GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH





SEPTEMBER 2025

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





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PASTOR AMANDA APPLEHANS









September is upon us again, and with it the beginning of another new school year. This year's "Back to School" season has been a bit different for me. Last year I had many friends whose children graduated high school – Grant and I knew 5 graduates between the two of us. So this year my Facebook feed is flooded with pictures of parents dropping their children off for the next stage – whether it's college, the military, or another venture – and other parents preparing for their child's senior year. So many bittersweet moments captured – so many tears unseen, though not unshed.

Meanwhile we are here on the other end of the school spectrum. We have a second grader. We will drop Sam off for his first day of second grade in the same building where other parents will drop 4K students off for their first ever day of school. There will be smiles and tears, hugs and looks back over the shoulder. Those little ones will head into that building, and life will never truly be the same again.

We love to think of life as a series of new beginnings. And it is – but it can be more difficult for us to take the time to remember that every new beginning is the ending of what came before. The first day of school is the end of having a preschooler. The first day of college is the end of living as a child in your parents' home (you may come back, but it will never be the same). The first day of a Senior Year is the beginning of a whole year full of last things!

Thankfully, we walk with a God who has promised to be with us in all things. Our God is "the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." So no matter whether we are feeling trepidatious at the beginning of something wholly new, or misty-eyed at the end of something beloved that we know will never be quite the same again, we know that our God is by our side in it all. And, whether it's the first day of 4K or the first day of college, whether they are down the block or across the country, God is with our children too.

It is hard to let go, in little ways and in big. But we can trust that when we let our children take that next step into the world, whatever step that might be for them, they are never alone. They have God right by their side, and they are surrounded by the love and prayers of their whole church family. May this love of God and of your church family surround you all, no matter what this back-to-school season holds for you.



September 7th we will kick off the 2025/2026 program year here at Galilee! We are planning an **outdoor worship service** at 9:00 a.m., so please **bring a lawn chair** with you. Please come to church via the Crestview entrance/lower parking lot area.

All those who will be starting a new year of schooling are invited to bring their backpacks (or whatever bag they use), as we will do a **Blessing of the Backpacks** that day.

Church-wide picnic to follow (sign up in the Narthex), along with Carnival-style activities for everyone to enjoy. Please also consider bringing a change of clothes and help us spread mulch at Liberty Park in Pewaukee. We could use a few extra shovels and wheel barrows, too!

Come join the excitement as Galilee kicks off another great year of Christian education and fun!

Sunday School

As we look forward to the 2025/2026 year, we are in need of **Sunday school teachers** and a **Sunday School Leader**. We are looking for caring adults who are interested in engaging with children – learning their names, listening to their stories, remembering their favorite hobbies and asking how their tournaments went the past week. Skill in teaching is wonderful, but more important is that we find adults who will care for children and, with the easy-to-use resources we will provide, share the wonderful story of God and God's love with our littlest Galileans. -Pastor Amanda

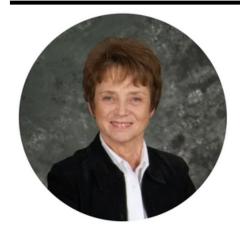
Godly Play

It is time to sign-up as storytellers and assistants for the Godly Play fall season. You may sign-up in the Narthex or online in Sign-up Genius via the Galilee website. For questions or training contact Susan Olson, 414-690-0676 or olson.ols

Faith Formation at Galilee!

As September takes off, we will again begin our faith formation programming at Galilee. Below are the different times and days that Faith Formation programming is offered for different age groups at Galilee. Come join in to learn more about scripture and God, and to build closer relationships with God and with other people of faith at Galilee!

Sunday School	3 years old-6 th grade	Sunday from 10:15-11:15am			
Adult Forum	7 th grade and older	Sunday from 10:15-11:15am			
Confirmation	7 th and 8 th grade	2 nd Sunday of each month from 2:00 - 4:00pm			
Text Study	Adults	Wednesday from 9:30-10:30am			
Men's Bible Study	Adult Men	1 st and 3 rd Saturdays at 7:30am			
Women's Bible Study	Adult Women	2 nd and 4 th Saturdays at 8:00am			
Godly Play	Children aged 3-10	During the Sunday worship service			



Our dear friend and Financial Administrative Assistant, Karen Streit, has announced her retirement after over 22 years of employment at Galilee.

Karen, we are grateful beyond words for all of the work you have done for us here. Thank you so much for your loyal service at Galilee and we wish you every blessing in your next chapter!





Make a Joyful Noise... "...unto the <u>lo</u>rd, all ye lands.

Serve the <u>lo</u>rd with gladness:

come before

His presence with Singing." -Psalm 100:1-2

What: Choir kickoff!

Who: Anyone that is interested in singing or ringing or playing an instrument in worship at Galilee. 7th Grade and beyond! Families are encouraged to attend.

When: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Where: Gathering Space

We will gather for a light meal/fellowship/discuss the upcoming year at Galilee. Bring a friend and a dessert to pass.

RSVP to <u>patricia@galileelc.org</u> with your yes and how many so we can have enough food for everyone.

Peace & Light ~ Patricia



START THE CHURCH YEAR AS A WORSHIP ASSISTANT!

Worship services flow so seamlessly that it is hard to believe how many "moving parts" must be coordinated to make this happen. Lately, we have been coming up short at times, and would like to train some new helpers in each of these categories...



Ushers

Altar Guild

Assisting Ministers

Greeters

Lectors

Communion Assistants

If you are interested in learning more about one of these positions, please contact **Diana Conway** at **262-366-5497** or dlmc@milwpc.com. You can be paired up with someone who can train you. Pick one and give it a try! Your help is needed and appreciated! Want to help out for worship services? Use the SignUp Genius for Galilee to schedule as an usher, assistant minister, altar guild, greeter, or a reader. You can also find sign up slots for the Pewaukee Farmer's Market. Paper sign up clipboards available in the Narthex.



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Did you know that the Prayer Shawl Ministry has been creating prayer shawls for 20 years?

The Prayer Shawl ministry has provided hundreds of shawls to people that were in need of a tangible sign of God's love, mercy, peace, and grace. The shawls have been distributed all over the world!

We will be celebrating and thanking God for this ministry here at Galilee on October 9th! During the Midweek Service (11:30 am) shawls will be blessed. Following the Service a special luncheon will be provided.

Watch for more details in the coming weeks! We look forward to celebrating the Prayer Shawl Ministry with our Galilee Family!

Galilee Happenings

Church Office Closed Monday, 9/1 In Observance of Labor Day

Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, 9/2 From 8:30am to 4:30pm





Galilee's Go-Getters

Next Gathering will be on Thursday, September 11th

Please join us for worship, lunch, and conversation!
All are welcome!

Please contact Carole Brinkman at carole.brinkman@yahoo.com

Knitters & Crocheters

Next Gathering will be on Monday, September 15th

Please join us for knitting, crocheting, and fun stories! All abilities are welcome - we meet once a month.





LOSS & LIVING GATHERING - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 | 3:00 P.M.

Please join us in the Narthex on May 20th at 3 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.

Blessing of the Animals Service

Will be on Sunday, September 21st @ 4:00pm

Please join us for a special afternoon event with our 4-legged family members!

All pets must be on a leash or in a pet carrier!

All are welcome!





This Year's Vendors include:

- Bub's Brews
- Chang & Xiong Produce
- Creative Renovations
- Fiddlesticks
- Java Twist, LLC
- Jen's Sweetmix
- Lee Yeng Produce
- Mai Lee Produce
- Moleta, LLC
- 99 Tasty Eats Asian Kitchen
- Of the Land, LLC
- Old Shack LLC Woodwork
- Petzold Farms
- Plant Creations by Sashie
- Sassy Sweets
- Shnee SnoCones
- & more!

Pewaukee Farmers Market! Always Looking for Volunteers

We are looking for more help in three main areas:

- 1. Opening the Market includes setting up signs in front of Galilee on Monday/Tuesday and setting up the Information/Music Tent(s) and table/chairs/supplies in tent(s) on Wednesdays between 2:00pm and 3:00pm.
- 2. Working During the Market includes tending the information tent by tracking visitor visits on Reward Cards, answering questions, greeting shopper/directing traffic in the parking lots, and helping with activities in the Kids Tent on Wednesdays between 2:30pm and 4:30pm or 4:30pm and 6:30pm.
- 3. Closing the Market includes removing and storing information/music tents, tables/chairs/supplies and removing and storing signs in front of Galilee on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-7:00pm.

Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the narthex. You can also sign up online at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4CACA92 3A0F49-49532240-2024 or via the OR code.

Questions?



Contact Carole Brinkman carole.brinkman@yahoo.com or (262) 352-7892

Steve Dethloff dethloff5@gmail.com or 414-315-7555

Looking forward to hearing from you, Steve Dethloff and the PFM planning team







PEWAUKEE FARMERS MARKET

BLOOD DRIVES!GIVE LOCAL, SAVE LOCAL.

Join us at the Galilee Lutheran Church parking lot during the Pewaukee Farmers Market and help save lives one pint at a time!

Location: Galilee Lutheran Church N24W26430 Crestview Dr, Pewaukee, WI





Wednesday, Sept 3 | 3:00 PM - 6:45 PM



The freezer meals are back in the downstairs kitchen freezer. We have a few up in the freezer above the refrigerator off the gathering room if you feel you can't make it downstairs.

Please share a meal with someone who needs a boost in their life. They don't have to be a member at Galilee. We have lasagna, Cottage Pie, White Chicken Chili, Mac and Cheese, and Tater tot Casserole.

Please help yourselves.

Questions?? Call Susan at (262) 893-4804.

Community Events

RUNNING FOR WATER: An event you don't want to miss

The "Running for Water" event is a fundraiser organized by the Community of the Living Spirit and Plowshare to support DigDeep - The Navajo Water Project, which is dedicated to bringing clean, running hot and cold water, along with solar power, to families on the Navajo Nation.









Saturday, September 6, 2025 10:00 AM

Frame Park, Waukesha

A fundraiser for



The Navajo Water Project

A community-managed utility alternative that brings hot and cold running water to homes on the Navajo Nation without access to water or sewer lines; part of the larger human rights effort to bring running water to the 2.2 million+ homes in the US without this basic human need.

Co-Sponsored by Community of the Living Spirit

PlowShare
(Fair Trade Marketplace
& Education for Peace

For more information and to sign up: communitylivingspirit.com/running-for-water-walk-run/



Dear Friends,

We invite you to join us for a special **Joint Prayer Session** on **Saturday, September 13**, as we gather virtually with our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Meru, Tanzania. In lieu of our usual monthly Meru Partnership meeting, this Zoom gathering will be a time of shared prayer, mutual encouragement, and connection across continents.

We will follow the format we used in 2024. We will begin with greetings and a prayer from Bishop Paul of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, then alternate between members of the GMS and DME, offering prayers for one another's needs.

Bishop Kitoi will close the session with remarks and prayer, and we'll conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer together—both in Kiswahili and English. We also anticipate sharing a few timesensitive updates on our shared ministry.

Please plan to log on 30 minutes early at 7:00 AM CST (3:00 PM Tanzanian time) to allow for tech setup, with the session beginning promptly thereafter at 7:30 AM.

If you are interested in volunteering to offer a prayer during the session or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ruthann Rohde at ruthann.rohde@gmail.com. We look forward to this meaningful time of prayerful partnership!

ZOOM Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81612230283?
pwd=oqXGHuwrHKaxaH7RyagOrDEa9ZBH2r.1

When

Saturday Sep 13, 2025 · 7am – 8:30am (Central Time - Chicago) Location

Organizer

<u>Chris Manke</u> <u>chris.manke@gmselca.org</u>

Pewankee Area Historical Society



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

Noon - 4:00 FREE ADMISSION!

Clark House Museum 206 E. Wisconsin Ave. Pewaukee







Demonstrations:

- Basket Weaving
- Wood Carving
- Chair Caning
- Genealogy Lessons

Featuring:

- Farm Produce
- Bake Sale
- Hot Beef Sandwiches
- Raffle Items

[®] An Interfaith Fishbowl Conversation on...

PEACE AND JUSTICE IN PALESTINE & ISRAEL

Sept 14 @4pm

St Luke Lutheran Church 4860 Arthur Road, Slinger, WI



for Justice in Palestine and Israel

What is SAMUD?

Sumud is an Arabic word meaning "steadfastness." Our advocacy and awarenessraising are grounded in accompaniment of the Palestinian people especially the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, whose ministries of education, health care, social service, justice work, and intellectual and cultural leadership are integral to Palestinian society.

What is a Fishbowl Conversation?

A guided, small-group discussion held in the center of a larger audience, where participants speak openly while others listen, creating space for shared learning and reflection. Our presenters are:



Mr. Othman Atta

Director of the Islamic Society of Milwaukee



Jessica Annabelle

Leader with Jewish Voice for Peace Milwaukee



Rev. Dr. Lisa **Bates-Froiland**

Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church











Saturday, September 27

Join all of your friends at the Outreach for Hope **2025 Family Ride Run Walk**, and help fundraise \$165K for grants to ministries serving communities experiencing material poverty in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA.

WAUKESHA SITE (Fox River Sanctuary, E.B. Shurts Building - NEW VENUE!)

- 8:30 am: 31-mile road bike ride
- 9:30 am: 14-mile Glacial Drumlin Trail bike ride
- 10 am: 5K fun run and 2.5-mile walk
- 11 am: Picnic ("fellowship-only" option available for those not volunteering or joining a route)

There is **no registration fee** - but we encourage you to donate and/or fundraise towards our \$165K goal! **Every dollar raised supports our Ministry Partners' work** of clothing, feeding and caring for our neighbors in need.

Register + learn more at OFHRRW.org





El Salvador Ministry Update

As you may know, for nearly 20 years, Galilee has been in partnership with a small rural church outside San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador. The church is named "El Renacer de Los Martires," which means "The Return of the Martyrs" or "The Rebirth of the Martyrs," and it is located in a small village called La Comunidad de Monseñor Romero. As you might know, Monseñor Oscar Romero was a well-known and beloved Roman Catholic church leader in El Salvador. He became the Archbishop of El Salvador in 1977. His ministry focused on serving the poor, and he regularly spoke out against social injustice, including political torture and assassinations occurring in El Salvador at that time.

The Pastor at El Renacer de Los Martires is Pastor Martir. Working with Pastor Martir and by providing monetary donations, Galilee and its members have helped to provide important improvements to the church property in El Salvador. They have included installing electricity, providing a new roof for the church, building a small Sunday School structure for the children, and installing a fence around the church property. We've also provided resources for worship and education, including teaching materials, technology resources, hymnals and bibles. Most recently, through some generous donations, we provided new ceramic tiling for the church and Sunday School buildings.

There have been many Galilee delegation visits to El Salvador over the years. During those visits, Galilee members worship, share fellowship and conversation, listen to the needs of the community, share meals, and provide support based on what is known as the Principle of Accompaniment. In short, we come together and build relationships.

Each year, we're also pleased to assist the children of El Salvador with funds needed for backpacks, school supplies, and socks. Many of the children in our community walk quite a distance through fields and over dirt roads to get to school. We also provide funds to help support annual church celebrations, including a Christmas party, a Mothers' Day celebration, and annual celebrations that honor Archbishop Romero.

If you already knew this, great! If this information is new to you, that's great too!

During September, you'll be hearing more about the El Salvador partnership and how you might get involved. We're also planning an Adult Education session (maybe two) on El Salvador on September 28th, so keep an eye out for details on that.

Thank you for your continued support of our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ from El Salvador.



September 1

Audrey Schultz Tyler Kiser Joan Liu

September 2

Talia Piotrowski Diana Conway

September 4

Nadia Mag Ellen Piotrowski Nick Reigert

September 5

Alan Arzberger Adam Immel Bill Keziah

September 6

Kristine Reilly

September 7

Karen Beulow Charles Opie Jodie Ro Lau Htoo

September 8

Shee Ro

<u>September 9</u>

Susan Katt

September 11

Isabelle Barth Natalie Barth Paw May

September 12

Gail Lamp Mark Johnson Travis Austin Kirsten Gahan

September 13

Linda Kowalewski

September 14

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carl Spencer

September 15

Beverly Piotrowski

September 16

Patricia Alters

September 19

Paul Hintze

September 20

Tina Sherman Carol Raschka Miranda Winkelman

September 22

John Gahan Dylan Falter Jill Plesh Tess Glover Mariah Glover

<u>September 23</u>

Tim Graham

September 24

Tom Drover

September 25

Mary Tornehl Diane Praeger Mike Feldman Ruth O'Malley

September 26

Scott Wille Mark Glover

September 27

Landon Lukomski

September 28

Emma Keziah George Slavsky Mike Olson

September 30

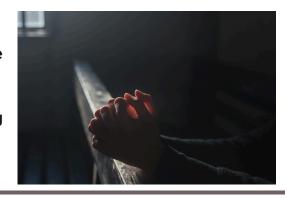
Sarah Spencer





PRAYER NEEDS

Please keep in your prayers - Patricia Alters, Cathy Bartlett, Mary Benrud, Donna Chudada, Pastor Joy McDonald-Coltvet, Isaiah Cramer, Jake Drover, Donna Frederick, Dan Heger, Katie Hollister, Marjory Kloth, Bill Koehn, Margo Krumnow, Ray Mansker, Dan Maske, Barb McComb, Laurie McGroarty, Eliana Metzger, Marilyn Morgan, Calla Nelson, Dennis Olson, Paul Osmundson, Justin Peare, John Ruf, Penny Williams, and Nancy Wojcicki.





Mike Anderson
Andrew Connolly
Jeremy Fossier
Tim Gilestad
Bill Groth
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.



September 2025



Fri Sat	4 5	Office Closed 8a Women's Bible Study.	- Fe 12 pt 12 Step Group - Room 5p Worship Service	11 13	Office Closed 7:30a Men's Bible Study. - Fe 12p 12 Step Group - Room 5p Worship Service	19 20	Office Closed - Fe 12p 12 Step Group - Room 5p Worship Service	25 26 27	Office Closed OFH Ride Run Walk Event T:30a Men's Bible Study. Sp Worship Service	2 3	F-dɛ Sp Women's Bible Study. Sp Worship Service	9 7:30a Men's Bible Study
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Sun	31	9a Worship Service		7	9a Rally Sunday! Worship Se 7:30p AA - Fellowship Hall 10:30a Staff Meeting	14	9a Worship Service	21	9a Worship Service 4p Blessing of the Animals	28	9a Worship Service	9a Worship Service

MINISTRY STAFF

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

<u>MINISTRY COORDINATORS</u>

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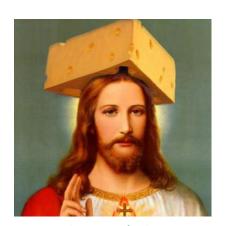
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Go Pack Go!



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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