



GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

MARCH

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REV ROY'S REFLECTIONS



...these things are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.'
John 20:31

During Lent and Holy Week a number of years ago, my pastor illustrated his sermons with images from Renaissance art, paintings which graphically depict Jesus' suffering, humiliation and horrifying death.

I was deeply moved during those Lenten services, as I came to appreciate the enormity of the sacrifice Jesus made for us—for the whole world—and for me. I was overwhelmed. Why would anyone, let alone the Son of God, make such a huge sacrifice for me. I surely hadn't done anything to deserve it. But God did it anyway. Jesus died for me, so that I could be forgiven of my sins and given a fresh start in a new relationship with God.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16

Having had this experience, I really think it helps one grow in faith to take time to observe Lent and Holy Week. Even though it may be much more appealing to rush to Easter and bask in the joy of the resurrection, pausing and paying attention to the cross, can be very meaningful in one's faith journey.

Because in order to get to Easter, Jesus had to first go to the cross. And in order to follow him, so do we. Because without the cross—as horrible as it is—there is no resurrection. Without the cross, we don’t receive the gift of new life, eternal life, in the kingdom of God. Without the cross, there is no ‘saved by grace, through faith, in Jesus Christ.’ Without the cross there is no Easter.

The Good News is that because of what Jesus did, everyone who believes in him is forgiven and receives the gift of eternal life in the kingdom of God! What a blessing it is to be loved by God! And what a blessing it is to be a blessing to others by sharing God’s love! That is our purpose as a congregation of believers in Jesus Christ—that is why we are here.

As we prepare for the joy and thanksgiving of Easter, please take time during Lent and Holy Week to think about the amazing and abundant ways in which God has blessed you. And then pray about how you can share God’s love and be a blessing to others.

...As the Father has sent me, so I send you. John 20:21

Blessed to be a blessing,
Pastor Roy+



GALILEE'S CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE – MARCH 2024

By design, you may not hear details about the work your call committee is doing. What we can share is that the Holy Spirit has been at work with us!

Following our “mock (practice) interview” in January we were ready to receive names of pastors that would be interested in exploring a call as solo pastor at Galilee. This is a period of intentional confidentiality to allow the time and space for your call committee to discern and pray about where God is calling us. We continue to v-meet with Rev. Kristin Nielsen, Assistant to the Bishop for Congregations in Mission of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, who shares insights for us to follow as we move through the call process.

God is at work in every step of this process. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide Galilee during this time of transition and discernment. And we ask you to keep us in your prayers

March Update from the Leadership Board

FARMERS MARKET COMING TO GALILEE!

As many of you have probably heard Galilee was presented with the opportunity to be the new home of the Pewaukee Farmers Market. The Leadership Board felt that this was a perfect fit for us given that a key message in our stated vision and goals are to become more engaged in the Pewaukee Community. Many thanks go out to Norm Bruce for making us aware of this opportunity. Norm has previously been heavily involved in the Waukesha Farmers Market and is using his expertise to lead us, along with Steve Dethloff, and to work through lining up the details of getting this started. Norm and Steve are looking for volunteers to assist with this new endeavor which should be a great opportunity for you to get involved. Please watch for their announcements and help out as you are able. We are very excited for this to be happening at Galilee and hope you are as well!

MINISTRY COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION

Last spring we had a retreat at Galilee that involved those members involved in Leadership Roles at Galilee, specifically the Leadership Board and the various coordinators of our ministry areas. From the discussions and activities at this meeting we laid the groundwork for a number of new initiatives at Galilee. These included new Mission and Vision statements as well as the development of new goals for Galilee. A key part of our conversations also focused on the realization that our ministry committees were established many years ago and that a revamping of the ministry teams should be considered. This goal of reviewing the ministry teams and trying to better align them to what Galilee is striving towards today will be a focus for the Leadership Board in 2024. Mary Dehler and Terri Drover are leading this initiative. We are looking forward to working with the ministry team leads and others to begin the work of reviewing and considering changes to our various ministry areas in terms of what is important to Galilee today and how the congregational members are either drawn to or asked to be involved in these areas. As this work develops should you have suggestions on potential changes please bring them forward and share them with any member of the Leadership Board.

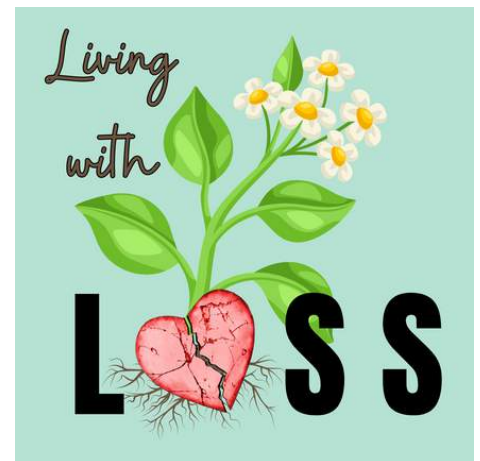
UPDATE ON ROOF PROJECT

At the Annual Congregational Meeting in late January, the Congregation approved moving ahead with the roof replacement project. At this time the contract has been finalized and signed and the down-payment has been sent in. This is a much-needed project at Galilee and the Leadership Board is thankful for the congregational vote to proceed. The expectation at this time is that the work will be completed in September. That will give us approximately 6 months to raise the needed funds to complete this project. As a reminder, the total cost of the project is roughly \$161,000 and we have submitted a down-payment to the contractor of roughly \$51,000. This means that we will have to come up with the balance of roughly \$110,000 by the September completion. The Leadership Board has started to develop strategies on the next steps for raising these funds and we will be looking in March to finalize a few concepts and present those to the Congregation. At this time it would be our expectation to present the options, ask for input from the Congregation and then complete the tasks necessary to procure the funds.

We continue to move forward, together. Please always remember that Galilee is OUR church!

Carl Spencer
Leadership Board President

COMING UP AT GALILEE:



If you have any questions, please contact Barb Barthel at 262-691-0711.

Loss & Living Gathering
Tuesday, March 19, 2024
3:00 p.m.

Please join us in the Narthex on March 19th 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.





MARCH MINISTRY MADNESS

Help us collect socks, underwear, diapers, and wipes for Hope Center during the month of March! Galilee's Sunday School is sponsoring this drive, and we'd like to make it community wide. Will you help us spread the word? Did you know that the Clothing Shop at Hope Center provides FREE clothing and accessories to Waukesha County residents in need? Donated undergarments must be new and at this time the greatest need is for:

- diapers, size 3 and larger
- men's and women's short (or no-show) socks
- women's underwear, sizes 5, 6, 7 & 8

Bring your donations to church and place them in the designated area in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity and support.

SEEKING DRAMATIC READERS FOR GOOD FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP



During his earthly stay, Jesus faced the many and varied difficult situations in life that we face. Therefore, he understands and can offer comfort and peace and solace, if only we will turn to him.

"I, too," the monologues for Good Friday include the following narratives which will shape our worship experience:

- + a betrayed wife
- + a denied brother
- + a rejected teen
- + a mistreated worker
- + a tortured wife
- + a dying woman (or man).

Also needed is a reader or scripture (or several) and someone to be Jesus. The monologues are extremely dramatic. Memorization is not required, but a willingness to be vulnerable in order to present the intense experiences of these characters is important. This service has been very moving and meaningful to those who have experienced it at other congregations.

For more information or to volunteer to be one of the participants, contact Jean Nelson (jeancyf@galileelc.org or 262-720-8346).

Faith Formation



Jean Nelson Retirement Announcement

Dear members of the Galilee community,

I recently marked my 3-year anniversary at Galilee and it has been a joy and privilege to serve in ministry with you. I am thankful for the opportunity to share my gifts and passion for ministry in this place. For the past almost 30 years I have been involved in ministry as a church organist/pianist, worship planner, a coordinator of volunteer ministries, and as a faith formation leader.

In all these ways of serving there has been continuous planning for the next Sunday or the next season of the church year and having to be “on” each Sunday. I am looking forward to a different rhythm of life. I prefer to think of this change as stepping away from one area of ministry, rather than retiring. I won’t be immediately leaving Galilee but am looking forward to experiencing worship at other congregations and serving as a substitute musician in the synod. Please pray for me as I discern in what new ways God is calling me to serve, whether that is in some other capacity at Galilee or elsewhere.

Thank you for your support and encouragement along the way.

Jean Nelson

Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry



The Great Gospel Escape comes to Galilee on March 3

Have you ever been to an escape room? If you have, you know that you must solve a puzzle to get out of the room within a certain time frame. On Sunday, March 3 Galilee will be hosting its very own escape room!

The Great Gospel Escape is an interactive escape room designed for kids from 5K-6th grade. The goal is to explore the first four books of the New Testament through games, hands-on activities, and Bible reading.

The challenges focus on parables, miracles performed by Jesus, and events from Jesus’ birth to his death. When kids solve all 9 challenges, they complete a puzzle that emphasizes the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:16-20.

All ages are invited. Parents and other caring youth and adults are encouraged to participate with the children. We hope you will invite friends and neighbors to join us.

Advance signup is requested (but not required) so that we have enough supplies prepared for all participants. Please use the QR code or sign up in the narthex.

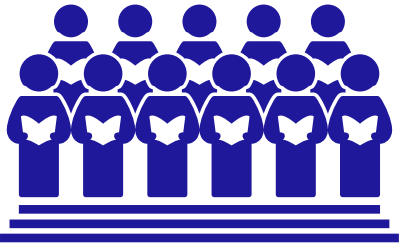
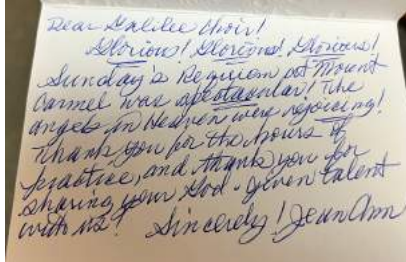
Questions? Contact Penny Van Weele (pennyzurn@yahoo.com) or Jean Nelson (jeancyf@galileelc.org or 262-720-8346).

Music at Galilee

REQUIEM THANK YOU

Thank you so much to everyone who prayed, attended, and participated in the Heather Sorenson Requiem. It was incredible to get to know other musicians in the community and get to experience worship with everyone as well. We received this card in the mail from someone in attendance at the Mt Carmel service. It reads:

"Dear Galilee Choir! Glorious! Glorious! Glorious! Sunday's Requiem at Mount Carmel was spectacular! The angels in heaven were rejoicing! Thank you for the hours of practice, and thank you for sharing your God-given talent with us!"



UPCOMING CHOIR DATES:

March 9th - Vocal Choir

March 10th - Vocal & Bell Choirs

March 24th - Vocal Choir

March 28th - Vocal Choir

March 31st - Vocal & Bell Choirs



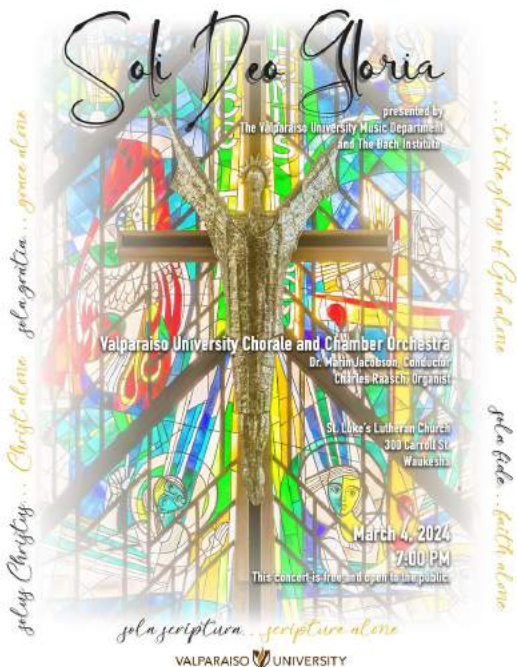
VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY CHORALE CONCERT

MONDAY, MARCH 4 | 7 PM | ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN WAUKESHA, WI

The Valparaiso University Chorale will be coming to our area in early March with a worshipful program of anthems, hymns, and a cantata by J.S. Bach.

In addition to the Valparaiso University Chorale, the program will include brass, string orchestra, and featured organist Charles Raasch. The audience will have the special opportunity to participate in singing hymns, dynamically led by the choir and instrumentalists.

The Valparaiso University Chorale is recognized internationally as a premiere Lutheran collegiate choral ensemble, upholding the highest standard of choral art through performance of the greatest literature of all eras. Dedicated to performing works that celebrate the University's Lutheran heritage, the Chorale has been honored to receive several prestigious invitations.





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1

Kenneth Krumnow

March 2

Melanie Austin
W. Ted Tornehl

March 3

Lauren Schill

March 4

Jeffrey Corlett
John Ruf, Jr

March 5

Logan Corlett

March 7

Joshua Ro
Landon Hipke
Kathleen Hyslop
Charles M Marzofka

March 9

Luca Mag
Elaine Schultz

March 10

Nan Na Htoo
Margo Krumnow

March 11

Eli Samuel Austin

March 12

Lisa Marie Austin

March 13

Christine Plichta

March 14

Alexandra Brunner

March 15

Maddison Connolly

March 16

Joel Austin
Eileen P. Hintze
Charlie Geffers

March 17

Linda K. Feldman

March 18

Christine Groth

March 19

Charity Michaelson

March 20

Kelly Longhini

March 21

Susan Olson
Bennett Schwartz

March 23

Ethan Reinke

March 24

John Schroeder

March 26

Judy Calhoun
Pat Berg

March 29

Steven Dethloff
Judith Corcoran

March 30

Samuel Spencer
Emma Schwartz

March 31

Sally Rudolph



PRAYER NEEDS

Please keep in your prayers - Patricia Alters, Cathy Bartlett, Steve Bower, Joal Brinkman, Tom Buelow, Donna Chudada, Judy Corcoran, Bev Coshun, Isaiah Cramer, Leslie Demuth, Oretha Dueno, Heather Evans, Donna Frederick, Cylie Harris, Paul Hintze Jr., Jill Johnson, Bill Koehn, Margo Krumnow, Heidi Mag, Ray Mansker, Michael Mielke, Helen Mueller, Calla Nelson, Roy Nelson, Diane Praeger, Janet Praeger, Carol Puestow, John Ruf, Sue Schroeder, Maureen Schwartz, Olivia Taylor, Bob Villa, Nonye Weiland, Cloria Wheeler, Jim Williams, and Penny Williams.



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

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need of prayer?
Simply contact the church office at
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with your prayer requests.

MINISTRY STAFF

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March

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TUE

WED

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FRI

SAT

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9a Worship Service 6p Al-Anon/Alateen - Fellow	7:30p AA - Fellowship Hall J		1:30p Grace Group 5p Vocal Choir Rehearsal 5:45p Lenten Meal 6:30p Lenten Service 7:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal	8p AA - Room 41 8p Boy Scouts Troop 87 - F	Office Closed 12p 12 Step Group - Room	7:30a Men's Bible Study - F 5p Worship Service
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SATURDAYS AT 5:00 PM

SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAYS AT 10:15 AM



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