Christ at Galilee on December 4th.



Many thanks to all who participated in worship on December 18

Planning and preparing for a worship service led by children and youth involves a dedicated group of parents and volunteers. “Love Came Down at Christmas” was a wonderful collaboration of many people who shared their time, energy, creativity, and skills. Many thanks to:

- The planning team: Kristen Greig, Cheryl Hanson, Kathy Hyslop, Jill Plesh, and Penny Van Weele
- Karen Buelow and Penny Van Weele for the beautiful scenery and set pieces, and Richard Knutson who created the frame for the hanging banners
- Our soloists Ava and Charlotte Prins
- Our musicians: Ava Prins, oboe; Tommy Barker, tenor saxophone; Lili Levas, trumpet; Talia Piotrowski, trombone; and Roy Nelson, trombone.
- The team of women who sewed beautiful new costumes for Galilee: Karen Buelow, Cheryl Hanson, Krista Olia, and Penny Van Weele
- Hospitality team members Susan Keller and Vivian Dethloff, and Ellen Piotrowski for setting up the reception after worship
- Our parents who helped their children learn and practice their speaking parts
- Deb Kohler for taking photos, and Roy Nelson for recording the service
- Patricia DeBlaey, Galilee’s Music Director, for accompanying the children on piano



Love came down at Christmas. God IS with us!

Jean Nelson

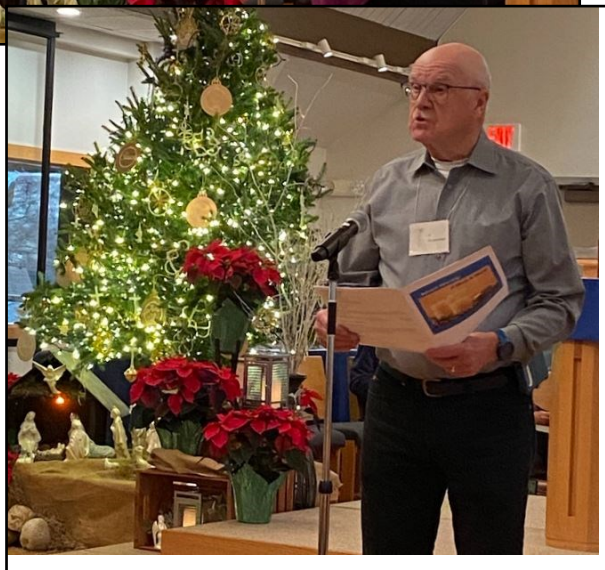
Passing of the Torch... Or is it a toolbox and paintbrush?

We welcome Nicholas Rieger as Galilee’s Administration Building & Grounds Coordinator and thank outgoing coordinator Jim Hagen for his years of service to Galilee. To learn more about how you can support this important ministry of Galilee, contact Nick Riegert at riegs4@sbcglobal.net.



Advent of Waiting - Worship in Music & Word Service

Thank you to Galilee's ringers, singers, musicians and presenters at Sunday's special Advent Worship in Music & Word worship service December 10th & 11th!



Resolve to spend more time reading your Bible in 2023 - Join the Used Bible Challenge and follow a 365 Day Bible Reading Plan

Have a Bible or two sitting on your shelf at home just



waiting to be used? Wish you knew more about the Bible? Want to read it but don't know where to

begin? You are not alone. Join the Used Bible Challenge and Read Through the Bible in a Year and see how it impacts your life!

The **Used Bible Challenge** is an idea shared by Milestone Ministry (milestoneministry.org). It's all about making notes in your Bible when you read and highlighting or underlining passages that speak to you - evidence your Bible is being used. In addition to writing notes in my Bible and underlining passages, I've developed the habit of writing the date by a passage when I read it so my Bible is full of dates going back at least 20 years.

Just like an exercise program, regular (or daily) Bible reading involves discipline and planning. Here are some tips for getting started:

1. Purposely set aside time to spend reading God's word. Choose a time of day that works best for you. That may be first thing in the morning, during breakfast or a lunch break, or before going to bed.
2. Don't beat yourself up if you miss a day or two. Or a week. Just pick up where you left off, and continue.

3. Use a devotional book to guide your reading. Copies of "Christ in Our Home" are available at Galilee. These daily devotions, published quarterly, include a scripture reading, a brief devotion, and a prayer. The readings for each week mirror the lectionary readings used for weekly worship.

4. Read from a Bible that includes notes. These are very helpful in explaining the meaning of Hebrew or Greek words/phrases that don't translate well into English, cultural customs, and historical information.

A **365 Day Bible Reading Plan** has been purchased from teach sundayschool.com for use by people of Galilee. This plan offers a portion of scripture to be read each day. Events are read chronologically in the order they occurred in time. Daily highlights give you a quick preview of the topics/stories you will read. Daily prompts offer a springboard for deeper thought. Spending 12 minutes a day will help you read through the entire Bible in one year. Each week is a fresh start with its own one-page printable plan. You can begin the plan whenever you choose and work at your own pace as it is not date sensitive. Please let me know if you are interested!

Jean Nelson



Sunday, January 8 | 10:15 AM
Intro to the 2023 Budget

Our Galilee treasurer, Andrea Smith will introduce the proposed 2023 "Budget for Mission & Ministry" at an open forum on Sunday, January 8th, beginning at 10:15am. This forum will take place in the Gathering Place. This budget will not be voted on until our January Congregational Meeting. At this meeting everyone has a chance to review and discuss the budget before our annual meeting.

Saturday & Sunday, January 7 & 8
Pewaukee Food Pantry Collections | Before Both Worship Services



Pewaukee Interchurch Lay Council/Pewaukee Food Pantry is located in the lower level of Gethsemane United Methodist Church. About 200 families a month are served by the food pantry. Because of the current economic conditions, the number of families needing assistance is growing. Each week we distribute 250-300 cans of soup and vegetables, 50-75 cans of fruit, 50 boxes of cereal, 100 cans of tuna, 50 boxes of pasta, etc. We find that during the extended-summer season – from May through October – is the most difficult time for us to keep food on our shelves. For drop-off hours and address visit Pewaukee Food Pantry website. For more info contact Natalie Schmitt or Sharon Vitek.

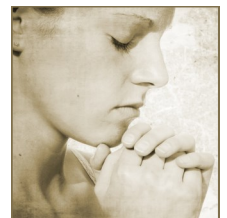
Saturday & Sunday, January 7 & 8
Noisy Offering Weekend During Worship Service

Offerings support ministry with Children at our partner congregations: The Community of Monsenor Romero in El Salvador, The Ndoombo Parish in Meru, Tanzania (Africa) and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church—our urban partner at 28th & Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Bring your loose change or rolls of coins. And, even paper money and checks are cheerfully accepted. Thank you for your generosity!



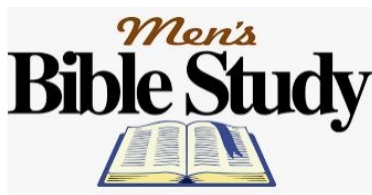
Saturday & Sunday, January 7 & 8
Healing Prayer during Worship Service

Offered by trained healing prayer lay ministers, you are welcome to come forward during communion to receive God’s love, grace and healing power. All prayer requests are confidential. For more info or to receive training, contact Krista Olia at kristaolia@gmail.com.



Thursday, January 12 | 11:30 am
Go-Getters Worship Service & Luncheon

Folks 50 years+ are invited to join us for the monthly Go-getters gathering for worship followed by a pot-luck luncheon in the upper-level Gathering Place. Consider inviting a neighbor or friend! For more info, please contact Arlene Beaudoin at beaudoin@charter.net.



Saturday, January 7 & 21
7:30 am

Men's Bible Study group meets every 1st & 3rd Saturday in the lower level Fellowship Hall.



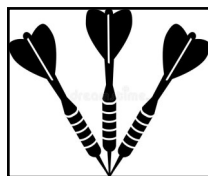
Saturday, January 14 & 28
8:00 am

Women's Bible Study meets every 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month in the upper level Gathering Place.



Text Study with Pastor Jennifer

Pastor Jennifer will be hosting text study on Wednesdays, January 4 and 18 at 10:30a.m. Please meet in the Gathering Place at Galilee or join the study via Zoom. A Zoom link will be sent out the Monday prior to each study time.



Galilee Dart Ball

Good fun and fellowship. The January home schedule is January 17 & 24 at 6:30pm in the lower-level Fellowship Hall. Please come join us!

For more info contact Roger Weiland at 262-606-7573 or reweiland@hotmail.com.

Ministry Coordinators Meeting

Tuesday, January 10 at 6:15 pm

Interested in joining one of Galilee's ministry teams, or learning more about the ministries at Galilee? Feel free to join us! Contact any Ministry Coordinator for more information (see page 10).



Leadership Board Meeting

Monday, January 17 at 7:00 pm

The Leadership Board will meet in the Gathering Place.

Sunday, January 29 | 10:15 am **Annual Meeting**



All adult and confirmed members of the congregation are urged to attend the meeting. Our meeting will take place in in the Lower Level Fellowship Hall. In addition to reports from the Ministry Teams and the Leadership Board, the congregation will be voting on the proposed "*Budget for Mission & Ministry*" as well as electing four members to the Nominating Committee and one member to the Endowment Fund Committee. The congregation will also be voting on proposed amendments to our Constitution.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be located in the Narthex for anyone interested in reviewing the proposed document. If you have any questions regarding the proposed changes, please contact Al Burgemeister 262-623-0462. Copies of the Annual Report will be available for your review the weekend of the 21st or emailed to you upon request to the church office (galilee@galileelc.org).

SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

As we begin the year, the Adult Education hour will continue our study in the Life Guide Bible Studies Series, "Meeting the Spirit". The Spirit of God already knows us completely. We have the opportunity through these studies to grow in our knowledge of the Spirit.

- Session 4: "The Spirit Renews" will focus on John 3:1-8
- Session 5: "The Spirit Empowers" – Acts 6: 1-15; 7:54-60
- Session 6: "The Spirit Guides" – Acts 16: 15
- Session 7: "The Spirit Liberates" – Romans 8: 1-27

During January, we also hope to have a status report by Pastor Jennifer and the Leadership Board regarding Galilee's call process. The Men's Bible Study meets (usually) on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month. We share breakfast and conversation from 7:30 – 9:00. We recently started a new study on the book of Daniel. The "Bible Project" (available on Google) offers a great 9-minute video synopsis of this book. Look it up! There's a lot to be learned from Daniel about unspeakable faith and how we can apply it in our own lives. Come and join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. For the past 30 years, Elmbrook Church in Brookfield has held an annual "No Regrets" conference for men. Galilee men have attended the conference in-person over the years, but since the dreaded Covid, we have live streamed it. Please consider joining other men of faith for a time of bible study, sharing and camaraderie on Saturday, February 4th, as we will live stream it in the Fellowship Hall at Galilee. The conference runs from 8:00am to 1:00pm and breakfast and lunch will be available. Bring a friend! Please help us plan for this event by contacting Bill Rudolph or Bill Braunschweig. Thanks!

God's peace and blessings to all for the New Year!

Bill Braunschweig



Monday, January 16 | 1:00 pm Knitters & Crocheters Gathering

Meet in the Gathering Place to help create prayer blankets for gifting to anyone in need. Beginners are welcome, we will teach you a new skill! The Knitters & Crocheter's Ministry Team are also sewing cloth bags for donation to the Pewaukee Food Pantry, along with caps for infants and cancer patients and more! The team also contributed hats & scarves for donation to St. Paul's.

For more info contact Mary Jo Magnussen: 920-602-1994.



Ministry Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Arnold, Interim | email: pastorjennifer@galilleelc.org

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Ministry Coordinators

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Leadership Board Members | 2022

Ann Dee Austin - President

Jeff Dohlby - Vice President

Carl Spencer - Secretary

Terri Drover - Member at large

Josh Prins - Member at large

Andrea Smith - Treasurer

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Bill Braunschweig



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Readings in January

January 1st

Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

January 7th & 8th

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

January 14th & 15th

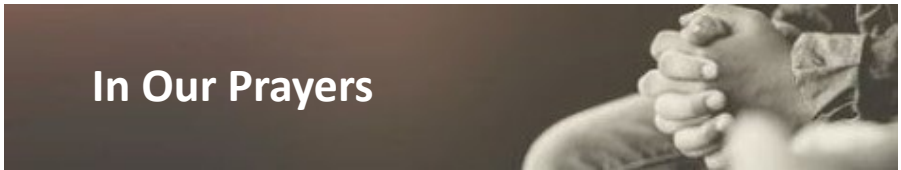
Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

January 21st & 22nd

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

January 28th & 29th

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12



In Our Prayers

Tom Buelow
Jessica Connolly
Judy Corcoran
Judy Corlett
LaVonne Dethloff
Donna Frederick
Chris Groth
Paul Hintze Jr.

Bill Koehn
Margo & Ken Krumnow
Heidi Mag
John Ruf
Ken Ryta
Mike Taylor
Vi Tremaine



Mike Anderson
Jeremy Fossier
Tim Gilestad
Bill Groth
Benjamin Maske
Morgan Mosher
Andrew Richardson

Are you or someone you know in need of prayer? Simply contact the church office at (262) 691-2380 or email: galilee@galileelc.org with your prayer request

"Galilee Connect"

Please use the QR Code below to see our developing church website or go to galileeconnect.churchtrac.com.

Thank you!



Where is
your heart
calling you
to serve?



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