

# GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

## DECEMBER 2025

### ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSIONS DUE JANUARY 4, 2026!

It's that time of year again! Annual Report submissions are due to Claire in the office by January 4, 2026. An email will be sent out with a reminder and with a copy of last year's Annual Report for your reference. To submit your report, along with photo's, email it to Claire at [galilee@galileelc.org](mailto:galilee@galileelc.org)



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# PASTOR AMANDA APPLEHANS



## ***What do you Fear?***

Fear is a central part of the Bible's story of Jesus's coming into this world. The angels repeat their refrain of, "Do not be afraid," again and again as they prepare the world to receive the coming savior. In Luke the angel Gabriel tells first Zechariah and then Mary not to be afraid, then shares good news of a coming child. Matthew recounts an angel telling Joseph not to be afraid, and to take Mary as his wife, even though she is expecting. Then a whole crowd of heavenly hosts appear to the shepherds and say to them, "Do not be afraid, for I bring you good news of great joy for all people."

Do not be afraid. The repetition of this phrase indicates that there was something for those in the story to fear. First off, I suppose, was the appearance of the angel. But, they were all being told news that was going to change their lives – and the whole world. Change can be difficult, and often change is a thing we fear. News this momentous would definitely bring some fear with it, even if that fear was mingled with joy.

What do you Fear? Our world is changing around us as well. There are things in all our lives that cause us fear. This Advent season we will again engage with a series from, "A Sanctified Art," called, "What do you Fear? – Insisting on Hope this Advent." This series will help us reflect on the fears that live in our hearts and minds, and it will invite us to look past the fears to see the hope that always lives in times of change.

So this Advent, come to worship and practice insisting on hope. Come as we work together to look past fear and welcome the One who brings us hope.

Yours in Christ,  
***Pastor Amanda***

# With Gratitude



## THANK YOU!

Outreach for Hope would like to express its appreciation to:

Galilee Lutheran Church (Pewaukee)

Thank you for your participation in the 2025 Outreach for Hope Family Ride Run Walk!  
Your support is truly appreciated.

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Number of registrants

\$5,149.00

Total \$ Raised



2025 RIDE RUN WALK  
Hope in Motion!

Top 10 (ranked by # of Registrants & by \$\$ of Donations)



October 23, 2025

Galilee Lutheran Church  
N24W26430 Crestview Drive  
Pewaukee, WI 53072-4502

Dear Friend:

Please accept my profound gratitude for your generous donation to Hunger Task Force of \$600.00. Your impactful gift will help Hunger Task Force continue to provide healthy, culturally appropriate food for children, families and seniors in need throughout our community.

Right now, our team is working hard to address the tremendous need we've been experiencing. The high costs of living have resulted in a 35% increase in visits to our network of pantries and meal sites compared to this time last year, making your support of our mission more critical than ever. Your leadership assures Hunger Task Force's dignified service to each and every person seeking help, and for that we are deeply grateful.

Hunger Task Force believes that every person has the right to healthy food obtained with dignity. From food banking and farming to advocacy and statewide organizing, we work to prevent hunger and malnutrition throughout the year by providing food to people in need today and by advocating for social policies to achieve a hunger free community tomorrow. With the support of generous donors like you, ending hunger is possible.

Hunger Task Force is committed to stewarding your support with integrity. Your donation will empower us to extend crucial basic needs to people facing hard times. Whether through the purchase and distribution of nutritious foods, the growth and provision of fresh-grown produce or the assistance to reduce barriers to basic needs access, your generous support ensures help for people in need when they need it most.

I appreciate and value your trust in Hunger Task Force to carry out this important work with compassion and dignity. On behalf of our staff, board of directors, volunteers, community partners and the more than 50,000 people we serve every month – *thank you!*

Sincerely,

  
Matt King  
Chief Executive Officer

Hunger Task Force, Inc. provided no goods or services to you in exchange for your contribution, and, as such, your donation is fully tax deductible as allowed by law. Hunger Task Force never sells or shares our donors' information.



Nov. Food Pantry Donations!



5000 W. Electric Avenue  
West Milwaukee, WI 53219  
Phone: 414.777.0483  
[www.HungerTaskForce.org](http://www.HungerTaskForce.org)



# MUSIC AT GALILEE



Hello Parents and Teachers,



On December 14, 2025 our Sunday School students will be sharing "Radio J-O-Y!"  
Where the Best Songs are Songs About Christmas during worship.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me ~ In Gratitude, Patricia



Remember a loved one this Christmas by ordering a poinsettia plant to adorn the Altar. This traditional foiled 6 1/2" plant is being offered for \$10 each.

Plants may be taken home after the later Christmas Eve Service. Order forms will be available in the coming weeks during worship.

**We will once again be collecting hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and gently used coats for low-income families, to be distributed via Outreach for Hope and Hope Center and The Women's Center Waukesha.**

**Please consider helping to keep our brothers and sisters warm this winter season by leaving donations at the Hat & Mitten Tree set-up in the narthex!**

## Galilee's Go-Getters

***We're taking a winter break!***

The next gathering will be in March.  
(Look for an announcement mid-February)

Please contact Carole Brinkman at  
[carole.brinkman@yahoo.com](mailto:carole.brinkman@yahoo.com)



**GALILEE CAROLERS AT KIRKLAND CROSSING**  
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO OUR INTERGENERATIONAL CAROLING EVENT!  
DECEMBER 7TH NOON - 2:15 AT GALILEE FELLOWSHIP HALL AND  
KIRKLAND CROSSING  
(CHILI LUNCH AT GALILEE, FOLLOWED BY CAROLING)  
SIGN UP ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX! CONTACT PATRICIA DEBLAEY FOR INFO!



## Sign Up as a Worship Assistant

*We could use some help for Advent Season!*

Sign up slots are available now through Christmas Eve via the SignUp Genius. We would like to train some new helpers in each of these categories...

**Ushers, Altar Guild, Assisting Minister, Greeters, Lectors, Communion Assistants**

Please contact Diana Conway at  
[dlmc@milwpc.com](mailto:dlmc@milwpc.com).



# December Services

Advent devotional books are available in the Narthex!

Let Claire know if more need to be printed.



Children's activity pages will be printed each week that coincide with each Advent service.

We welcome the artwork and words from “*A Sanctified Art*” for the entirety of Advent.

**November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>** - When we're running out of hope, God is at work.

**December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>** - Even in our fear, we are called forward.

**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** - When you're afraid, give me your hand.

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** - Children's Christmas Program, “*Radio J-O-Y!*”

**Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** - Keeping Vigil for Hope through the Longest Night

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** - When you're afraid, give me your hand.

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** - 1:00pm - O Christmas Tree - Family Friendly Xmas Eve  
- 4:00pm - Good News is Louder Than Fear - Candlelight

**\*Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - Office closed - Merry Christmas!**

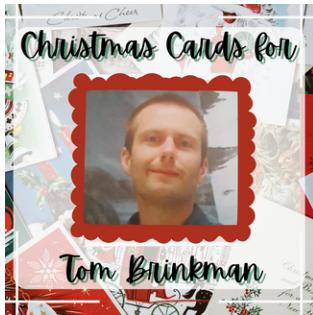
**December 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>** - Lessons and Carols for Christmas

**\*Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - Office closed - Happy New Year!**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>** - Fear Doesn't Stop Us - Epiphany service (with Star Words)



# Galilee Happenings



## CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR TOM BRINKMAN

We will have cards available on the table in the Narthex for Tom Brinkman who is residing at the OakHill Correctional facility.

Take a minute to write a greeting and place the card in the designated basket and we will send them along to Tom.

He really enjoys receiving the cards and hearing from his Galilee brothers and sisters.

## Knitters & Crocheters

*\*We are taking December off!*

Why not consider joining our group in \*January 2026? Beat the cold weather and enjoy delightful conversations as we make prayer shawls, IV sleeves, dishcloths, hats, scarves, and mittens. All levels of experience are welcomed from beginner to advanced! Bring your current project along and work on that if you prefer.

If you can't attend our monthly meeting and would be interested in making a prayer shawl at home, we have yarn available for your use. Stop at the church office during regular hours and Claire will be happy to show you what is available. After completion, the shawl should be returned to the container in the cloak room marked "Prayer Shawls to be Blessed".

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Taylor at (262) 392-2171 or [htmachine@centurytel.net](mailto:htmachine@centurytel.net).

## Angel Tree

Dear Galileans,

I cannot believe that the year is almost over! Soon it will be time for the Christmas shopping season to begin. I have contacted La Casa de Esperanza Daycare in Waukesha and I have a list of the children we will provide gifts for this year. There will be some older children this year. Please find it in your hearts to add a gift for one of these children to your shopping list. You have been so generous in years past!

Thank you in advance for your caring donations.

God's Blessings!

Mary Winter



You are cordially invited to the Women's Advent party on Tuesday, December 9th at 6pm in the Gathering Place for a night of laughter, fun, fellowship and singing Christmas Carols! Please bring an appetizer or dessert (beverages are provided).

We will again be collecting items for The Women's Center. There will be a list of those items available soon, and more copies of the list will be available on the tables in the Narthex. Please bring the items unwrapped.

2025 secret prayer pals will be revealed, and their gifts exchanged. If you wish to participate in the coming year, you can choose a secret prayer pal for 2026. Rides will be available for those who wish to attend but have no other means of transportation.

Contact Mary Winter at (262) 219-1043 with any questions.  
Thank you!



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025, 3:00 P.M.**  
Contact Barb Barthel at (262) 691-0711.

# Community Events



St. Luke  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4860 ARTHUR ROAD,  
SLINGER WI 53086



## ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE & VENDOR FAIR

1ST SATURDAY IN  
DECEMBER  
8AM - 12PM



### Canadian Pacific Holiday Train!

Taking food pantry donations at every stop!

- Sturtevant: 7-7:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at 9900 E. Exploration
- Caledonia: 8:15-8:45 p.m. Dec. 9 at 5½ Mile Road crossing
- Wauwatosa: 4:15-4:45 p.m. Dec. 10 at Harwood Avenue
- Hartland: 5:45-6:15 p.m. Dec. 10 at Cottonwood Avenue
- Oconomowoc: 6:45-7:15 p.m. Dec. 10 at South Silver Lake St
- Watertown: 8-8:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at Brandt Quirk Park



Get ready for an evening of fun, prizes, and community spirit! You're invited to Bingo and Beers for a Cause, our charity Bingo fundraising night benefiting **The Women's Center**.

**Date: December 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm to 9 pm North Pillar Brewing**

Tickets are \$50 and include your bingo cards. Reserve your spot today here: <https://TWCBingo.givesmart.com>

Enjoy exciting rounds of Bingo, fantastic prizes, and know you are making a real difference to our community. All proceeds will directly support the life-saving programs and services provided by The Women's Center.

## GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN!

### A Night of Carols and Hymns

Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Tuesday, December 2nd, 6pm-8pm

Water Street Brewery  
(1251 Gateway Dr, Grafton)

RSVP by 11/30 at [www.bit.ly/GoTell2025](http://www.bit.ly/GoTell2025)  
or use the QR CODE below

JOIN US FOR A FUN & FESTIVE NIGHT!

THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR THE BEST YOUTH AND ADULT FESTIVE ATTIRE!



The Lutheran  
*A Cappella Choir*  
of Milwaukee

## The *Glorias* of *Christmas*

Featuring "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi & Christmas Carols & Hymns from around the world

Under the direction of Bill Busch, Artistic Director

Accompanied by Chamber Orchestra & LAC Accompanist, Rick Ewert

Friday, December 5th at 7:30pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish  
12700 W Howard Ave  
New Berlin, WI 53151

Sunday, December 7th at 3:00pm

Mount Carmel Lutheran Church  
8424 W Center St  
Milwaukee, WI 53222

Tickets are \$20 General Admission and  
Students are FREE with student ID

Tickets available in advance or at the door.

More information available at:  
[www.lutheranacappella.org](http://www.lutheranacappella.org)





## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### December 2

McKinley Evans

### December 4

Ben Barth

### December 5

Jim Hagen

### December 7

Randy Larson

### December 8

Nancy Rice  
Jacob Friend

### December 9

Bill Rudolph  
Suzanne Bowman  
Darryl Gust

### December 10

Isabella Estrada  
Brett Corcoran

### December 11

Bill Katt

### December 12

Mary Jo Magnusson

### December 14

Dale Peterson

### December 15

Jack Kiser  
Kayla Spata

### December 16

Cassandra Marzofka  
Linda Reese  
Jill Opie

### December 17

Maria Opie  
Lynne Diefenbach  
Emma Doenier

### December 19

Kailey Wille

### December 23

Kyle Dethloff  
Melissa Peterson

### December 24

Michelle Artis  
Taylor Johnson  
Don Fredrick

### December 25

Nancy Thorgaard

### December 26

Carole Brinkman

### December 27

Penny van Weele

### December 29

Dylan Immel

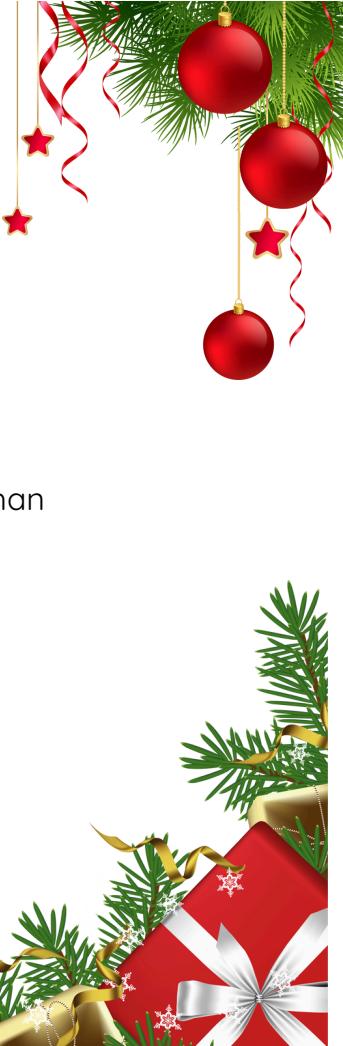
### December 30

John, Jr. Plesh

Tom Opie  
Stephanie Bruce  
Kurt Knutson

### December 31

Richard Winkelman



## PRAYER NEEDS

Please keep in your prayers - Patricia Alters, Ann Dee Austin, Mary Benrud, Mike Bohlmann, Donna Chudada, Pastor Joy McDonald-Coltvet, Isaiah Cramer, Jessica Connelly, Jake Dровер, Donna Frederick, Dan Heger, Tony Hofstede, Katie Hollister, Pastor Karen Klatt, Marjory Kloth, Bill Koehn, Deb Kohler, Margo Krumnow, Kerry MacKay, Ray Mansker, Dan Maske, Laurie McGroarty, Carol Merik, Eliana Metzger, Marilyn Morgan, Calla Nelson, Dennis Olson, Paul Osmundson, Justin Peare, John Ruf, George Slavsky, Rachel Stephens + her baby, Jody Wille, Penny Williams, and Nancy Wojcicki.



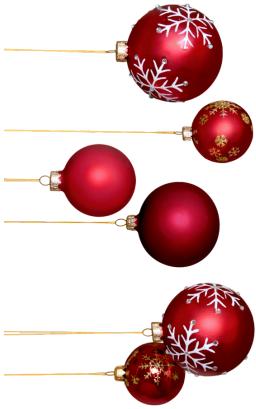
Pray for our  
military.



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](mailto:galilee@galileelc.org)  
with your prayer requests.



# December 2025



| Sun                                     | Mon                                   | Tue                                | Wed                                 | Thu                          | Fri                              | Sat |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|
| 30                                      | 1                                     | 2                                  | 3                                   | 4                            | 5                                | 6   |
| <b>9a Worship Service</b>               | <b>10:30a Staff Meeting</b>           | <b>9:30a Text Study</b>            | <b>7:15p Troop 87 Scout Meet</b>    | <b>12 Step Group Room 41</b> | <b>7:30a Men's Bible Study</b>   |     |
| <b>4p Troop 87G Scouts</b>              |                                       | <b>5p Vocal Choir Rehearsal</b>    | <b>8p AA - Room 41</b>              |                              | <b>10a Sunday School Christm</b> |     |
| <b>6p Al-Anon Group</b>                 |                                       | <b>6p Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>     |                                     |                              | <b>5p Worship Service</b>        |     |
| 7                                       | 8                                     | 9                                  | 10                                  | 11                           | 12                               | 13  |
| <b>9a Worship Service</b>               | <b>10:30a Staff Meeting</b>           | <b>9:30a Text Study</b>            | <b>7:15p Troop 87 Scout Meet</b>    | <b>12 Step Group Room 41</b> | <b>8a Women's Bible Study</b>    |     |
| <b>6p Leadership Board Meetin</b>       | <b>6p Ladies Advent Party</b>         | <b>1:30p Piano tuning</b>          | <b>8p AA - Room 41</b>              |                              | <b>5p Worship Service</b>        |     |
| <b>4p Troop 87G Scouts</b>              |                                       | <b>5p Vocal Choir Rehearsal</b>    |                                     |                              |                                  |     |
| <b>6p Al-Anon Group</b>                 |                                       | <b>6p Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>     |                                     |                              |                                  |     |
| 14                                      | 15                                    | 16                                 | 17                                  | 18                           | 19                               | 20  |
| <b>9a "Radio Joy" Worship Ser</b>       | <b>10:30a Staff Meeting</b>           | <b>9:30a Text Study</b>            | <b>7:15p Troop 87 Scout Meet</b>    | <b>12 Step Group Room 41</b> | <b>7:30a Men's Bible Study</b>   |     |
| <b>12p Chili &amp; Caroling at Kirk</b> | <b>3p Loss &amp; Living Support G</b> | <b>5p Vocal Choir Rehearsal</b>    | <b>8p AA - Room 41</b>              |                              | <b>5p Worship Service</b>        |     |
| <b>4p Troop 87G Scouts</b>              |                                       | <b>6p Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>     |                                     |                              |                                  |     |
| <b>6p Al-Anon Group</b>                 |                                       |                                    |                                     |                              |                                  |     |
| 21                                      | 22                                    | 23                                 | 24                                  | 25                           | 26                               | 27  |
| <b>9a Worship Service</b>               | <b>10:30a Staff Meeting</b>           | <b>9:30a *NO Text Study</b>        | <b>Office Closed - Merry Christ</b> | <b>12 Step Group Room 41</b> | <b>5p Worship Service</b>        |     |
| <b>4p Troop 87G Scouts</b>              | <b>3p Loss &amp; Living Support G</b> | <b>1p Xmas Eve Family-Friendl</b>  | <b>Office Closed - Merry Christ</b> |                              |                                  |     |
| <b>6p Al-Anon Group</b>                 |                                       | <b>4p Xmas Eve traditional sen</b> |                                     |                              |                                  |     |
| 28                                      | 29                                    | 30                                 | 31                                  | 1                            | 2                                | 3   |
| <b>9a Worship Service</b>               | <b>10:30a Staff Meeting</b>           | <b>9:30a *NO Text Study</b>        | <b>Office Closed - Happy New</b>    |                              |                                  |     |
| <b>4p Troop 87G Scouts</b>              |                                       |                                    |                                     |                              |                                  |     |
| <b>6p Al-Anon Group</b>                 |                                       |                                    |                                     |                              |                                  |     |
| 4                                       | 5                                     | 6                                  | 7                                   | 8                            | 9                                | 10  |
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| <b>4p Troop 87G Scouts</b>              |                                       |                                    |                                     |                              |                                  |     |
| <b>6p Al-Anon Group</b>                 |                                       |                                    |                                     |                              |                                  |     |

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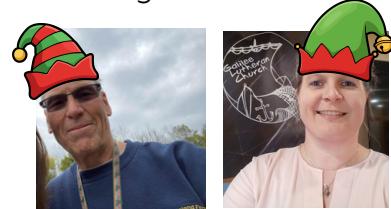
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God's work. Our hands.



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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