

GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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PASTOR AMANDA APPLEHANS

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I had heard the prayer before when doing morning and evening prayer in congregational contexts, but it came to me in a new way when we moved to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp(FLBC) in the fall of 2020. At camp we sing the



prayer as composed by Kent Gustavson, and the first time I heard it I was brought to the verge of tears. I'm sure many of you have heard this prayer before. It was written by Eric Milner-White, dean of the chapel at King's College, Cambridge and first published in 1941. It has been a part of Lutheran worship materials since the publication of the Service Book and Hymnal in 1958, and found its way into Lutheran circles through the ministry at Holden Village.

When I first heard this prayer in song my family was in the midst of a very chaotic time in our lives. In December of 2019 my husband, Grant, and I had accepted a call to be Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) Country Coordinators in Madagascar. Basically, it was a call to live and work in Madagascar with young adults who had given a year to serve as global missionaries. We left our congregational calls, sold our house, and prepared to leave the country. We had tickets to fly out on March 3 of 2020. On March 1 we got a phone call saying they were bringing home all the YAGM volunteers and coordinators who were currently deployed, and that we would not be leaving in two days. Instead, we should wait for the time being and stay ready to leave on two weeks' notice.

At that point it was assumed this would be a wait of a month or two. Then the months dragged out into a year, and we found ourselves needing to find longer-term housing. Grant and I contacted FLBC, where we had taken campers and been Camp Pastors when we were called to Montana in 2013-2015. FLBC opened their doors to us as displaced missionaries, and we transitioned into working at camp when the second year of YAGM was cancelled in March of 2021. It was during this time that I heard the song, and the Prayer of Good Courage spoke to me in a new way.

I would never have thought I would end up in camp ministry. Before I met Grant I wouldn't have thought I would end up in global mission ministry either. Our family's journey from December of 2019 through today is a story of challenge, flexibility, and chaos. It is also a story of faithfulness, hope, and love. When we accepted that call in December of 2019, there was no way we could have seen where the adventure we had signed up for would take us. We could not have anticipated the struggles we would face, the challenges we would overcome, the relationships we would build, the lives we would lead. There were so many unexpected twists and turns!

To a certain extent, Covid was like that for us all. We all navigated the twisting, turning, summersaulting roller coaster that was 2020...and then 2021. We all have stories about the uncertainty, the challenge, the chaos of that time. We all had those moments where we couldn't even fathom how we had gotten to where we were, let alone where the journey might take us next. But through it all, just like the prayer says, we had Jesus's hand leading us. We had the love of God supporting us, sometimes in ways we could feel, and other times in ways we couldn't perceive until we looked back on our experiences.

Though it is less uncertain, and hopefully will be less chaotic, the call we now enter into as pastor and congregation is another venture where we cannot see the ending. What we can trust, is that the God who has led us this far by faith will continue to lead us into the future. We can trust that, as we set out with good courage on this journey together, the love of God that has supported us in the past will continue to support us into the future. And that as we walk together, the path we are being called to walk will be made clear by the One who journeys by our side.

I am excited to walk with you all into the future God is calling us to!

Pastor Amanda

COMING UP AT GALILEE:

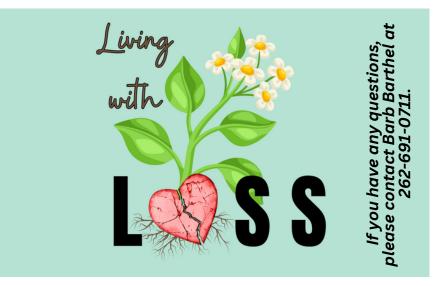


PENTECOST WEEKEND: MAY 18-19 PLEASE WEAR RED!





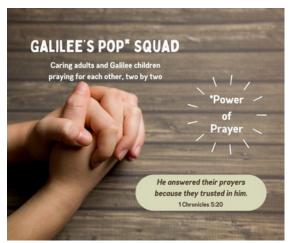
Friday, May 24th, 2024 Galilee serves at Hope Center's Meal Program



Loss & Living Gathering Tuesday, May 21, 2024 | 3:00 p.m.

Please join us in the Narthex on May 21st 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.

FAITH FORMATION



PoP Squad reveal and celebration is May 5 during worship

Caring adults and Galilee children praying for each other, two by two.

Last summer, while preparing for the upcoming Sunday School year, Sunday School leaders talked about having prayer partners for Galilee's children. We decided to wait until the beginning of 2024, and that's when the PoP (Power of Prayer) Squad began to take shape. Since February, 21 caring adults and 21 children and youth have been praying for each other. Those who are being prayed

for do not yet know the identity of who is praying on their behalf. In addition, a child who is being prayed for by adult A is in turn praying for adult B, and so on.

On May 5 during the children's message, we will reveal who has been praying for whom. Participants were given basic information about their pray-ee, along with three suggestions on what to pray for their person. A display with photos of each PoP Squad participant has been in the narthex for a while, giving pray-ers a visual of who is the beneficiary of their prayers. Although it has only been a few months since we began, I am hoping that participants have found joy is praying for one another and perhaps have established a more regular rhythm of praying for others in their daily lives.

Jean Nelson

SPECIAL HAPPENINGS IN MAY

There will be some "special happenings" during and after worship in the month of May that you may want to mark on your calendar.

- May 5th POP Squad reveal of prayer partners.
- May 18-19 Pentecost Weekend (wear red) Both choirs will share special music during services. This will also be the weekend we will recognize Jean Nelson for her service, as she moves into retirement.



It is hard to believe that our Sunday School year is coming to a close. Thank you to all of our amazing kids, families, and teachers for making it such a wonderful year. Our last day of Sunday School will be on May 19th. The kids will also be singing in church on that day.

To end the year, we thought it would be great to have another outreach project. During the month of May, we will be collecting food for the Pewaukee food pantry. They find that it is especially difficult to keep food on their shelves during the summer months when school is not in session. While any donation is greatly appreciated, they are especially looking for: breakfast bars, granola bars, fruit cups, individually packaged chips, cookies, and juice boxes. We will have a donation drop off area in the Narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO END WITH INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE BINGO AND ICE CREAM MAY 19 | 10:15 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL



We'll celebrate a year of learning, fun, and fellowship with a spirited game of Bible bingo called by Darrin Kehl. All ages are invited to join us, and older adults can help our younger ones mark their cards. Stay and enjoy a bowl of ice cream.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS



Calling all Worship Assistants...

Thank you to everyone that has signed up and served during the month of April. We still have a few openings to fill, and May is available on the schedule as well. You may sign up in one of three ways...

- Go to Sign-Up Genius and sign yourself up.
- Sign up on the clipboards in the Narthex.
- Contact Diana Conway at 262-366-5497 or dlmc@milwpc.com and she will add your name to the schedule.



2 Brad Kozlowski

2 Judi Murphy

3 Jill Johnson

3 Kristen Greig

5 Jeffrey Knutson

7 Brian D. Schwartz

7 Connor Dethloff

8 Sam Applehans

8 James Olia

9 Donna Fredrick

10 Susan Keller

10 Nancy Winkelman

10 Scott Immel

MAY BIRTHDAYS

11 Jodie Schill

13 Thomas Hyslop

13 Megan Wallenfang

14 Elle Riegert

14 Bridget Riegert

15 Jody Goss

16 Dennis Olson

16 Kevin Dethloff

17 Joyce A. Mikulice

17 Ava Austin

18 Nicole Lukomski

18 Todd Doenier

19 Aurora Artis

19 Jim Huebner

19 William Braunschweig

20 Paul N. Thorgaard

21 Joan Bohlmann

21 Kurt Romsos

22 Jonathan Doenier

22 Peter Muroni

24 Cole Sullivan

24 Richard Knutson

24 John Goll

24 Wallace R. Musil

24 Theresa Opie

25 Kathy Longhini

25 Autumn Goss

26 Ashley Fancher

27 Matthew Strosin

27 C.J. Knutson



28 Claudiu Mag 29 Rebecca Bowman 29 Robert Corcoran



PRAYER NEEDS

Please keep in your prayers - Patricia Alters, Cathy Bartlett, Steve Bower, Tom Buelow, Donna Chudada, Judy Corcoran, Bev Coshun, Isaiah Cramer, Leslie Demuth, Oretha Dueno, Keri Elizabeth, Donna Frederick, Paul Hintze Jr., Moses Htoo, Jill Johnson, Marjory Kloth, Bill Koehn, Margo Krumnow, Heidi Mag, Ray Mansker, Dan Maske, Carol McCormick, Michael Mielke, Helen Mueller, Calla Nelson, Diane Praeger, Janet Praeger, Carol Puestow, John Ruf, Maureen Schwartz, Olivia Taylor, Bob Villa, Cloria Wheeler, Jim Williams, Penny Williams, and Nancy Wojcicki.

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.

WE ARE LOOKING TO UPDATE OUR MILITARY LIST!





Mike Anderson
Andrew Connolly
Jeremy Fossier
Tim Gilestad
Bill Groth
Benjamin Maske
Morgan Mosher
Andrew Richardson

Do you know any of the people on our current list? Do you know of anyone we should add to this list? Any information you can provide would be appreciated! Contact Sam in the office at galilee@galileelc.org or call (262) 691-2380 with any information you may have.

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



