

The Voice of Galilee

Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church

Online Edition

June 2009

The Pastor's Message

Some exciting plans are being laid for outreach by Galilee to children and their families this summer. A planning team is working to launch a renewed GLOW (GALILEE LIVE ON WEDNESDAY) on June 10. You'll hear more about that as we go along, and I'm sure that you will want to support this important initiative.

At the same time, I am concerned as your pastor that you are also growing in your faith. Our outreach, as important as it is, will be empty of spirit if the congregation does not also feel fully alive in Christ.



Ralph Baumgartner

Every member of Galilee, and those who are friends of the congregation, have been richly blessed by God and showered with his grace. A big part of our spiritual health is how we respond to these blessings and God's grace. At a workshop that some of us recently attended, one of the speakers said that "stewardship is the discipline to remember to respond to what God has done for us". That is, how we give of our resources (time, talents, and finances) as a joyful response to God's love in Jesus Christ is a major component of a vital faith.

Just as "God so loved the world that he **gave** his only Son...", so in our walk of faith we are invited to give of all that we have as a sign of gratitude for what we have received from God. We actually need to give of ourselves in order to have spiritual health and to grow in our faith. Take a look at your giving as we enter the summer. Are you giving up to your potential in terms of your resources of time, talent and finances? Are you contributing not only to the mission of the church, but also to the well being of the community in which you live? Do you find joy in your giving?

Finally, I want to thank you for your generous giving of money through our congregation. Offerings have been strong through the winter and the spring. Thank you! Sometimes during the summer the offerings can lag even though vital ministry will be under way through that time. Please remember your church with your offerings, even when you may be out of town. Thank you for your support of the mission to which we have been called.

See you in church.

Pastor Ralph

Special notes of interest in June

- CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC
JUNE 7
- GLOW BEGINS
JUNE 10
- MEN'S RETREAT
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A Note from the Council President

In last month's edition of the Voice I asked for ideas and input from the congregation on ways to improve bulletin boards and sign-up sheets. We received a wonderful idea with regard to sign-up sheets and a place to post upcoming events at Church. Plans are being drawn up for an information kiosk and we are blessed with talented members who will take the plans and make them a reality.

The annual Church Picnic will be held after the worship service on Sunday, June 7th. This will be a pot luck lunch so bring you favorite dish to share. There will be many door prizes and activities for children.



Lorrie Hayne

GLOW (GALILEE LIVE ON WEDNESDAY) will be returning starting June 10th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Watch the bulletin and check the Web site often for updates on opportunities and activities throughout the summer on Wednesday evenings at Galilee.

Hopefully the weather will warm up soon and summer will be upon us. As we enjoy summer vacations and travels, please remember to keep Galilee in your prayers, participation and financial offerings.

In Christ's love,

Lorrie Hayne

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GLOW (GALILEE LIVE ON WEDNESDAY)

There is a **GLOW** on the horizon. And it's bringing hope to our community. It's a hope in which we all participate. GLOW (GALILEE LIVE ON WEDNESDAY) begins on June 10.

The GLOW Leadership Team has been working hard at making plans for what the ministry of GLOW will look like this summer.

Here are some of the exciting things that the team is looking at for this summer: African dance and drumming lessons; sculpturing with clay; painting murals; games; music; and community meals where everyone is invited to participate in getting to know each other, be in relationship with one another, and discover what God would have us do together.

GLOW is about sharing God's love with each other. It's about gathering together as neighbors and children of God, and celebrating life. It's about empowering children and youth to discover what they can do, and ultimately, equip them for making a difference in God's world, and in their own community.

GLOW needs you! Everyone is invited...you, your children, your grandchildren, your neighbors, your other relatives...everyone! This is how God builds community and builds God's kingdom.

Galilee is a part of it. The broader community is a part of it. We are all a part of the GLOW that is coming!

GLOW begins June 10. If you have any questions or want to find out how you can be a part of this exciting ministry, please talk to Mark Kopka or one of the GLOW leadership team members:

Mindy Adams
Michael Einertson
Lorrie Hayne
Caroline Herman
Karl Johnson
Darla Nelson
LaParis Nelson

Brittnee Nerud
Ron Peterson
Christena Watson
June Wendt
Jim Zrust
Ralph Baumgartner
Mark Kopka



June Worship Schedule and Readings

Sundays at 9:30 AM

June 7, 2009 The Holy Trinity

- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Psalm 29
- Romans 8:12-17
- John 3:1-17

June 14, 2009 Second Sunday after Pentecost

- Ezekiel 17:22-24
- Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
- 2 Corinthians 5:6-17
- Mark 4:26-34

June 21, 2009 Third Sunday after Pentecost

- Job 38:1-11
- Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
- 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
- Mark 4:35-41

June 28, 2009 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

- Lamentations 3:22-33
- Psalm 30
- 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
- Mark 5:21-43

June Christian Education Schedule

GLOW (GALILEE LIVE ON WEDNESDAY) - Wednesdays at 6:00 PM beginning on June 10.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Classes will resume in September.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - Confirmation Classes will resume in September.

SUNDAY FORUM - Forums will resume in September.

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

Church Picnic - Please join us!

- Who: ***Galilee members, friends and neighbors***
- What: ***Church Potluck Picnic***
- When: ***Sunday, June 7 following the worship service***
- Where: ***Galilee - Lawn by front entrance***
- Why: ***Enjoy a time of fellowship and fun.***
- Bring a dish to share.
 - Drinks and paper products will be provided.
 - Fun! Fellowship! Games! Door Prizes!
 - The 2009 graduates will be honored.



Uhominyi Student Update

Galilee is now supporting 27 students in Uhominyi, Tanzania. There was a misunderstanding about the number of new students we began to support in 2009. The church sent 27 students to school, rather than the 23 we had intended. It would be cruel to send four unlucky students home, so extra support was found. If anyone would like to support any of these students next year, please talk to Miriam Peterson.

We received very good news that our two Form Four students (equivalent to seniors) passed their national tests to allow them to continue on to Form Five which is comparable to junior college. Since the inception of our relationship with Uhominyi, no other students have passed into Form Five. When Incarnation Lutheran returns to Tanzania in June, we hope they can get a photo of the young people who are students at Image School. Those of you supporting students may then be able to see “your” kids. What a difference you are making in their lives. Asanti sana—many thanks.

Pastor Joshua Mwilafi of Uhominyi sent an email with the names of the students we now support. Following is the list of students in grade levels Form One through Three attending Image Secondary School which is near Uhominyi:

Form One:

Female Students

Eva Mwongi
Lela Msungu
Dey Myula
Judith Ndala
Asifiwe Kalamba
Rose Lyelu
Emma Myinga

Ela Ngasakwa
Lulu Myula
Imakulata Sanga
Tulinumpoki Nziku
Janeth Mwilafi

Male Students

Dennis Makombe

Holfin Myinga
Nehemiah Kifwe
Shemu Kiyao
Lauson Mhanga
Ishmael Wimbe
Prosper Pilla
Ombeni Ngulo
Lawi Mtewa

Form Two:

Female Students

Ester Mhanga
Agneta Myula

Form Three:

Female Students

Adelina Mhanga
Juto Mwinuka

Form Five:

Abdu Mwilafi (Male) attending Njombe High Secondary School
Omida Nzuyu (Female) attending Ifunda Girls High Secondary School

Pastor Mwilafi’s email continues with the following: *The results of all students whom are in Form One, will be sent to you in June after they have done the examinations of first semester in the end of May of 2009. And others who do study in Form Two to Form Five we will be informing you as the information we get from their schools.*

I hope after receiving this email you will let me know so that I can also communicate with the Head Masters of the schools whereby our students are studying. And in fact after having received your email I encouraged all students through their Headmasters to continue taking care of all students as we go on communicating with you. Thank you for your willingness of supporting our young people in getting education as a key of life for the benefit of the whole community.

We are waiting happily to receiving your greetings. Pray for our country and the government and we will be praying for yours also.

Thanks a lot,

Pastor Joshua Mwilafi, Uhominyi Lutheran Parish

November's Story

This is the story of a seventeen-year-old Karen girl summarized by Ron Peterson for the St. Paul Almanac. The military government of Burma (Myanmar) is systematically killing the Karen, a distinct people living near the Burma/Thailand border.

Not everyone in my family made it to St. Paul. My parents were village people, until the villages were burnt down. Hiding in the jungle, their food was stolen; their friends and relatives starved. Our people were attacked because we have a different culture, language, and religion. My father was shot through his hand. It took a long time to heal.

Let me explain. My name is November Paw. My parents fled Burma, over mountains and a great river, before I was born in 1992. My entire life was in the Mae La refugee settlement in Thailand. Mae La is a large camp of 50,000 people. Our family of nine lived in a small bamboo house. The United Nations provided beans, rice, tea, and cooking oil for our survival, but the food was very boring. To add spices to our food, my brother Daniel snuck out of the camp to a job, giving elephant rides to tourists. I went to a Karen school taught by the older children, and we all went to a Baptist church in the camp. My grandfather had been a pastor back in Burma.

My parents asked to live in America because there is freedom and good education. The day we arrived in St. Paul my mother was happy, but she cried for all that was left behind. My oldest brother Daniel could not come to America because he was married. I remember my father became excited when he saw all the cars. But I was sick—starving, dizzy, tired. There was no food on our three-day journey to Minnesota, and for even more days the food I ate would not stay down.

Many people helped us when we arrived in August 2007 to be with my aunt in St. Paul. On my first day of school, we rode a bus, but

none of the Karen children knew what to do when we got there, so we waited on the sidewalk. Later some teachers came out and put us on another bus to the English-learning school. My friend Ron says I speak English well now. He says I am very smart.

My dad has a job in a food processing plant and my mother is learning English. She laughs and says she learns many words one day and they all go away the next. She has never gone to school before. She hopes the Karen in America will remember their language, hand-made clothes, and food. Rice is better here than in Thailand. But in winter, my face hurts as I walk up Rice Street in snow to the store. The wind is frightening and painful. I am learning how to stay warm.

I wonder, did you ever wake up in the night and be afraid for your life? Sometimes the Burmese military came into the camps and chased us into the forest. We had to be very quiet in the dark or we would be killed. I worry about that still.

Minnesota is a safe place. We each have our dreams and hopes. My parents want all of us children to have a good education and jobs someday, and they want to live in a house and not an apartment. I dream that I will be a nurse when I am older. And we all pray that the Karen people can someday have their own country, that the "myo dong," (genocide) will stop.

Joyous news! My Brother Daniel and his wife and children have just come to America. They can live in our same apartment building! I will see Daniel's new baby for the first time. I can be an aunt!

"Ta Blit" Minnesota. Thank you.

End of Story

Ron Peterson has been coaching November Paw and her sister December to learn English rapidly using Rosetta Stone. She has been mainstreamed at Roseville Area High School after only studying English for nine months. She was recently named student of the trimester at the school.

Announcements and News

Quilting Bee

The last quilting bee will be held Monday, June 8 from 10 AM to 3 PM. There are five quilts remaining to be tied. Please bring a scissors. *No quilting skill or experience necessary!*



The Little Red Wagon that Shares

The Outreach Committee sponsors a food drive throughout the year. Please drop off nonperishable food items and dry goods in the "Little Red Wagon" located in the narthex. Your donations will be delivered to Keystone Community Services.

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- Ann Fehrman
- Family of Lloyd Berg (Rollie Berg's father)
- Lyn Grunewald
- Phyllis Johnson
- David Lofstedt
- Art Londroche (Ashley and Lindsey Londroche and Amber Schneider's grandfather)
- Darla Nelson
- Clara Tranby (Sharell Babin's mother)
- June Wendt

Prayer requests are also supported through Galilee's Prayer Circle.



Alley Shoppe

Thank you to everyone who donated items to The Alley Shoppe. We took about six carloads to Arlington Hills Lutheran Church. The facility is now closed until September. For all of you who go to garage sales, look for good deals on dishes, pots and pans, and silverware to save until September. These items are the most needed. The director will come to Galilee next fall for a Sunday forum to explain more about their program.

Global Mission Offering

The 2009 children's globe offering will support health

programs of the Augustinian Lutheran Church in Guatemala. The amount collected as of May 17 is \$93.14.



June Birthdays

1	Ann Fehrman
5	Dee Levin
9	Dell Sailer
10	Rollie Berg
11	Steve Groebner
11	Tom Wackerfuss
14	Brittnee Nerud
16	Dan Nerud
17	Jacob Matadi
18	Scott Good
18	Ron Peterson
18	Alejandro Vicuña
19	Brenda Meyer
19	June Wendt
23	Tinnah Mshana
27	Justine Brown
30	Susan Loushin

Please Sign Up

- Refreshment Hosts needed each Sunday
- Helping Hand Group to help members of the congregation in need of assistance
- Loaves & Fishes volunteers needed on June 1
- Greeters needed each Sunday
- Potluck Picnic June 7
- Men's Retreat June 12-14

Announcements and News

CONGRATULATIONS 2009 Graduates

High School

- Colin O'Keefe – White Bear Lake, South Campus
- Vicki Watson – Johnson High School

College/Doctorate

- Erin Armstrong – St. Olaf College
- Kristen Nelson – Drake University
- Robert Osterman – St. Cloud State University
- Amanda Stamp – Luther Seminary



Please let us know of any graduates we missed.

Congratulations Confirmands

There are some great pictures of Confirmation Sunday on the [Galilee Web Gallery](#), courtesy of Ron Peterson. Check them out!

If you have digital pictures of Galilee happenings to share, please submit them to the Galilee Web Team at:

galileelutheran@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Walk

The Next Neighborhood Walk will be on Sunday, June 7, immediately following Galilee's annual church picnic (around 12:30 p.m.). Neighborhood walks can be a great way to come to understand and discover new things about our community. This is not a "door knocking" campaign. Our only agenda will be to observe our surroundings, using all of our senses, and explore together what God is up to in our neighborhood. And we may even meet some of our neighbors! We will gather in the library, go for a walk, and then return to Galilee for a debriefing. We should be done within 90 minutes. If you have any questions, please talk to Mark Kopka. Get your walking shoes on!

Men's Retreat

The Men's Retreat is June 12-14 at [Bay Lake Camp](#). The cost is \$87 per person which covers your meals, 2 nights lodging and bedding. Sign up in the 3-ring binder on the table in the narthex and come join the fun and inspiration!

Council Minutes

The council minutes are now archived on the Galilee Web site on the [Calendar](#) page. The Calendar page includes links to the monthly calendars, newsletters and minutes since January 2009. It's a handy resource for information about Galilee!

Galilee Pictorial Archives

Karen Groebner and Edith Londroche have been working on archiving a pictorial history of Galilee. They are seeking photos, old and new, that you will contribute to this project.

Fragrance Free Environment



We are aware that some of our members are allergic to the smells of perfumes and some lotions, and these may cause migraine headaches and other reactions. In consideration of those who have these allergies, we ask for your cooperation in refraining from the use of these products.

Thank you for making Galilee a safe and healthy place for all.

Announcements and News

Christmas starts in July!



The Galilee Choir will begin rehearsing in July for this year's choir program, to be presented on December 13. The theme is, of course, Christmas, and we will begin to live in the joy of that season well before the local stores commercialize it. All are welcome to join; no music reading ability is necessary. The Galilee Choir not only sings together, but there is a warm and welcoming fellowship in the group. If you're not sure you want to make a long-term commitment (beyond December), that's fine. For more information, contact Jo Ann French at 651-642-1641, or jfrench.galilee@cpinternet.com.

North Suburban Softball League

The season is in full swing for Galilee's softball team. Galilee members playing for the team are: Nuwoe and George Davis, Mark Kopka, Terry O'Keefe, Colin O'Keefe, Nula Watson and Abraham Watson. The game schedule, with directions to the ball fields, can be found on our Web site www.galileelutheran.net.

Mark your Calendars

- All Congregational Retreat - July 9-12
- Identity Theft Seminar - August 13
- Women's Retreat - September 26-27

June Featured Library Books

- 90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper
Don Piper was declared dead after a car accident. Ninety minutes later while a minister was praying for him, he revived. This book tells how that experience has changed Piper's life.
- Joshua by Joseph Girzone
This is a modern day parable about a carpenter with special abilities. Compare his life to what Jesus' life was like two thousand years ago.
- Gilead by Marilynne Robinson
Newsweek magazine said that this is a "good novel about spiritual life." A father speaks to his son about their life.
- Innovative Grandparenting by Karen O'Connor
This book explains how to build personal relationships with your grandchildren.
- **The Lutheran Voices Series** for more serious study
 - Praying for Reform: Luther, Prayer and the Christian Life by William Russell
 - Living in the Kingdom: Reflections on Luther's Catechism by Alvin Rogness



Volunteers needed for 2009 Churchwide Assembly

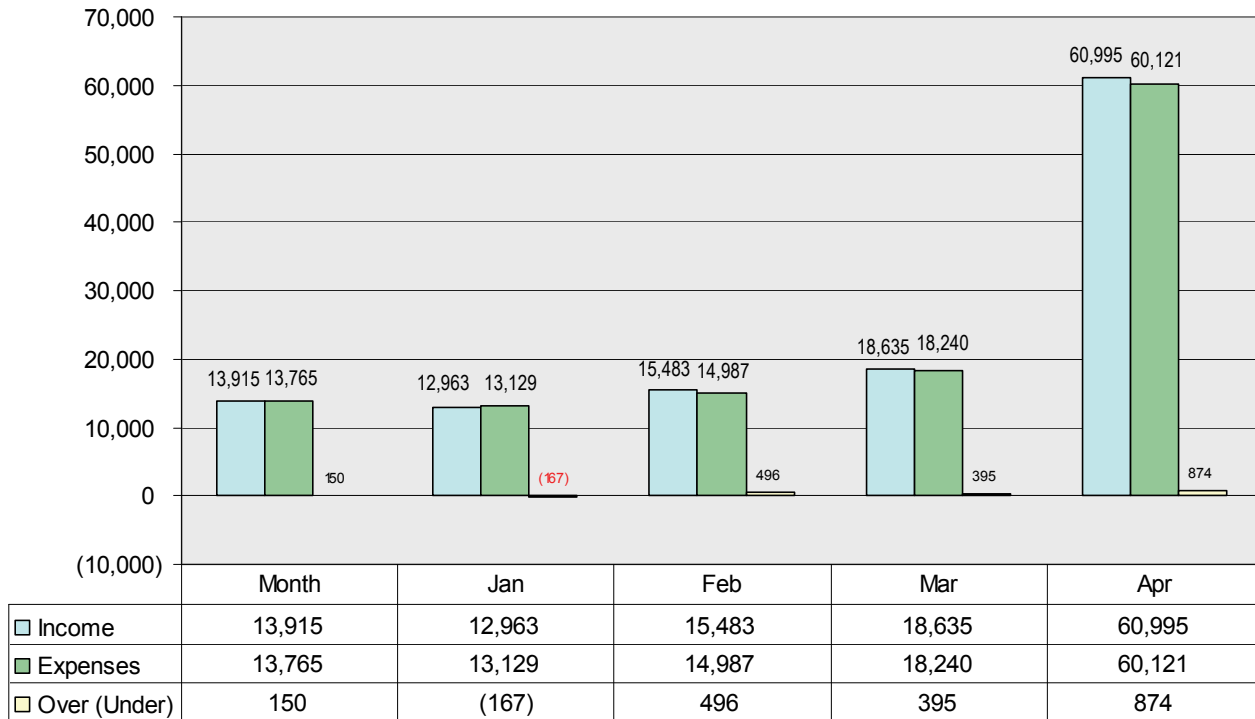
The 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly is coming to the Minneapolis Convention Center August 17-23. A committee made up of volunteers from both the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Area Synods has been at work to help with local arrangements and to recruit volunteers from congregations in both synods.

More than 1,000 volunteers are needed to assist during the churchwide assembly, with everything from worship support, hospitality, and registration, to serving as pages, ushers, and door monitors. This is an opportunity to learn about the many arms of the ELCA and to meet and greet ELCA Lutherans from around the country and the world! Please note that volunteers are responsible for their own transportation, parking, and meals.

Register to volunteer by July 1, using the online form or the paper form that can be found at www.spas-elca.org by clicking on volunteer information. If you have questions, contact Paula Carter at 651-645-0371.

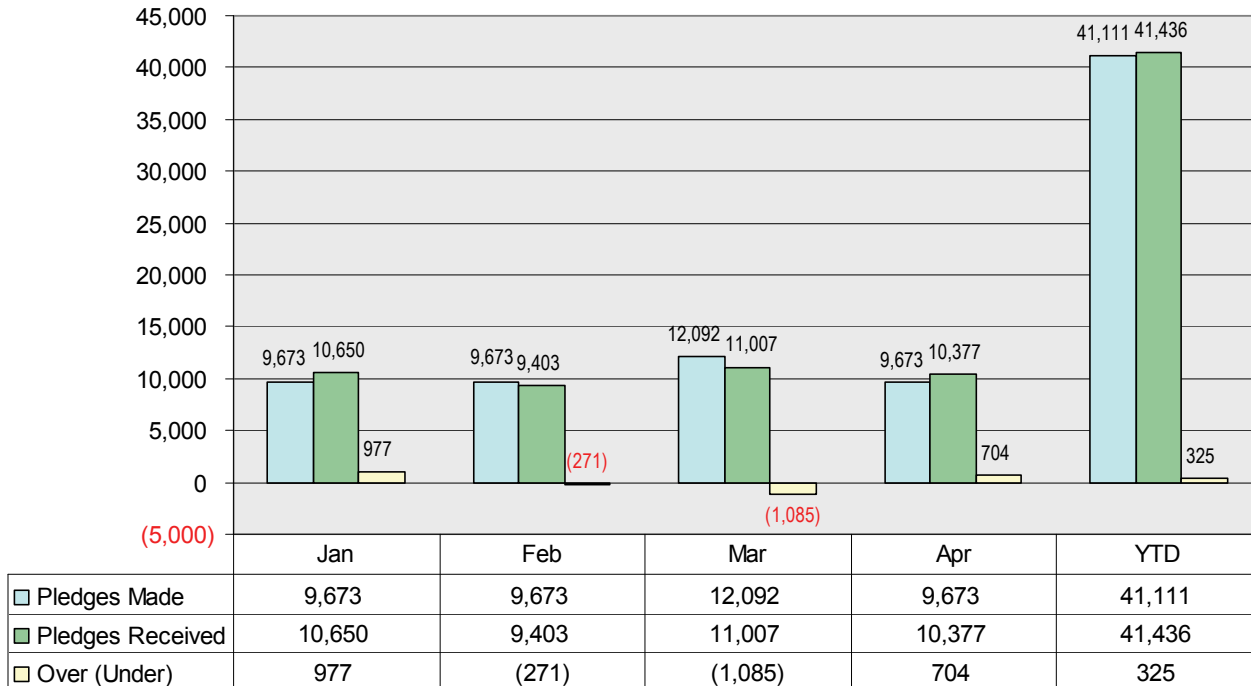
Financial Reports through April 2009

2009 Income and Expenses



This chart shows the total amount of regular giving and undesignated income from all sources and compares it to the expenses for the specified periods. **The chart does not reflect the \$8,000 deficit on 1/1/2009.**

2009 Pledges and Pledges Received



This chart shows the amount of pledge commitments made in comparison to the amount of pledges received for the specified period.

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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.

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