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### GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

### Pastor Amanda's Installation Service



9:00 a.m. Worship Service



10:15 a.m. Education Hour w/ Bishop Paul Erickson



11:30 a.m. Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall

### PASTOR AMANDA APPLEHANS



"The trees are about to show us how beautiful it can be to let things go." -Author unknown

I ran across this quote several years ago, and each fall I think about it again. There is a poetic beauty to the yearly cycle of the trees. When the barrenness of winter gives way to the fresh buds of spring, our hearts feel the joy of new life. Then all summer long we revel in the lush greenness of the canopy overhead. We can rest in the shade of the leaves and contemplate the reciprocity of respiration. The truth that without

the balance of the leaves – that take in the carbon dioxide we breathe out and put out the oxygen we breathe in – we would not be able to live on this planet.

But fall brings an end to the cycle. Fall reminds us that the leaves that the trees produced are meant for only a season. Each year the vessels that carry the water to the leaves close off and the leaves wither. Then a special layer of cells grows between the leaf and the branch, allowing the leaf to detach without leaving an open wound. When the plant is ready, the leaves fall from the tree back to the earth. What seems like a sad process, though, in reality is a bold symphony of color! As the chlorophyl in the leaves dies, the vibrant green of these cells dies back to allow the natural color of the leaves to show through. The purples, reds, oranges, and yellows of fall are colors that are there all year round, but until the death of the chlorophyl we can't see them.

I think this is the way of things in the world more than we would like to believe it is. We fear change, and often that is because we don't want to endure the part of the process that means we have to let go. Change is scary because when things change sometimes things go away. And when things go away we deal with mourning, and grief, and other hard feelings that we might rather not go through. But resurrection is not possible without death. As Jesus said in John chapter 12, "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit." For new life to come we must let go of the old – death must come first. If the trees held on to their leaves they would be far more at risk through the winter, as the snow and ice build-up on the leaves weighed down their branches and the harsh winds of winter blowing over all that surface area would pull all the moisture out of the tree. Letting the leaves die ultimately protects the tree.

Watching the trees shows us both the necessity of letting go, and the potential beauty therein. Letting go doesn't have to be a cold, hard process. Sometimes when we let things go we notice a beauty that we hadn't even known was there before. Sometimes when we let go of something we have been holding on to so tightly, we see a beauty that was hidden from our eyes. Just like the hardworking chlorophyl hides the natural beauty of the leaves through the summer months. It is only when the chlorophyl dies that the beauty of the leaves can be seen.

So, as the month progresses, be mindful of the fall colors as they begin to emerge. Remind yourself that those colors are only visible because the trees are letting go of the vibrant green chlorophyl of summer and embracing the reality of loss. Because it is only when we let go that there is space for something new – it is only open hands that can receive new life. It may be different, but it can be just as beautiful!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Amanda





### PASTOR AMANDA'S INSTALLATION - PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH!

I think I speak for us all that we are grateful for the gift to Galilee that is Pastor Amanda. Her presence at Galilee has brought stability and comfort to the Congregation and our future is bright with her leadership and care. On October 6th Galilee, along with the Bishop and other members of the synod staff, will be formally installing her as our Pastor. Please plan on attending her installation service at 9:00 AM, staying for our education hour for both youth and adults from 10:15 to 11:15 and then attending a luncheon and reception in Pastor Amanda's honor in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) starting immediately after the education hour. This is an event not to be missed!

### FINAL WEEKS OF FARMER'S MARKET

October 16th will be the final day of the 2024 Farmers Market. This project began with a suggestion from Norm Bruce. Norm was pondering Galilee's direction to get more involved in the community and knew that there was an opportunity to host the Pewaukee Farmers market. From that initial conversation many, many people from Galilee have been deeply engaged in this endeavor throughout the summer. The community has embraced the market and Galilee is making inroads into our community through our efforts to be engaged. A huge amount of thanks goes to Norm, Steve Dethloff, Sam Scantlin and Pastor Amanda for their efforts but none of this would have been possible without the tireless dedication of you – the volunteers who show up week in and week out to help to run the market. As we enter these final weeks many thanks to you all for all that you have done to make this a success!

### **ROOF UPDATE**

Wow! I am still simply so amazed at the way the Congregation has stepped up to support the roof replacement project. In just 4 weeks we were able to successfully meet our financial target for the roof – that means no financing will be required and no additional funds from our reserves will be needed. Praise God for the blessings we have been given and for the generosity of you all! We are currently on schedule for the roof project to begin shortly after the end of the Farmers Market and would expect that once it starts the project will be wrapped up within a week or so. It is our hope that by the first part of November we are finished!

### **COORDINATOR STATUS**

I am particularly pleased to share that we have had a number of people step up recently to be coordinators for our ministry teams. For the first time in a while we currently have a coordinator for each of our ministry teams! Their involvement will greatly help us as we continue to align Galilee with our new mission and vision statements. Mary Winter has long served as the coordinator for Partnerships. She has had an interest in Connecting, which was open, so she has taken over that area. Deb Kohler has jumped in on Partnerships which she is a great fit for. And last, but not least, Jean Nelson is taking over Stewardship and Ann Dee Austin is stepping in on Compassion Care. I am thrilled for their continued involvement and guidance. While stepping up for leadership roles is needed and appreciated, please know that these folks, as do all of our coordinators, need your help. There are lots of opportunities at Galilee to get involved and I would encourage you to not only thank our new leaders for their efforts but please consider getting involved. You will get far more out of it than you realize and I hope you will give this consideration.

Carl Spencer Leadership Board President

### **Coming Up at Galilee**



### OCTOBER 10 | 11:30 A.M.

Join "Go-Getters" on Thursday, October 10th at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary for worship followed by a lunch in the Gathering Place.





### YOUTH SUNDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Hey **7th -12th graders** – come join us for **Bible Study!** Starting on **October 6th**, all youth are invited to gather in the youth room for snacks and a time of reading the bible and talking about what it might have to say to us in our 21st century lives. Come at **3:00pm** each **Sunday** and join Pastor Amanda as we begin by studying Extraordinary Leaders of scripture and talk about the ways that we can work to be extraordinary leaders as well.

Are you interested in sharing companionship and God's love and grace with those who have trouble making it to worship? Sign up to be an **in-home visitor** for Galilee! We will have a **training** session and then we will send you out in pairs to visit those who are no longer able to come to Galilee for worship. Your visitation training will include training on sharing **Communion**, so you can offer that service to those you will visit. Please sign up on the **clipboard** in the **narthex** or talk with Diana Conway for more information or to add your name to the list of those interested in this ministry!

### **NEW MEMBERS**

All God's children are welcome to worship at Galilee! We also keep membership lists of those who have committed to being an active part of the ministry at Galilee. Members help to lead the ministries at Galilee, can serve on the Leadership Board, and have voice and vote at meetings that determine the future direction of the congregation and how we will care for our building and grounds. Involved members are a cornerstone of a healthy congregation!

So, if you have been attending Galilee and waiting for your chance to become a member – this is your chance! Please contact the office at galilee@galileelc.org or by calling (262) 691-2380 and adding your name to the list of folks interested in joining. When we know who is interested we will schedule a time for a membership meeting and a service where we will welcome new members!



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT BARB BARTHEL AT 262-691-0711.

### LOSS & LIVING GATHERING Tuesday, October 15, 2024 | 3:00 p.m.

Please join us in the Narthex on October 15th 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.





Join us **Sunday, October 20th** from **11:30-2:00** for our **2024 Pumpkin Fest!** There will be pumpkin carving and painting, food, games and fun. All ages are welcome. Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for more information!

### TO THE LIGHTHOUSE a play about working together for the good of all Sunday, November 10 during worship

### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR A SKIT FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

"To the Lighthouse" is a short play that illustrates the power of working together in our efforts to live generously. We are looking for people to play the following characters, as well as help with simple props/scenery. The setting is a lifeboat.

If you are interested in being part of this seafaring adventure, or would like more information, please contact Jean Nelson at pianogirl1966@ gmail.com. Thank you!



### HOPE CENTER | ANNUAL DINNER FUNDRAISER

Thursday, November 21 | 5pm - 9pm

Galilee has reserved a table for 10 at the Hope Center Annual Fundraiser Dinner held at the Brookfield Conference Center from 5pm-9pm on Thursday, November 21. Seats are \$150 each. Please signup via the SignUpGenius Link or clipboard in the Narthex, so that we know if a second table will be needed. For more info contact Jean Nelson at (262) 720-8346 or email: pianogirl1966@gmail.com.

### EMBRACING GENEROUS LIVING



Fall has arrived and this is the time of year when churches typically hold a stewardship drive or campaign. It's part of preparing a budget for the coming year. Unfortunately, this can lead people to think that stewardship is only about the money. But it's about so much more!

All that we have, and all that we are, is a gift from God. This includes our gifts and passions, our skills, our time and resources,

and the world around us. God designed us to be stewards of all that God has given. A steward is not an owner, but one who manages or supervises another's property or financial affairs. So, what does this have to do with generous living?

Generous living involves sharing what we have been given, not out of a sense of obligation, but as a response to God's goodness and generosity. And here's the thing – God's gifts to us are infinite. That means an endless supply of gifts that never runs out! When we share with or give to others, including the church, God replenishes our supply. Trusting in that promise helps us continue in a life of generosity. And there is great joy in giving!

This month you will receive a packet of information with a request for an estimate of giving for 2025. These estimates help Galilee's leadership plan for continued ministry. That's the financial part of stewardship. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support God's work at and through Galilee Lutheran. Think of it as giving **through** Galilee, rather than **to** Galilee. We ask that your return your estimate by Sunday, November 17.

In the coming months, look for more information about ways in which you can share your gifts, skills, passions, and time. The stewardship team is in the beginning stages of looking at spiritual gifts and strengths assessments and expanding information about the various ways you can share your gifts at and through Galilee.

Stewardship is about giving, and it's a matter of the heart. It's a matter of trusting that God will continue to provide for our needs. Praying that you will know and experience greater joy through generous living.

Jean Nelson Stewardship Coordinator



### **UPCOMING DATES**

Sunday October 6, 2024 | 8:15 a.m.

Pastor Amanda's Installation
"For Those Who Serve"
"Joyful Rhythm"

Saturday October 12, 2024 | 4:15 p.m. "Joyful Rhythm"

Saturday October 19, 2024 | 4:15 p.m. "For Those Who Serve"

Sunday October 20, 2024 | Sunday School | 8:30 a.m. "Make Me a Servant"

Sunday October 27, 2024 | 8:15 a.m.



### **REHEARSALS**

Vocal Choir | Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Bell Choir | Wednesdays | 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Sunday School | Sundays | 10:15 a.m. | Sanctuary



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER 1 Vaughn Strosin

OCTOBER 2 Matthew Opie Nicholas Corlett

OCTOBER 3
Barbara Barthel

OCTOBER 4
Derek Wolf
Al Burgemeister

OCTOBER 5 Nicholas Pjevach

Ian Reinke

OCTOBER 6
Amber Glover

OCTOBER 7 Elijah Greig Joelle Bickel **OCTOBER 8** 

Nicole Arzberger Alyssa Olson Amanda Arzberger

> OCTOBER 10 Brian Binder

OCTOBER 11 Emilia Falter

OCTOBER 12
Donna Chudada
Savannah Evans
Sawyer Sullivan

OCTOBER 13 Jean Nelson

OCTOBER 15 Joshua Prins

OCTOBER 16 Linda Klein **OCTOBER 17** 

Hailey Liek Carole Miller

OCTOBER 18
Debra Sirovina

**OCTOBER 19** 

David Keller David Piotrowski

OCTOBER 20

Sarah Bowman Madelyn Raschka John Wallenfang Steve Hanson

**OCTOBER 21** 

Rachel Carlson Casey Goss

OCTOBER 22

Kaye Doenier Michael Raschka OCTOBER 24

Mary Calhoun Gannon Huebner Margaret Pick

**OCTOBER 28** 

Emily Danner Ava Prins Cari Wallenfang

**OCTOBER 29** 

Sharon Vitek Jeanine Knutson Emily Barth



### **PRAYER NEEDS**

Please keep in your prayers - Patricia Alters, Cathy Bartlett, Naomi Bayland, Steve Bower, Donna Chudada, Judy Corcoran, Bev Coshun, Isaiah Cramer, Oretha Dueno, Kari Elizabeth, Donna Frederick, Timothy Graham, Paul Hintze Jr., Jill Johnson, Marjory Kloth, Bill Koehn, Margo Krumnow, Alice Lamp, Liz, Heidi Mag, Ray Mansker, Dan Maske, Erin McGroarty, Eliana Metzger, Lynn Meyer, Michael Mielke, Helen Mueller, Calla Nelson, Dennis Olson, Diane Praeger, Janet Praeger, Carol Puestow, Chris Roughen, Mary Roughen, John Ruf, Mark Sedarski, Olivia Taylor, Earl Walters, Penny Williams, and Nancy Wojcicki.

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 Benjamin Maske Morgan Mosher Andrew Richardson

### **MINISTRY STAFF**

Pastor: Pastor Amanda Applehans, email: pastoramanda@galileelc.org

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

### **MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

### **WELCOMING**

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### **SENDING**

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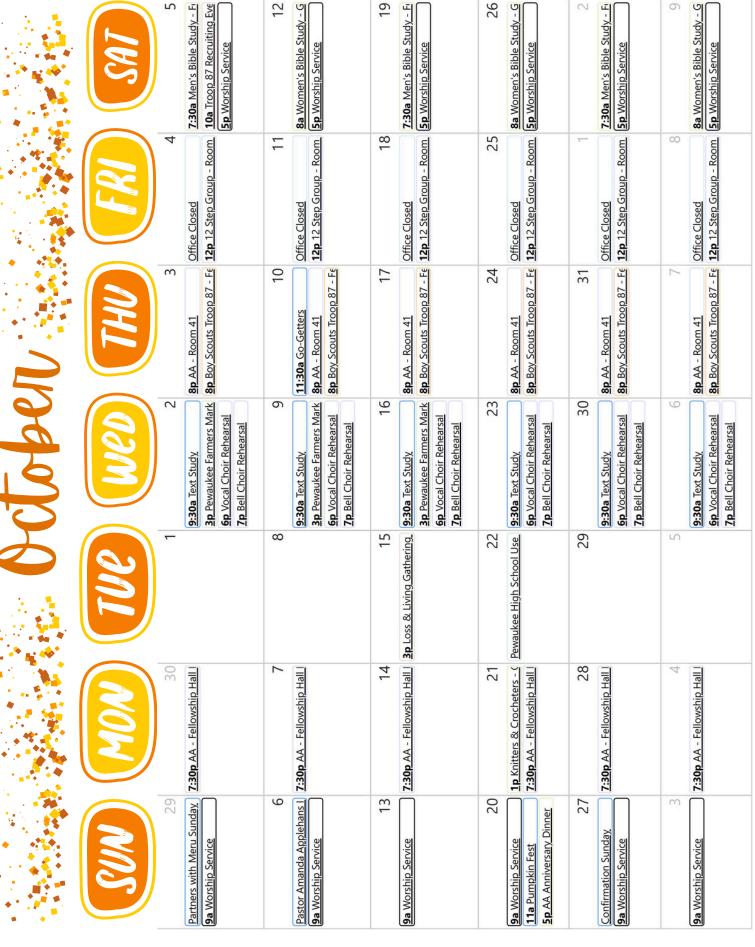
Columbarium - Bill Braunschweig | bbraunschweig1@gmail.com

### **LEADERSHIP BOARD MEMBERS, 2024**

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## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP SATURDAYS AT 5:00 PM SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM

### **ACCESS THE CHURCH CALENDAR ANY TIME**

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