



GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

WALKING WITH JESUS, SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE,
SERVING ALL FAITHFULLY.

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Advent & Christmas

December 2-3

Advent 1

Saturday @ 5pm
Sunday @ 9am

December 9-10

Advent 2

Saturday @ 5pm
Sunday @ 9am

December 16-17

Advent 3

Saturday @ 5pm
Sunday @ 9am - Worship
Led by our Young People

December 23

Advent 4

Saturday @ 5pm

Christmas Eve Worship

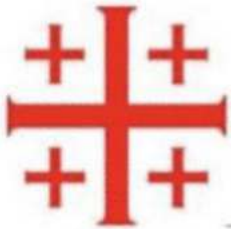
Sunday, December 24th
10:00am & 4:00pm

*Both services include beloved Christmas hymns,
special music, holy communion, candle lighting, and
the reading of the Christmas story from Luke 2.*

REMEMBERING THE HOLY LAND AS WE AWAIT THE HOLY ONE - PR. JENNIFER

This month we will listen to the stories that point to the coming of the Messiah, born in the land we call Holy. These stories may fall on our ears differently this year knowing of the tragic conflict that rages there still, and once more. However we celebrate and mark this season, may we remember the reality of our brokenness and the need for the Prince of Peace, for whom we wait and in whose name we serve. We hold the people of the Holy Land in our hearts and in our prayers, yearning for a path to peace. May we be instruments of God's peace this season.

I share with you here a letter from the leaders of the churches in Jerusalem:



PATRIARCHS AND HEADS OF THE CHURCHES IN JERUSALEM

Statement on the Celebration of Advent and Christmas in the Midst of the War

November 10, 2023

Each year during the sacred seasons of Advent and Christmastide, our Christian communities throughout the Holy Land take great delight in their preparations for the commemoration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In addition to attendance in religious services, these celebrations have normally involved participation in numerous public festivities and the large-scale display of brightly lit and expensive decorations as a means of expressing our joy at the approach and arrival of the Feast of the Nativity.

But these are not normal times. Since the start of the War, there has been an atmosphere of sadness and pain. Thousands of innocent civilians, including women and children, have died or suffered serious injuries. Many more grieve over the loss of their homes, their loved ones, or the uncertain fate of those dear to them. Throughout the region, even more have lost their work and are suffering from serious economic challenges. Yet despite our repeated calls for a humanitarian ceasefire and a de-escalation of violence, the war continues.

Therefore, We, the Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem, call upon our congregations to stand strong with those facing such afflictions by this year foregoing any unnecessarily festive activities. We likewise encourage our priests and the faithful to focus more on the spiritual meaning of Christmas in their pastoral activities and liturgical celebrations during this period, with all the focus directed at holding in our thoughts our brothers and sisters affected by this war and its consequences, and with fervent prayers for a just and lasting peace for our beloved Holy Land.

Moreover, during this season of giving, we also invite the faithful to advocate, pray, and contribute generously as they are able for the relief of the victims of this war and for those in dire need, as well as to encourage others to join them in this mission of mercy.

In these ways, we believe, we will be standing in support of those continuing to suffer just as Christ did with us in his Incarnation, in order that all of God's children might receive the hope of a New Jerusalem in the presence of the Almighty, where "death shall be no more, neither mourning, nor crying, nor pain, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

—The Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem



LEADERSHIP BOARD

WELCOME DARRIN KEHL!

At our Congregational meeting in October the Congregation voted in Darrin Kehl to the Leadership Board. Darrin will be taking over for Josh Prins whose term is expiring. While Josh will continue to serve until the Annual Meeting in January, Darrin has started to attend the Leadership Board meetings in order to begin to learn about the issues we are working on. While we will miss and praise Josh when his time is up we welcome Darrin and look forward to working with him!

CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee has started their work. We offer many thanks to those who have stepped up to serve in this capacity. The committee has met twice already with their first meeting as a sit down with Kristin Nielsen of the Synod office to learn of the process and steps that they will follow and more recently with just their group. There is quite a bit of initial work for them to do in order to prepare to interview candidates but this group is “diving in head first” as they say. Please encourage and pray for this group as they work to discover our next Pastor.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THIS MINISTRY TEAMS

With new Mission and Vision statements in place and development of new goals we are turning our attention to aligning our ministry committees to match these new statements and goals. This process will take some time but the plan will be to review what ministries are happening at Galilee and look to determine what the Congregation sees as “mission critical.” As part of this process we will look at not only what we are doing but work to evaluate what we are missing. The expectation will be to see how we can best align our ministries to fit our new direction. While this is yet in very early development if you have any thoughts on this please share them with a member of the Leadership Board. While we will be driving this conversation we expect to engage the Congregation in the process.

PASTOR JENNIFER'S RETIREMENT

As was announced recently, Pastor Jennifer's time with us is coming to a close. Her final service with us will be Sunday, January 14th. For the Leadership Board, Pastor Jennifer has been a true gift, a godsend in this truest form. The positive impact that she has provided over the past year will benefit Galilee for many, many years. With her, we have found that while quite a bit is the same, much has changed at Galilee and in our community. We are excited by the opportunities she has helped us to see and look forward to working with our next Pastor to move these new directions forward. Please take some time over these next few months to thank her and show your appreciation to the contributions Pastor Jennifer has made. Most of all, please wish her a heartfelt congratulations on her impending retirement. She has made a difference in her career in the lives of many, not just at Galilee but through her entire life of work.

As I've said a few times, much of life is about change. How we react to the change around us will determine the outcome. We are working through some significant changes here at Galilee but I am pleased with how we are progressing and the ways in which we all are reacting. Good things are coming— I am sure of it! I hope you will join me in these thoughts. As we head into Thanksgiving and soon to the season of Advent and Christmas I hope that we give thanks for the many blessings upon us.

Carl Spencer
Leadership Board President



FAITH FORMATION



Stars! Angels! Shepherds! Kings!

This month the students will be learning about the Christmas Story along with making final preparations for the **Child-Led Christmas Worship Service** which will be held on **December 17th at 9:00 a.m.** The kids have been working so hard to learn their songs and speaking parts, and they can't wait to share the nativity story with all of you.

Dates to note:

December 24th - No Sunday School
December 31st - No Sunday School



Do you believe in the power of prayer? Have you experienced that power in your own life? Do you find joy in praying for others? Would you like to increase/expand your prayer life?

If your answer to any of the questions is “yes” we’d like to invite you to join our PoP (Power of Prayer) Squad. Galilee’s Sunday School team is leading the way with this effort to bring the generations together in a powerful way. Here’s how it will work:

- Indicate your willingness to participate by filling out a simple PoP Squad participant form. You will be asked for your name, birthday month & date, your grade or occupation, things you like to do, and up to three suggestions of how someone can pray for you.
- Shhh! It’s a secret! PoP Squad team members will be given the name of someone to pray for and that person’s information. The person you are praying for will not be the same person who is praying for you.
- Pairings will be chosen at random, or as I like to think, inspired by the Holy Spirit. Please keep the name of the person you are praying for a secret. Names will be revealed at the end of the faith formation year in May.
- ALL ages are invited to participate and Sunday School kids will be involved. Adults may be praying for a child, and vice versa.

We hope to launch the PoP Squad at the beginning of 2024. In order to allow for time to collect information, determine pairings, and getting information out to all PoP Squad members, we need to begin in November. Watch the e-news and look for PoP Squad participant cards in the narthex.

Jean Nelson

Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

SHARE THE LOVE

Here are some ways to live out Galilee's Mission Statement this holiday season!



Christmas Cards for Tom Brinkman

We will have cards available on the table in the Narthex for Tom Brinkman who is residing at the Winnebago Correctional Center. Take a minute to write a greeting and place the card in the designated basket and we will send them along to Tom. He really enjoys receiving the cards and hearing from his Galilee brothers and sisters.

love



2023 Angel Tree - Through December 10

We are collecting gifts for the children at La Casa de Esperanza Daycare in Waukesha. If you're able, please add a gift for one of these children to your shopping list. You have been so generous in years past! Thank you in advance for your caring donations. For more information, contact Mary Winter: marywinter1322@gmail.com



HAT & MITTEN TREE + GENTLY USED COAT DRIVE



Through December 17 - Hat & Mitten Tree + Gently Used Coats to Benefit St. Paul's Milwaukee and Outreach for Hope

This year, we are collecting hats, mittens & scarves for our urban partner - St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. We are also partnering with Outreach for Hope to include winter coat donations that will be distributed via the 10 clothing closets at Ministry Partner Congregations located in low-income central city areas of the Greater Milwaukee Synod. The collection area is set-up in Galilee's narthex/lobby area through Sunday, December 17th. For more info., contact Deb Kohler: [262-844-6155](tel:262-844-6155) or deb.kohler.mke@gmail.com.



COMING UP AT GALILEE:

HEALING PRAYER

HEALING PRAYER WILL BE OFFERED DURING HOLY COMMUNION AT WORSHIP SERVICES ON **DECEMBER 2 & 3.**



PEWAUKEE
FOOD PANTRY



DECEMBER 2 & 3

NOISY OFFERING WEEKEND

DECEMBER 2 & 3



GALILEE CRICUT EVENT



RESCHEDULED

DATE: 12/02/2023 (SAT.)
TIME: 1:00PM - 3:00PM CDT

Cricut Event

Have you heard of Cricut? Do you own one and have no idea how to use it? Come on over to Galilee to learn all about the Cricut and the wonderful things it can do.

The event will take place on **Saturday, December 2nd, 2023** from **1-3 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall** at Galilee.

Women's Advent Gathering

Attention women of Galilee...Please join us for the Women's Advent Gathering on Monday December 4th, 2023 at 6:00 pm. in the Gathering Place. There will be food, Christmas carols, and fellowship. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert. We will also be collecting items for the Women's Center that night. Questions can go to Sara Schroeder 262-370-0227 or tyme4party@yahoo.com.



GATHERING PLACE
11:30 A.M.
GETTERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

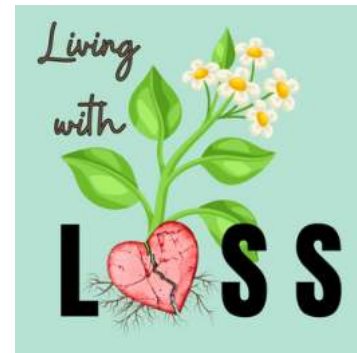
Galilee Go-Getters meet on the second Thursday of each month. All members of Galilee 50+ are invited to join us at 11:30 a.m. for a short service followed by a potluck lunch. All are welcome. After lunch there is a table for card players and...Or..How long since you played a wicked game of Chinese Checkers? A table will

be set up. Or you can come to make new friends or visit with old friends. Check us out. Did I say ALL ARE WELCOME. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Carole Brinkman at (262) 352-7892.

COMPASSION CARE

Loss & Living Gathering: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 | 3:00 p.m.

Please join us in the Narthex on December 19th 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.



For more information, please contact Mary Jo Magnusson at (920) 602-1994.

Knitters & Crocheters will **not** meet in the month of December. Why not make it one of you New Year's resolutions to join our group beginning in January? We meet on the **3rd Monday** of the month from **1-3 p.m.** in the **Gathering Place** at Galilee. We work on projects such as hats for newborns, cuffs for IVs, chemo hats, prayer shawls, dish cloths for the food pantry, quilted carry bags for the food pantry, and hats and scarves for St. Paul's at Christmas time. We have a good supply of yarn and materials that can be used. Beginners are ALWAYS welcome. For more information, please contact Mary Jo Magnusson at (920) 602-1994.

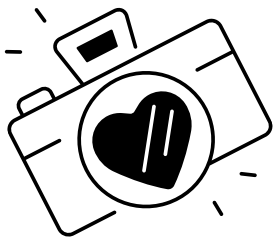


A heartfelt thanks to our Galilee church family for the generous support for the **Pewaukee Food Pantry**. Your donation of food and monetary offerings are so appreciated. Thanks also to those that volunteer their time to set up and work during regular pantry hours, do the bread runs to pickup bakery from local stores, deliver your donations to the pantry, and setup the collection site at church and many other acts of kindness. The Pewaukee Food Pantry is located in the lower level of Gethsemane Methodist Church and is open to all Pewaukee residents in need. For further information please contact Pamela Graham or Sharon Vitek.

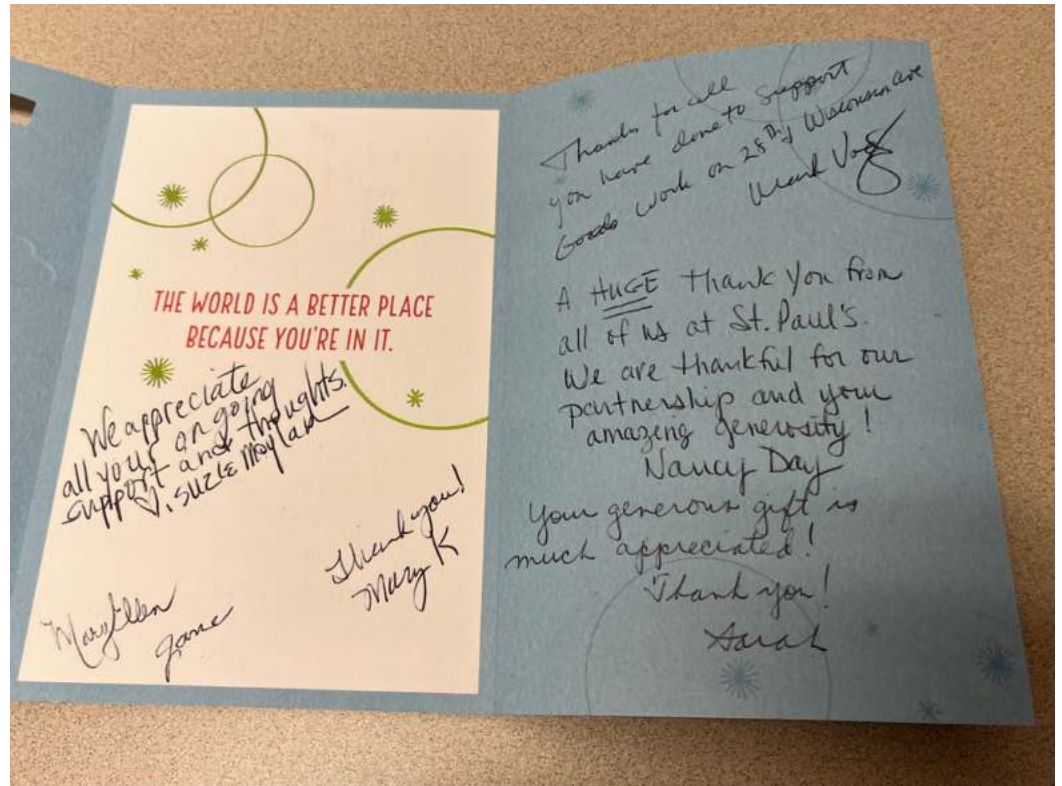
November Memories

2023 CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & PASTOR JENNIFER ARNOLD

Lily Levas, Tommy Barker,
Peyton Brunner, Eli Austin,
Talia Piotrowski, Pr. Jennifer
Arnold



THANK YOU FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS AT ST. PAUL'S



thank you

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 McKinley Harken Evans
4 Benjamin Thomas Barth
5 James David Hagen
7 Randy L Larson
8 Nancy M Rice
8 Jacob Peter Friend
9 Bill Rudolph
9 Suzanne Michelle Bowman
9 Darryl C. Gust
10 Isabella Estrada
10 Brett Austin Corcoran
11 William George Katt
12 Mary Jo Magnusson
14 Dale Shane Peterson

15 Jack William Kiser
15 Kayla Kristine Spata
16 Cassandra M Marzofka
16 Linda Carol Reese
16 Jill Renee Opie
16 Tha Blay Wah
17 Maria Jean Opie
17 Lynne Diefenbach
17 Emma Rose Doenier
19 Kailey Margaret Wille
19 Marvin Earl Bednar
23 Kyle Michael Dethloff
23 Melissa Cassie Peterson
24 Michelle Artis

24 Taylor Mae Johnson
24 Donald Edwin Fredrick
25 Nancy J. Thorgaard
26 Carole Brinkman
27 Penny Van Weele
29 Dylan Immel
29 Jennifer Arnold
30 John, Jr. James Plesh
30 Thomas Charles Opie
30 Stephanie Rose Bruce
30 Kurt Arthur Knutson
31 Richard Jerald Winkelman

PRAYER NEEDS

Please keep in your prayers - Patricia Alters, Steve Bower, Joal Brinkman, Karen Buelow, Tom Buelow, Judy Corcoran, Judy Corlett, Bev Coshun, Leslie Demuth, Oretha Dueno, Rosalie Finlayson, Donna Frederick, Cylie Harris, Paul Hintze, Landon Hipke, Jill Johnson, Bill Koehn, Margo Krumnow, Heidi Mag, Ray Mansker, Norma Mielke, Michael Mielke, Helen Mueller, Tom O'Malley, Diane Praeger, Ava Prins, Carol Puestow, John Ruf, Cori Ryta, Maureen Schwartz, Olivia Taylor, Bob Villa, Jim Williams, and Penny Williams.



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

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

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

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December

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

26	Vocal & Bell Choirs 9a Worship Service 6p Al-Anon/Alateen - Fellow	27	7:30p AA - Fellowship Hall	28		29	6p Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal	30	8p AA - Room 41 8p Boy Scouts Troop 87 - Fr	1	Office Closed 12p 12 Step Group - Room	2	Vocal & Bell Choirs 7:30a Men's Bible Study - Fr 5p Worship Service
3	9a Worship Service 6p Al-Anon/Alateen - Fellow	4	Women's Advent Party 7:30p AA - Fellowship Hall	5		6	1:30p Grace Group 6p Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal	7	8p AA - Room 41 8p Boy Scouts Troop 87 - Fr	8	Office Closed 12p 12 Step Group - Room	9	8a Women's Bible Study - G 5p Worship Service
10	Vocal & Bell Choirs 9a Worship Service 6p Al-Anon/Alateen - Fellow	11	7:30p AA - Fellowship Hall	12		13	6p Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal	14	11:30a "Go Getters" Service 8p AA - Room 41 8p Boy Scouts Troop 87 - Fr	15	Office Closed 12p 12 Step Group - Room	16	7:30a Men's Bible Study - Fr 5p Worship Service
17	9a Children's Christmas Sen 6p Al-Anon/Alateen - Fellow	18	1p Knitters & Crocheters - C 7:30p AA - Fellowship Hall	19	3p Loss & Living Gathering 6p Leadership Board	20	1:30p Grace Group 6p Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal	21	8p AA - Room 41 8p Boy Scouts Troop 87 - Fr	22	Office Closed 12p 12 Step Group - Room	23	Vocal & Bell Choirs 8a Women's Bible Study - G 5p Worship Service 5p Worship Service
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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.

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
SATURDAYS AT 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT EDUCATION
SUNDAYS AT 10:15 AM



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