



The Voice of Galilee

Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Recently I heard a feature on the radio about droughts. The commentator said that droughts are essentially in the eye of the beholder. If you are adversely affected by the lack of moisture, then you find yourself in a drought, even if your neighbor who does not have a garden and doesn't care about his grass does not think so.

There are times when we are in a spiritual drought, and this is also a personal matter. A spiritual drought is marked by not feeling that God is present in your life. It is when your spiritual life seems empty or numb. If and when you pray, it may feel that your words go nowhere. At worship, it may feel like you are just going through the motions. God's love doesn't feel real or alive.

How do we respond to these dry periods? First, we shouldn't be surprised if we find ourselves in one. They are a normal occurrence in human existence. Even great spiritual leaders like Martin Luther and Mother Teresa had them. Second, it is helpful to develop spiritual habits such as regular times for prayer, regularly receiving holy communion, daily Bible reading, etc. These practices help us get through the dry times. And third, it is helpful to review the past. The people of Israel would recall how God freed them from bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea to the Promise Land. Remembering how God has blessed us in the past can be an antidote to those dry spells we all go through from time to time.

Before we know it, we will be on the doorstep of the season of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year is on

February 22nd. If you find yourself in a spiritual drought right now, your journey through the forty days of Lent is a great opportunity to refresh your soul with the water of life through Jesus Christ. Make this a special time for your own spiritual renewal.

See you in church.

Pastor Ralph

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT



This is my swan song as Galilee council president. By the time you read this a new council may be in place. In the December "Voice" I reviewed the events and spirit of Galilee in 2011. In the annual report I expressed my thanks to God, and to all of you, for the remarkable effort and love shown in 2011.

So this is an opportunity to peek ahead a bit. Predictions are difficult--especially about the future--but let me try. When I was a research director it seemed important to understand the situation and trends, and then to make broad goals. Then, when an opportunity presented itself, you knew whether to jump in or not. Here is an assessment of Galilee's situation and trends:

- *We are an aging congregation (see chart below) but with tremendous, loving, skilled, generous, welcoming people.*
- *We have a nest egg in our savings of about \$50,000, no debt, and a budget that is in balance.*

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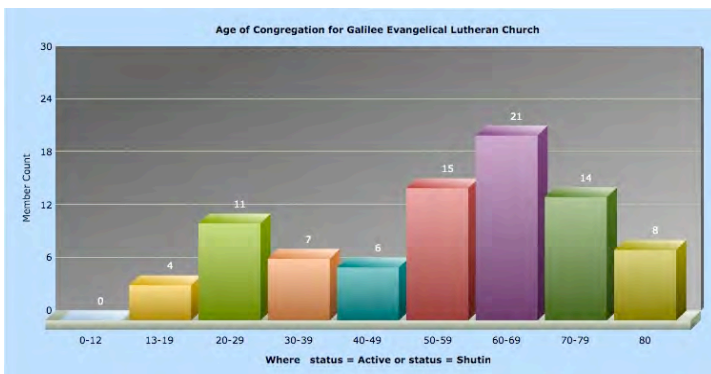
- *The neighborhood and suburbs around us are changing demographically.*
- *The economy, entertainment options, family needs, and new attitudes make it difficult to attract young people to church.*

The Galilee council had some action targets in place in 2011, but at their heart were these broad goals:

- *Try to grow as a congregation but trust in God's plan for us*
- *Make Galilee more visible, including some big events that draw new people*
- *Make Galilee KNOWN for something—so the word spreads*
- *Have meaningful, beautiful, surprising worship services*
- *Practice “outrageous welcome”*
- *Remain an authentic church—that takes our mission and religion seriously*

I value being a member at Galilee and pray that this congregation continues and thrives long after I'm gone. For example, we have recently been approached by the Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church who are considering sharing their ministry in the Galilee facility. We need to seriously consider such requests as a way to energize our mission. We should also consider unleashing our “nest egg” on strong ideas that match the broad goals. We need to remain connected to our community and our members in meaningful ways. And we need to trust God's plan and grace in our lives and for our church.

Please, God--walk closely with us. Amen.
Ron



GALILEE MUSIC NEWS



My favorite part of learning a piece of music is after the notes and rhythms are mastered and I can then concentrate on musical expression. When I prepare my piano students for competitions, I make comments on picky things like fingering and phrase endings and even on which of three notes played at the same time should be the loudest! It is that kind of care that makes the music beautiful. The Galilee Choir will have a chance this month to rehearse anthems in great detail with the choral ensemble *From Age to Age*. Well, choirs don't have to be concerned about fingering, but a pianist need not be concerned about when he breathes or how her voice blends with the rest of the choir! I hope you will be able to come to the concert on February 18 to hear the wonderful music of *From Age to Age* singing alone and also joined by the Galilee Choir - it promises to be a marvelous event!

Jo Ann French

FINANCE and STEWARDSHIP



We're happy to report that, from a financial standpoint, Galilee finished the year very strong! The General Fund offerings received in December were in excess of \$18,400 compared to the budget of \$15,300. General Fund expenses were in line with the budget of \$14,300. This resulted in a surplus of over \$4,400 for the month and \$3,400 for the full year. This surplus will be carried forward to 2012. Galilee received over \$186,000 in offerings for 2011 in all funds.

In addition to starting 2012 with a General Fund surplus, Galilee is debt free. Due to the tremendous generosity of the congregation the temporary loan to repair the roof and to replace the furnace was completely repaid in 2011. In addition, we have over \$4,400 in the long-term maintenance fund which can be used as future needs arise.

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Special thanks to Mary Lanoux who has served as Financial Secretary for over 35 years and to Steve Groebner for taking over the Treasurer duties in 2011. Steve did a wonderful job of learning and implementing the new financial software during the year. As a result, we are able to accurately and timely report Galilee's finances to the congregation.
Carl Nelson

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Service – 9:30 a.m.

- Feb. 5 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39
- Feb. 12 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Mark 1:40-45



- Feb. 19 Transfiguration of Our Lord
2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9
- Feb. 26 First Sunday in Lent
Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:45 a.m.

ADULT FORUM: 11:00 a.m. in the Library

BIBLE STUDY: Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.
The texts for the coming Sunday will be the focus of each week's study. Please bring a bag lunch.

GLOW (Galilee Live On Wednesday):

February 1, 8, 15
5:30-7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- Feb. 5 The Disciples
Feb. 12 Four Friends
Feb. 19 Ten Men Healed
Feb. 26 The Good Samaritan

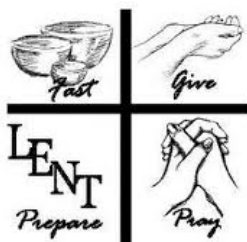
If you have any questions regarding Sunday school, contact Jackie Nerud or Lori O'Keefe.

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

- Feb. 5 Marta Volbrecht of Lutheran Social Services (LSS) on volunteer opportunities in their refugee resettlement program.
- Feb. 12 Ron Peterson and Jim Zrust: Safeguarding God's Children—protecting children from abuse in the church and community.
- Feb. 19 Abraham Watson and Anshawn Davis on their recent trip to Liberia.
- Feb. 26 Dan Simundson on The Five Scrolls: Ruth, Esther, Lamentations, Song of Songs and Ecclesiastes (first of three sessions).

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

The forty days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on February 22nd. We will have the opportunity to be marked with the sign of the cross with ashes on our foreheads as a reminder of our mortality and hope for new life through Jesus Christ. The theme for Lent this year is “You Shall Love the Lord Your God”. Except for the Ash Wednesday service, the Lenten Midweek Services will be in the fellowship hall starting at 6:00 pm. In a departure from recent practice, we will take the first half hour for the service featuring *Holden Evening Prayer* in its entirety. After that we will serve soup and enjoy fellowship with one another during the second half hour.



February 22nd - Ash Wednesday service with holy communion in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm.

February 29th - “Hear, O Israel”, Mark 12:28-34, starting at 6:00 pm.

March 7th - “You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Heart”, I Corinthians 13:1-13.

March 14th - “You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Soul”, Psalm 103.

March 21st - “You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Mind”, 1 Kings 3:3-14.

March 28th - “You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Strength”, Isaiah 12:1-6.

PRAYER FOR HEALING



9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

February 5, 2012

SHAPING THE FUTURE WITH HOPE

ISALIAH is sponsoring a public gathering on Sunday, February 12th for the purpose of furthering our work together to create a racially and economically just Minnesota. Invited guests include Governor Dayton and members of his administration, including Commissioners and Metropolitan Council members, as well as other public officials. A delegation from Galilee will attend. This gathering will be from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at Progressive Baptist Church in St. Paul. For more information, contact Pastor Ralph, Ron Peterson, or Peter Solberg.



(adult social time)

Young at Heart meets from 12:30-2:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Socialization (getting to know each other better) takes place as we play board games or have an occasional pot luck lunch.

Please join us on February 14 and 28 at 12:30 to play Social Security, Scrabble, Cribbage, or the board game of your choice. Refreshments are furnished. If you have any questions, please give Karen Groebner (Fellowship Coordinator) a call at 651-488-9074.

Sharell Babin



From Age to Age Concert February 18, 7:30 p.m.

The big event is happening soon: *From Age to Age* (FAtA), a professional choral ensemble, will be coming to Galilee to give a concert on Saturday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m.. In the afternoon on that day members of the Galilee choir will participate in a workshop with FAtA members, and then the two choirs will collaborate on some of the pieces performed in the concert. A reception will follow the concert, complete with delectable treats, giving us a time for visiting and chatting with choir members.

This is a wonderful opportunity to hear some great music - invite friends and family! We will be collecting a free will offering instead of selling tickets, but please let us know if you will be coming (sign up at the kiosk or call the church office (651-488-6769)).

Volunteers are needed – please see volunteer information at the kiosk.

For more information about *From Age to Age*, please visit their website:

http://fromageytoage.typepad.com/from_age_to_age/

For more information about the concert, please contact Jo Ann French
(jfrench.galilee@cpinternet.com or 651-488-6769)

BAPTISM



Katie (age 9) and Gina Kelly (age 7) were baptized during the service at Galilee Lutheran Church on January 22, 2012. No strangers to Galilee, these sisters have been regular participants in GLOW (Galilee Live on Wednesday) for about three years. They have also been attending Sunday services for about two years at which Katie has been serving as acolyte. The girls' mother, Theresa Hofford, was present at the baptisms, as well as other members of their extended family. Jim Zrust, long time member of Galilee and GLOW volunteer, stood up as the girls' sponsor.



Katie

Gina



Jim Zrust, Teresa Hofford, Pastor Baumgartner, Gina and Katie Kelly, and Kayla Boland

BOOK DISCUSSION IN MARCH



You are invited to join a discussion of the book "Love Wins" by Rob Bell.

This book is controversial in Christian circles, because it examines traditional beliefs about heaven, hell and salvation in the light of scripture, often drawing nontraditional conclusions. It is not a dull theological treatise; Bell writes in an engaging, easy to understand style, but the topic is still profound.

Mark your calendar so you won't miss the lively conversation about this book on the four Wednesdays in March at 7:00 a.m. at the Good Earth Restaurant in Roseville.

Please contact Jo Ann French
(651-642-1641 or jfrench.galilee@cpinternet.com)
for further information.

*Thank
You*

For all the prayers you have made for me these last 6 months and also for the fruit basket you gave me.

*Thank you very much,
Edith Londroche*

VOLUNTEERS



There are many volunteer opportunities at Galilee: Sunday morning refreshments, flowers for the altar, Loaves and Fishes, GLOW, Helping Hands, lector, usher, communion assistant, and babysitting during the sermon, to name but a few. Please check the book in the kiosk and sign up where you would like to be involved.

FEBRUARY

LECTORS

- 5 Barb Streng
- 12 Sarah Cassell
- 19 Lori O'Keefe
- 22 Joan Jarombek (Ash Wednesday)
- 26 Lorrie Hayne

USHERS

- 5 Joyce & Peter Solberg
- 12 Ron & Miriam Peterson
- 19 Steve & Karen Groebner
- 26 Terry & Lori O'Keefe

REFRESHMENT HOSTS

- 5 Kathy Juneau
- 12 Shari Sailer
- 19 Karen Groebner
- 26 Sarah Cassell



Do you have someone you want to remember on a specific Sunday, or would you like to beautify the altar for a Sunday with flowers? See the sign-up book in the narthex kiosk.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Barb Arndt
 Rollie Berg
 Phyllis Johnson
 Louis Lanoux
 Bruce Lee
 Betty Link-Ettel
 Edith Londroche
 Darla Nelson
 Jacob Lemuel Taylor
 Veniessia Taylor



Juliana Kopka, daughter of Mark Kopka
 The family of Wilhelm Kopka
 Ron Thunhorst, father of Deb Anderson
 Emmett Louie, father of Paula Brown
 Susan Louie, sister of Paula Brown

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Miriam Peterson
- 7 Bruce Lee
- 11 Michael Osterman
- 14 Dan Simundson
- 16 Teresa Shores
- 16 Nuwoe Watson
- 17 Mandy Nelson
- 18 Joan Jarombek



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galileelutheran@isd.net

Office Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



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.

Help us to keep in touch with you! If there are changes to your personal information, please let us know. Mail or provide this information to the church office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

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E-Mail Address: _____

Note to the Pastor or Office:

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