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GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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REV ROY'S REFLECTIONS

"Do not be afraid. You are looking Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here." Mark 16:6

On the morning of the first day of the week, the third day after Jesus' death, three women who believed in Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Salome and Mary the mother of James, took spices to the tomb, found the stone at the entrance rolled away, and went in. Jesus was gone, but they did not 'see' what had happened until they saw a 'young man' (an angel) who said Jesus had been raised and was no longer there.



Only then did they 'see,' but they fled in terror and amazement, afraid to tell anyone.

And Jesus appeared to two of his disciples as they were walking on the road. But after they ran back to tell this exciting news to the rest of the disciples, they did not believe them. They just couldn't 'see' him. And who could blame them? It is an unbelievable story. If you can't count on the dead staying dead, then what can you count on? But then they all 'saw' Jesus when he appeared among them, showing them his hands and feet. Seeing the risen Christ changed everything for them.

Seeing is believing. So I'm pondering... How can we, who haven't literally 'seen' the risen Christ, effectively witness to this unbelievable event to an unseeing, unbelieving world? The answer lies in 'seeing' the truth of the resurrection through the accounts revealed in the Bible and in the stories told by people who have experienced the presence of the living God in a very real way in their lives. Perhaps by reading and hearing these stories, and talking about them together, we can actually 'see' the risen Christ because we start looking for where he is active in our lives and the lives of others around us. And when we 'see' the living Christ, we can begin to believe in a such way that it makes a difference in our lives.

Jesus invites us to 'come and see' and to believe in him. And he then invites us to 'see' the world through his eyes...regarding everyone, with all their faults and brokenness...as having worth just as they are. All people have worth, even the least among us, for the sole reason that God loves all. It's important to know that you are 'seen, regarded and favored' by God...especially when you don't think you're worthy.

When we regard people through Jesus' eyes, the truth of the resurrection...forgiveness and reconciliation (God's grace) for all... is 'seen' and made known through us.

"The he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again." Mark 8:31

Have a blessed Easter, Pastor Roy+



April Update from the Leadership Board

THE BIG NEWS!

By now, I'm hoping that you have heard the fantastic news that Pastor Amanda Applehans has accepted the call to become Galilee's next Pastor. Her first day with us is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th, and we will be planning for her to lead us in worship the following weekend. While this announcement closes the door on our search for our Pastor, it opens the door to new opportunities, with the first being an opportunity to meet



Pastor Amanda, her husband Grant and her young son, Sam, and to welcome them into the Galilee family we all hold dear. We will learn more about who she is in the coming days, weeks, months and I truly hope, years. While I know that we are all incredibly excited to meet and get to know her, I'm hopeful that we all will remember that while we are meeting 3 new people, she and her family are meeting over 300 new people. It will take some time for her to get to know our names as well as who we are. That said, personal connections are extremely important to her and I am confident that with time and effort we will enjoy an amazing connection with her and her family. Please join me in thanking the Call Committee for their excellent work! This group hit the ground running and didn't let up. Most of us, I think, were somewhat surprised by how quickly Pastor Amanda's call came together but this committee did the work and knew she was right for us. I also want to thank the Congregation – once again you were asked to pivot in a hurry and to make time to complete your own evaluations of Pastor Amanda. Thank you for trusting the process and more importantly, recognizing that the Holy Spirit was with us and guiding us.

PASTOR ROY - THANK YOU!

With Pastor Amanda starting on the 16th, this means that we will be offering our sincere Thanks to Pastor Roy this coming month. I personally cannot thank him enough for the many ways he has helped Galilee over the past 20 months. From being a Pulpit Supply Pastor right after Pastor Jay's retirement to then stepping into being our part-time Pastor on Saturday night services and then when he stepped up in an even bigger way as our Bridge Pastor he has been a consistent presence at a time when we've needed one. Please make sure to thank him in the coming weeks. His final weekend as Bridge Pastor will be Saturday and Sunday, April 13th and 14th. He keeps telling me he's retired but we should all be grateful for the many ways he has been, and continues to be, of service to us all!

COMING UP

While the Leadership Board has admittedly breathed a sigh of relief with Pastor Amanda's call, there is still much to do. There is work to do to prep for her arrival but the most important item will be to create ways to have everyone meet and get to know her. You can expect a formal installation in the future for Pastor Amanda and her family after their arrival (details to be announced as we would like to talk with her a bit on this). Separately, and at Pastor Amanda's suggestion, we will be considering organizing a series of small "dinner type" parties where Pastor Amanda can meet members more casually in a smaller setting. I expect you will hear more about this in the coming weeks but the idea will be to get 8-12 people together in members homes over the first months of her arrival and share fellowship with one another as a way for us all to get to know one another better.

Thank you all for your participation in making this a special place where we are *Walking with Jesus, Sharing God's Love and Grace, Serving All Faithfully.*

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, April 16, 2024 3:00 p.m.

Please join us in the Narthex on April 16th 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 Saturday, April 13th to do some spring cleaning at Galilee! The Boy Scouts from Troop 87 will be joining us. Please come and help!

Questions, call Tom Drover @ (414) 828-0674

Galilee—Brewers Game & Tailgate
Friday, April 26 | 4:10 pm Tailgate | 7:10 pm Game





We have reserved a block of tickets on Loge Infield level first base side.

A great location to view Galilee's

Office Coordinator, Sam Scantlin, sing the National Anthem!

Tailgating will be in the Uecker -Yount parking lot from 4:10 pm – 6:15 pm.

Tickets are \$50 each and includes tailgate food & beverages

Consider joining a carpool from Galilee!

We will have a limited number of Advance Parking Passes available, too.

Sign-up sheet is located in Galilee's lobby (Narthex) or

via www.GalileeLC.org (button on the home page)

For info contact Deb Kohler email: Deb.Kohler.MKE@gmail.com or call 262-844-6155

Deadline to reserve ticket is Monday, April 15 by 5:00 pm.



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation leaders to be recognized on Sunday, April 21

Galilee is blessed to have a dedicated group of leaders for Sunday School, Confirmation, and adult education. A good number of these leaders have served faithfully for many years. The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. We invite you to help us celebrate and thank these shepherds in our midst:

Sunday School PreK-K Stephanie Barth, Kristen Greig, Cheryl Hanson, Terri

Hofstede, Jill Plesh

1st-2nd Kathy Hyslop, CJ Knutson, Penny Van Weele

3rd-6th Darrin Kehl, Dennis Olson, Mary Winter

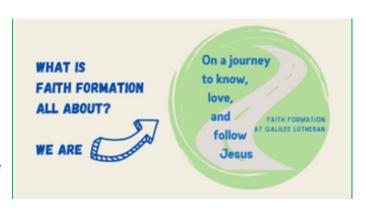
Confirmation 7th-9th Doug Dehler, Kathy Hyslop, Patricia DeBlaey

Adult forum Bill Braunschweig, Jim Olia

Sunday School kids will sing "Do, do, do, do life" at worship and <u>they</u> will lead the children's message.

What is faith formation?

Many people think that faith formation is a fancy name for Sunday School or Christian education. While those are elements of faith formation, it is so much more. Faith formation is our core mission. It's a lifelong process that includes all ages, from birth through the end of earthly life. Worship, prayer, Bible study, fellowship, and acts of service are all part of faith formation.



Spirit & Truth Publishing uses this as part of their definition: Faith formation is the very mission of God's church, to equip followers of Jesus Christ so that they may be sent out into the world to spread God's kingdom. Basically, faith formation is the process by which our faith grows, and our lives are shaped by God's love. (For a more expansive definition go to What is Faith Formation? – Spirit & Truth Publishing (spiritandtruthpublishing.com)

We are all participants in faith formation as we strive to know, love, and follow Jesus. Let's celebrate how God is working in and through the Galilee community of faith!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you so much to all of the families that donated food and/or helped serve the Lenten meal in early March. It was a wonderful meal and night of fellowship thanks to all of you.

There are a few dates to note for the months of April and May:

April 21st-- The Sunday School kids will be singing in worship May 19th-- Last day of Sunday School/Kids sing in worship





Teddy Bear Ministry



Calling all Bears

The Teddy Bear Ministry is looking for a few bears that would love to be taken by someone at Galilee to give to someone that is in need of a "Bear Hug".

A 'bear tag" is attached to each bear before being placed in a pew at Galilee.

The only rules are that the bear must be new, that there be no advertising on the bear, and that they be at least 11 to 12 inches from head to toe. If you feel so moved to donate a bear, please put them

on the bin marked "Bears". The bin is in the cloak room. You can also give them to Cheryl or Carol.

If you have questions please talk to Cheryl Hanson or Carol Puestow



Bonhoeffer's "Letters and Papers from Prison"

Book Study on Dietrich

Join the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin's policy council and staff for this four-part book study beginning in April, the month we commemorate Dietrich Bonhoeffer's death in a Nazi prison. Explore his words of faith and hope on these dates:

LETTERS AND PAPERS FROM PRISON

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

TRICH BONHOEFFER WORKS — READER'S EDITION

April 23 April 30 May 7 May 14 From 6:30-7:30 PM

"Despite Dietrich Bonhoeffer's earlier theological achievements and writings, it was his correspondence and notes from prison that electrified the postwar world six years after his death in 1945. The materials gathered and selected by his friend Eberhard Bethge in "Letters and Papers from Prison"... introduced to a broad readership his novel and exciting ideas of religionless Christianity, his open and honest theological appraisal of Christian doctrines, and his sturdy, if sorely tried, faith in face of uncertainty and doubt."

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/s/3582507416
will also be provided in emails & on social media, or,
contact cynthia.crane@elca.org for the link
You can purchase the book at Augsburg Fortress:
www.augsburgfortress.org

BOOK STUDY INVITATION

In April and May, the Advisory Council of the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin (LOPPW) is leading a four-week book study about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor and theologian who spoke out against Hitler during World War II. He was imprisoned and executed on April 9, 1945. To honor the anniversary of his death, the Advisory Council is leading a study of one of Bonhoeffer's books, "Letters and Papers from Prison." The book includes letters to his family and friends, where Bonhoeffer shares his theological understandings of the circumstances he faced.

The study will take place by **Zoom** on **April 23, April 30, May 7, and May 14**, from **6:30** to **7:30** in the evening. The book can be purchased from Fortress Press at **www.augsburgfortress.org**. If you have questions, please email Doug Dehler at doug.dehler@gmail.com.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS



PLEASE CONSIDER THIS...

In December it became necessary for us to find a new method of scheduling Worship Assistants. Deb Kohler volunteered to set this up on SignUp Genius, and has successfully completed the launch. Now we need someone to take this on as an ongoing project. It should not require a lot of time, and can be done from your home, but it does require some computer skills. Training will be provided. If you are willing to give this a try, please contact Diana Conway at 262-366-5497 or dlmc@milwpc.com.

Thank you to all of you who have been using SignUp Genius to schedule yourselves. Please remember to check this website at least once a month, and more often, if possible, to see if there are roles you can fill. You can access it via this link

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4CACA923A <u>0F49-46497766-january#/</u>. You can also sign up at church on weekends. Your help is greatly appreciated!



<u>Music</u>

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USING YOUR
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OTHERS AND
TO GLORIFY
GOD! 7

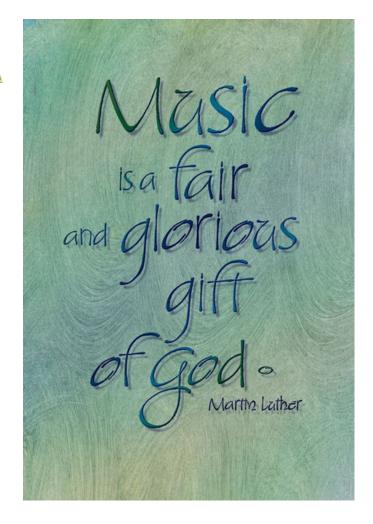
HEALING PRAYER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

We are looking for a few volunteers for healing prayer on the first Sunday of each month.



One person is needed to pray over each individual who comes forward, and one person to lay hands on that individual. The prayers are printed out for the pray-er's use; one for a person who wishes prayer for themselves, and another for someone who requests prayer for someone else.

These two volunteer positions have been added to the Sign-Up Genius site for Worship Assistants.



2024 EMPOWER LUNCHEON Wednesday | April 24th | Denim Day

Women's CENTER

Meet Magdalena, a Milwaukee-native and a life-long survivor of abuse

Magdelana's story is one of unimaginable hardship and extraordinary resilience. Losing her mother to domestic violence as an infant, she was abused throughout her childhood and into her early adult life. She was trapped and had nowhere to go and no one to "save her." Her story did not take place in some far-off city but here in Milwaukee and Waukesha. Her story is an example of what can happen if a person is refused help, when people turn away and pretend they don't see the signs, and when victims are not connected to organizations like The Women's Center.

We are so honored to have Magdelana as our speaker this year. Her story is equally heartbreaking and inspiring – we challenge anyone to attend and not leave feeling deeply affected by what Magdalena has to say and empowered to continue to advocate for all the survivors in our community so that not one more person must endure what she has. Today, Magdelana is thriving and using her story to ensure survivors have safe spaces to process their trauma, empower others to speak their truth and work tirelessly to break the cycle of abuse for future generations.

The EmPower Luncheon is your chance to become part of the solution. By attending and donating, you allow survivors like Magdalena to receive the support and resources they so desperately need.

Your presence makes a difference. Join us on 4/24/24 at 11 AM for an unforgettable afternoon of inspiration, connection, and action. Tickets are available now!

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 (Denim Day)

Baird Center (formerly The Wisconsin Center) 400 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203

11:00AM - Networking, Online Auction, Raffles, Wine Pull
12:00PM (noon) - Lunch & Program
1:30PM - Auction Checkout

Individual Ticket

\$125

All proceeds directly benefit survivors of domestic abuse, sexual violence, child abuse, and trafficking through lifesaving and life-changing programs and services provided by The Women's Center.

We understand that the luncheon may not be doable for some, hopefully you could make a donation to the Women's Center instead.

For more information, visit: https://e.givesmart.com/events/zPD/

ONLINE AUCTION

- Goes live on Wednesday, April 17th
- Closes during the event on Wednesday, April 24th
- Features dozen of fantastic items from local businesses and individuals

Interested in donating an item for the auction? Contact

MelissaV@twcwaukesha.org





2 Brad Kozlowski
2 Judi Murphy
3 Jill Johnson
3 Kristen Greig
5 Jeffrey Knutson
7 Brian D. Schwartz
7 Connor Dethloff
8 James Olia
9 Donna Fredrick
10 Susan Keller
10 Nancy Winkelman
10 Scott Immel

APRIL 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, Joal Brinkman, Tom Buelow, Donna Chudada, Judy Corcoran, Bev Coshun, Isaiah Cramer, Leslie Demuth, Oretha Dueno, Donna Frederick, Carol Gust, Paul Hintze Jr., Jill Johnson, Marjory Kloth, Bill Koehn, Dan Krumnow, Margo Krumnow, Heidi Mag, Ray Mansker, Michael Mielke, Helen Mueller, Calla Nelson, Diane Praeger, Janet Praeger, Carol Puestow, John Ruf, Sue Schroeder, Maureen Schwartz, Olivia Taylor, Bob Villa, Nonye Weiland, Cloria Wheeler, Jim Williams, Penny Williams, and Nancy Wojcicki.





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

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.

MINISTRY STAFF

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