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GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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MAKING ALL THINGS NEW - PASTOR JENNIFER



I suspect that New Years is still the most popular time for making resolutions...for trying to make changes that better ourselves or our lives in some way. As you know, I will be retiring formally at the end of this month and my last Sunday at Galilee will be January 14th. The New Year will bring many new things for me, most of which I cannot yet imagine. My goals initially include being more active physically and caring for things around our house that I have often neglected in the busyness of daily life. However things unfold, I expect that God will show me new things about myself as I make these changes.

I trust that God will show Galilee new things in 2024 as well. As you await the work of the Call Committee and its eventual recommendation of a new pastor, you will build on the work you've done in 2023. You have a new mission statement, a new vision for where God is sending you, and four goals to pursue. With each step you take, God will be with you guiding and encouraging you. Move forward boldly in faith. You have all that you need to accomplish God's purpose for you. When you then call your next pastor, that person will join a strong and vibrant ministry through which God is making all things new in you and in the community you serve.

It has been my joy to serve as your Interim Pastor. Thank you for sharing your faith and your lives with me. You have given me the privilege of knowing your stories and accompanying you within them during this time. Please grant that same privilege to the pastors that follow me. They will bless you as you bless them, just as you've blessed me.

Pastor Jennifer

January Update from the Leadership Board

THANK YOU TO ALL!

WOW! What an incredible Advent and Christmas season we have experienced. There are so many people to thank for making this such a special time. I would like to especially thank our worship and music team for all of the planning that went into this period, the choir and musicians who added so much to our experience and who continue to make Galilee a very special place, our youth team leaders and our children who put on a spectacular service and performance, and to our Arts team lead by Karen Buelow and Penny Van Weele who continue to come up with new and unique ways to celebrate our seasons and make the Sanctuary a beautiful place for worship. I also want to thank all of our staff who have worked long and hard to organize our activities and to provide leadership to this special time. I'm sure I'm unfortunately leaving out others for which I will apologize for in advance but the amount of effort by all is surely to be appreciated! Lastly, I want to thank all of you for participating, whether in worship, your generosity to our outreach with our mitten tree and support of families who need assistance at this time, or in so many other ways – your presence is felt and you helped to share God's love and grace with others. Thank you!

CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee is continuing their work, meeting regularly to move their process forward. They have created their questions and outlined their interview process and are currently working with the Synod to line up a “test” interview in which they will interview a Pastor who will volunteer to serve as a test interview subject. We are hopeful that now that the Christmas season is coming to a close that this will occur soon, after which they will begin the process of reviewing potential candidates and lining up interviews. As I have asked before, please encourage and pray for this group as they work to discover our next Pastor – they are doing an incredible job for us all.

PASTOR JENNIFER'S FINAL SERVICE AND CELEBRATION!

As you probably know by now, Pastor Jennifer has announced her retirement and her final service with us will be the 9:00 AM Sunday service on January 14 th . The Leadership Board would like to invite you to attend a celebration luncheon following the Education Hour (plan on an 11:15 AM start time) where lunch will be served and we will celebrate Pastor Jennifer's career as a faithful servant of God. Galilee has been incredibly lucky to have her be a part of us over these past 15 months and we want to send her off into her retirement by celebrating not just her time with us but to recognize the way that she has touched so many in her long and dedicated career. Please plan to join in the festivities!

BRIDGE PASTOR UPDATE

With Pastor Jennifer's time with us ending the Leadership Board is working on lining up a Bridge Pastor. For those unfamiliar with this term, a “Bridge Pastor” is a Pastor who will be with us for an extended period following the time between when an Interim Pastor leaves and our new Pastor arrives. Our hope is that we will have a Bridge Pastor selected and can move forward with that person in January. We will share more as soon as we are able. This is a time where we have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to. I hope that you will join me as we look to see what God has in store for us in what I expect will be a very exciting next few months.

Carl Spencer
Leadership Board President

ADULT FORUM

Sunday, January 7th, the Adult Forum hour will continue with a study of Jesus' parables.

What Can We Know About Heaven From Earth?

Galilee's Adult Forum will again invite Professor Jack Beck to make a 3-part presentation: "What Can We Know about Heaven From Earth?" on **January 21, January 28 and February 4**.

Professor Jack Beck is a renowned biblical scholar who has made presentations at Galilee's Adult Forums the past two years. A frequent visitor to the Holy Land, Dr. Beck is a wonderful and gifted storyteller who previously has shared his faith and connected his knowledge of biblical stories and geography with many audiences.

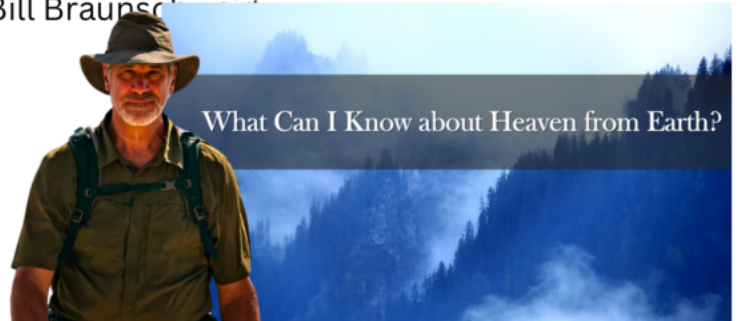
Dr. Beck's summary of this presentation:

"We will spend more time here than any other place. Heaven is our eternal home. But popular, well-meaning pictures of heaven often conflict with what the pictures of the Bible paints of this place. In this study, we will explore a portion of what the Bible teaches about our future in heaven by using the things we know from earth,"

Galilee's Adult Forums will meet in the Gathering place after Sunday worship at 10:30. Please plan to attend and bring your Bibles! -Bill Braunschweig

Session Summaries:

- January 21
 - "What Can We know About Heaven from Earth?"
 - Text: Isaiah 65: 17
 - Insight: It will be familiar.
- January 28
 - "What Can We Know About Heaven from Earth?"
 - Text: John 14: 2-3
 - Insight: It will be familial.
- February 4
 - "What Can We Know About Heaven from Earth?"
 - Text: Ezekiel 47:8
 - Insight: It will be fixed.



COMING UP AT GALILEE:

HEALING PRAYER

HEALING PRAYER WILL BE OFFERED DURING
HOLY COMMUNION AT WORSHIP SERVICES ON
JANUARY 6 & 7.



PEWAUKEE
FOOD PANTRY



January 6 & 7

**NOISY OFFERING
WEEKEND**

January 6-7



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, January 7th.



Retirement
— PARTY —

for Pastor Jennifer



JANUARY 14, 2024 | 11:15 AM

Galilee Community,

As you know, the conclusion of Pastor Jennifer's time with us is quickly approaching. We would like a chance to honor her and celebrate her for all she has done in her time here at Galilee and in her life of ministry.

We will be hosting a Retirement Party luncheon on Sunday, January 14th at 11:15 a.m. immediately following the 10:15 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Forum time. Food will be provided. Please join us and help us give Pastor Jennifer a proper send off!

COMPASSION CARE

Loss & Living Gathering: Tuesday, January 16, 2023 | 3:00 p.m.

Please join us in the Narthex on January 16th 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.

JOIN US FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



PARTNERSHIPS



Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for all the wonderful gifts to the children of La Casa de Esperanza Daycare. Special thanks to my helpers; Carole Brinkman and Jill Plesh. -Mary Winter



December Memories

GALILEE CAROLERS AT KIRKLAND CROSSING



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 1

Ley Kler
Colleen Koehn

January 4

David Roberts
Daniel Bowman
Naomi Ackley
Ellen Feldman

January 6

Dick Winkelman
Shaun Graham

January 8

Leah Braunschweig

January 9

Estella Levas

January 10

Suzanne Schroeder

January 12

Duane Vitek

January 13

Doris Stolz

January 14

James Praeger

January 15

Richard Winkelman
Katelyn Connolly
David Fancher

January 16

Roger Weiland

January 17

Shelly Dohlby
Carmen Glover
Peter Friend

January 18

Karen Roberts

January 19

Pamela Graham

January 21

Janet Millard
Marjory Kloth
Cortney Sullivan

January 22

Marilyn Morgan
Tom Buelow

January 23

Dana Sobotik

January 24

Gloria Musil

January 25

Jacob Raschka
Penny Williams

January 27

Harold Sloan
Thomas Brinkman

January 29

Paw Lu Lu
Deacon Lukomski
Kathryn Berg

January 31

Nicole Plesh



PRAYER NEEDS

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



Pray for our
military.



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
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January

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

31	1	2	3	4	5	6
9a Worship Service 6p Al-Anon/Alateen - Fellow	OFFICE CLOSED 7:30p AA - Fellowship Hall	10:30a Text Study 6p Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal	8p AA - Room 41 8p Boy Scouts Troop 87 - Fr	Office Closed 12p 12 Step Group - Room	7:30a Men's Bible Study - Fr 5p Worship Service	
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Bell Choir 9a Worship Service 10:15a Sunday School & Ac 11:15a Retirement Party - P 6p Al-Anon/Alateen - Fellow	1p Knitters & Crocheters - C 7:30p AA - Fellowship Hall	3p Loss & Living Gathering 6:15p Coordinators Meeting	6p Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal	8p AA - Room 41 8p Boy Scouts Troop 87 - Fr	Office Closed 12p 12 Step Group - Room	Vocal Choir 7:30a Men's Bible Study - Fr 5p Worship Service
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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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