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GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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PASTOR AMANDA APPLEHANS



Dear Galileans,

As we pass the half-way point in our Lenten season and begin to approach the Holy Week where we remember the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord, I can't help but reflect on how much death we have had in our community in the last six months. When I count up the members and those closely associated with our members who have passed on, we are over 10 people since September, most of whom have passed in this calendar year.

Grief, and how we as Christians grieve those we have lost, is an appropriate topic for us during this later part of our Lenten season. There is much for us to learn from the disciples and their response to the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The disciples had no expectation of Jesus coming back after the cross. On the cross all their hopes and dreams for who Jesus could be and what Jesus could do died. His last breath was the end of their expectations. Even though he told them he would die and come back – they did not have the expectation of his resurrection. We see this in Luke 24 story of the disciples journeying to Emmaus on Easter evening. They had heard Jesus's predictions of his resurrection, they had heard the women's reports of the empty tomb, and still, as they spoke with Jesus (who they didn't yet recognize as Jesus) about the things that had happened to Jesus in Jerusalem that week they said, "But we had hoped he was the one to redeem Israel." "But we had hoped..." To me these are some of the saddest words in all of scripture. The longing and grief contained in those words is immense. We had hopes for what life would hold, but this death has crushed those hopes. How many of us haven't been in this place? Our hopes and plans for how life could be crushed because death has visited.

Ultimately Jesus reveals himself to these travelers, and they rush back to Jerusalem to share their encounter with Jesus. Hope is no longer dead, it has been given new life! And not just for

them but for the whole community, as when they return they hear the story of Peter's encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus is risen, and with this resurrection comes the resurrection of all the hopes and dreams that the disciples had for who Jesus could be for them and for our world.

Now we live in a world where the belief in new, resurrected life is a real thing. We live with the possibilities of eternal life with Christ, even as we live in a world that still deals with death. We live in a world where we must deal with the contradiction of the reality of death and the assurance of eternal life beyond the grave. And while living with a contradiction sounds like a bad thing, this contradiction is one that frees us on both ends. Because of our acceptance of the reality of death we can grieve the loss of one we love so much, and be sad because of the separation we now face. And because of our hope in Christ we can entrust the one we love to the care of Christ, knowing that our separation will one day end when we are reunited in eternity.

In First Thessalonians, Paul refers to this reality as "not grieving as others do, who have no hope." We do grieve, but we grieve not as those whose hope is dead, but we grieve as those who have the hope of eternal reunion with those we have loved in the eternal kingdom of our God. We grieve as those who still have hope. May we all work together to support one another as we continue to grieve our losses, and celebrate our joys, as those who have hope in the promise of eternal life with Christ.

~Pastor Amanda

Meet Our New Office Coordinator Claire Johnson!

Claire is an active member at Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church in Hartland, WI. She currently sits on the Board of Trustees and is also the Chair for the service planning team. Her background includes office, veterinary clinics, food demonstration, and retail floor management. She recently purchased her first home in Hartland and is looking forward to sprucing it up when time and good weather allows. Her hobbies include lots of baking, traveling by train (Amtrak), cuddling with her two cats, and camping in the summer months with her significant other, Ric. Please stop by the office during the week to introduce yourself - she's happy to meet you!



HOLY WEEK SERVICES:



4/12/25 - 5:00 p.m.

4/13/25 - 9:00 a.m.



4/17/25 - Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m.



4/18/25 - Good Friday 12:00 p.m. & 6:30pm

4/19/25 - **NO SATURDAY SERVICE



4/20/25 - Easter Sunday, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



***Easter brunch will be served from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.
Lower level fellowship hall - Come join us!**

Interfaith Concert

On Sunday March 23, 2025, your Galilee vocal and bell choirs participated in an Interfaith Concert at Congregation Shalom titled "We Come Together". The concert was made up of about 90 musicians from Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, Galilee Lutheran Church, Milwaukee Jewish Community Chorale, First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee and Congregation Shalom. This event was a celebration of the power of words and song in and through the unity of the congregations referenced above and their communities. Here is a photo from the concert, and as the final song from the concert "Everyone Sang" stated "The singing will never be done."

*In Gratitude for all that was given,
~Patricia*

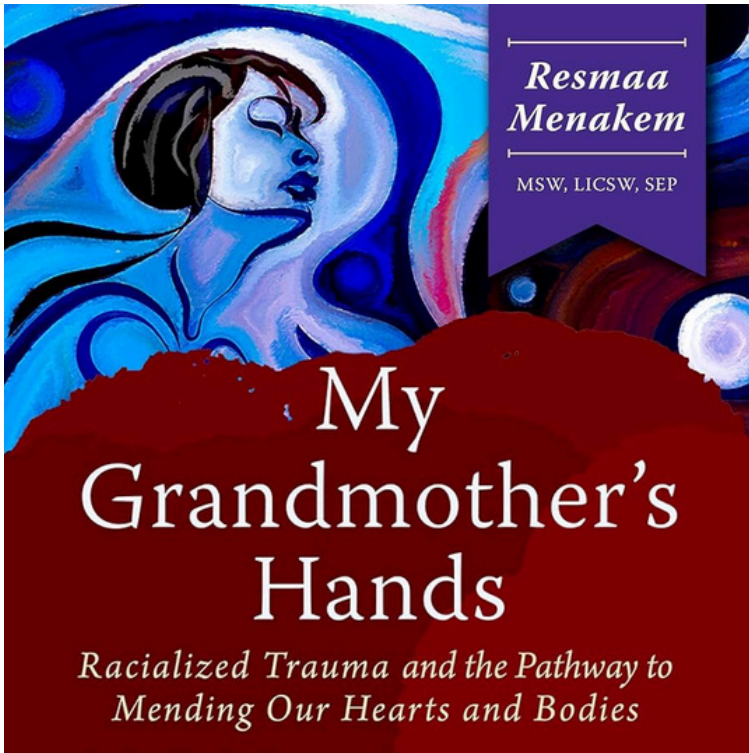


Synod-Wide Book Study:
“My Grandmother’s Hands”

Starting May 5 @ 6:00 pm (Via Zoom)

Join us for a six-week discussion of “My Grandmother’s Hands” by Resmaa Menakem, facilitated by Rev. Afi Dobbins-Mays, Assistant to the Bishop for Authentic Diversity and Leadership. To order a book contact Norm Bruce at Martha Merrell’s books (262-547-1060) for free delivery to Galilee, paperback cost is \$17.95. [Click here to learn more, register and get the Zoom link for book study.](#)

Please contact Deb Kohler if you are interested in meeting as a group at Galilee, as a Trivent Action Team Grant can be used to purchase pizza!



A Special Message from Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc.

“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.”

-2 Corinthians 9:10-12

Dear Siblings in Christ,

The words the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth still resonate with us today. As you have generously supported the ministry of Lutheran Social Services this year, our Lord has multiplied your gifts through the Loving Lutherans Challenge. Every dollar your congregation contributed last year, and every additional gift received from individual members who told us they are members of Galilee Lutheran Church through December 31, 2024 were matched - doubling the blessings to those most in need in our midst.

With humble and deep gratitude, and of behalf of thousands of clients who will benefit from your loving kindness, I thank you for rising to the challenge and answering God’s call to help.

Warm Regards,

Hector Colon - President and CEO

Sarah Halsted - Manager of Community and Faith Partnerships



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of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc.

Galilee Happenings



Discover your spiritual gifts

Spiritual gifts – what's that?

Spiritual gifts are special attributes given to us by the Holy Spirit. You can think of them as your spiritual DNA. Each person's mix of spiritual gifts is unique.

What are spiritual gifts for?

Our gifts enable us to serve in the body of Christ (aka Galilee Lutheran) with joy and satisfaction. They are designed to be shared - to further God's kingdom in the world, to glorify God, and to build up the body of Christ.

How do I know what my gifts are?

Take a spiritual gifts inventory. This involves responding to a series of questions by circling the response that most closely matches how you perceive yourself – very true of me, frequently true of me, sometimes, infrequently, or rarely true of me. There are no wrong answers. Fill out the scoring grid to determine your strongest gifts.

What's next?

Copies of the spiritual gifts inventory are available on the table in the narthex. Along with the inventory is a follow up sheet. Please fill out this form and put it in the box on the table or return it to the church office.

Why does Galilee need to know what my gifts are?

"If we truly believe that people are given gifts for the good of all believers, then there is no such thing as a volunteer; there is only the invitation to disciples to use their gifts.... God created and calls each person to make a difference. Discover how a gifts-based ministry can revitalize your congregation and engage everyone, regardless of age, to be the community of Christ." (from the Vibrant Faith Ministries website)

Questions? Contact Jean Nelson, Stewardship Coordinator, at 262-720-8346 or pianogirl1966@gmail.com.



Want to help out for worship services? Use the SignUp Genius for Galilee to schedule as an usher, assistant minister, altar guild, greeter, or a reader. There's also a sign up clipboard in the Narthex.

Lenten Family Style Fish Fry
Friday, April 4 | 5:30pm



All You Can Eat
Family Fish Fry, Fixings & Soda
\$30 per Person includes tax and tip
Adult Beverages Not Included

ADDRESS

N14 W24145 Tower Place
(I-94 & WIS 164 Exit 294)
Pewaukee, WI 53072

For info, contact

Anne Reigert
(414) 403-3937



LOSS & LIVING GATHERING
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 | 3:00 p.m.

Please join us in the Narthex on April 15th at 3 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.



In Remembrance of Bishop Medardo Gomez of the El Salvador Lutheran Church

It is with deep sorrow and confidence in the promise of resurrection the El Salvador Lutheran Church announced the passing of their beloved Bishop Medardo Gomes on Thursday, March 27, 2025. His life in ministry was a testimony of faith, service, and love for his church and God's people. His leadership and commitment leave an indelible mark in El Salvador, The Greater Milwaukee Synod and the world. His legacy will continue to guide us in our walk in faith.

Bishop Gomez led delegations to the Greater Milwaukee Synod many times in support of the synod's Partners with El Salvador ministry. We ask everyone to join in prayer for the Gomez family and our brothers & sisters in El Salvador in this time of sorrow.

"Blessed are those who die in the Lord... They will rest from their labors because their works continue with them" Acts 14:13

Around the Greater Milwaukee Synod

Partners with Meru – Monthly Meeting: Saturday, April 12 @ 9:00 am (Via Zoom)

Partners with El Salvador – Monthly Meeting: Monday, April 28 @ 6:00 pm (In person at Holy Cross, Menomonee Falls with Zoom option)

All are welcome to the monthly meetings of the Greater Milwaukee Synod's global partnership committees with the Diocese of Meru and Lutheran Church of El Salvador! Galilee has partnerships with the Ndoombo Parish in Meru, Tanzania and The Community of Monsignor Romero in EL Salvador.





WISDOM/SOPHIA Sponsors Madison Action Day 2025
Thursday, April 10

Please consider joining us for a dynamic day of advocacy, learning, and action in the heart of Wisconsin's capital! This event is a unique opportunity to engage directly with policymakers, connect with a community of passionate changemakers, and advocate for state budget priorities within Criminal Justice Reform, Health Care, Housing Justice, Transportation and more. Cost per person is \$55, which includes transportation via Coach bus from Park & Rides at Goerke's Corner (6:30 am departure) and Nagawaukee Park (6:45am departure).

For more information contact Partnerships & Global Gifting Coordinator Deb Kohler (262) 844-6155 or email: Deb.Kohler.MKE@gmail.com

SOPHIA Annual Community Breakfast & Online Silent Auction
Saturday, May 3 @ 8:30 am

Please consider joining us for the SOPHIA Community Breakfast held at La Casa De Esperanza in Waukesha. This year's keynote speaker is Darryl Morin, president of Forward Latino whose mission is to cultivate, train, and support a diverse national network of Latino community leaders addressing the civic, economic, and political challenges of the 21st century. Tickets are \$50. [Click here to purchase your ticket](#) or contact Deb Kohler.





Thank You
Volunteers!

Hope Center
Outreach Meal
on Feb 19

We are so grateful for the new volunteers who joined us to serve the Hope Center outreach meal on February 19! This is just one of the ways Hope Center reduces the risks of poverty by helping people in Waukesha County meet basic needs. The next Outreach Meal served by Galileans is Friday, May 23.



**The Wisconsin Council of
Churches Joint Statement:
For Religious Liberty and
Against Christian
Nationalism**

On March 11, 2025, faith leaders from Wisconsin, including Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul Erickson, released a joint statement to address the February 6th United States of America presidential executive order to establish a new “Task Force to Eradicate Anti-Christian Bias”. It reads in part: This task force has the duty to “identify any unlawful anti-Christian policies, practices, or conduct by an agency”. This executive order is a threat to the religious pluralism enshrined in the constitution and does not protect Christians; rather it aligns the federal government with Christian Nationalism.

For more info or questions regarding Greater Milwaukee Synod events, please contact Partnerships & Global Gifting Coordinator Deb Kohler (262) 844-6155 or email: Deb.Kohler.MKE@gmail.com

Deconstructing Racism (Introductory Anti-Racism Training) Hosted by Galilee | May 17
@ 9:00 am

Please join us for this introductory anti-racism training facilitated by Rev. Marilyn Miller and Joyce Caldwell, PhD that is grounded in stories of participants, the Bible, and history. Through reflection on those stories, participants examine the construction and meaning of racism and the part we all play in upholding and maintaining the system. We will begin to identify steps and opportunities to grow in both understanding and action.

The training, open to everyone in the Greater Milwaukee Synod will be held in the lower-level fellowship hall from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. Materials & lunch are included.



Greater Milwaukee Synod



the healing network

The role of the faith community in addressing substance abuse, addiction, and related mental health issues



Workshops with Faith Partners, INC

Workshop for Concerned Clergy/Staff

April 10th, 2025
Badar Philanthropies
3300 N Doctor M.L.K. Jr Dr.
Milwaukee, WI 53212

Workshop for Lay Leaders and Concerned Members

May 8th, 2025
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
W156N8131 Pilgrim Rd
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Who we are

We are a network of faith communities coming together through a common vision for healing for those struggling with addiction and substance misuse in our diverse communities. We are an authentic and inclusive community seeking healing together.

What we do

We are committed to providing space for conversation and resources for addiction and substance misuse prevention, awareness education, early intervention, referral, recovery support and advocacy. We are committed to seek healing guided by our faith.

Why we do it

We know the devastating impact of addiction and substance misuse. We know that healing takes time, support and hope. We do this ministry because our community needs it and because our faith calls us to love, care for and walk with our neighbors, their families and communities.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



April 2

Brad Kozlowski
Judi Murphy

April 3

Jill Johnson
Kristen Greig

April 5

Jeff Knutsen

April 7

Brian Schwartz
Connor Dethloff

April 8

James Olia

April 9

Donna Fredrick

April 10

Susan Keller
Nancy Winkelman
Scott Immel

April 11

Jodie Schill

April 13

Thomas Hyslop
Megan Wallenfang

April 14

Elle Riegert
Bridget Reigert

April 15

Jody Goss

April 16

Dennis Olson
Kevin Dethloff

April 18

Nicole Lukomski
Todd Doenier

April 19

Aurora Artis
Jim Huebner
Bill Braunschweig

April 20

Paul Thorgaard

April 21

Joan Bohlmann
Kurt Romsos

April 22

Jon Doenier
Peter Muron

April 24

Cole Sullivan
Richard Knutson
John Goll
Theresa Opie

April 25

Kathy Longhini
Autmn Goss

April 26

Ashley Fancher

April 27

Matt Strosin
C.J. Knutson

April 28

Claudiu Mag

April 29

Rebecca Bowman
Robert Corcoran



PRAYER NEEDS

Please keep in your prayers - Patricia Alters, Eli Austin, Cathy Bartlett, Mary Benrud, Donna Chudada, Pastor Joy McDonald-Coltvet, Bev Coshun, Isaiah Cramer, LaVonne Dethloff, Kari Elizabeth, Donna Frederick, Paul Hintze Jr., Marjory Kloth, Bill Koehn, Margo Krumnow, Alice Lamp, Heidi Mag, Ray Mansker, Dan Maske, Eliana Metzger, Lynn Meyer, Michael Mielke, Marilyn Morgan, Helen Mueller, Calla Nelson, Dennis Olson, Diane Praeger, Janet Praeger, John Ruf, Dex Stamp, Penny Williams, and Nancy Wojcicki, and the family and loved ones of Gary Benrud.



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
with your prayer requests.**

April 2025

30	31	1	2	3	4	5
<u>9a Worship Service</u> <u>10:15a Education Hour</u>	<u>10:30a</u> Encore: Breast Cancer Fellowship Hall <u>7:30p</u> AA - Fellowship Hall	Bell Choir Rehearsal after W <u>9:30a</u> Text Study <u>4:30p</u> Choir rehearsal prep <u>5:45p</u> Lenten Supper <u>6:30p</u> Lenten worship	<u>8p</u> AA - Room 41 <u>8p</u> Boy Scouts Troop 87 - Fellowship Hall	<u>8p</u> AA - Room 41 <u>8p</u> Boy Scouts Troop 87 - Fellowship Hall	Office Closed <u>12p</u> 12 Step Group - Room 12	<u>7:30a</u> Men's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall <u>1p</u> Troop Spring Clean-Up <u>5p</u> Worship Service
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<u>9a</u> Worship Service <u>10:15a</u> Education Hour	<u>7:30p</u> AA - Fellowship Hall	Vocal Choir Rehearsal after W <u>9:30a</u> Text Study <u>1:45p</u> Grace Group <u>4:30p</u> Choir rehearsal prep <u>5:45p</u> Lenten Supper <u>6:30p</u> Lenten worship	<u>11:30a</u> Go-Getters <u>8p</u> AA - Room 41 <u>8p</u> Boy Scouts Troop 87 - Fellowship Hall	Office Closed <u>12p</u> 12 Step Group - Room 12	Office Closed <u>12p</u> 12 Step Group - Room 12	<u>8a</u> Women's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall <u>5p</u> Worship Service
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Palm Sunday - Vocal + Bells <u>9a</u> Worship Service <u>10:15a</u> Education Hour	<u>7:30p</u> AA - Fellowship Hall	<u>3p</u> Loss & Living Gathering	<u>9:30a</u> Text Study <u>4:30p</u> Choir rehearsal prep <u>6p</u> Vocal Choir Rehearsal <u>7p</u> Bell Choir Rehearsal	<u>6:30p</u> Maundy Thursday Service <u>8p</u> AA - Room 41 <u>8p</u> Boy Scouts Troop 87 - Fellowship Hall	Office Closed <u>12p</u> 12 Step Group - Room 12 <u>12p</u> Good Friday Service <u>6:30p</u> Good Friday Service	<u>7:30a</u> Men's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Sunday - Vocal & Bells <u>8:30a</u> Worship Service <u>9:30a</u> Easter Brunch <u>10:30a</u> Worship Service	<u>1p</u> Knitters & Crocheters - Fellowship Hall <u>7:30p</u> AA - Fellowship Hall		<u>9:30a</u> Text Study <u>1:45p</u> Grace Group <u>4:30p</u> Choir rehearsal prep <u>6p</u> Vocal Choir Rehearsal <u>7p</u> Bell Choir Rehearsal	<u>5:45p</u> Steeplechase Neighborhood Meeting <u>8p</u> AA - Room 41 <u>8p</u> Boy Scouts Troop 87 - Fellowship Hall	Office Closed <u>12p</u> 12 Step Group - Room 12	<u>8a</u> Women's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall <u>9a</u> Neighborhood Meeting <u>5p</u> Worship Service
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MINISTRY STAFF

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

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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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