# The Galilean | February, 2023

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

# A Center for Ministry and Spiritual Formation



## **Looking Ahead to Lent**

Our Lenten walk in 2023 draws us into reflection on key words that emerge from our Bible readings for this holy season. Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 22, and continuing with each weekend and midweek service, we will explore what the key words tell us about Jesus and how they invite us more deeply into life with him:

**RETURN** Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, Noon & 6:30 p.m. services

**RESIST** First Weekend in Lent, February 25/26

Midweek service, March 1, 6:30 p.m.

**RECEIVE** Second Weekend in Lent, March 4/5

Midweek service, March 8, 6:30 p.m.

**REALIGN** Third Weekend in Lent, March 11/12

Midweek service, March 15, 6:30 p.m.

**REVEAL** Fourth Weekend in Lent, March 18/19

Midweek service, March 22, 6:30 p.m.

**REVIVE** Fifth Weekend in Lent, March 25/26

Midweek service, March 29, 6:30 p.m.

**RECOMMIT** Palm & Passion Weekend, April 1/2

**REMEMBER** Maundy Thursday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.

**REVERE** Good Friday, April 7, Noon & 6:30 p.m.



Let's gather for a meal and worship service on Wednesdays during Lent! Meals will be served downstairs in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45pm until the service at 6:30pm. Come join us! Dates are March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29th.

Please watch for more details in our weekly e-news.

We look forward to how God will reshape us during our Lenten journey!



#### **Pastoral Call Process Update**

We are in the midst of completing the Vitality Survey, which is the next step on our pastoral call process. The online survey opened for the whole congregation on January 29<sup>th</sup> and will close February 12<sup>th</sup>. Here are a couple of things to note about the online Vitality Survey:

- -You all should have all received a link to the survey by email as well as a few email reminders. Call the church office if you are not receiving them
- -Each member of your household can complete the survey individually using the same link
- -The survey was created by the ELCA and is administered by the Milwaukee Synod
- -Your perspectives on the state of Galilee right now is important for us to know
- -If you are unable to do the survey online, hard copies can be made available to you
- -Survey will only take about 5-10 minutes
- -Survey topics include your ratings on attendance, spiritual enrichment, lay ministry involvement, budget and diversity to name a few
- -Responses are completely anonymous and go directly to the Synod
- -Galilee will share various forms of the results amongst Leadership Board, the future MET group and the congregation
- -Your input is strongly encouraged to gather as many perspectives as possible

If this VITALITY SURVEY invigorates you to get more involved, please reach out to the Leadership Board. We could still utilize volunteers for several ministry coordinator leadership positions.





#### **METeam Named and About to Meet**

I am glad to share that the METeam has been appointed by our Leadership Board. Those leading us are: Karen Buelow, John Gahan, Sue Burgemeister, Mark Glover, Barb Barthel, Steve Hanson, Ellen Piotrowski, Bill Rudolph, Tom Barth, and Mark Voelz from our partner church, St. Paul's in Milwaukee. We will be scheduling our first meeting for early February. Please pray for this team and these individuals as they offer their gifts, insights, questions, and faith. The work of mission exploration belongs to all of us, but this team will guide us through the process ahead and we are grateful



for their willingness to serve. Please watch for regular updates and for opportunities for you to get involved.

Pastor Jennifer

### **Retirement Celebration Sunday | February 12th**

After 34 years of faithful service to Galilee, Mary Kay Debrecht is retiring on February 15th as our Organist. We have been so blessed by Mary Kay's music as she led us in worship and prayer each Sunday. Please join us in worship and following worship on Sunday, February 12th as we show her our appreciation and bless her into her next chapter of life and ministry. A reception is being planned for her so watch for further details in the weekly e-news.



Thank you, Mary Kay and thanks be to God!



#### **Outreach for Hope 2023 Lenten Devotions**

We're excited to officially announce the theme for our 2023 Lenten Devotions: "God Sightings: Seeing God's Movement in Our Day." We hope this series will inspire you to take time this Lenten season to notice God at work in our lives.

Join us starting Ash Wednesday for 40 days of video reflections on this theme by our OFH Ministry Partners, supporters and staff! You can access this series in several ways, including daily emails and social media posts, and a PDF collection of all the video transcripts.

Stay tuned for another email in the coming weeks with more information on how to sign up to receive these devotions.

Thank you!

For any questions, please contact Jean Nelson at jeancyf@galileelc.org.

## **Sunday School Corner**

It is hard to believe that we are already well into the second half of our Sunday School year. Our youngest learners have transitioned from lessons in the Old Testament to lessons in the New Testament. This month they will be learning



about the Prodigal Son and how Jesus teaches and heals. In addition to the New Testament lessons, they will also be reading picture books from our Frolic series. These picture books feature lovable animal characters who encounter problems that our youngest learners can relate to. Each book teaches that prayer can help. The story that will be read this month is "Jo and the Slow Soup", a book about patience.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> graders will be starting a 5 week series on prayer beginning February 19<sup>th</sup>. These lessons will take them through the season of Lent. Please make note that our Sunday School students will be singing and reading in church on February 5<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have all of our students there to share their gifts with the congregation.

For any questions, please contact Stephanie Barth at smkey1@hotmail.com.

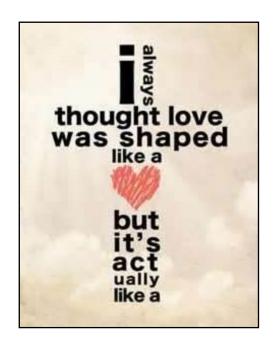
### Thank you!



Dear Galilee Congregation,

Thank you for making Christmas so special for "our families" at the Pantry. The gift cards you generously provided were used by "our parents" to purchase gifts for their children to open up on Christmas morning, and they were most appreciative of your kindness. We also want to thank you for your continuing support throughout the year. We wish you all a happy, healthy New Year!

Blessings, Laura Bradin



# From the Hospitality Ministry



#### **Freezer Meals**

We filled the downstairs freezer with meals this week; there is Tater Tot Casserole, Chicken Chili, Beef Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, and soon to be added Turkey Tetrazzini. We were so happy to receive a Thrivent grant of \$250.00 through Jean and Roy Nelson. Thank you! These meals are for ANYONE who may need them; just go to the lower level kitchen and feel free to take what is needed for yourself, another member or someone who is not a member of our church. Our goal is to Help Others the way Jesus would have. A small group got together in our beautiful kitchen to cook this week. For future cooking, if your are interested in joining us, please let Susan Keller or Mary Stauber know.

## **Coffee Fellowship**

A cup of coffee, a treat and a nice conversation with fellow members and guests; that's what has been happening on Sunday mornings at Gallilee Our coffee cart is now placed in the Narthex to see if that is a better place than in the gathering room. It is on a timer that turns on Sunday mornings. Please leave the plugs as they are . Thank you! If you would like to be a part of serving, baking or donating treats at any time , please let Viv Dethloff or Susan Keller know. Thanks to all who make coffee and donate treats. We appreciate it. The youth have their juice and treats in the lower level during Sunday School.

## **Paper Supplies**

Hospitality Ministry Team has been purchasing the paper supplies for the church including plasticware, plates, bowls napkins, cups, and paper towels. These items can be found in the storage closet off the gathering place, the Narthex cupboards and in the lower level kitchen and serving area cupboards. If you don't find what you are looking for please check the other areas mentioned. Right now we are fully stocked.

Any questions, please contact Susan Keller at susieqz2@icloud.com or Vivian Dethloff at dethloff5@gmail.com. Thanks!

#### Mt. Meru Coffee



Growing great tasting coffee requires hard work along with cultivating and processing knowledge. The Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TaCRI) has partnered with MMCP for several years to provide hands on training for our coffee growing farmers. Improved quality and quantities have resulted. TaCRI's instructors are all Agricultural graduates of Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), Morogoro, Tanzania.

Training sessions are scheduled to start in February. If you would like to assist us in providing this vital training, please contribute at mtmerucoffee.org, Or, send your contribution with the memo "training" to: Mt Meru Coffee Project. PO Box 313 Waukesha, WI 53187.

ASANTE SANA RAFIKI (Thank you friends)

## **Volunteer for Godly Play**

We were blessed to have returning and new story tellers and assistants for the fall. It is now time to sign-up for the Winter/Spring session. Please choose a Sunday or more and sign-up.

In order for Godly Play to be successful, we **need** story tellers and assistants. Story tellers present the stories to the children using wooden and felt pieces and



scripts provided for you. Assistants are there to provide support. Feel free to sit in on a Godly Play session to see what it is all about. We will provide training and training material. Even if you are only available for one Sunday, please sign-up. If we all sign-up for one Sunday, the year will be covered. You will wonder about things with the children and be amazed what the children will teach you.

For questions regarding SignUPGenius please contact Heather Evans, heaththe@gmail.com or 262-844-8664 or Susan Olson, olsonmsusan@gmail.com or 414-690-0676. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Thank you!

# Sunday, February 5 Healing Prayer during Worship Service

On the weekend of February 4/5, healing prayer will only be offered during Holy Communion on Sunday the 5th. Regular scheduling at both services will return on March 4/5. 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.



# Saturday & Sunday, February 4 & 5 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, February 4 & 5 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!





# Thursday, February 9 | 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 beaudoind@charter.net.

# Tuesday, February 21 | 3:00 pm Loss & Living Gathering

Please join us in the Narthex on February 21st. We listen, share, comfort and support each other through the loss process, even though our losses may be different. The Gathering is not limited to the loss of a loved one but includes any loss that affects us emotionally or physically. This could be a loss of a job, the move to a new location, the loss of a dream, a pet, a relationship, a material or physical loss, retirement or a life change.

We care for each other, understand and give support. Your faith and insight may have a profound impact on our journey of healing. If you know of someone who might benefit from this living with loss, please invite them to join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Barthel at 262-691-0711.



# Saturday, February 4 & 18 7:30 am

Please join us, the Men's Bible Study group, for a virtual presentation of the "No Regrets" conference on February 4th at 8:00am. The "No Regrets" Men's Conference is a life changer. No Regrets offers us valuable teaching, coaching and mentoring on how to navigate through the challenges we men face on a daily basis in all aspects of our lives. For any questions, please contact Bill Rudolph at rudolphwilliam@aol.com.



Saturday, January 11 & 25 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, February 1 and 8 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.

# **Ministry Coordinators Meeting**

### Tuesday, February 7 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**

### Tuesday, February 14 at 6:15 pm

The Leadership Board will meet in the Gathering Place.



#### **Galilee Dart Ball**

Good fun and fellowship. The January home schedule is February 7 & 28 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.

# Monday, February 20 | 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.

# "Learn CPR/AED- be equipped to save a life"

#### **Galilee Lenten Stewardship Opportunity**

"A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" John 13:34-35 NIV

Damar Hamlin and CPR. Very few people have not been touched by what happened on the football field to Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin on January 2nd. With just over six minutes remaining in the first quarter Hamlin tackled Bengals wide receiver Tee Higgins after a 13 yard catch. Hamlin got to his feet, then collapsed backwards unresponsive. Hamlin received CPR within moments. According to the Bills, his heartbeat was restored on the field before he was transported in an ambulance to the UCMC for further treatment. His recovery continues since being discharged from the hospital. The importance of immediate CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation), the need for early access (within 5 minutes or less) to an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and trained personnel who know how to act at a moment's notice; can be the difference between life and death.

CPR is an essential first aid tool. Cardio pulmonary resuscitation, or CPR is a life-saving technique used when someone's breathing or heartbeat has stopped. Chest compressions allow a small amount of oxygenated blood to flow to the brain and heart keeping organs alive until emergency services arrive. CPR saves lives by allowing people to survive long enough to get to the hospital for more extensive care. Hands only CPR is now primarily recommended. AEDs are another important first aid tool. When the heart stops beating, an automated external defibrillator (AED) can automatically analyze the heart rhythm of someone experiencing cardiac arrest and when necessary deliver an electrical shock to restore the hearts normal rhythm. AEDs can be found in many public places- including at Galilee.

AEDs give users verbal instructions, so no training is required but being familiar and comfortable with using one is helpful. You never know when CPR or AEDs will need to be used - it may be needed at home, at church, on vacation, at work, a park or at a sports game. It could be needed in the event of sudden cardiac arrest, near drowning, drug overdose, suffocation or electrocution. Always remember to call 911 before starting first aid so emergency services can get there in time. What greater love - than to help save a person's life by learning CPR and knowing how to operate an AED?

Come and be a part of Galilee's Lenten Stewardship Opportunity - "Learn CPR/AED - be equipped to save a life". Plans are being made to hold a "Friends & Family" CPR class right here at Galilee.

Prayerfully consider learning these skills to help save someone you may or may not know. More details to come... if you are interested please let the church office know at 262-691-2380.

Joanie Bohlmann 262-303-1960



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#### **Ministry Staff**

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

Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry | Jean Nelson | email: jeancyf@galileelc.org

Director of Music & Saturday Accompanist | Patricia DeBlaey Email: patricia@galileelc.org

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Office Administrative Assistant | Shoniqua Reik | Email: galilee@galileelc.org

Church office is open Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:30pm

### **Ministry Coordinators**

#### Welcoming

Hospitality ~ Susan Keller & Vivian Dethloff, susieqz2@aol.com & dethloff5@gmail.com Connecting ~ Sara Schroeder, tyme4party@yahoo.com

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# **Leadership Board Members | 2023**

Carl Spencer - President
Josh Prins - Vice President
Steve Dethloff - Secretary
Terri Drover - Member at large
Cori Ryta - Member at large

Andrea Smith - Treasurer

#### Columbarium

Bill Braunschweig

## **Readings in February**

#### February 4th & 5th

Isaiah 58:1-9a Psalm 112:1-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Matthew 5:13-20

#### February 11th & 12th

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37

#### February 18th & 19th

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

#### February 22nd, Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

#### February 25th & 26th

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Roman 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

# **In Our Prayers**

Patricia Alters
Tom Buelow
Jessica Connolly
Judy Corcoran
Judy Corlett
LaVonne Dethloff
Donna Frederick
Rita Goll

Chris Groth

Paul Hintze Jr.
Bill Koehn
Ken Krumnow
Heidi Mag
Michael Mielke
John Ruf
Ken Ryta
Mike Taylor
Vi Tremaine



Mike Anderson
Andrew Connolly
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

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Thank you!



Where is your heart calling you to serve?



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