

The Voice of Galilee

Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 2010

The Pastor's Message

As I write this article, we are in the midst of hosting our Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Galilee. The planners decided to build on the GLOW experience and have our VBS in the early evenings the week of August 9-12. I am grateful that many of the younger children of the member families participated in VBS, and several children from the community surrounding the church also joined in the fun. Furthermore, a great crew staffed this effort, and a number of parents of the children came and showed their support. We thank all of these children and adults for their participation.



Pastor Baumgartner

The theme for VBS was prayer as taking the forms of thanksgiving and praise, asking, forgiving, and listening. The children sang songs, heard Bible stories, made crafts, and played games that supported the theme. They also enjoyed a snack or a meal each day. We all owe a word of thanks to Joy Brown, Jo Ann French, Soon Kang, Elly

Peterman, Miriam Peterson, Ron Peterson, and Christena Watson for their excellent leadership.

VBS is very much like the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-9). If the seed is the Word of God, some falls on the hardened path, others fall on rocky soil, still others are choked out by thorns, but finally some seed falls on good soil and produces a great harvest. In VBS we continue Jesus' ministry of planting seeds. We share the Word with every child who comes our way, but we don't know what will result from our efforts. Instead, we leave the growth to the work of the Holy Spirit. In many ways, this is true of all forms of ministry. Pray that the Holy Spirit blesses all of the ministry done in the name of Jesus Christ.

See you in church.

Pastor Ralph

Galilee is on Facebook

Add Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church to your "Facebook Page's Favorites" and watch for reminders of upcoming events and postings of pictures of Galilee activities.

We currently have five administrators of our Facebook Page. If you are interested in learning how to post activities for your committee, contact the Galilee Web Team at galileelutheran@gmail.com.

Special notes of interest in September:

- RALLY DAY
SEPTEMBER 12
- CHOIR REHEARSALS
RESUME
SEPTEMBER 15
- SUNDAY SCHOOL AND
ADULT FORUMS
RESUME
SEPTEMBER 19
- GLOW RESUMES
SEPTEMBER 22

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September Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship - 9:30 AM

September 5 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1:1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 12 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

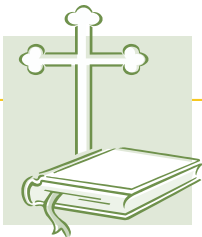
Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 19 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 26 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31



Fall GLOW

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped during our last session of GLOW. The community meal/Summer Blast on August 18 was absolutely wonderful! We are hoping that evening left everyone wanting more.

The Fall GLOW program will run on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 PM September 22 through November 10. A food donation list will be out shortly.

The GLOW planning team is looking for volunteers. You don't have to have a child involved in the program to be involved yourself. Perhaps you have a hobby or special talent you want to share with our group. You can help as many times or as few times as you are available. Without the volunteers this program could not happen.

For more information please contact Christena Watson or Joy Brown. Hope to see many of you there!

Sunday School

Blessings and prayers to all students and teachers joining us for Sunday School this year. The 2010-2011 Sunday School year resumes on September 19 at 11:00 AM.



Christian Education Schedule

GLOW (GALILEE LIVE ON WEDNESDAY) - Wednesdays at 5:30 PM, September 22 - November 10

RALLY DAY - Potluck picnic following the worship service on September 12

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Classes will resume weekly on September 19 at 11:00 AM

SUNDAY FORUM - Forums will resume weekly on September 19 at 11:00 AM

- September 19: "Guatemala Trip" led by Katherine and Ralph Baumgartner
- September 26: "House Meeting Sampler" led by Ron Peterson

BIBLE STUDY - Thursdays at 10:45 AM. The texts for the coming Sunday will be the focus of each week's study. Please bring a bag lunch.

From the Council President

I hope everyone is enjoying the hot and muggy summer days. This too will pass. It's been an eventful summer at Galilee, even though many people are coming and going. I'm particularly happy that Pastor Ralph and Katherine are back from their trip to Guatemala. Of course, we are still finding new ways that we miss June Wendt, both as a congregation and as individuals.

I need to tell you about Galilee's budget. Back in January, we approved what I would call a "Challenge Budget" for 2010. Our plan had a shortfall of about \$900 per month, which we hoped would be covered through tight spending and increased giving. Unfortunately, with the slow summer months, we now find ourselves about \$9,000 behind for the year and it is becoming difficult for our Treasurer, Pete Solberg, to pay some bills. At our recent Council meeting, we agreed to some specific steps:

- To again ask members to give a bit more than their pledged amount. A 10% increase by everyone would solve our problem, but we understand that may not be possible for many.
- We have posted bills due in the near-term on a board in the church narthex. You can "adopt a bill" by tearing off a tag and enclosing it with money in an envelope. This is a way to both publicize our budget problem and to get through the current crisis. Of course we need to also solve the long-range problem.
- The congregation has done a fair job of controlling spending compared to our original plan, but the church Council will need to make some additional cutbacks to reduce the rate of spending, probably including some hourly cutbacks for the staff. Please understand that we do this reluctantly because it will make it harder to fulfill Galilee's mission. We may need to do more volunteer work. For example, it might be necessary to ask for members to help mow the lawn.

I hope you will pray for God's help in this and send any budget ideas

you have to the Pastor or any church council member.

It's also important that Galilee continue to grow, both spiritually and numerically. The Council has agreed to focus on **prayer** as a way to grow spiritually. Pastor Ralph has exciting plans that we will use through June of 2011. We are also exploring ways to grow numerically, in membership and in relationship with our community. We plan to discuss our top ideas in a series of *House Meetings* this fall that you will be hearing about.

In many ways, the summer at Galilee has been great. We've had fun at Bay Lake Camp, VBS was outstanding (thanks, Elly), the choir is working on their next "Big Production" (thanks, Jo Ann), and worship services have been excellent (thanks, Pastor Ralph). The GLOW program recently had a Summer

Blast featuring singer Rachel Kurtz (see pictures below). About 75 people attended, with half from the neighborhood. The food was spectacular (thanks, Joy & Jerry).

May God bring blessings and peace to you,
Ron Peterson



Ron Peterson



**GLOW
Summer Bash
August 2010**



Staff News and Announcements

Galilee Choir News

The choir is looking for a few more singers! Here's the deal: we are rehearsing for a Christmas program and figure that the more people who are singing with us, the more fun we have.



Jo Ann French

So, if you or anyone you know would like to join us September through December, please talk to me in person, by phone (651-642-1641), or send an e-mail (jfrench.galilee@cpinternet.com).

Bell Choir News

Bell Choir rehearsals will begin, under the direction of Cynthia Erickson, on September 15, 2010 at 6:00 PM. If you are interested in joining the Bells of Galilee, contact Cynthia at 651-917-1818, email at cynthia.erickson@minnmicro.com, or sign up on Rally Day at church.



Cynthia Erickson

From the Church Secretary

Refreshment hosts are needed each Sunday. When no one volunteers, this time of fellowship is lost.

Please sign up at the information kiosk if you can help with this fellowship ministry.



Tai Chi Class

A Tai Chi class is being offered at Galilee on Wednesdays this fall from 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM starting on September 15. Our teacher is Debra Schumacher (<http://ukentaichi.2savvy.com>), who has extensive training in Tai Chi especially as it applies to health. This gentle exercise has many benefits, including increased flexibility and stress reduction.



Drop in and try it out - the cost for each class is \$10, or \$90 for the ten-week series ending on November 17.

Join the Altar Guild

If you are interested in joining the Galilee Altar Guild, please come to our Chili Potluck which will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 6:00 PM at Karen Groebner's home, 344 Sandhurst Drive West in Roseville.

We provide training for new members and you can always count on assistance from current members. The Altar Guild has a meaningful job to do, which we try to accomplish in an informal and friendly atmosphere with plenty of support and fellowship. We have committee meetings three to four times per year, as needed.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the following members who will be happy to share information with you:

Sharell Babin, Karen Groebner, Lorrie Hayne, Betty Jeans, Kathy Juneau, Mary Lanoux, Judy Levin, Sue Nelson, Lou Wanna Osterman, Barb Strenge, Jeannette Uran, Brian Watson, and Christena Watson



Thank you to the members of Galilee for the prayers and generous support as I walked 60 miles on August 20-22 to raise money for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation. 2,400 Twin Cities walkers raised over \$6.2 million for breast cancer research, education, and funding for underserved breast cancer patients.

I am happy to report that I had no blisters after the 60 miles and could feel your encouraging spirit every step of the way. **THANK YOU! Sue Nelson**

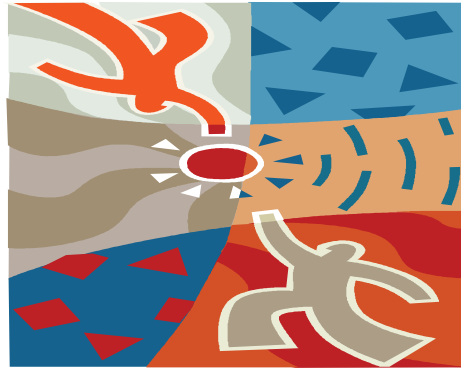
Galilee News and Announcements

Rally Day - Get Involved!

Sunday, September 12 is Rally Day at Galilee. We will have a potluck following the worship service to celebrate the start of another year of Sunday School and Sunday Forums. Please sign up for the potluck in the binder in the narthex kiosk.

Volunteers, committee members and participants are needed for all of Galilee's ministries. Sign-up on Rally Sunday for the following:

Altar Guild
Bell Choir
Church Council
Galilee Choir
GLOW
Kitchen Maintenance
Loaves & Fishes
Newsletter Editing
Outreach
Property and Grounds
Refreshment Hosts
Sunday School
Web site maintenance



If your committee is not listed and needs more volunteers, call the church office at 651-488-6769 by September 9 so a sign-up form can be created by Rally Day.



September Birthdays

- 3 Sarah Nottidge
- 5 Bill Johnson
- 7 Hailey Marx
- 8 Dazhanea Mitchell-Taylor
- 8 Jackie Nerud
- 13 Michael Einertson
- 13 David Lofstedt
- 13 Joanna Nelson
- 14 Katherine Baumgartner
- 14 Erika Lundell
- 16 Ralph Baumgartner
- 18 Sue Nelson
- 19 Joy Svoboda
- 20 Kelsey Midthun
- 21 Anna Jarombek
- 22 Mary Koreen
- 23 Robert Osterman
- 26 Louise Fehrman
- 29 Kendra Fehrman

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Barb Arndt
Rollie Berg
Phyllis Johnson
Bruce Lee
Betty Link-Ettel
Arlene Lofstedt
David Lofstedt
Darla Nelson
Jacob Lemuel Taylor
Veniessia Taylor



Family of Todd Anderson, father of Ellen Shores' friend
Bonnie Durand, friend of Kathy Juneau
Janice Johnson, Duane Haukebo's sister
Karl & Vera Johnson
Josh Kohn, O'Keefes' nephew-in-law
Bill O'Keefe, Terry's oldest brother
Mark Rein, nephew of Susan Loushin

The prayer requests are supported through Galilee's Prayer Circle.

Congratulations

to Ron & Miriam Peterson on the birth of their grandson, Timothy Fisher on July 23. Timothy has two older brothers, Peter and Leo, and is the son of Amy and Dan Fisher.



Outreach and Mission News

Globe Offering

The children's globe offering supports a mission to help children somewhere around the world each year. The 2010 offering will be used to purchase mosquito nets to aid in the prevention of children being infected by malaria, a mosquito-borne infectious disease.



**Donations collected as of
8/15/2010 - \$421.70**

Alley Shoppe

The Alley Shoppe will begin accepting donations in September after Labor Day, on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday mornings between the hours of 10 AM and Noon. It is located at Arlington Hills Lutheran Church at 1115 Greenbrier Street (corner of Greenbrier and Jessamine) in Saint Paul. The Alley Shoppe has been providing free clothing and household items to eligible families in all of Ramsey County since 1970. Families must be recommended by clergy, social workers, or schools.

The Alley Shoppe is staffed by volunteers. Your donations are tax deductible and receipts for your tax records are available from the Alley Shoppe. Contact Miriam Peterson with any questions.

Growing Through Loss- Support for Those Experiencing Loss in their Lives

"Growing Through Loss" is a grief and loss support ministry jointly sponsored by the North Suburban Grief Support Coalition, of which 18 churches in our area are members. Galilee is a member of this group. The coalition hosts two six-week series each year at various locations that address both the educational as well as support aspects of a variety of loss and grief issues.

The fall series will be held on Thursday evenings, September 16 through October 21 from 6:45 to 9:00 PM, and will be hosted by St Michael's Lutheran Church in Roseville.

Each session offers an educational presentation on a grief or loss-related topic, followed by peer support groups facilitated by trained leaders who understand the grieving process. Each session is complete in itself; attend any or all sessions. Registration takes place the night of the program at the host church. There is no registration fee, although donations are welcomed. Call 763-755-5335 or visit www.growingthroughloss.org for more information.



**VBS
2010
Sharing
the
word
through
fun and
prayer!**

Kids' Activity Page

Some men called tax collectors and Pharisees were whispering about Jesus and how he shouldn't eat and talk with sinners. It's funny they would say that because we all are sinners and do things we should not do. Have you ever felt really bad for something you've done? When you feel really bad about something you have done to someone and tell that person you are sorry, that is what we do when we repent. We also need to tell God we're sorry when we have done something wrong. The Pharisees and tax collectors didn't think that they had to do this because they were so important.

Of course Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he told this parable:

Suppose a shepherd has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders off and gets lost. Does he not leave the ninety-nine sheep and go find the one sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he is so excited he carries the sheep all the way home. Then he calls all his friends and neighbors and has a party to celebrate the sheep that was found.

Then Jesus told what the parable meant: Just like there was a big party over the one lost sheep, there will be a big party in heaven over just one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine people who think they are perfect and don't need to repent. When you say "I'm sorry" to God all of heaven has a big party just for what you've done! God is much more excited when we say we're sorry than when we act like

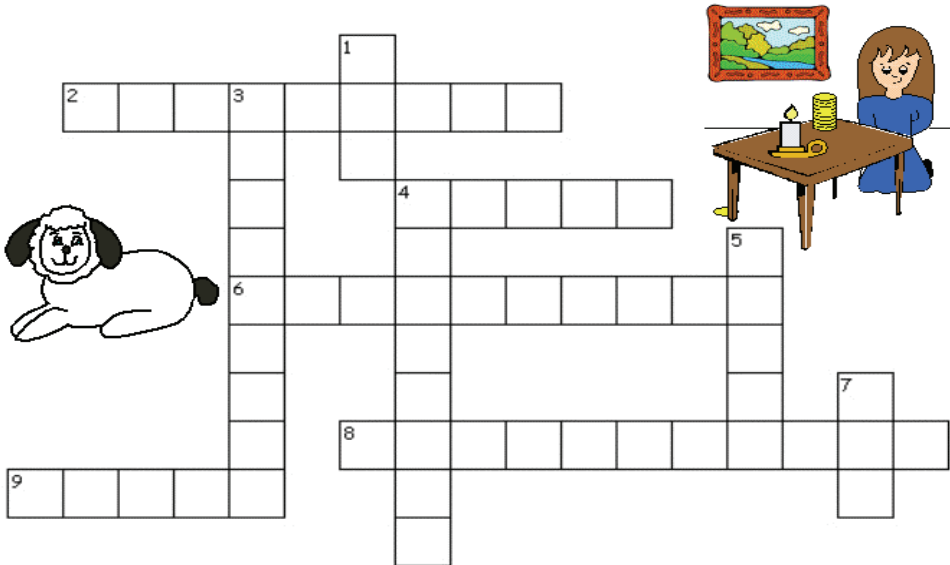
nothing has happened and don't think we need to repent at all.

Jesus then told another parable:

Suppose a woman has ten dollar coins and loses one. Does she not turn on all her lights, sweep the whole house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds the coin, she has a reason to celebrate. Just like the woman finding the lost coin, there is great joy with all of God's angels over one sinner who repents.

The lesson here is that nobody is perfect (except God of course). It's very important that when we make a mistake we realize we have done something wrong and we tell God we're sorry. It's as simple as taking a couple minutes, going somewhere quiet would be best (but you can talk to God anywhere), and just say you're sorry for the wrong thing you've done and ask God to forgive you.

Lost Sheep/Coin Crossword



Across

2. These were the people that didn't think they needed forgiveness.
4. The shepherd cares for all of his _____.
6. This is the number of sheep the shepherd left to find the lost one.
8. God has a _____ when we repent and ask for forgiveness.
9. When we look for something lost we usually turn this on.

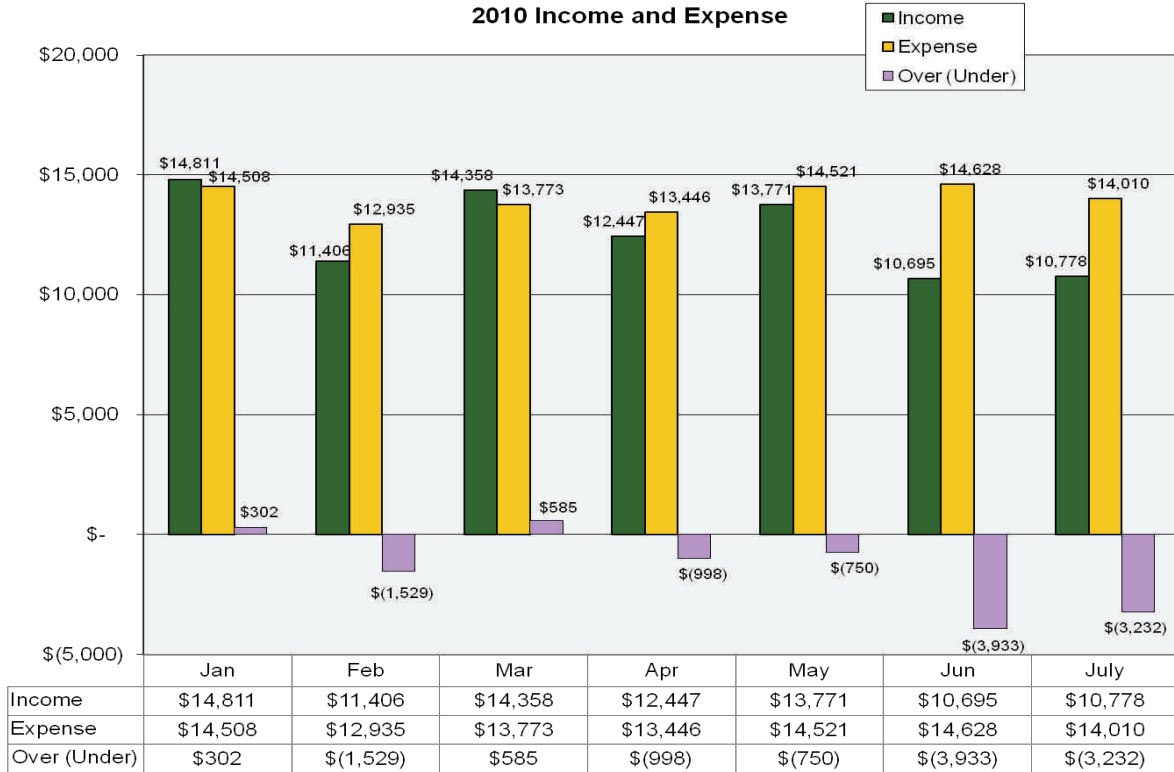
Down

1. To be forgiven we just need to pray and _____ for forgiveness.
3. When we are truly sorry for our sin that is when we have a _____ heart.
4. God cares for us even more than a _____ loves his sheep.
5. If you have a repentant _____ Jesus is ready to forgive you if you ask Him.
7. There is great _____ with all of God's angels over one sinner who repents.

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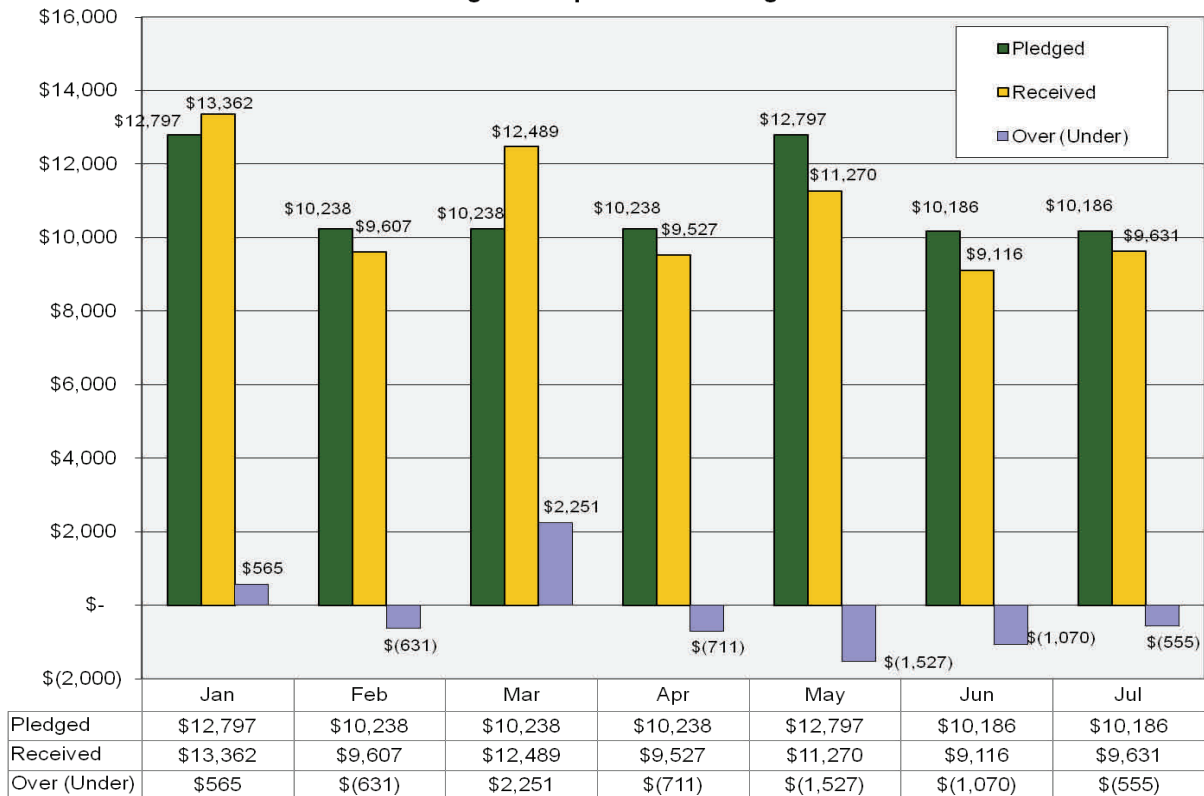
Financial Reports through July 2010

2010 Income and Expense



2010 Year-to-Date Income and Expense = (\$9,555.34)

2010 Pledges Compared to Offering Received



2010 Year-to-Date Pledges compared to Offering Received = (\$1,676.70)

September 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>■ At Galilee</p> <p>■ Items printed in blue take place at another location. For a color version of this calendar visit www.galileelutheran.net.</p> <p>Note: The calendar posted on the Web site will be updated weekly to reflect any changes or additions after the newsletter publishing date.</p>			1	2	3	4
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Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM

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We share the air.
At Galilee
we STRIVE to be
fragrance-free!

Galilee's Mission Statement

To gather people together to hear the story of God's love in Jesus Christ,
to be nurtured in faith and knowledge,
and to share the Good News through word and deed.

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