

The Galilean | May 2023

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A Center for Ministry and Spiritual Formation



Will You Join Me for a Summer Book Study?

Starting later this month, I invite you to join me in reading and discussing the book, **UNCLOBBER: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality**, by Colby Martin.



As you may know, we held two adult forum sessions this spring to learn about the LGBTQIA+ acronym and how it explains the diversity of sexual orientation and gender identity people experience. As a follow-up to those discussions, I promised to gather us for a book study to look at the Biblical passages often referenced when exploring how our faith understands diversity in these areas. **UNCLOBBER** is the book I talked about. In 6-sessions we will dig into the “*clobber passages*”, those verses often used to condemn people. We will examine the context and the language of these texts and discover how we might “*unclobber*” them and begin to see them differently. We will also hear the author’s story of being a pastor serving an evangelical church whose study of scripture led him to new understandings of God’s Word.

I hope you will join me on **Wednesday mornings from 10:30-Noon** on:

May 24, June 7, June 21, July 12, July 26, and August 9 in the Gathering Place at Galilee.

If there are people who are interested in participating but would need an evening or weekend time, please let me know and we’ll try to find a time together. Contact me at pastorjennifer@galileelc.org.

UNCLOBBER is available as an audiobook and may be free via the Audible app. If you would like to order a copy of the book through Galilee, please let me know by email on or before May 15th.

I look forward to being with you in this journey.

Pastor Jennifer

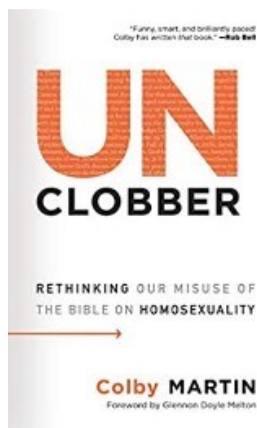


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Galilee Leadership Updates

METeam May Newsletter



Your METeam is continuing to assemble the many pieces of information required for the Ministry Survey Profile (MSP). To expedite this research and analysis, we've divided ourselves into two teams. One team is exploring the External issues; the other team is exploring the Internal issues. The two teams will regularly meet as a single group to review our results and continue our preparation of the MSP. May is congregation survey month! Each week you'll find an insert in your bulletin asking you to answer two or three questions about your thoughts, hopes, and dreams regarding your faith journey and the future of Galilee. We look forward to your input and to sharing those responses with you each following week.

On May 7th we invite you to join us at the Adult Education Forum as we update you on our progress. It will be a good opportunity to answer your questions. This month we will also be asking selected Pewaukee leaders about community needs and how Galilee might help meet those needs. Our External team will be inviting members of our congregation to join in reaching out to Pewaukee leaders.

At the Telling the Story history event on March 18th, people were asked to reflect on the timeline we created together and then to name insights or patterns that emerge for them. Once we listed what everyone offered, participants were asked to vote for the three most important statements they feel we need to pay attention to as we continue in our transition process. The top 5 vote-getting statements were:

1. The church flourished with a strong pastor.
2. Children/youth are important to us and we are aware that we struggle to support this ministry area.
3. There has been diminishing interaction with the external community over time.
4. When we have a need money-wise, we always fill it.
5. Music Ministry is important to us.

Our METeam will keep these in mind as we continue our work. To follow-up on #1, Pastor Jennifer will be leading an adult forum on May 14th to explore the role of a pastor and what makes a strong pastor for Galilee. As congregations might define it differently, it will be important to understand what it means for us.

The MET Team wants to thank the Leadership Board for providing a copy of the Vitality Survey to the members of the MET Team. We have reviewed the results as a group and will utilize the pertinent information to help us complete our MSP. Again, thank you to all 82 members who participated and provided this valuable feedback.

We thank each one of you for your help with our MET processes. Your participation in each of the various activities is vital to preparation of a thorough and honest "picture" of Galilee, our goals, and our pastoral needs. We ask you to continue to pray with us and for us as we seek God's guidance with this important work.

From The METeam

May Update from the Leadership Board



Just catching you up on what the Leadership Board has been focusing on in April:

- As noted in March, Cori Ryta had chosen to step down from her role on the Leadership Board. Luckily for Galilee, Cori is focusing her efforts and time for Galilee as our Worship Volunteer Scheduler as well as continuing her role on the Worship Committee. In April, the Leadership Board asked Mary Dehler to take Cori's place and Mary has accepted. We are all very excited to have Mary join us as she is already jumping in with both feet. Please join us in welcoming Mary and appreciating the talents she will bring.
- Another key focus for April has been the Leadership Retreat for the board members and coordinators. The retreat is scheduled for April 29th and will last the better part of the day. We are looking forward to getting to know one another a bit better as well as to review how Galilee's Discipleship model is working within our Congregation. More to come on this following the retreat. The Leadership Board is grateful for Pastor Jennifer's leadership on this retreat and for all of the coordinators for committing to this time.
- Galilee's roof is aging and will need replacement. The Leadership Board has asked a group of Galileans to head up a committee to contact potential contractors and to start the process of collecting bids for this project. Many thanks to Nick Riegert, Jim Hagen, Bill Rudolph and Tom Drover for agreeing to serve on this committee. This will be a big capital project, both in terms of the work required and the funds needed. You can expect to hear more on this as this project develops.
- Over the last few months we have been discussing the importance of technology in our worship space. We are learning that live streaming of worship services can be an important tool in terms of keeping and attracting members. We are currently evaluating what this may look like for Galilee. We want to thank Ron DeBlaey who has completed this type of project before and is helping to guide us in this evaluation.
- In April, during the Treasurer's Report, we took a fresh look at the memorial gifts and other special donations made to Galilee that are represented in our monthly financials. Many of these funds/accounts are quite old (counted in years) and in many instances there are newer accounts set-up for the same purpose. With that in mind, and with guidance from our Financial Secretary and Treasurer, we voted to merge some of the funds in an effort to clean up the financials.

One thing that you may not be aware of is that all of the past minutes from Leadership Board meetings are available at Galilee and may be viewed by any congregational member. While the point of this update is to give you an idea of what business is occurring, if you wish more details please feel free to review the minutes of our meetings. Simply see Shoniqua in the office and she can direct you to the minutes. In addition, should you have any questions on these topics or anything else that you may have an interest in please reach out to any member of the Leadership Board and share your thoughts with us.

Carl Spencer
President

Faith Formation

Sunday School Corner

It is hard to believe that we have only a few more weeks of Sunday School left. Our last day will be on May 21st and we hope to see everyone there!! A huge thank you to our wonderful, dedicated Sunday School leaders who have done so much to teach our youngest learners about God's word this year! And, THANK YOU to our students who have shared their gifts not only in Sunday School class, but also by reading, singing, and serving during our worship services. Our congregation is truly blessed!



Lower level doors to remain locked during worship & education hour

DID YOU KNOW?

For the safety and well-being of all, the lower level doors will remain locked on Saturday evenings for worship and Sunday mornings for worship and the education hour. Please use the main level entrance on the north side of the building. You may continue to use the lower level doors to exit as needed. Thank you for your understanding.

Volunteers for Godly Play

Thank you to all who have helped with Godly Play!! You have made it a great year for our children. **We need storytellers and assistants**, for Sundays from 4/30 thru 6/4, please choose a Sunday or more and sign-up. In order for Godly Play to be successful, we **need** volunteers every week. Storytellers present the stories to the children using wooden and felt 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 as needed. 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 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4caca923a0f49-godly3>. For questions regarding SignUPGenius please contact Heather Evans at heaththe@gmail.com or 262-844-8664 or Susan Olson at olsonmsusan@gmail.com or 414-690-0676.



Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Thank you.

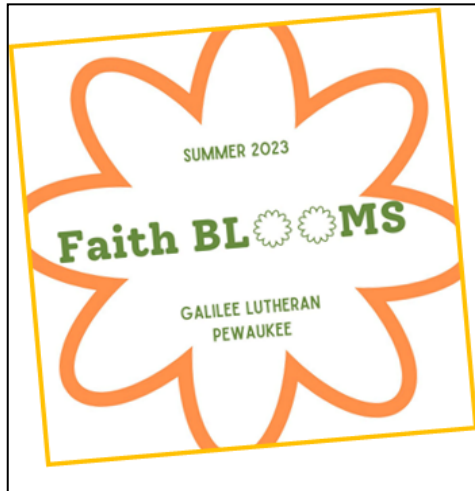
Adult Education Coming up...

METeam Pastoral Transition Update- Sunday, May 7 at 10:15am - Come hear what the METeam is learning and give them your feedback and questions for consideration. Meet in the Gathering Place.



Sunday, May 14 at 10:15am - What does a pastor do? What makes for a strong pastor for Galilee? Join Pastor Jennifer as she leads us in a discussion of the role and duties of a pastor. We will start by reviewing what our Galilee constitution says about the pastor and what pastors are charged with when they are ordained into ministry. We will then ponder what makes for a strong pastor for our congregation.

Sunday, May 21 at 10:15am - Intergenerational Wrap-up of our Education Year. No matter how old you are, you won't want to miss this event for all ages as we celebrate the things we've learned this year and look forward to how God will grow the seeds planted in us during the summer.



Intergenerational wrap-up of our education year

Sunday, May 21 @ 10:15 am

We have enjoyed a great year of faith formation for all ages, from preschoolers through nonagenarians. Learning never ends! Sunday, May 21 is an opportunity for ALL AGES to gather together to celebrate things we've learned, the relationships that have been formed, and how God is working in our midst.

Summer is a growing season and we'll look forward to see how, over the summer, God will grow the seeds planted in us. And how we can plant seeds for others. Come ready to get your hands a bit dirty and to enjoy some ice cream!

Men's Bible Study - May 6 & 20 at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Bible Study - May 13 & 27 at 8:00am in the Gathering Place.

Text Study with Pastor Jennifer - May 3 & 31 at 10:30am in the Gathering Place.

Partnerships & Global Gifting

Friday, May 12 | 5:00 - 7:00pm

Help Serve Dinner to People Experiencing Housing & Food Insecurity



Galilee will be feeding the homeless at Hope Center on Friday, May 12th. We meet at 5pm at Hope Center but rides can be arranged for those who would like to help. We help set up the meal and serve it along with desserts we provide. Afterwards the tables are wiped down and the floor is swept. The commitment is for two hours. You will be done and ready to enjoy your Friday evening by 7pm. This has been a rewarding experience for participants from Galilee in the past. Thank you for considering us! Hope to see you there! Any questions, please contact Mary Winter at marywinter1322@gmail.com.

To All The People of Faith at Galilee Lutheran Church

Peace, love and joy that comes from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ -- The Risen One! Thank you for all those who sent to us that beautiful Easter card and well wishes. We love you all. May the continuous Easter blessings continue to shower on you all during this season and year through. Continue praying for us and our ministry in Tanzania. "Asante Sana"

*Asante Sana;
Bishop Elias & Elly
Diocese of Meru -- ELCT -- Tanzania*

*Wishing you joy
at this beautiful season
of rebirth and renewal...
Rejoicing with you in God's
marvelous gift of life!*

Happy Easter

*Asante Sana's
BISHOP ELIAS & ELLY
DIOCESE OF MERU -
ELCT - TANZANIA,*

Wild Church Worship at Lapham Peak State Park

Sunday, May 21 | 2:00pm

Lapham Peak State Park at the Homestead Shelter

sponsored by Lake Country Cluster and Greater Milwaukee Synod

Plan to join us for this *free* event and experience...

- An interactive message with stories of Awe, all while enjoying nature.
- Learn about Jesus' need for creative renewal.
- We will learn to "hear like a deer" and the importance of a "sit spot".
- Pray with us, Celtic prayers!
- Sing along with other nature loving people.
- The joy of building a nature altar.
- Enjoy refreshments afterwards.

Please bring **YOU** and your lawn chair.

Any questions, please contact Pastor Larry Harpster at 262-344-5942.

Thank you!



Saturday & Sunday, May 6 & 7

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 Sharon Vitek at sharonvitek@att.net.

Saturday & Sunday, May 6 & 7

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!



Compassion Care

Saturday & Sunday, May 6 & 7 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.



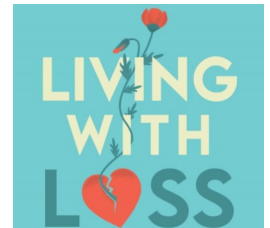
Monday, May 15 | 1:00 pm Knitters & Crocheters Gathering

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, May 16 | 3:00 pm Loss & Living Gathering

Please join us in the Narthex on May 16th. 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.



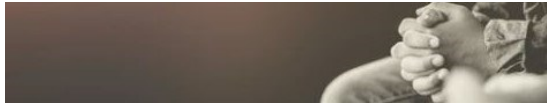
If you have any questions, please contact Barb Barthel at 262-691-0711.

Hospitality

Thursday, May 11 | 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.



Please keep in your prayers - Patricia Alters, Tom Buelow, Jo Buth, Jessica Connolly, Judy Corcoran, Judy Corlett, LaVonne Dethloff, Oretha Dueno, Don Frederick, Paul Hintze Jr., Moses Htoo, Bill Koehn, Ken Krumnow, Joan Liu, Heidi Mag, Ray Mansker, Norma Mielke, Michael Mielke, Harper N., Jean Nelson, Carol Puestow, John Ruf, Cori Ryta, Ken Ryta, Linda Schroeder, Maureen Schwartz, Mike Taylor, & Vi Tremaine.

May Birthdays

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|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Emily Johnson | 4 Shelly Bieser | 20 Christian Spencer | 30 Michael Murphy |
| 2 Suzanne Murray | 5 Rita Goll | 23 Morgan Wallenfang | 31 Sally Ruf |
| 2 Kim Zehner | 6 David Groth | 24 Moses Htoo | |
| 2 Joseph Htoo | 6 Spencer Katt | 24 Logan Schill | |
| 2 Cori Ryta | 7 William Busser | 24 Jessica Connelly | |
| 2 Randy Reese | 8 Beau La | 25 Helen Mueller | |
| 3 Phyllis Knudsen | 8 Htoo Kler | 25 Mitch Carlson | |
| 3 Brooks Miller | 9 Jared Katt | 26 Cheryl Hanson | |
| 4 Glen Ackley | 11 Eric Longhini | 25 Kathy Longhini | |
| 4 Holly Nelson | 11 Heidi Friend | 27 Noah Kehl | |
| 4 Donna Fredrick | 12 Hailey Kiser | 27 Thomas Knutson | |
| 4 Krista Olia | 12 Linda Osenga | 28 Deneed Schmidt | |
| 4 Madalyn Zehner | 13 Roy Nelson | 28 Kennedy Htoo | |
| 4 Sara Schroeder | 19 Peter Klatt | 29 Carrie Gahan | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 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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Saturdays at 5:00 pm
Sundays at 9:00 am

**Sunday School, Confirmation &
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