

The Galilean | June 2023

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

A Center for Ministry and Spiritual Formation



Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

In a breath...in a pause...in a printed prayer...in all ways we may pray without ceasing. Thank you for your many prayers over the early months of our MET process here at Galilee. As the METeam formed and began to engage our congregation, we have felt your prayers and appreciated your support.

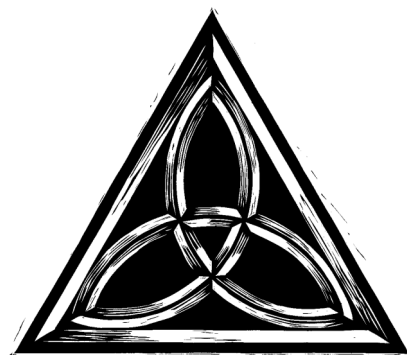


Moving into June, I invite you to focus your prayers for the team. This month much of our time will be examining and synthesizing all we have heard and learned from you and the surrounding Pewaukee community. Through prayer, reflection, discussion, and more prayer we will summarize these learnings and then share them with you for further discussion. All of this leads ultimately to the writing of what will become our *Ministry Site Profile* or MSP.

- In the first week of June, please pray for good listening as we meet with focus groups;
- In the second week, please pray for clarity as we organize our learnings for reflection;
- In the third week, please pray for openness and curiosity as we wonder how God is speaking to us;
- In the fourth week, please pray for wisdom as we describe our learnings and prepare them for sharing with you.

Thank you for being God's people of prayer!

Pastor Jennifer



Galilee Leadership Updates

METeam June News



The METeam was very busy during May, and June will be equally busy. First of all, thanks to each of you for your participation in our Adult Forum Update and the surveys that you completed during our worship services and on-line. We hope you will take the time to review all the wonderful comments. These are available on-line, or we can give you printed copies, upon your request. During June, the METeam will be reviewing these comments and developing answers to the questions in the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) that apply to our congregation, our strengths, and our goals.

During May, our External Team and some volunteer congregation members were busy interviewing members of our greater Pewaukee community. Many of you have expressed interest in Galilee becoming more involved in community affairs and activities. The METeam has been gaining an understanding of what needs and opportunities our neighbors and our community groups are seeing for the Pewaukee area. During June, the METeam will meet to discuss ways in which Galilee might become involved with these opportunities.

Also, during June, the Internal Team will schedule focus events with few groups in response to several requests you have made

By the middle of June, the METeam hopes to complete our internal and external information-gathering process. We will continue to assimilate the information from our research and prayerfully develop clear and concise answers to the MSP questions.

We ask for your continuing support and prayers as we seek God's guidance in this important work to call our new Pastor.

METeam

June Update from the Leadership Board



The Leadership Board has been busy. Here is what we've been up to:

On Saturday, April 29th, the Leadership Board and all of the Ministry Coordinators spent a full day together in a Leadership Retreat that was facilitated by Pastor Jennifer. This type of retreat had not been scheduled in the last few years due to Covid so there were many things to talk about. At the end of the meeting we put together a list of take-aways from the day. While many items were raised, the top 5 items would be the following: (1) After 20+ years of using our current mission statement we felt it needs to be updated. (2) We need a better definition of goals and need to work as a group to better accomplish what we want to attain. (3) We have a number of different ministries – what are our “mission critical” items? (4) We need to get more people involved to promote ministry “teams” rather than just have individuals doing the work on their own. (5) There is a desire to have more clearly defined roles for the coordinators as well as to define the length of commitment being asked of our coordinators. Many thanks to Pastor Jennifer for the thoughtful planning and continuous flow to the day, as well as to all who gave of their time for Galilee. It was a very productive time together!

As noted last month, we are currently evaluating the need to replace Galilee's roof. The committee working on this project has been meeting with contractors and collecting bids. Next steps will be evaluating the bids and confirming that all of our needs are being addressed. Following that, we will be working on potential concepts on how we will pay for the work. We will hopefully have options in place in the next few months that we will bring to the congregation for discussion, if not sooner.

We are considering the development of a Financial Team that would become a standing committee that will most likely fall under the Administration Ministry. The reason for this is that one of the key tasks that the Leadership Board is responsible for is to maintain the finances of the Church. We are lucky to have two incredible people involved in assisting us in both our Financial Secretary, Karen Streit, as well as our Treasurer, Andrea Smith. That said, there are a number of financial matters where we could use more assistance. Areas like budgeting, grant investigation and applications and determining how to safely invest will be just some of the topics we will be tasking this team with. We have a basic outline for this new team drawn up and are in the process of fine tuning it before moving on to rounding out the team.

With Steve Dethloff, who was our previous Stewardship Committee Coordinator, joining the Leadership Board we have been evaluating this committee. Pastor Jennifer has not only a passion but previous experience in this area and with her help a new focus to this committee is being developed. We are excited to develop an emphasis that is both financial but also equally, if not more so, service related.

To close, a lot is happening here at Galilee. We are grateful for the work that the METeam continues to do and the membership's participation in their activities. Please remember that this is **YOUR** church and we encourage your participation. We also want to extend a huge THANK YOU to Patricia DeBlaey. As Pastor Jennifer has noted, Shoniqua Reik accepted a new position and we are in the process of seeking her replacement. In the meantime, Patricia has stepped up in a big way and is helping us navigate this time by being a superb temporary replacement. We thank Patricia for her work and dedication to Galilee. Please make sure to recognize Patricia the next time you see her.

Carl Spencer
President

Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation year ended with an intergenerational event on May 21



Sunday School kids led everyone in singing a song about growing seeds of faith in our hearts.



We planted flower seeds to take home and nurture over the summer.



Ice cream was enjoyed by all!
Thanks to everyone who made this wonderful event for all ages possible!

Adult Education Coming up...

Men's Bible Study - June 3 & 17 at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Bible Study - June 10 & 24 at 8:00am in the Gathering Place.

"Unclobber" Book study with Pastor Jennifer - June 7, 21 at 10:30am in the Gathering Place.

Thank you Godly Play Volunteers

Godly Play returned to Galilee last summer. Godly Play is only successful because of its volunteers. I want to thank all those who have contributed to making Godly Play successful over the past year! You have made it a great year for our children!

Those who have helped as story tellers, assistants, time keepers, planners and organizers Include:

I especially want to thank all the children who attended Godly Play and their parents/grandparents/others who support them!

Beth, Josh, Ava and Charlotte Prins

Mary Doug Dehler

Beth and Darrin Kehl

Peyton Brummer

Jean Nelson

Lily Levas

Izzy Barth and Nat Barth

Lynne Diefenbach

Carol Puestow

Dennis Olson

Talia Piotrowski

Steve and Viv Dethloff

Susan Katt

Heather Evans



Godly Play Summer Changes

Godly Play is scheduled on 6/4/23 to complete the year **AND** on the following Sundays over the summer:

June 25 - July 9 - July 23 - August 13 - August 27

In order for Godly Play to be successful, we need **volunteers** every week. Story tellers present the stories to the children using wooden and felt pieces, scripts are provided for you. Assistants are there to provide support.

For more details and to sign-up to help, please go to SignUPGenius
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4caca923a0f49-godly3>

For questions regarding Godly Play contact Susan Olson, olsonmsusan@gmail.com or 414-690-0676.

Worship & Arts



Last Sunday our full suite of vocal, bell, and instrumentalists led us in worship. When you see any of them please offer them a word of **thanks** for their dedication to the choirs here at Galilee.

Summer opportunities are coming in the “**Small Group Sessions**”. Please contact Patricia DeBlaey to schedule your small group at 262-888-3740 or at patricia@galileelc.org

In Thanksgiving

Dear Galilee members,

After meeting with the oncologist, there is very good news to report! Moses is free of cancer, and requires no further treatment at this time. He will go in for follow-up scans every 3 months for a year. After that the time between scans will be extended. Praise be to God!

I would like to say thank you very much for your generous donations for Moses. I will use the donations for him when it is important. I appreciate the prayers for my son. He is going back to school and everything is going well.

Thank you everyone and God bless you all,

Sincerely,

Beauty Htoo



Ben Dohlby
Pewaukee H.S.
Ben was confirmed at Galilee and has served as an usher and lector. A member of the National Honor Society, he also participated in cross country, track and field, Nordic skiing, and mountain biking.
Ben will be attending the University of Alaska in Fairbanks to study environmental engineering and to Nordic ski.

Logan Schill
Pewaukee H.S.
Logan attended Sunday School and was confirmed at Galilee. In high school he was active in football (4 years), basketball (3 years), and baseball (4 years).
Logan plans to attend UW-Oshkosh to study business and will be playing football for the Titans.



Saturday & Sunday, June 3 & 4
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, June 3 & 4
Noisy Offering Weekend During Worship Service

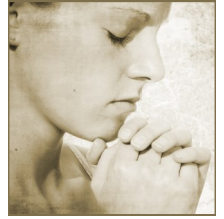
Offerings support ministry with children at our partner congregations: The Community of Monsenor Romero in El Salvador, The Ndoombo Parish in Meru, Tanzania (Africa) and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church—our urban partner at 28th & Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Bring your loose change or rolls of coins. And, even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



Compassion Care

Saturday & Sunday, June 3 & 4 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, June 19 | 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, June 20 | 3:00 pm Loss & Living Gathering

Please join us in the Narthex on June, 20th. 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.



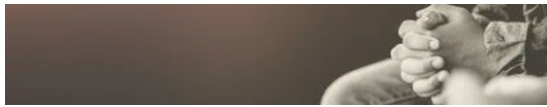
If you have any questions, please contact Barb Barthel at 262-691-0711.

Hospitality

Thursday, June 8 | 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, Oretta Dueno, Rosalie Finlayson, Donna Frederick, Paul Hintze Jr., Moses Htoo, Bill Koehn, 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.

June Birthdays

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|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Tyson Muroi | 14 Derek Hehn | 29 Patrick Graham |
| 1 Weston Carlson | 17 Hannah Michaelson | 29 Stephanie Barth |
| 1 Terri Drover | 17 Bryan Kozlowski | 30 David Fancher |
| 3 Nathanael Knutson | 17 Sue Burgemeister | |
| 4 Maxwell Smith | 18 Beth Prins | |
| 6 Kevin Hehn | 18 Lila Binder | |
| 7 Katie Liek | 22 Vivian Dethloff | |
| 10 Cameron Hehn | 23 Charlie Goss | |
| 12 Emery Liek | 23 Laura Fancher | |
| 12 Monica Binder | 24 Janet Johnson | |
| 13 Lisa Huebner | 25 Brent Diefenbach | |

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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