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Join us at our usual **9 a.m.** Sunday worship time on **August 27th** for <u>outdoor worship</u> followed by <u>Galilee's Annual Church picnic</u>!

Burgers, brats, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. Please scan the **QR code** above or drop by the "Galilee Church Picnic" board in the narthex to sign up to bring sides, condiments, desserts, or to assist with grilling, set up, or clean up.

Please **bring a lawn chair** or **blanket** to sit on. If you have a **pop-up tent** that you would be willing to share to provide shade, please bring that as well. <u>All are welcome</u>, so bring a friend!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Terri Drover at (262)352-7338 or Sara Schroeder at (262)370-0227.

WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THIS?

I bet you're wondering what "this" is and I will be more specific in a moment. First, let me share more generally how I look at this question.

Whatever "this" is, I believe that church ought to be a safe place to talk about "it". As God's people, living honestly and in authentic community with each other, we need places and spaces where we can ask our questions and explore perspectives and wonder together about how our faith informs our lives. God is in it all and so we can talk about it all.

Why are we talking about this? Specifically, I'm referencing the question about why we have been talking about LGBTQIA+ understandings. Over the course of my almost nine months at Galilee, I have been asked this question 3-4 times and I have offered an answer in private conversations, in our *Unclobber* book study, and in our adult forum sessions. I'm wondering if it might be helpful to respond here as well.

For the purpose of the call process, the Bishop and staff will need to know if Galilee wants them to screen out LGBTQIA+ candidates who might otherwise be a fit based on our Ministry Site Profile (which is still in process). Practically speaking, we have to talk about this before we can give an answer and before they can start looking for candidates. Although the Leadership Board could choose to give an answer on its own, it is best if everyone has the opportunity to participate in the discussion because, finally, the congregation is the one to vote on who will be the next pastor. The whole congregation will partner with the next pastor.

Missionally speaking, we're talking about this because Jesus sends his church into the world to walk alongside those who are hurting and outcast in society and to speak Good News to all. We do this currently in a multitude of ways: Pewaukee Food Pantry, Hope Center, providing school supplies, Outreach for Hope, for example.

In Luke 4 we listen in as Jesus speaks of his purpose immediately after his baptism and time in the wilderness:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

In other scripture we find Jesus meeting with those considered unclean and unworthy while those considered worthy look on disapprovingly.

We need to explore and consider our mission within a culture that often marginalizes and devalues the lives and worthiness of LGBTQIA+ people. Christianity is not of one mind on this. What is the role of our church? What is the voice of our faith? If we can't talk about that, we risk becoming irrelevant. We also risk people assuming what we stand for rather than us affirming what we believe. So we talk about this.

I hope this helps. Let's keep the conversation going. Peace in Christ,

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METeam August News

We hope that you have been following our Monday news bulletins. Those bulletins provide detailed summaries of all the research that your METeam has conducted. If you haven't read them we encourage you to do so. If you need a printed copy please ask Sam or a METeam member to put a copy in your church mailbox.

We spent most of our time in July completing our surveys. Thank you again for your wonderful comments. We then began summarizing all these observations, concerns, and dreams. We met with the Leadership Board in late July to begin

the process of integrating their research and findings with those of the METeam.

August is our month for preparing the Ministry Site Profile. (MSP). The MSP is the formal document that will be presented to the Leadership Board by the METeam and, when accepted, will complete the work of the METeam. The document will be based on all the meetings, surveys, and prayerful thoughts we've heard over the last months of our work. Our goal is to complete the document by the end of August.

So -- our big news for August is that we are getting very close to completing the Ministry Exploration portion of our search for our new pastor! Each of you has been a very important part of this process and we thank you for your help and patience. We especially thank you for your prayers. We ask that everyone at Galilee continues to pray for God's guidance as we search for our new pastor. We also need to remind you that the MET process is the first part of calling our new pastor. Once the MSP has been accepted by the Leadership Board, the Board will form the Call Committee, which will receive and evaluate the pastoral candidates presented by our Synod.

BAPTISM OF PARKER LEE AND TATUM RAE KNUTSON

We celebrated with the family and friends of Jennifer and Daniel Knutson, as Parker and Tatum were baptized into Christ at Galilee on **June 25, 2023.**





Faith Formation

What's happening in faith formation? September 10 is a big day!



Intergenerational service project

Join our Sunday School & Confirmation kids on September 10 as we create cards for Galilee members, college students, and residents at Legacy Assisted Living in Pewaukee. If you like to work with markers, stickers and fancy scissors, or have a knack for writing brief messages sharing God's love, this is the place for you to share your creative gifts! More details to come....

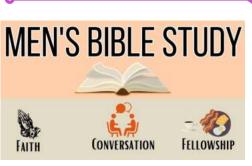




WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WILL <u>NOT</u> MEET FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST AND WILL START UP AGAIN ON **SATURDAY**, **SEPTEMBER 9TH**.





MEN'S BIBLE STUDY RECENTLY BEGAN A NEW STUDY FROM THE LIFE GUIDE BIBLE STUDY SERIES, "THE TWELVE DISCIPLES". WE

KNOW THAT JESUS CHANGED THE LIVES OF HIS FOLLOWERS. THIS STUDY MAY CHANGE YOU TOO! I THINK YOU WILL DISCOVER THAT THE MASTER IS STILL IN THE BUSINESS OF TRANSFORMING LIVES. HE CAN TAKE THE MOST FEAR-FILLED AND FAITHLESS AMONG US AND EMPOWER US TO BE CONFIDENT WITNESSES OF HIS GRACE AND FORGIVENESS. PLEASE JOIN US.

Men's Bible Study will <u>resume</u> on Saturday, August 5th at 7:30 a.m. This group meets every 1st & 3rd Saturday in the lower level Fellowship Hall. For more info, contact Bill Braunschweig: bbraunschweig1@gmail.com

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Godly Play <u>Summer Schedule</u> Remaining Dates: August 13th and August 27th.

<u>Godly Play Fall Schedule -</u> <u>Volunteers Needed</u>

Godly Play will return to a weekly schedule starting on **September 10th** during Sunday's service. Godly Play program provides support to young families.

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. They can be high school age and older. Assistants are there to provide support. Assistants can be confirmation age and older. We will provide training as needed.

Even if you are only available for one Sunday, please volunteer. You will wonder about things with the children and be amazed at what the children will teach you. With 13 story teller volunteers September thru December would be covered with each person only doing one Sunday.

Whether you are considering volunteering or if you are just curious to know what Godly Play is about, please sit in on any Godly Play session or ask the children about it..

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

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

Please prayerfully consider this important opportunity. Thank you.



CALLING ALL STUDENTS FOR CONFIRMATION CLASSES

7th & 8th Graders

Confirmation classes for 7th and 8th graders will begin September 10th at 10:15 a.m. immediately following the morning church service.

Pastor Jennifer will meet with **parents** of the Confirmation students during this time to discuss the Confirmation program. 9th Graders



Rising 9th graders who are being confirmed this fall, please look for an email from Pastor Jennifer in the coming weeks with details on preparing for the **Rite of Confirmation service**, which will take place on **Reformation Sunday**, **October 29**.

IF YOU HAVE A RISING **7TH** OR **8TH** GRADER IN YOUR FAMILY, NEIGHBORHOOD, OR FRIEND CIRCLE) WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US FOR CONFIRMATION CLASSES, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR JENNIFER AT **PASTORJENNIFER@GALILEELC.ORG** OR JEAN NELSON AT **JEANCYF@GALILEELC.ORG**.

Compassion Care

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Loss & Living Gathering

Tuesday, August 15 | 3:00 p.m.

Please join us in the Narthex on August 15th at 3:00 p.m. 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.



Have you ever wondered how a Cricut works? Melanie Austin will be giving us a two hour demonstration on **August 12th** at **1:00 p.m.** at **Galilee**. All are welcome, so invite anyone you think might be interested. If you have a Cricut and you're not sure how it works, come and get a free lesson! The church has one, and if you want to learn how to use it and help us at Galilee, please come. This could be a fun opportunity to get people together doing something fun and different.

Please contact Penny Van Weele at 262-366-8382 with any questions you may have.

<u>Partnerships</u>



WHETHER YOU ARE A STUDENT OR A TEACHER, BRING YOUR BACKPACK, IPAD, LAPTOP OR BRIEFCASE AND RECEIVE A BLESSING AND A TAG FOR YOUR BACKPACK. TAGS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS AT LA CASA DE ESPERANZA SCHOOL IN WAUKESHA.

URGENT NEEDS



Current urgent needs items:

- Unscented laundry detergent
- Bath towels
- cultural hair products- oil sheen, detangler, bonnets, head scarfs
- lotion
- deodorant
- pasta and rice sides
- hamburger helper
- tuna helper
- cereal

Items can be dropped off at their main building at 505 N East Ave, Waukesha, Monday – Friday between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm. If you need to arrange for an out-of-hours drop-off, please get in touch with their Volunteer Coordinator, Alex, by calling 262.522.3845 or emailing alexandral@twcwaukesha.org. Please note they do not have the staff capacity to pick up donations.



School supplies drive to benefit The Women's Center & La Casa de Esperanza school in Waukesha Deadline for donations is Sunday, August 27

THESE ARE ITEMS THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR LA Casa de Esperanza School in Waukesha. They Especially need items for Art Projects:

- yarn
- modeling clay
- paint brushes
- watercolor paints
- washable acrylic paints in bottles
- construction paper
- white copy paper
- #2 pencils (No sharpeners)
- Elmers washable glue/glue sticks
- beads
- crayons
- markers
- spiral notebooks
- scissors

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2023 FAMILY RIDE RUN WALK MILES FOR HOPE



QR CODE TO REGISTER For the event

Outreach For Hope 16th Annual Family Ride Run Walk | Saturday, Sept. 30 Registration is Open

We are excited to tell you about this year's Family Ride Run Walk, our annual event that brings us all together as supporters of Outreach for Hope! This year's theme is *"Miles for Hope"*, the idea that we are all stronger when we go together. Our goal is to help fundraise \$160K for grants to ministries serving neighborhoods experiencing material poverty in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA - including Galilee's Urban Partner St. Paul's in Milwaukee and Hope Center in Waukesha.

To kick things off, Team Galilee is available for you to register as a bike rider (road or trail ride), 5K fun runner, 2mile walker, fellowship only participant, virtual rider or volunteer. **There is no registration fee – just pay as you can.** Each family member who registers by 9/25 will receive a free Event T-shirt, Boxed Lunch and Fundraising Page.

Team Galilee will be participating at the Cory Municipal Park site in Dousman. To register + learn more visit OFHRRW.org or contact Jeff Dohlby or Deb Kohler.

To donate on-line go to Team Galilee Fundraising Page.





QR CODE FOR TEAM GALILEE Fundraising Page

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El Salvador Ministry Team

Do You Know?



Since 2006, Galilee has been in partnership with a small church located in a rural community just outside of San Salvador, the capital city of El Salvador. Our Partner Church is called El Renacer de Los Martires, which in English means "The Return of the Martyrs" or "The Rebirth of the Martyrs." The community where this church is located is called La Comunidad de Mosenor Romero, which in English means "The Community of Monsenor Romero."

Monsenor Romero is one of the best known and beloved Christian figures in Salvadoran history. He was a very popular church leader during the 1960s and 1970s, and ultimately became the Archbishop of El Salvador in 1977. His ministry focused on serving the poor. He also spoke out against social injustice, including the political torture and assassinations that were occurring in El Salvador at that time.

Galilee's "Sister Church" partnership with El Renacer de Los Martires was formed pursuant to a covenant signed in September of 2006. The Pastor at our partner church is Pastor Martir. Through monetary donations from Galilee members, we have provided electricity and a new roof for the church, a fence around the church property, and a Sunday School building for the children. We have also offered resources for worship and education, including teaching materials, technology resources, hymnals, and bibles to assist Pastor Martir in his ministry. Most recently, through some generous donations, we are providing new ceramic tiling for the church and Sunday School buildings. That tiling is currently being installed.

There have been many Galilee delegation visits to El Salvador over the life of the partnership. During those visits, Galilee members worship, share fellowship and conversation, listen to the needs of the community, share meals, and provide support in the Principle of Accompaniment. In short, we come together and build relationships.

Each year, we are pleased to assist with funds for backpacks, school supplies, and socks for the children in the community, many of whom walk quite a distance through fields and over dirt roads to get to the local school. We also provide funds for annual church celebrations, including a Christmas party, a Mothers' Day celebration, and annual celebrations honoring the birthday of our Partner Church and the life of Archbishop Romero.

If you already knew all this, great! If this information is new to you, that's great too! We welcome providing you with opportunities to learn more.

Over the next few months, you will be hearing more about the El Salvador partnership and how you could become involved.

El Salvador Ministry Team



Prayer Needs

Please keep in your prayers - Patricia Alters, Joal Brinkman, Tom Buelow, Jo Buth, Jessica Connolly, Judy Corcoran, Judy Corlett, Oretha Dueno, Rosalie Finlayson, Donna Frederick, Cylie Harris, Paul Hintze Jr., Bill Koehn, Joan Liu, Heidi Mag, Ray Mansker, Norma Mielke, Michael Mielke, Harper N., Carol Puestow, John Ruf, Cori Ryta, Ken Ryta, Maureen Schwartz, Mike Taylor, Olivia Taylor, Vi Tremaine, Jim Williams, and Steve & Cheryl Hanson *on death of Steve's mother, Patricia*.





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 requests.

Ministry & Staff

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 & Worship Accompanist: Patricia DeBlaey, email: patricia@galileelc.org Choir Accompanist: Jean Nelson, email: jeancyf@galileelc.org Financial Administrative Assistant: Karen Streit, email: finance@galileelc.org Office Coordinator: Samantha Scantlin, email: galilee@galileelc.org

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

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WELCOMING

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Galilee's monthly calendar is now available on our website. Go to https://galileelc.org and click on 'More' at the top of the page, then 'Church calendar' in the drop-down menu.

Join us for Worship Saturdays at 5:00 pm Sundays at 9:00 am

Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Education Sundays at 10:15 am



Galilee Life: Be in it!





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