



The Voice of Galilee

Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The Pastor's Message

I love you, O LORD my strength,
O LORD my stronghold,
my crag, and my haven;
my God, my rock in whom I put my trust,
my shield, the horn of my salvation,
and my refuge.

Psalm 18:1-2

The image of God as our rock appeals to me. There are a number of rocky places that I have known over the years where I have experienced the presence of God. Places such as the rock outcropping on a bluff over-looking Lake Pepin, the massive rocks in the Boundary Waters, Enchanted Rock in the Hill Country of Texas, and the rocky summit of Mount Tepozteco in Mexico are some of the places where I've had this awareness of God's presence surrounded by the magnificence of creation.

As I write this article, it is the day of the inauguration of President Barack Obama. In his inaugural address, President Obama said something we all know, "The world has changed, and we will change with it." In the midst of change, some of which is welcome, and some of which is unwelcome, we need to find a rock on which to stand where we can collect ourselves, be renewed, and find the strength to embrace the changes ahead. That rock is Jesus Christ, who offers the only place where we can stand upright through whatever storm or quaking of the earth.

Later this month, we as a congregation will enter the season of Lent. We have chosen as our theme "Stones," and it would be fun to use different stones each week in Lent to be a visual reminder of how Christ is our rock of strength in challenging times. Perhaps some of you have a portable but large enough rock that we could use during one of the weeks of Lent. Watch for announcements as we get closer to the start of Lent (this year Ash Wednesday is on February 25). May your faith be built on a rock.

See you in church!

Pastor Ralph



Pastor Ralph Baumgartner

Special notes of interest in February

- ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 25 - 7:00 PM
- BAY LAKE CAMP-WINTER APPRECIATION GETAWAY
FEBRUARY 21-22

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A Note from the Council President

Whoops! For those of you who carefully read the December and January articles by me in the Voice of Galilee, you noticed that they were the same. Disgracefully, I emailed Cindy the wrong document for January. Please forgive me. Now let me try again.

This is my last task as President of the Council. Next month Lorrie Hayne will be writing. This is an excellent time to say thank you to many individuals and groups of people for making the programs at Galilee successful. My first thank you goes to Pastor Ralph. How good it is to have him in place. Next, thank you to all of the Council members and their teams for all of the work that they do. Thanks to Cindy for being the face of Galilee day-to-day. Thank you also to Louis and Bill who spend so much time cleaning up for all of us especially in December with Project Home. Then there is the Altar Guild which does so much work behind the scenes that we don't even realize must be done to have our worship services. Thanks to Jo Ann for planning worship and music. I am grateful to the choir, bell choir, and the soloists for giving us their special music as well as Jo Ann, Amy, Tim and Raymond. My family is very grateful to the Craft and Bake Sale participants for giving us presents and delicious desserts for Christmas. When I applied for the Thrivent match, I needed to write the number of hours that the volunteers had put in. That number was 500 hours. That is real devotion and love for Galilee. Then we also had house meetings, a progressive dinner, Project Home,



Miriam Peterson

Loaves and Fishes, and people donating to the Food Shelves and to the KaRen family. (Please check the pictures and the thank you note in the narthex.) I also want to say thanks to Sunday School teachers, GLOW volunteers, worship assistants, lectors, treasurers and many others. In other words, thank you to everyone at Galilee!

I want to give you another update on Uhominyi. Last year we sponsored eight students whose pictures are on the wall in the Fellowship Hall. For 2009 we will be sponsoring 23 students! That is a total of \$8,050. We have also provided bicycles to the remaining 5 evangelists. We are really making a difference to these people as well as to the entire community of Uhominyi. "Asante sana" which is thank you very much in Swahili. If we want to do more, the pastor has requested help in getting some solar power at the church and the parsonage or for additional building materials for the evangelists' homes. Evangelists are only paid \$10 to \$20 a month and some of their homes still do not have a roof.

The new Council will be working hard to guide Galilee. Please help them wherever you are able. Remember that we are God's people whose mission it is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ wherever we go and whatever we do. Let us strive to be the church rather than just going to church.

Miriam Peterson

Helping Hand Group

At the Annual meeting, Abraham Watson suggested that Galilee organize a group of members who are willing to share their talents to help with maintenance and repairs, etc. not only around the church, but also to help members of the congregation who need help with something at their home. If you would like to join this group and share your talents, please sign up on the table in the narthex. Please contact Abraham Watson at 651-489-7905 with any questions.

February Worship Schedule and Scripture Readings

Sundays at 9:30 am

*Worship is an encounter with the living Christ
Jesus invites you to "come."*

We come to offer our worship to God

February 1 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

- Deuteronomy 18:15-20
- Psalm 111
- Corinthians 8:1-13
- Mark 1:21-28

February 8 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

- Isaiah 40:21-31
- Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
- Corinthians 9:16-23
- Mark 1:29-39

February 15 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

- 2 Kings 5:1-14
- Psalm 30
- 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- Mark 1:40-45

February 22 Transfiguration of Our Lord

- 2 Kings 2:1-12
- Psalm 50:1-6
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
- Mark 9:2-9

February Christian Education Schedule

A time to grow in your journey of faith.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:45 am for children and youth three through eighteen.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

SUNDAY MORNING FORUM – Sundays at 11:00 am

- **February 1 *Health Ministry of the Lutheran Church in Guatemala*** - led by Katherine Baumgartner
- **February 8 *Bay Lake Camp*** – led by Adrienne Kuchler Eldridge, Program and Organizational Manager of Bay Lake Camp
- **February 15 *KaRen Refugees*** – led by Ron Peterson
- **February 22 - *TBD***

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

February 25

**Ash Wednesday
Service**

7:00 pm



Prayer Requests

The prayers of the congregation are requested for:

- *Vernon Fehrman family*
- *Zach Jeffrey*
- *Phyllis Johnson*
- *Daniel (KaRen family member)*
- *Betty Kryzer*
- *Louis Lanoux*
- *Art Londroche (Ashley and Lindsey Londroche and Amber Schneider's grandfather)*
- *Chad McDonald*
- *David Meyer*
- *Darla Nelson*
- *Jan Seefert*



Lent

Stones: A Midweek Lenten Series

The Wednesday Service each week will focus on the following Scripture readings and the themes will be presented by various speakers

February 25: (Ash Wednesday) Stones of the covenant

- Deuteronomy 5: 1-22
- 2 Corinthians 3: 1-3
- Matthew 21: 42-46

March 4: God's Law engraved on stone and on human hearts

- Exodus 34: 1-10

March 11: A millstone as metaphor for punishment of sin

- Matthew 18: 6-9

March 18: Jesus is a stumbling stone for unbelievers and the rock of salvation for believers

- Romans 9: 30-33

March 25: Jesus is the living stone upon which the church is founded

- 1 Peter 2: 1-10

April 1: Jesus, the foundation stone for life

- Matthew 7: 24-29
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February Birthdays

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

Lenten Soup Suppers

The Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship Services will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm, from March 4 through April 1.



Please note that there is not a Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday.

The Lenten theme this year is Stones. If you would like to

make soup or bring bread to share for the suppers, please sign up on the poster in the narthex. On the evening that you donate soup or bread, you are asked to come early to help serve the supper and also to stay after the service to help with clean up.

Soup Supper Menu

March 4.....Chicken Soup

March 11.....Hamburger Soup

March 18.....Vegetable Soup

March 25.....Cook's Choice

April 1.....Chili

Annual Meeting Highlights

- 33 people were in attendance at the Annual Meeting.
- A motion was made and seconded to raise the percentage of benevolence from 11% to 12%. The motion failed by a vote of 28-5.
- A 3% raise for staff (not including the Pastor) was proposed in the budget. The budget was approved.
- Galilee received a memorial gift from Sis Johnson's estate in the amount of \$64,000. According to her will, the memorial gift is to be used to enhance the worship at Galilee. In 2009, \$17,000 from the Sis Johnson memorial gift will be used to support the Music Director's salary and a portion of the Pastor's salary. A group will be formed to make a recommendation to the Council on how the remainder of the gift monies will be used.
- \$13,000 has been donated to date for the bell tower project. The Facilities and Growth Planning Task Group has been asked to bring concept plans to the council for guidance.
- Christena Watson asked for a volunteer to be co-planner for the GLOW Program. The Education & Youth Team hopes to resume the GLOW program in the summer. There is currently no budget to fund the position of Children & Youth Ministry Coordinator. For the time being, volunteers will coordinate the youth activities.
- We are starting 2009 with an \$8,000 operating fund deficit from 2008.
- A suggestion was made to put the designated funds into a higher interest bearing account since the present savings account only earns 0.7% interest.
- The Nominating Committee recommended that the congregation accept the nomination of Ann Fehrman, Joan Jarombek and Ron Peterson to each serve a three-year term on the Church Council. The nominations were accepted by unanimous vote. The 2009 council members will be installed on February 8 during the worship service.
- The Church Council will be having their annual retreat on Saturday, March 14 at Galilee.

Kitchen Re-Organization

The kitchen was de-cluttered and re-organized in January. The cupboards have been labeled so that kitchen supplies and utensils can be easily located. The countertops have been cleaned off so that they are available for their intended use – *food preparation*. The Sunday Morning Refreshment Guidelines are posted on the refrigerator rather than in the binder on the countertop. A Kitchen Policy, which is a guideline for all groups or individuals that wish to use the kitchen, is also posted. This kitchen re-organization is a work-in-progress, so if you have suggestions for improvements, please contact Cindy in the church office and she will forward your suggestions to the appropriate person(s). Please help to keep our kitchen clean and orderly by washing and returning items to their proper place each time you use the kitchen.



Refreshment Hosts Needed

Refreshment hosts are needed each Sunday morning to set up, host and clean up for the refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. Please take a moment to sign up in the narthex if you can help with this fellowship ministry.

Events and Announcements



**Donations collected as of
1/25/09 - \$11.17**

The Children & Youth Education Team is in the process of researching and selecting a worthy cause to sponsor in 2009. Watch for an update about this special mission project.



Winter Appreciation Getaway

Campers will leave Saturday morning, February 21 and return Sunday afternoon, February 22 after lunch. Men, women and families are welcome. The cost is \$56 for adults and \$28 for children 12 and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Come enjoy the season. There will be walking, ice fishing and snowshoeing. Sign up in the narthex. Call Gary Einertson 651-702-7732 for further information.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to Tom Wackerfuss and associate, Joan Dryer for spending three days painting the Sunday School rooms and the basement hallway. Their help is greatly appreciated.

GLOW Update

The Children & Youth Education Team is hoping to resume the GLOW Program this summer. They are looking for a volunteer to be a Co-planner along with Christena Watson to help plan supper and activities. The volunteer would not have to be present on GLOW nights. If you would like to help with this ministry, please call Christena Watson at 651-785-8730.

Outreach News

The Outreach Committee continues to collect nonperishable food items, toiletries, laundry supplies, and paper products. Donations will be accepted any day of the week during worship or office hours. Place your donations in the "Little Red Wagon," which is located in the narthex. Donations will be delivered monthly to Keystone Community Services (on Rice Street near Arlington Avenue) in St. Paul.

Intergenerational Bowling

Please join us for our annual inter-generational bowling event on Saturday, March 21 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at St. Bernard's Lanes. An always-popular event, please come for food, fun and fellowship.



Not a bowler? Bumper alleys are available, as well as a nice location to sit and watch the fun. A sign-up will be available in the narthex for

those wishing to participate as well as for those willing to bring a snack. We may bring food, however, beverages are available for purchase only at St. Bernard's. A goodwill donation of \$5.00 would be appreciated to defray the cost of the alley. Contact Lori O'Keefe with any questions at 651-429-4039.

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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.

Pastor:	2009 Church Council:
Ralph Baumgartner	Lisa Atchison
Music Director:	Joy Brown
Jo Ann French	Ann Fehrman
Organists:	Lorrie Hayne, President
Raymond Nottidge	Joan Jarombek
Tim Rand	Mary Lanoux, Financial Secretary
Bells of Galilee:	Terry O'Keefe
Amy Jauch	Ron Peterson
Secretary:	Peter Solberg, Treasurer
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Note to the Pastor or Office:

Please contact me.