



The Galilean Newsletter, September, 2020

Witnessing to God's love & grace in Jesus Christ for all people
through prayer, worship & service.

A center for Ministry and spiritual formation

"Parish the Thought" by Pastor Jay

Remember When September Meant Going "Back to Normal"?

I've always liked summer - with its warmer weather, and the uplifting of our spirits that we experience as we get outdoors more and do things that Wisconsin offers for us to do at that time of year. Then there are all the things at church that shift for the three months of summer – we take a break from Christian Education classes; we combine our two Sunday morning services into one; our choir and handbell ringers take a break. It's good to do those things.



Then I find that I always have looked forward to the arrival of September, and how with it everything then seems to go "back to normal." But that was before Covid-19! And the truth is that we are maybe yet only *halfway* through the disruption of our lives that this pandemic has caused. So, what does that mean for us now at Galilee?

Well, the church has never "closed," even though there was a time initially when out of caution we had closed the office. Ministry in and through Galilee has never stopped and has continued both locally and globally. Still, we've had to discover new and creative ways to communicate the Gospel message since March 14. We've created digital sermons. We've gotten to know "Obadiah" a little. We have provided spiritual formation resources for home use for both adults and families, including a Vacation Bible School resource (with the help of Alyssa Olson – Thank you, Alyssa!).

We hosted two outdoor worship services in August, and we plan to host the next one on September 20 at 9am in the north parking lot. (Attendees – please bring chairs, wear masks, and observe the recommended physical distancing).* We have Sunday School materials for home use that can be picked up at Galilee; and each week we will email some assistance and suggestions for parents. We have established our "Protocols & Procedures" for indoor worship once it is determined safe to resume. And we are in the process of training all of the volunteers that will be needed for us to accomplish such services safely.

Assessment for indoor services takes place at our Leadership Board's meeting each month. I have been so appreciative of the dedication and thoughtful guidance that our Leadership Board has provided us throughout this pandemic interruption, with special recognition going to congregational president, Steve Hanson. Thank you, Steve!

I think that by now all of us should be aware that this September will not bring things "back to normal." We probably don't know yet what "normal" is even going to look like! Nevertheless, what hasn't changed is Jesus Christ and God's love for us and all creation revealed in Jesus crucified and raised. **"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever"** (Hebrews 13:8). In Him is our hope and salvation. And so, as long as we stay centered in Christ, I believe that we can negotiate ourselves through whatever Life and the world brings our way.....even in this pandemic.

That's what I strive to do, and what I hope that I help you to do - be centered in Christ - always, but especially as we now venture into this September together.

The Lord be with you, and you with the Lord!

Pastor Jay

* *But no need to feel "guilty" if you decide that it's not safe for you to attend. I would rather have you safe than present.*

Galilee Music Director retiring



After over 25 years of faithful and dedicated service to Christ as Music Director of Galilee Lutheran Church, Paul Thorgaard has decided to retire. We have been so blessed by his leadership, and - kind of like the Stock Market just before the Pandemic - Paul had masterfully brought our choir singers and handbell ringers to new heights, with a momentum that we hope to continue once a new director is in place and it is safe for us to resume these wonderful worship enhancement groups.

It is so unfortunate that this pandemic is prohibiting us from expressing to Paul the full extent of our appreciation. So, we will postpone such congregational acknowledgment for early next year. In the meantime, we hope that you will find your own ways of thanking Paul for his loving service at Galilee.

Galilee Sunday School

Final preparation is taking place for our "At Home Whirl Sunday School" to begin Sunday September 13th, Curriculum is being made available to the families for the time when children and parents will come together to read the Bible verse, utilize the printed Lectionary Curriculum and share in this learning experience. Each week Teachers will be e-mailing families suggestions, ideas and helpful hints to utilize during this family education time.



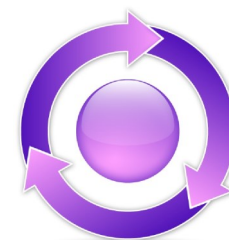
This Whirl Lectionary curriculum combined with Pastor Jay's Weekly Children's Word as well as the Friday Weekly News e-mail from Galilee containing "Taking Faith Home" (also pertains to the Lectionary for that Sunday) will add to the resources families will have for the at home family Christian Education.

Continue to keep our children in your prayers during these difficult changes we are all experiencing.

Barb Barthel - Sunday School

Connecting Ministries Coordinator

We are looking for a new Coordinator for "Connecting" Ministries, as Anne Riegert has fulfilled two 2-year terms of service. Once we are able to return to social events, some of the duties for Connecting Coordinator include approving vouchers for purchases, submitted a report for the congregational annual report, and attending monthly Coordinator meetings.



Some of the events that Connecting Ministries has sponsored over the years include the Galilee annual picnic, organizing Friday Fish Fries, Women's Advent gathering, Holiday caroling, and pickleball. Anne has graciously offered to help coordinate an event in the upcoming months, if that is needed.

If you are interested, please contact the church office at 262-691-2380 or galilee@galileelc.org. Thank You!

Those Who Serve

Ministry Staff

Pastor ~ Pastor Jay A. Ford, D.Min.
Financial Assistant ~ Karen Streit
Administrative Assistant ~ Jane Kaufman
Music Director ~ Paul Thorgaard
Accompanists ~ Mary Kay Debrecht and
Patricia DeBlaey
Columbarium Administrator ~ Bill Braunschweig

Leadership Board Members ~ 2020

Steve Hanson - President
Matthew Strosin - Vice President
Susan Olson - Secretary
Ann Dee Austin - Member at large
Jeff Dohlby - Member at large
Chris Rudolph - Treasurer

Ministry Coordinators

Welcoming

Hospitality ~ Theresa Opie & Susan Keller
Mentoring ~ *Open*
Connecting ~ *Open*

Equipping

Worship ~ Nancy Wojcicki, Kris Reilly
Christian Ed. & Youth ~ *Open*
Administration ~ Jim Hagen & Kathy Taylor
Stewardship ~ Steve Dethloff

Sending

Partnerships & Global-Gifting ~ Shelly Dohlby,
Mary Winter and Kim Kiser
Compassion Care ~ Mary Stauber

Ministry Staff Schedules

Pastor Jay

Day off is Monday

Church Office

8:30 am-4:30 pm Monday—Thursday

Office Closed on Friday

Mike Anderson
Jeremy Fossier
Tim Gilestad
Bill Groth
Benjamin Maske
Morgan Mosher
Andrew Richardson



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Annual Outreach for Hope Bike Ride Saturday, September 12, 2020

Are you interested in contributing to the Outreach for Hope Charity again this year? **The Galilee Team is heading off on various distances throughout the summer in a virtual ride/run/walk setting.** If you want to get out and join the ride/run/walk as the Galilee Team, registration can be done on the Outreach for Hope website. We are focusing our efforts on getting Outreach for Hope to reach their overall goal of **\$150,000** this year. Thank you for your consideration for this year and for your previous support. Stay safe and be well by riding your bike, running or walking!



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The Readings

September 06

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 20

Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September 13

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103: 1-7, 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 27

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

We regret that our *indoor services* are yet to resume. Meanwhile, we would love to share with you our "Worship Resources" prepared each week and posted on YouTube. Email us to request a personal invitation and link, or search on YouTube for "Galilee Lutheran Church, Pewaukee."