

GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH



JULY 2026

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



**Watch for
Healing Prayer
to return in
mid-August!**



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PASTOR AMANDA APPLEHANS



This month we celebrate a substantial milestone in our nation's history - the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. For 250 years there has existed on this continent a nation dedicated to the idea that all are created equal, and all have been endowed by their Creator with the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

But, how has this nation we love done in securing these rights for all? Until the Civil War's conclusion many of African descent in this country were owned as slaves. The treatment of peoples native to this land by those entering from Europe was in many cases not just. The rights of women to own property or have equal standing in the workplace have been under negotiation for the entire history of the nation as well.

The idea that all are created equal is an idea that we have been striving to live into for 250 years now. And at different times during that history we have succeeded and failed in different ways for different groups of people. We live in the knowledge that we have never fully achieved this idea that we see as self-evident, but also with the commitment to never stop striving to live more fully into this idea.

This is a familiar place to find ourselves as Lutheran Christians. We live in that place of being fully free in Christ, while also acknowledging ourselves to be full participants in a broken and sinful world. We seek to live more fully into that freedom and love that God has given to us, and all the while keep finding ourselves participating in this world of sin and death.

So as we celebrate this 250th anniversary of this great nation, founded on lofty ideals, let us continue to remember that we are still working to be what we know we should be. A nation where tired, huddled masses yearning to breathe freely can find a new home. A nation where we continue to reject the voices that would divide us and instead continue to work toward that ideal that grounded us at our founding - that all are truly created equal, that all are endowed with the same basic human rights; to live peaceably, to experience the blessings of liberty, and to pursue that which makes them happy. Let us reject the fears that would convince us that there is not enough for all, and instead seek to share among everyone the bounty that is already present in this land of plenty.

And above all let us seek to continue to extend the "all" that our founders gave us in the great Declaration. And may we pray as Lincoln did, "that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

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 July 26th @ 5:00pm



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



DONATE BLOOD

First Wednesday
 of the month

July 1st
 August 5th
 September 2nd

2:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Helpful tip:
 Make sure to eat a
 healthy meal and drink
 plenty of water before
 donating.



**PEWAUKEE FARMER'S
 MARKET/GALILEE LUTHERAN
 CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE**

LOCATION
 N24W26430 CRESTVIEW DR
 PEWAUKEE, WI 53072

Help Save Lives By Donating Blood And Asking
 Others To Donate Too!

Book Appointments By Calling 877.232.4376, Using
 The QR Code Below, or Visiting Versiti.org/WI





This has been a fantastic year for Godly Play. The number of children vary from week to week, but we had several Sundays where we had 12 children in attendance. The children participate by asking questions and answering "I wonder" questions. Many times their answers give us another way to think about the stories. It is wonderful! I want to thank all the children who attended, they are each a joy to have in attendance. I also want to thank the grown-ups who make it possible for their children to join us,

To make any program successful volunteers are needed. We had a small group of volunteers, but they are wonderful and all the needed Sundays were covered. I want to thank them individually. Thank you to Alyssa Olson who still helps build the story schedule for the year and advises on new resources and everything Godly Play, even though she works at another church. Thank you to Beth Kehl, Linda Moore, and Mary Dehler for being story tellers. Also, thanks to Mary for filling in when I need to be out of town. Thank you to Charlotte Prins who has been an assistant for most of the weeks and has done this for years. Thank you to Rue Hammon who is also an assistant and willing to fill in whenever we need her. I want to thank Liliana Levas who started as an assistant and became a story teller after helping me when I was unable to read the story.. She is a natural. She also brought in new assistants with her: Leigh, her mother, and her sisters, Estella and Sophia, who I also thank. Thanks to all the people we ask to come back to the Godly Play room to tell us when to come back to church, including Dennis Olson who also fills in if needed and helps with setup.

Thank you to Pastor Amanda and the congregation for supporting this program.

Godly Play is off for the summer, but will pick up on Sunday mornings sometime in September. We can always use more volunteers. If you want an unbiased opinion ask one of the people listed above what it is like. For more information or training please contact, Susan Olson at olsonmsusan@gmail.com or cell 414-690-0676.

Submitted by Susan Olson Godly Play Coordinator

RAISING Faithful Kids

The next stage of the Raising Faithful Kids process kicked off during the month of June. Galilee has been sending out short text messages with a brief prompt for discussion and prayer once each week. These are focused on families with children in elementary school, but can be used by people of faith of all ages. The prompts will begin to focus the congregation on worship - the topic we will be considering throughout the fall as we work our way through the Raising Faithful Kids project, so the more Galileans we have engaging with these prompts the better prepared we will be for the fall. A sample message is included on this page.

If you would like to receive these text messages, please text "Add me to the RFK list," to Pastor Amanda's cell at 563-321-7336.

Raising Faithful Kids Sample Prompt

Read the prompt for yourself, share the photos with your family, answer the question together, then pray the prayer with them.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: ICE CREAM CONES

Ice cream cones have a way of teaching faith really fast. One minute everything is perfect, the next it's melting down your hand and onto your shoes. Remember with your family that Jesus was a foodie— He loved meals, feasts, and gathering around food with people. So remind them that Jesus understands the beauty of snack-time. And He wants to join you at all your tables today.



Join us for
Day Camp!
Crafts, Games, Music, and Fun
in partnership with Lutherdale Bible Camp
July 20-24, 9:00am-3:00pm
Scan QR code to register

 Lutherdale
Life Changing Adventure



Registration is now open for Day Camp! We will again welcome counselors from Lutherdale to lead us in songs, games, crafts, and all kinds of fun! Use the QR code above to register!

We have lots of spaces open for helping out with Day Camp too! We need people to check kids in and out each day, to prepare and serve meals and snacks, and to engage with kids and counselors as they move throughout the day. Sign up sheets can be found on the tables in the narthex, or you can call Jill Plesh (262-443-2226) or Pastor Amanda (262-691-2380) to get more info on helping out!



HAVE EACH FAMILY MEMBER PICK ONE PHOTO TO EXPLORE THEIR ANSWER:

What is your favorite ice cream, and what's even better than ice cream in life?

PRAY TOGETHER:

God, help us to thank you in the sweetest and messiest situations of life. Amen

Galilee Happenings



TUESDAY, JULY 18TH, 2026, 3:00 P.M.
Contact Barb Barthel at (262) 691-0711.



CREEPY CRAWLY FAITH

What God's Littlest
Critters can teach us
about Spiritual
Maturity

June 28 - Mosquitoes "Be Who You Are"

July 5 - Ants "You Can Do Hard Things"

July 12 - Dragonflies "Stay Alert"

July 19 - Bees "We Are All In This
Together"

July 26 - Caterpillars "Sometimes You
Have to Let Go"



The Galilee Lutheran

**"Bible in a Year" group will meet on
Tuesday, July 27th, 2026 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
Group



Next gathering: **July
20th, 2026**

**1:00pm in the
Gathering Place**

All abilities welcome!

**Just
Older
Youth**

This month the worship service for our JOY gathering will focus on our favorite hymns! We will gather in the sanctuary at 11:30am on July 9th to share a worship time filled with singing, then transition to the lower level Fellowship Hall to share a meal.

If you have a favorite hymn you would like to sing, please call the church office or email Pastor Amanda the name of the hymn. We will sing as many as we have time for!

Community Events



SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 1, 2026

RIDE RUN WALK 2026 | *HOPE ON THE MOVE*



See this week's email for details, updates, and ways to get involved.

Event locations

Ambassador updates

Registration details

Look What We Accomplished Together Last Year!

Last year's Ride Run Walk brought together record numbers of participants, volunteers, congregations, donors, sponsors, and Ministry Partners from across the synod.

Every number tells a story. Every participant matters. Every gift moves hope forward.

This year, let's build on that momentum as we work toward our \$175,000 goal, and inviting friends and family to **join us to reach our 1000+ participant goal!**

WE DID IT—TOGETHER. HOPE IN MOTION!

2025 Annual Family Ride Run Walk Success Report



JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1

Robert Taylor
Thomas Reinke

July 2

Kayla Muroni

July 3

Thomas Barth

July 4

Cori Goss

July 5

Mitchell Smith
Christopher Sherman
Mary Winter

July 6

Austin Schroeder
David Schwartz

July 8

Joanne Wolf

July 9

Matthew Gahan
Patricia DeBlaeu

July 11

Meghan Miller
Karla Sloan

July 12

MacKenzie Schill

July 14

Robert Kozlowski
Carol Puestow

July 16

David Schill
Nolan Geffers

July 18

Trevar Higgins
Nancy Wojcicki

July 19

Terry Hartwig-Bieser

July 20

Connor Liek
Howard Taylor
Christina Cotey

July 21

Karen Bartel
Eric Osenga

July 22

Braelyn Plesh

July 23

Joaquin Estrada

July 26

Jennifer Barker
Sydney Austin

July 28

Terri Hofstede
William Barker
John Alters

July 30

Ann Dee Austin

July 31

Kyle Osenga
Mary Benrud

PRAYER NEEDS

Please keep in your prayers - Patricia Alters, Mary Benrud, Mike Bohlmann, Eve Bruce, Donna Chudada, Pastor Joy McDonald-Coltvet, Isaiah Cramer, Jessica Connelly, Matthew Dehler, Jake Drover, Nancy Gumm, the Hannula family, Dan Heger, Katie Hollister, Bill Koehn, Jeanine Knutson, Margo Krumnow, Britany Lindert & her baby, Kerry MacKay, Ray Mansker, Dan Maske, Laurie McGroarty, Eliana Metzger, Marilyn Morgan, Calla Nelson, Dennis Olson, Paul Osmundson, Justin Peare, Tom Ray, John Ruf, Linda (Mann) Sweda, Dan Weiland, Scott Wille, 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.

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9a Worship Service 4p Troop 87G Scouts 5p Fan the Flame Wo 6p Al-Anon Group	29 8p AA Closed Meeting	30 10:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p Bible in a Year	1 2:30p Versiti Blood Dr 3p Pewaukee Farmer	2 7:15p Troop 87 Scout 8p AA - Room 41	3 12p 12 Step Group R	4 Happy 4th of July! 7:30a Men's Bible Stu 5p Worship Service
5 9a Worship Service	6 8p AA Closed Meeting	7 10:30a Staff Meeting	8 3p Pewaukee Farmer	9 7:15p Troop 87 Scout 8p AA - Room 41	10 12p 12 Step Group R	11 8a Women's Bible Stu 5p Worship Service
12 9a Worship Service 4p Troop 87G Scouts	13 8a Tee Up for Hope G 8p AA Closed Meeting	14 10:30a Staff Meeting 6:15p Coordinators' M	15 11a Kim's Table 3p Pewaukee Farmer	16 7:15p Troop 87 Scout 8p AA - Room 41	17 12p 12 Step Group R	18 7:30a Men's Bible Stu 5p Worship Service
19 9a Worship Service 4p Troop 87G Scouts 5p Lutherdale Welcon	20 12p Lutherdale Summer Camp 1p Knitters & Crochet 8p AA Closed Meeting	21 10:30a Staff Meeting 3p Loss & Living Grot	22 3p Pewaukee Farmer	23 7:15p Troop 87 Scout 8p AA - Room 41	24 12p 12 Step Group R	25 8a Women's Bible Stu 5p Worship Service
26 9a Worship Service 4p Troop 87G Scouts 5p Fan the Flame Wo	27 8p AA Closed Meeting	28 10:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p Bible in a Year	29 3p Pewaukee Farmer	30 7:15p Troop 87 Scout 8p AA - Room 41	31 12p 12 Step Group R	1 Altar Flowers for Patri 7:30a Men's Bible Stu 5p Worship Service

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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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