

The Galilean | March, 2023

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

A Center for Ministry and Spiritual Formation



Slowing Down to Read the Signs

As you know, I do a lot of driving these days. Back and forth from Oak Creek to Pewaukee is 70 miles round trip, but I enjoy it most days. I read audiobooks and I look around at whatever catches my eye. Some cars have bumper stickers or vanity plates, but rarely do I have time to read them. Billboards are often digital and change before I can get the whole message. Plugging along at highway speed (or maybe a little beyond), there are plenty of things I miss and that's okay as long as I pay attention to the traffic most of all. If there is something I want to see, I would have to slow down (or get off the freeway and look from a nearby parking lot), but I'm usually not willing to do that because I want to get to my destination.



The season of LENT invites us to slow down and look around, look up, and look within. It is tempting and perhaps easier to keep our feet on the accelerator and focus on other things: getting to spring planting, packing for spring break, making plans for the end of school and summer vacation. But what might we be able to see if we slow down? If we pull off the freeway and park for a bit? If we give ourselves a chance to breathe in and take in the sights and the signs of the season?

With Ash Wednesday we have entered a time to slow and to **return** our eyes to God. The One who created us and set the stars in their places has so much to tell us and so much to show us. The One who comes among us in Jesus has so much love and grace to share with us. The One who brings order from chaos and new life out of death wants to do a new things in us and through us. But if I try to plow through this time at highway speed, I'll miss most of it so I'm going to work on slowing down and, if you're going fast too, I invite you to slow down with me.

I hope to see you in weekend worship and I hope you can pause during the week on Wednesdays at 5:45 for a light meal and then at 6:30 for worship. On these Wednesdays in March we will pause to read some signs and to wonder how God is speaking to each of us. In a world where we can be swept along in traffic, Lent gives us the space and time to slow down and see all that God has for us.

Each week a different ministry group will plan and host the meal. Come and dine, then stay for worship at 6:30 pm. Here is the schedule:

- March 1 - Music Ministry *Soup, salad & sandwiches*
- March 8 - Men's Bible study group *Soup & grilled cheese sandwiches*
- March 15 - Confirmation Ministry *Mac 'n Cheese*
- March 22 - Sunday School Ministry *Potato Bar*
- March 29 - Women's Bible study group/Compassion Care Ministry *Taco bar*

Pastor Jennifer



MET TEAM UPDATE



Steve Hanson



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Ellen Piotrowski



Tom Barth



Sue Burgemeister



Mark Glover

Greetings Galileans! We are the Mission Exploration Team (METeam or MET). Over the next several months, we will be actively joining with you to assess Galilee's Ministry in preparation for a Call to Ministry for our new Pastor. We are targeting six months for this part of the Call process. The team is off to a fast start with key responsibilities assigned, a METeam framework of phases, goals and timelines, meeting scheduled and three "Quick Start" projects already kicked off and in planning. Stay tuned!

Because of Galilee's proximity to the lake and as home to many sailors over the years, we have adopted a sailing theme for our phases. Here is what we all can expect to happen:

PHASE 1: SCAN THE HORIZON / TEST THE WIND: Explore and discover ALL of what Galilee uniquely was, is and could be in the service of Christ in our communities. February - April.

PHASE 2: SET A COURSE: Reflect and readjust Galilee's mission and future direction to serve God's calling using our gifts and energy. April – May.

PHASE 3: ADJUST THE TILLER & SET SAIL: Complete work to inform/advise the synod, Leadership Board and the Call Team on next steps to help us navigate the path Christ has set before us. June - July.

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The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) is the final document the METeam creates; it will be approved by the Leadership Board and then used by the Call Committee, the Synod, and perspective pastors. Part of the MET process is to revisit our mission, ministries, goals and to honestly evaluate internal and external opportunities, strengths, shortcomings and threats. The METeam will do our best to lead the effort and to capture your collective voices, blessings, ideas, opinions, histories, stories and intentions. We welcome subcommittee volunteers and ask for help to connect us with people in our surrounding communities. As a congregation, we need to work together to determine what to keep, change or get rid of as we prayerfully contemplate how Christ is Calling us and what we need for pastoral leadership going forward.

Please watch for updates on our progress and respond to participate in special events. Reach out to any METeam member directly and/or here is our new email address for questions, comments, ideas and advice: met2023@galileelc.org. Thank you for your interest, participation and prayers!

Blessings,
The METeam

Sunday, March 19th | 11:15-2:30 pm

An Afternoon of Historical Reflection

The METeam invites you to participate in our congregational time of historical reflection on Sunday, March 19th, following morning worship and education. Starting with a meal provided by Galilee, we will then create together a huge timeline that tells Galilee's story. Sharing our memories and remembering what we have done, we will notice how God has led us and what we have learned over the years, which can help us understand how God may be guiding us forward.

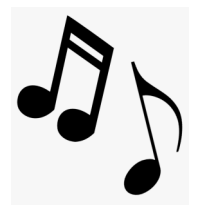


WE NEED YOUR participation no matter how long you've been a part of Galilee. Each person's input, insight, and wisdom will help us learn together. Childcare will be offered, though this event is for all ages so children are welcome to stay with parents. Please watch for further details and for sign-up information in early March.

Important Worship Notes

Patricia DeBlaey to Serve as Our Interim Sunday Accompanist

Following the retirement of Mary Debrecht, Patricia DeBlaey has been asked to serve as our Interim Sunday Accompanist during this transition time. Patricia will continue to serve as Music Director and Saturday Accompanist as well. As we move through the MET process in preparation for the calling of a new pastor, we will explore our mission and goals related to worship and can then decide how to move forward in a staffing plan for the future. We are grateful that Patricia is willing and excited to step into an expanded role and we look forward to how God will guide us in worship now and in the next chapter of our ministry! Jean Nelson has also agreed to take on the role of accompanying the choir for rehearsals and in worship. Thank you, Jean!



Saturday & Sunday, March 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!



Saturday & Sunday, March 4 & 5
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, March 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 beaudoin@charter.net.



Saturday & Sunday, March 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 all times of the year we find it difficult to keep food on our shelves. For drop-off hours and address visit Pewaukee Food Pantry website.

On-going Request Volunteer for Godly Play

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with Godly Play!!

We need story tellers, please choose a Sunday or more and sign-up.

In order for Godly Play to be successful, we **need** story tellers and assistants every week. Story tellers present the stories to the children using wooden and pieces, Scripts are 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 more details or to review training material and to sign-up to help, please go to SignUPGenius. For questions regarding SignUPGenius please contact Heather Evans, heaththe@gmail.com / 262-844-8664 or Susan Olson, olsonmsusan@gmail.com / 414-690-0676.



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Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Thank you.

Sunday School Corner

Wow!! The Sunday School and Confirmation kids did a wonderful job reading and singing at our worship service on February 5th. A special thank you to our readers: Hailey Liek, Noah Kehl, Carmen Glover, and Sydney Austin, our Noisy Offering collectors: Connor Liek, Landon Lukomski, Tess Glover, and Braelyn Plesh and to McKinley Evans and Peyton Brunner for assisting with communion.



The 1st-6th graders will continue their lessons on prayer through the month of March. Our Preschool and Kindergarten students will be hearing the stories, "Jesus Feeds a Crowd" and "Jesus, the Good Shepherd". They will also hear the picture book story, "Uri and the Busy Day", a story about feeling overwhelmed when our days get too busy and learning ways to feel calm.

Please note that we will NOT have Sunday School on March 26th due to Spring Break or on Easter Sunday, April 9th.

For more info contact Stephanie Barth: smkey1@hotmail.com

Monday, March 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.

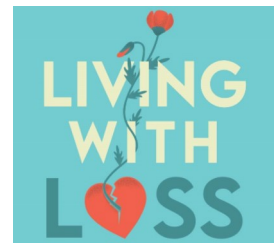
Tuesday, March 21 | 3:00 pm

Loss & Living Gathering

Please join us in the Narthex on March 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, March 4 & 18

7:30 am

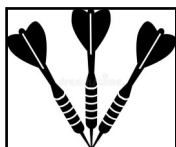
Men's Bible Study group meets every 1st & 3rd Saturday in the lower level Fellowship Hall.



Saturday, March 11 & 25

8:00 am

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



Galilee Dart Ball

Good fun and fellowship. The March home schedule is March 21 & 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.



Text Study with Pastor Jennifer

Pastor Jennifer will be hosting text study on Wednesdays, March 1 and 8 at 10:30am. 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, March 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, March 14 at 6:15 pm

The Leadership Board will meet in the Gathering Place.

Baptism of Sawyer Brooks Luebke

We celebrated with the family & friends of Jacob Luebke & Kaylynn Mann-Wesley, as Sawyer was baptized into Christ at Galilee on February 12.



Mary Kay Debrecht Retirement

We celebrated Mary Kay's retirement on February 12, after 34 years of service at Galilee as organ & piano accompanist. Thank you to everyone who planned her retirement celebration!



Ministry Staff

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

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

Director of Music & Saturday /Sunday Accompanist | Patricia DeBlaey Email: patricia@galilleelc.org

Financial Administrative Assistant | Karen Streit Email: finance@galilleelc.org

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

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

Ministry Coordinators

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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



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Readings in March

March 4th & 5th

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Roman 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 11th & 12th

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Roman 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 18th & 19th

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 25th & 26th

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Roman 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

In Our Prayers



Patricia Alters
Tom Buelow
Jo Buth
Jessica Connolly
Judy Corcoran
Judy Corlett
LaVonne Dethloff
Oretha Dueno
Donna Frederick
Rita Goll
Chris Groth
Paul Hintze Jr.

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Karen Klatt
Bill Koehn
Ken Krumnow
Heidi Mag
Ray Mansker
Norma Mielke
Michael Mielke
John Ruf
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Mike Taylor
Vi Tremaine

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



**Where is
your heart
calling you
to serve?**



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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