

GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH



August 2026

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



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PASTOR AMANDA APPLEHANS



One of the major factors in identifying which kids will continue their journey of faith beyond high school graduation is the number of faithful adults they have involved in their lives before that point. Of course this begins with parents – when faith has a place in their homes, children are more likely to become faithful adults. But even more than this, research has found that Sunday School teachers, confirmation mentors, and others involved in a child’s local

congregation who pour attention into a child have a huge impact on whether that child continues to be involved with a faith community into adulthood.

That’s why I was delighted to see all the concerned adults involved in Day Camp at Galilee. We had college-aged young people who dedicated their whole summer to sharing faith with younger children, and we had older adults – even grandparent-aged adults – who made and served meals, tended classes of kids, tie-dyed T-shirts, and sang silly songs with actions! There were SO many adults there ready to share their faith with these younger Galileans, and it was beautiful to see. What I loved most about the week was that faith formation wasn’t left to the parents. Raising children is such an important job, but it’s also such a BIG job. Often as a parent, it can feel like raising your child is something that you (and potentially your partner) are in all by yourself. Raising children takes so much time and attention, and a lot of the social supports we had in place to help parents have fallen away – especially since the pandemic. As a society we have gotten more and more isolated, and this is distinctly felt when raising children. The stress levels of parents have risen to a point where it has been named a public health crisis by the US Surgeon General.

This is why I am so glad to see Galilee stepping up to be a place where raising faithful kids is supported by the people of the congregation. From Sunday School teachers and VBS volunteers to our confirmation mentors, to those who help our elementary school-aged youth participate as worship helpers, non-parental adults are deeply involved in the lives of the young people at Galilee – and it is a beautiful thing to behold!

As we look forward to the beginning of the program year in mid-September, we are again seeking caring adults who are open to pouring time and attention into Galilee’s youth.

We will be seeking Sunday School teachers, a Sunday School program lead, new confirmation mentors, and some adult leaders for a high-school-aged ministry.

While there is space for those who feel called to teaching, the main need is for adults who care about kids and who are open to building relationships with young people. Don’t worry if you’re not a “teacher” – it’s more important to be a caring adult who is ready to listen to and engage with young people.

Please prayerfully consider whether God might be calling you to give of yourself in this way. If you have any questions or would be interested in serving in one of these important ways, give me a call.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Amanda

Fan the Flame
Sunday Evening Campfire Worship

NEW WORSHIP
OPPORTUNITY

5:00 pm
around the
Galilee fire pit

Last Sunday of
each summer
month

**Join us August 30th @
5:00pm**

Fresh picks and fun vibes await!

We are almost halfway through the third season of the Pewaukee Farmers Market at Galilee Lutheran. And what a season it has been. Since a wonderful opening day on June 3, we have had two consecutive rainouts and three very hot and humid market days. Despite less than favorable weather, we continue to see new visitors at the market, new people signing up to be Frequent Shoppers, and even a few new vendors.

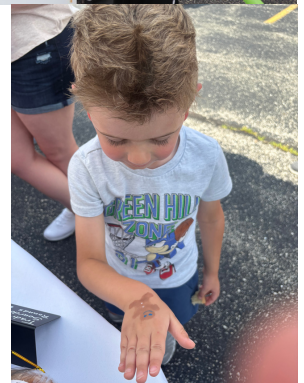


Here is what makes us stand out from other larger markets:

- 😊 Live music each week with a variety of performers and musical styles
- 😊 Volunteers of all ages, including greeters who welcome visitors to the market and Information Tent hosts who answer questions and help people with Frequent Shopper cards
- 😊 Children engaged in weekly activities in the Kids Tent
- 😊 Market management team members who connect with every vendor, every week
- 😊 Onsite parking and access to restrooms inside
- 😊 Scouting America Troop 87 hosting a weekly brat and hot dog booth, offering on-site food and free water to help market visitors stay hydrated.
- 😊 Collaboration among market staff, volunteers, vendors, and visitors helping to create a friendly, welcoming atmosphere.

Part of our mission is to *"create a vibrant community gathering space for all to enjoy"* and comments from visitors and vendors affirm that we are on the right path. Haven't been to the market yet? Come check us out and bring a friend.

In the meantime, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)



Galilee Happenings



**Thursday, August 13
worship @ 11:30 am
potluck lunch to follow**

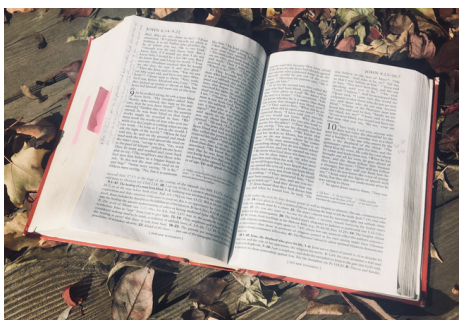
- formerly known as Go Getters
- Come and bring a friend!**



**Tuesday, August 18th,
2026, 3:00 p.m.**

Contact Barb Barthel at
(262) 691-0711.

The "Bible in a Year" group will meet Tuesday, August 25th at 6:30pm in the Gathering Place. Come no matter where you are in your journey of reading the bible. We will discuss what we have been reading recently and how it is impacting our journey of faith.



Knitters & Crocheters
Next gathering:

**August 17th, 2026
1:00pm in the Gathering
Place**

All abilities welcome!

HELP US BETTER KNOW OUR MILITARY CONNECTIONS

We are looking to better know and understand those serving in the military and connected to our congregation. If you know of anyone listed in our monthly newsletter or who should be listed but isn't, we want to know about them. Please let us know where they are serving, what branch of the military, and any other information regarding their service you can provide. Please email the church office at galilee@galileelc.org.



Calling All Caring Adults

When a child is baptized at Galilee, we as a congregation make promises to them. We promise to support each child who is baptized, and to welcome each baptized person into the body of Christ and the mission we all share – to bear God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Now is the time for us to make good on those promises.

The Sunday School at Galilee will be undergoing some changes this year. We are considering different materials and format to help engage elementary school-aged Galileans in new ways. We are looking for caring adults who are open to pouring time and attention into these young people – helping them to grow in faith and in life. If you have been thinking about getting involved in Sunday School at Galilee, now is a great time to start!

Each week at the close of our service we remember our mission to “Share God’s love and grace.” This is a chance to share that love with our school-aged children weekly. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to be involved in supporting Galilee’s youth, and contact Pastor Amanda with any questions you might have about teaching Sunday School. My door is always open to chat about how we could better work to support one another in faith and life.



Healing Prayer Service August 15 and 16

Galilee will be offering a Service of Healing on the weekend of August 15th and 16th. This service will include a time of prayer and anointing for healing and wholeness for all present, and a dedication of our new Prayer Room just off the narthex. We look forward to celebrating healing prayer ministry at Galilee!

Volunteer at the Farmers Market



Help support the
**2026 Pewaukee
Farmers Market** by
serving as
a volunteer!
Check out our Sign
up Genius page for
more details!

HOPE HAS A PULSE & IT BEATS IN YOU

PEWAUKEE FARMER'S MARKET/GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesday
August

5

2:30 pm - 6:30 pm

WHEN & WHERE

N24W26430 CRESTVIEW
DR PEWAUKEE, WI 53072

Blood donation tips



Eat a healthy meal &
drink plenty of water
before donating.



Wear a shirt with
short or easy-to-
roll sleeves.



Bring something to
pass the time (ex.
headphones or a book.)



Schedule your appointment
*Appointments preferred.
Walk-ins welcome!*

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Blood Center of Wisconsin

Day Camp 2026

Galilee Lutheran Day Camp in partnership with Lutherdale kicked off Sunday, July 19 and ran Monday, July 20–Thursday, July 23, closing with a community potato bar dinner.

Children spent the week engaged in Bible stories, songs, games, outdoor activities, and faith-based crafts led by our counselors from Lutherdale and our wonderful Galilee volunteers.

Campers experienced friendship, service, and growing in faith through hands-on, active learning activities.

Thank you to the volunteers, counselors, and families who made this week possible — and to Lutherdale for partnering with us to provide a safe, faith-filled experience.



Update from Music Director Patricia DeBlaey

It is with mixed emotions that I share some important news regarding our choir and bell family. After 3 years of dedication, our amazing accompanist, Jean Nelson, will be stepping down from the role of Choir accompanist and playing with our handbell choir. Jean has been an integral part of our music ministry, lifting our voices and keeping us all together with her talent, patience, and loving spirit. We will miss her on the bench and rejoice in the music and memories we've shared.

Please join us for a reception with refreshments immediately following our 9:00 am service on August 30th in the narthex. Take a moment over the next several weeks to personally thank Jean for her dedicated service and wish her well as she enters into her next part of the journey."



A Message from Stewardship About Envelopes

Help Galilee be good stewards of your generosity

How do you prefer to support Galilee financially?



Whether you use offering envelopes, automatic withdrawal from a bank account, or online giving through Vanco, each option is a viable way to share your resources.

As we prepare for 2027, the Generosity Team wants to know who would like to continue to receive offering envelopes. In past years, envelopes have been mailed to everyone, including those who do not use them. To reduce waste and better care for creation, we would like to provide offering envelopes only to those who request them.

Please call (262-691-2380) or email the church office at galilee@galileelc.org BY SEPTEMBER 9 to let us know if you wish to continue using offering envelopes. Thank you!

Jean Nelson, Stewardship Coordinator

Join our Music Ministry this Fall

Check Our September Newsletter for Start Dates

Make a Joyful Noise!

Share your gifts.
Lift your spirit.
Inspire our community.

JOIN THE
GALILEE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
HANDBELLS AND CHOIR!



CHOIR

Rehearsal at 5:00 PM
Wednesdays



HANDBELLS

Rehearsal at 6:00 PM
Wednesdays

All are welcome—
no audition required!
*Come be part of something
beautiful.*



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

Contact Patricia DeBlaey,
Music Director

262-888-3740
for more information





Meet Our New Office Coordinator

Hello! I am Holly Cerveney and I am very happy to be joining the Galilee community as the new Office Coordinator. Professionally, I have a master's degree in educational leadership and have spent my career in Catholic education. I was most recently a school principal until I took some time away to care for an ailing family member. I am very happy to be back to serving in a church and especially to be joining such a special, warm and welcoming community as I have met at Galilee.

Personally, I have been married to my husband Joe for 23 years. We live in Wales with our 3 children that I am so proud of. My oldest, Jack, is 19 years old and is in his 3rd year as a member of the Wisconsin Army National Guard (he enlisted at 17). He is also a student at UW Whitewater. My middle child, Christopher, will be 15 in August and is an actor. He was most recently seen at Fireside Theatre as Pugsley in The Addams Family Musical and he is appearing in his first movie (a short film) being shot this summer. My youngest, Noelle, is 11 and entering the 6th grade. She loves to dance, but never in front of an audience. We also have 2 dogs and a cat that we also consider our children. A couple of other fun facts: I am one of 11 children and I love golden oldies, especially Elvis Presley. I look forward to getting to know you all in the coming weeks!

Community Events

Pewaukee's National Night Out

Pewaukee Police Department's annual National Night Out will be held on August 5th, 2026 from 5pm-8pm on the Pewaukee School District grounds (510 Lake St.). Please join us for raffles, food, games and a scavenger hunt for the kids!



Registration is Now Open!

2026 RIDE RUN WALK

SIGN UP TODAY →

Join the movement. Ride. Run. Walk.
Support urban ministries.



GIVING HOPE *a chance.*





**Join TEAM Galilee to support Outreach for Hope's yearly
RIDE RUN WALK Fundraising Event Saturday morning,
September 26, 2026**

E.B.Shurts Building, 810 W College Ave, Waukesha, WI

For many years Galilee has participated in this annual event – primarily as individual riders and volunteers. Last year Galilee had 26 people involved as riders, runners, walkers and volunteers. Let's up our game this year and form some teams – a team of riders, a team of runners, a team of walkers, a team of volunteers, a team of people who donate, and a team of people to enjoy the lunch.

Don't ride a bike? Consider the 2-mile walk.

Can't walk that far? Consider being a volunteer.

Don't wish to volunteer? Join us for lunch.

Don't wish to have lunch or cannot be at the event? Consider making a donation by supporting one of Galilee's riders, runners or walkers.

Know anyone else who likes to ride, run, or walk? Invite them to participate.

Everything you need to know can be found at [Event Information](#)

Your Participation Brings Hope

The Outreach for Hope Family Ride Run Walk is a fun and meaningful way to support ELCA Lutheran congregations and ministries in neighborhoods of income insecurity. Prepare for a fun and exciting morning of biking, running, walking, volunteering, and enjoying fellowship at lunch.

Your donations, and those which you raise, make possible important grants to these ministries which provide resources for daily living. Join us to help ensure that our Synod remains a powerful presence of the Gospel in our communities. See you at the Ride Run Walk!

This Year's Theme – Hope in Motion

The theme – **“Hope in Motion!”** – beautifully captures the spirit of our Ride, Run, Walk event, where participants actively move to make a real impact. Each step, pedal, stride and smile symbolizes our shared commitment to bringing hope and support to our Ministry Partners who serve communities in need. By joining this event, participants become part of a larger movement that uplifts lives through generosity, compassion, and faithful action.

Questions? Speak with RRW Ambassador John McGroarty or Deb Kohler.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 2

Douglas Dehler

August 6

Ashleigh Woda

August 7

Zoey Middleton

August 8

John Puestow
James Bickel
Rebecca Coley

August 9

Norman Bruce

August 10

Chad Geffers

August 11

Holly Geffers

August 13

Jeffrey Dohlby

August 14

Denise Arzberger

August 15

William Artis

August 17

Brynn Spata
Jennifer Krueger

August 18

Patricia Friend
Laura Kozlowski
Karen Klatt

August 20

Harry Berg
Emily Brunner

August 22

Anne Riegert

August 23

Austin Slominski
Elizabeth Schwartz

August 24

Jennifer Hintze

August 25

Joshua Peterson

August 26

Jody Wille

August 27

Ella Opie
John Dieffenbach

August 28

Sue Murack

August 30

Doroth Bisch

August 31

Katlyn Gahan
Jason Wolf
Hugh Line

PRAYER NEEDS

Please keep in your prayers - Janet Alters, Patricia Alters, Mary Benrud, Joanie Bohlmann, Eve Bruce, Donna Chudada, Pastor Joy McDonald-Coltvvet, Isaiah Cramer, Jessica Connelly, Matthew Dehler, Jake Drover, Nancy Gumm, Dan Heger, Katie Hollister, Bill Koehn, Jeanine Knutson, Margo Krumnow, Kerry MacKay, Ray Mansker, Dan Maske, Laurie McGroarty, Mary Meichtry, Eliana Metzger, Marilyn Morgan, Calla Nelson, Dennis Olson, Paul Osmundson, Justin Peare, Anna and Brad Pelzek, Tom Ray, Linda (Mann) Sweda, Dan Weiland, Scott Wille, Nancy Wojcicki, and the family and friends of John Ruf.

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.



Mike Anderson
Andrew Connolly
Jeremy Fossier
Tim Gilestad

Bill Groth
Morgan Mosher
Andrew Richardson

August 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 7:30a Men's Bible Study 5p Worship
2 9a Worship 4p Scouts 87G 6p Al-Anon	5 8p AA Closed meeting 4:30p RFK Team Meeting	4 10:30a Staff Meeting 5p Comm's Team Meeting	5 9:30a Text Study 2:30p Blood Drive 3p Pewaukee Farmers Market	6 7:15p Scouts 87 8p AA	7 12p Twelve Step Group	8 8a Women's Bible Study 5p Worship
9 9a Worship 4p Scouts 87G 6p Al-Anon	10 8p AA Closed meeting	11 10:30a Staff Meeting	12 9:30a Text Study 3p Pewaukee Farmers Market	15 11:30a J.O.Y. 7:15p Scouts 87 8p AA	14 12p Twelve Step Group	15 7:30a Men's Bible Study 5p Worship
16 9a Worship 4p Scouts 87G 6p Al-Anon	17 1p Knitters and crocheters 6p Nominating Committee 8p AA Closed meeting	18 10:30a Staff Meeting 3p Loss & Living	19 9:30a Text Study 3p Pewaukee Farmers Market	20 7:15p Scouts 87 8p AA	21 12p Twelve Step Group	22 8a Women's Bible Study 5p Worship
25 9a Worship 4p Scouts 87G 5p Fan the Flame Worship 6p Al-Anon	24 8p AA Closed meeting	25 10:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p Bible in a year	26 9:30a Text Study 3p Pewaukee Farmers Market	27 7:15p Scouts 87 8p AA	28 12p Twelve Step Group	29 7:30a Men's Bible Study 5p Worship
50 9a Worship Reception for Jean Nelson to follow 4p Scouts 87G 6p Al-Anon	51 8p AA Closed meeting	1 10:30a Staff Meeting	2 9:30a Text Study 2:30p Blood Drive 3p Pewaukee Farmers Market	5 7:15p Scouts 87 8p AA	4 12p Twelve Step Group 2p John Ruf Funeral	5 7:30a Men's Bible Study 5p Worship

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God's work. Our hands.



Galilee's monthly calendar is now available on our website. Go to <https://galileelc.org>, scroll down and click on the 'Church Calendar' button.

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