

GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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BRIDGING THE GAP TOGETHER

During the time in-between your interim pastor, Jennifer, and the installation of your new called pastor, I will be here to help bridge the gap as your 'Bridge Pastor.' It's a half time position, focusing primarily on preaching, worship, visitation, pastoral emergencies, funerals and weddings.

Many of you already know me. My lovely wife, Jean, is your CYF Director. It has been my pleasure to supply here when needed and fill in at worship two Saturdays a month. I retired from full time ministry on July 1, 2022 after serving 11 years at All Saints – Wales. Before that I served at First Lutheran - DeKalb, IL and went to seminary at Wartburg in Dubuque, IA.



I'm a second career pastor, having been an attorney for 15 years in Milwaukee. Before that I was in law enforcement for 11 years at the City of Brookfield, Village of Butler and Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department. Yes, it's been an interesting career path, and quite a faith journey. God is good!

And now, here we are, together for an indefinite time. We don't know how long this will be. But hopefully, you will have a called pastor soon.

My half time schedule at Galilee will look something like this, but will certainly vary:

Tuesdays: At Galilee 9-3.

Text study 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Office hours 11:00 – 3:00.

Wednesdays and Thursdays: Work from home for sermon and worship prep.

Available by phone, text, email or video chat for pastoral emergencies and whatever comes up.

Saturdays and Sundays: Lead worship and preach, three weekends each month.

My work as board president at Hope Center continues, but with less of a time commitment now that the building project is mostly completed and we have moved in. I'll wrap up a few details with the building and be working on the capital campaign, probably two days a week, Mondays and Fridays, and one Sunday a month.

A bump in the road is that I have a serious injury to my left shoulder (and I'm left-handed). The doctor has scheduled rotator cuff surgery for January 24. So, shortly after I start as your bridge pastor, I'll be recovering from surgery for a couple of weeks. I'll be back around February 13, just in time for Ash Wednesday. While I'm home recovering, I'll be working with staff remotely and am available by phone, text, email or video chat. The two weekends I'm not available for worship following surgery will be covered by supply pastors.

May God be with us as we work together to bridge the gap between interim Pastor Jennifer and your next called pastor!

Blessings,

Pastor Roy

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FEBRUARY UPDATE FROM THE LEADERSHIP BOARD

GOOD BYE AND GODSPEED TO PASTOR JENNIFER, HELLO TO PASTOR ROY!

January ended up being a period of transition for us all as we spent much of the month finally feeling like winter before seemingly experiencing Spring! All kidding aside, we said goodbye and thank you to Pastor Jennifer who served Galilee extremely well as we moved through the METeam process of our call for a new pastor. Thank you to all who came out for her final service and luncheon. Please know that she is extremely appreciative of Galilee's efforts to not only celebrate her time with us but also to celebrate her as an individual who dedicated 33 years to Ministry. She is grateful for her time with us and appreciative of the welcoming way in which we embraced her.

Luckily for us we have been able to now welcome Pastor Roy Nelson. Pastor Roy will be serving Galilee as our Bridge Pastor who will serve us from the time of our Interim Pastor leaving and our new called Pastor arriving. Pastor Roy has been with us in a part-time role as our fill-in Saturday night Pastor and also has filled in a few weekends here and there as a Pulpit Supply Pastor when needed. The Leadership Board feels very fortunate to have someone join us who has the familiarity with our Congregation the way that Roy has and are grateful that he has chosen to walk with us as we move forward. I would encourage you to get to know Pastor Roy if you have not yet met him and embrace him with the openness that Pastor Jennifer experienced with you all.

ANNUAL MEETING

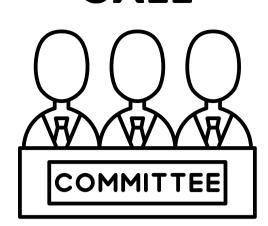
On Sunday, January 28th we convened Galilee's Annual Meeting. While there were important items discussed throughout the meeting, two items stood out that I wanted to share for those who were not able to attend. First, we had a chance to review the financial performance of Galilee from 2023 and also reviewed the budget planned for 2024. We had a good year financially in 2023 as our donations outpaced our expenditures by roughly \$11,000. Our budget for 2024 is forecasting a break-even budget which may not sound exciting but considering our last few budgets were forecasted originally to be deficit budgets (neither ended up being that in the end I would note) it was great to see that the expectation of donations based on the stewardship pledge support we received for 2024 gave us the confidence to offer the budget we were able to present. Both the 2023 performance and the 2024 budget estimation are reasons to be grateful – We give thanks to all who made 2023 a success and are appreciative of all who will help to provide for 2024. Your ongoing support of Galilee's mission is outstanding and is very much appreciated as we make decisions in financial matters.

The other major conversation centered around capital expense projects that are being considered. The Congregation did approve a much-needed project to re-roof the building (you will hear more about this in the coming months as we confirm how the project will be paid for) but we also discussed other projects that are being considered. Please expect to see more communications and discussions on these items as the year progresses.

As we continue to move forward, I want to ask for your prayers and support for the Call Committee. This group is working diligently to seek our next Pastor. We give thanks to them for their efforts and ask for your support of all that they are doing.

Carl Spencer Leadership Board President

CALL







Your Call Committee continues to ask for your prayers. We initially met with Rev. Kristin Nielsen, Assistant to the Bishop for Congregations in Mission of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, who shared insights for us to follow as we move through the call process. Since then, we have met several times as a committee to formulate interview questions based on the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). Then, we held a "mock" (practice) interview to help prepare us for meeting candidates who are interested in exploring a call to Galilee. Following the practice interview, we met with Rev. Nielsen a second time to share what we learned and review the protocol of the interview process – including the importance of keeping

confidentiality about any candidates that we may be in conversation with. We are excited to share that we are now ready to receive Rostered Minister Profiles of pastors interested in exploring a call to Galilee!

God is at work in every step of this process. May the Holy Spirit guide Galilee, our call candidates and our call candidates' congregations and families during this time of transition and discernment.

COMING UP AT GALILEE:

HEALING PRAYER

HEALING PRAYER DURING THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH ONLY:



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD



NOISY OFFERING WEEKEND

February 3 & 4

Bring your loose change!



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

Loss & Living Gathering Tuesday, February 20, 2024 | 3:00 p.m.

Please join us in the Narthex on February 20th 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.

LENT BEGINS SOON!

Lent begins on **Wednesday**, **February 14th** with Ash Wednesday services at **noon** and **7:00 p.m.**





Wednesdays in Lent (Feb. 21, 28, and March 6, 13, 20) will include a simple supper at 5:45 p.m., followed by a short service at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals for bells and choir will be altered during Lent. Meals will be hosted by groups of volunteers who will prepare, serve, and clean up after the meal. The schedule has been filled for all five dates, and we are very grateful for those who have volunteered! If you have any questions regarding the meals, you can contact Vivian Dethloff at 414-315-1775.



Sundays during Lent, our theme is 'God's Covenants: Promise-Presence-Provision.'

During Lent we make a journey toward the fulfillment of God's promise in the death and resurrection of Jesus. This year, the texts in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures.

Lent 1: 2/17-18 Covenant with Noah: Rainbow is the Sign of God's Promise, Presence and Provision

Lent 2: 2/24-25 Covenant with Abraham and Sarah: New Identity with Purpose and Meaning

Lent 3: 3/02-03 Covenant: The 10 Commandments:

Living with God and One Another

Lent 4: 3/09/10 Covenant with Moses: God's Healing and Restoration

Lent 5: 3/16-17 Covenant with Jeremiah: God's Law is written on our Hearts

Sunday School



Sunday School families have the opportunity to provide and help serve the Lenten meal on **March**6th. Please use this link to donate a food item and/or your time. Any help is greatly appreciated.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0844AAAC2C AAFB6-47364395-lenten

Faith Formation

What makes Galilee a special place for you? What brings you joy or comfort or encouragement in this place? Two years ago, many people shared what they love about Galilee by writing their thoughts on a paper heart, and the hearts were displayed in the narthex for everyone to see. Fast forward to 2024 and a more visual way to share your thoughts with the Galilee community and beyond via the e-news, website and Facebook.

Here's how it works:

- Using your smartphone, record yourself (or have someone record you) telling us what you love about Galilee. One or two sentences is perfect.
- 2. Please use 'portrait' orientation to record, rather than landscape.
- 3. Your first (or full) name can be included (that helps build community) or you can remain anonymous.
- 4. Send your video to jeancyf@galileelc.org so it can be shared.
- 5. Don't want to record your own video? We can help you with that on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning after worship upon request.

Questions? Contact Jean Nelson, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry.





It is now time to sign-up for the Winter/Spring Godly Play session. Please choose a Sunday or more and sign-up. In order for Godly Play to be successful, we need story tellers and assistants. Story tellers present the stories to the children using wooden and felt pieces and provided scripts.

Assistants are there to provide support. Feel free to sit in on a Godly Play session to see what it is all about. Training and training material can also be provided. 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 Bible stories 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 or Godly Play please contact Susan Olson, olsonmsusan@gmail.com / 414-690-0676.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Thank you.





The Great Gospel Escape comes to Galilee on March 3

Have you ever been to an escape room? If you have, you know that you must solve a puzzle to get out of the room within a certain time frame. On Sunday, March 3 Galilee will be hosting its very own escape room!

The Great Gospel Escape is an interactive escape room designed for kids from 5K-6th grade. The goal is to explore the first four books of the New Testament through games, hands-on activities, and Bible reading.

The challenges focus on parables, miracles performed by Jesus, and events from Jesus' birth to his death. When kids solve all 9 challenges, they complete a puzzle that emphasizes the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:16-20.

All ages are invited. Parents and other caring youth and adults are encouraged to participate with the children. We hope you will invite friends and neighbors to join us.

Advance signup is requested (but not required) so that we have enough supplies prepared for all participants. Please use the QR code or sign up in the narthex.

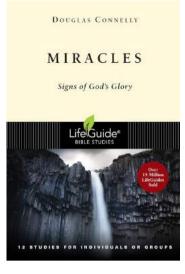
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Questions? Contact Penny Van Weele (pennyzurn@yahoo.com) or Jean Nelson (jeancyf@galileelc.org or 262-720-8346).

PoP (Power of Prayer)
Squad to launch in
early February



Galilee's prayer adventure bringing the generations together is about to begin! By the time you read this, partners will have been assigned and God's power through prayer will be called upon in new ways. Adults will be praying for children and vice versa. What a privilege it is to pray for someone else. What a blessing it is to know that someone is praying for you. The PoP Squad will be active through the next several months and partners will be revealed at the end of the faith formation year in May.

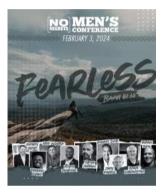


Men's Bible Study

We will begin a new study from the Life Guide Bible Studies series, "Miracles, Signs of God's Glory".

"Most of us could use a miracle. Some physical condition, relational problem or financial crisis in our lives could be solved with just one miracle. When we open the pages of the Bible, our desire for a miracle intensifies as we read astonishing stories of God's power poured out on people just like us."

The Men's Bible Study meets on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 7:30 -9:00 am. Please join us for a breakfast treat, good conversation and a chance to learn more about God's ability to work in our lives in powerful ways.



No Regrets Men's Conference | February 3 | Lower Level Fellowship Hall

Attention Men of Galilee...... Have you ever heard of the No Regrets Men's Conference? The Galilee Men's Bible Study group is hosting a "Live Stream" of the event held at Elmbrook church on **Saturday February 3rd.** Enjoy this very worthwhile event, fellowship, and great motivational speakers along with other Galilee men in the lower-level Fellowship Hall. There is no cost. Come and stay for as long as you can and bring a friend! Sampling of seminar options include "Limitless life; Real Life Real Discipleship; Roadmap for Life;

Becoming Stronger; Addicted to Busy; Marks of a Man. Contact Bill Rudolph / Bill Braunschweig for more information.

Events include:

7:30 Gathering / Continental breakfast

8:00 Opening keynote speaker - Kenny Luck (Leadership pastor at Crossline Church, Calf.)

9:30 Seminar #1 - Four Options

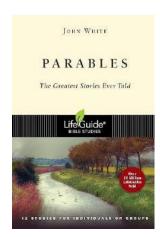
10:15 Seminar #2 - Four Options

11:00 Seminar #3 - Four Options

11:30 Light Lunch

11:45 Closing Keynote - Ricky Jenkins (Senior pastor at Southwest Church, Calf.)

12:45-1 Conference Wrap Up



ADULT EDUCATION

After Jack Beck's presentations about what we can know about heaven from earth, we will continue our study of Jesus' parables. We meet in the Gathering Place at 10:15 a.m.





Music at Galilee

UPCOMING CHOIR DATES:

February 11

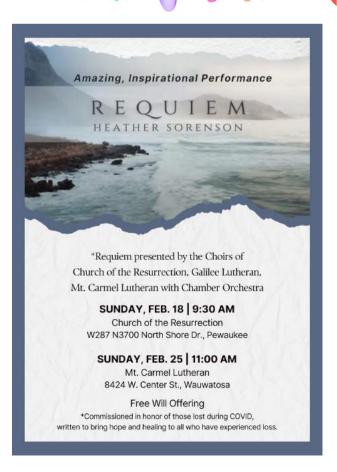
Transfiguration Sunday - Vocal & Bell

February 14

Ash Wednesday - Vocal

*During the month of February, we are welcoming solos, duets, and small groups to provide special music for Saturday evening services. If you're interested, please reach out to Patricia DeBlaey at patricia@galileelc.org.







Heather Sorenson Requiem

Join your Galilee Choir in worship at one or both of these special events. Featured soloists include our very own Sam Scantlin and Patricia DeBlaey.

We hope to see you there!

Thank You from Pastor Jennifer

"Galilee,

I want to express my gratitude to the Galilee community for all of the kind words and thoughts you shared with me on my last weekend serving as your Interim Pastor. Thank you for taking the time to talk with me and thank you for hosting such a lovely farewell & retirement lunch. I am so grateful to have spent this time with you and you are in my prayers in the weeks and months to come as you await the calling of your next pastor.

God bless you all, Pastor Jennifer Arnold"





The children's Christmas service was wonderful!

Worship on December 17 was wonderfully led by Galilee's Sunday School kids and youth. They led the prayers, shared the scripture readings (in a version from a child's voice), greeted people as they entered the building, and helped serve communion. "Stars! Angels! Shepherds! Kings!" (a children's Christmas musical) was the message for the day combined with the telling of the nativity story straight out of The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones. Our Sunday School kids did a stellar job speaking their lines and singing the songs.

Planning and preparing a service led by children is a team effort and there are many people to thank:

- the planning team Stephanie Barth, Karen Buelow, Kathy Hyslop, Jill Plesh, Penny Van Weele
- the costume creators Karen Buelow, Cheryl Hanson, Krista Olia, Penny Van Weele
- Jill Plesh for having an outside banner made to welcome the Pewaukee community to worship
- Sydney Austin for creating the star background for the logo
- Karen Buelow, Richard Knutson and Penny Van Weele for the beautiful scenery
- Patricia DeBlaey for accompanying the children and bringing in the outside musicians (drums, bass, tenor saxophone)
- members of the bell choir who accompanied the children

Covid kept me away for the dress rehearsal and the worship service. In my absence, the following people stepped up and made sure everything went smoothly - Patricia DeBlaey, Stephanie Barth, Kathy Hyslop, Heather Evans, Darrin Kehl – and I am so grateful for their partnership in ministry. People have commented on what a good job our kids did. Some even say it was the best children's Christmas service they had ever seen. To God be the glory!

Jean Nelson Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry



Galilee community, we received the following message in the mail from St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At St. John we have a practice of praying for our fellow beloved disciples of Jesus at churches both near and far to us. Here is what we prayed for you on Sunday, January 21, in which we recognized the Third Sunday after Epiphany during morning worship:

We ask your guidance, strength, and blessing on our brothers and sisters at Galilee Lutheran Church in Pewaukee, WI, and their pastor Roy Nelson, fellow members with us of the Body of Christ, sharing one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, and one God and Father of all. Protect and prepare us all to be the Bride of Christ your Word tells us we are to become.

We have been praying for you all. God go with you as together we seek to proclaim the Good News of Jesus and the Kingdom of God in both word and deed!

A CHANGE IN THE LIFE OF ST. PAUL'S MILWAUKEE, GALILEE'S URBAN PARTNER

From Pastor Delany Schlake-Kruse:

"My family and I have been discerning where God might be calling us over the past several months, and I have accepted a new call to serve as the senior pastor of Lutheran Church of the Atonement in Florissant, Missouri. My last day in the office will be Sunday, February 18, 2024. This period of discernment has been challenging as I have reflected on the wonderful experiences we have shared together, but God is calling our family to St. Louis to be closer to family. Matt will be entering into a new chapter of his life as a stay at home parent with our child Milo, and I will be entering into a new chapter in a new pastoral role.

I have so loved being the pastor at St. Paul's, and I have been so grateful for each of you within the congregation and our community. In this time of change and transition, I am reminded of God's faithfulness toward creation. God has always been there, and God will always be. St. Paul's has been gathering and worshipping since 1841, and God has accompanied us throughout many changes and developments. I am confident God will continue to be with you throughout this transition as well, and the good work that the Holy Spirit has been doing among and through us will continue to grow."

Please keep our partners in ministry at St, Paul's in your prayers as they begin the search for their next pastor, and for Pastors Delany & Matt along with Milo as they transition into their next chapter in ministry.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



<u>February 1</u> Susan Knutson

February 3
Deb Kohler

<u>February 4</u> Michael Bohlmann

<u>February 5</u> Mackenzie Sherman

<u>February 7</u> Robin Hehn <u>February 8</u>

Janet Praeger Thomas Barker Colleen K Larson

February 10

Thomas Pjevach Ruth Harken Carol Busser Matthew Dehler

February 14
Edward Longhini
Kathy Line
William Koehn

February 15

Brian Connolly

February 18

Cindy Praeger Morgan Alderton

February 19

Caitlyn Higgins Craig Smith

February 20

Loretta Hagen Kathleen Taylor February 21

Joseph Barker Jennifer Dehler

February 23

Jenna Wille Glenn Calhoun

February 24

Duane Moore Donald Schrock

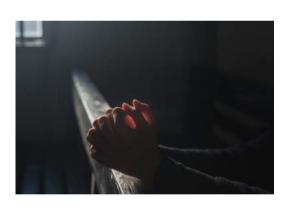
February 25

Carol Burkhart Linda Koepp February 28



PRAYER NEEDS

Please keep in your prayers - Patricia Alters, Steve Bower, Joal Brinkman, Tom Buelow, Judy Corcoran, Bev Coshun, Leslie Demuth, Oretha Dueno, Heather Evans, Donna Frederick, Cylie Harris, Paul Hintze Jr., Jill Johnson, Bill Koehn, Margo Krumnow, Stephanie Lindert, Heidi Mag, Ray Mansker, Steve Marsh, Michael Mielke, Helen Mueller, Calla Nelson, Roy Nelson, Diane Praeger, Janet Praeger, Carol Puestow, John Ruf, Sue Schroeder, Maureen Schwartz, Olivia Taylor, Bob Villa, Nonye Weiland, Cloria Wheeler, 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

> email galilee@galileelc.org with your prayer requests.

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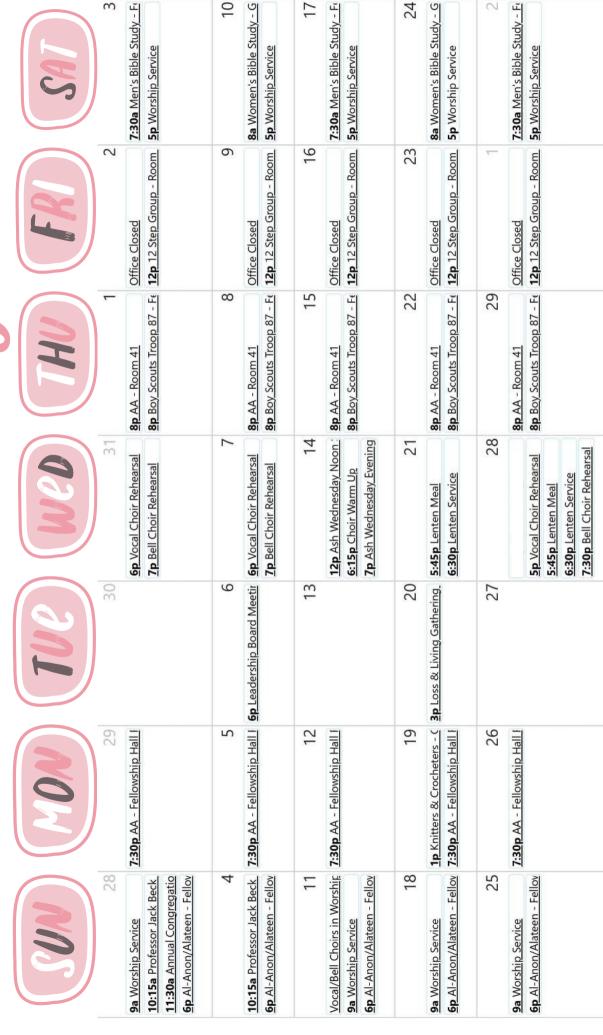
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