



THE MESSENGER

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FROM THE PASTOR

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

At our upcoming Annual Meeting (the date of that meeting will be announced soon) you'll receive the 2023 Book of Reports which will take an in-depth look back at 2023, but I'd like to take this chance to say "thank you" for helping make this year another wonderful year at Galilee. A year of ministry, outreach, and fellowship. We are a small church, that it true, but what is also true is that we are a mighty church!

As we look forward to 2024 I have no idea what the year will bring but I know that our God is already there and is waiting to walk with us on the mountain tops of peace, love and joy as well as the valleys of grief and sorrow.

My prayer for each of you as we enter 2024 echoes the blessing we heard on Christmas Eve "May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Magi, and the peace of the Christ child."

Blessings, Pastor Karen



No matter what is going on in the world, December 25th will come and Christians across the world will celebrate Jesus' birth. Merry Christmas!

"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of the Father's only son, full of grace and truth". (John 1:14)

During worship, we hear in Scripture, hymns, and carols that Jesus Christ is born and that we shouldn't be afraid because Good News of Great Joy has arrived. Jesus, God incarnate, dwells among us.

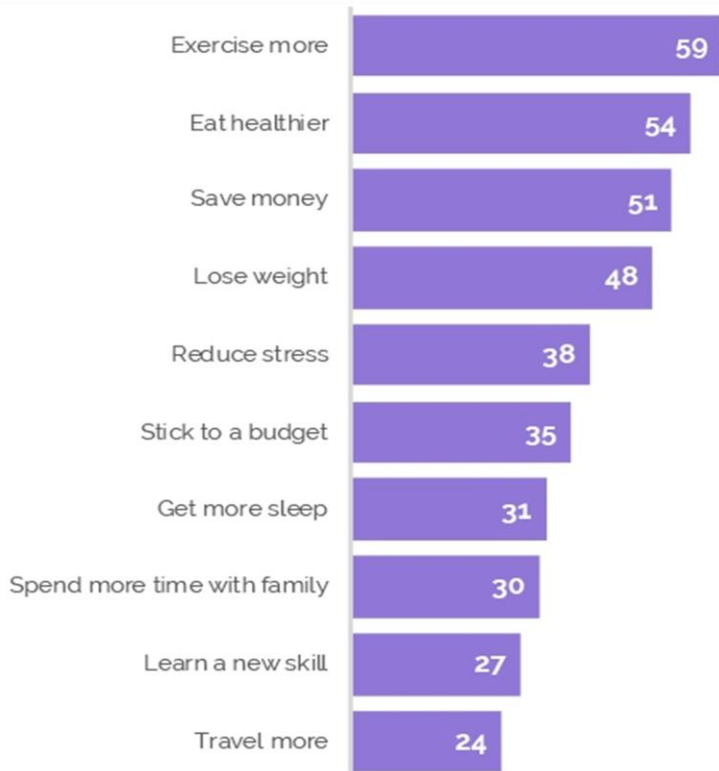
May Jesus, the joy, excitement, peace, and love of Christmas be proclaimed, shared, invited into, and lived everyday in your lives, in your congregations, and in your ministries.

Merry Christmas from the Southern Ohio Synod Office. We are holding each of you in prayer as you proclaim this Good News of Great Joy during this season.

In Christ, Bishop Dillahunt

New Year's Resolutions

Setting a New Year's resolution is an incredibly common practice, especially in the U.S. A 2023 poll by YouGov indicated that 37% of Americans said they had a goal or resolution they wanted to achieve in 2023, with 87% saying they were very or somewhat likely to keep it through the year.



JOY

JUST OLDER YOUTH

THURSDAY JANUARY 25TH

5:00 PM

Join us for a free dinner to start the evening, followed by fellowship and fun playing your favorite game.

Play BINGO for prizes, a fun dice game called Left Right Center or a game of cards such as Euchre or Bridge

Prayer Concerns

"Bear" (Jamie's daughter) continues to suffer from seizures

Lori H undergoing treatment for breast cancer

Judy N continuing to recover

Beth T (Terry & Sharon Thompson's daughter-in-law) treatment for breast cancer

Paula P recovering from breast cancer surgery and preparing to start treatment

Dale B (Carol's husband) recovering from cancer surgery and receiving treatment for Lung Cancer

Melissa Meyers (Fred's daughter in law) who is being treated for cancer

Teresa G recovering from a broken leg

Carla M (friend of Pastor Karen's) recovering from aneurism surgery as well as a failing liver.

I'll Be
PRAYING
for You



KRAFTEE KRAFTERS



Our KRAFTEE KRAFTERS are meeting once again for fellowship and craft projects. They meet every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the church and they'd love to have you join them.

For more information call
Nancy Mayers (740) 341-8452



Hope Sunday is January 7th but you can bring food in on any Sunday during the month. You may also donate money to the pantry by submitting a check made out to Galilee Lutheran Church (so you get credit for the donation) and our Treasurer will then pass it along to the pantry.



1/13 Rose Hurley

1/21 Peggy Fogt

1/27 Darcey Schemmel



1/30 BOB & CAROL MAIER



Pastor Karen

Monday by appointment

Thursday 9:00 – 12:00



BEAR IT BEARS

Our Bear it Bears are just waiting to be given to someone who is hurting in any way, physically, mentally or emotionally. They are sitting on the chairs in the front of the church.

Just be sure to sign them out in the logbook on the bookcase in the entrance way of the church. This is one of our outreach programs, so let us bear one another's burdens and fulfill the love of Christ.



CHURCH LIBRARY

Kraftee Krafters has developed a library for all church members to use. A reading corner has been created in the back of the sanctuary with a rocking chair and a bookcase full of books for you to choose from. Feel free to borrow a book, or if you like it and want to keep it then by all means feel free to keep it. And if you have a book or two that you'd like to donate you may leave them on the table in their room to be included in the library.



Hymn "The Song of the Righteous" verse 3

Another year has passed away
But let us on God's pathway stay.
We now resolve to reach new height.
By trusting in God's Holy might.
It does not matter what we were,
But what we are,
How we endure.

What you are is a woman of Galilee. No sign up is required. There are no dues to be paid. We endure through willing and faithful service to God and each other. In our annual report you will see some of the things WELCA does. We would love to see you at Bible study or Kraftee Krafters or in any opportunity to serve.

May God pour love and care on you in 2024.

**Our next meeting is....
THURSDAY JANUARY 11TH AT 10:00**

We will discuss the short book Holy Moments and share our own Holy Moments with each other. There are copies of the book on the table with the bulletins if you need one

WORSHIP THEMES FOR JANUARY



Sunday, January 7 Epiphany

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

Sunday, January 14

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

Sunday, January 21

Psalms 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

Sunday, January 28

Psalms 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.



Hi Everyone,

It's been a wonderful Christmas season here at Galilee. The Outreach kid's party was so much fun; lots of giggles and carol singing (and yummy food). Of course the moms and dads got to come along to enjoy all of the festivities as well. Santa showed up bringing lots of gifts for everyone. I wasn't sure it was gonna happen since Saint Drew was in a terrible car accident; but he mustered through, like he always does for all of his kids. Isn't he great? He was so grateful for everyone who took the time to shop and wrap all those presents.

We're about to have our first ever JOY Christmas party. That's our Just Older Youth. I think everyone is a kid at Christmas. No one gets left out here at Galilee. There's a wonderful dinner planned as well as plenty of games and fun activities' and I've heard there'll be presents as well.

Everyone here at Galilee is so giving of their time, talents and gifts to make sure that all of these things happen. Our little band of Christmas Elves made our beautiful little church look so Christmassy inside and out; putting up and taking down tables for the various activities, cooking up lots of good food, watering all of the Poinsettias, and sharing all of the Christ hugs is what makes Galilee such a special place.

Lucy and I are so happy to be living here and sharing in all of this with you!

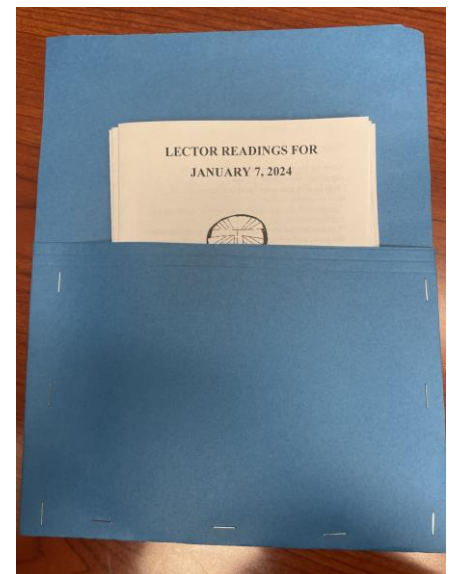
All for now,
Love and Hugs,
The Church Mouse

A NOTE FOR OUR LECTORS

To make being a Lector a little easier for you, Pastor Karen will be making sheets with the Psalm and the Second Lesson printed on them for each week.

They will be placed in folder which will hang on the bulletin board just below the Lector sign-up sheet. When you sign up to be the Lector for a particular Sunday, just reach down below and grab the coordinating sheet that has your readings for that week on it.

The folder is currently stocked with sheets for all of the Sundays through the end of March.





Three times the book of Acts describes Paul's conversion. This telling, coming between Philip with the Ethiopian and Cornelius's conversion, sets the stage for extending the gospel to the Gentiles.

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

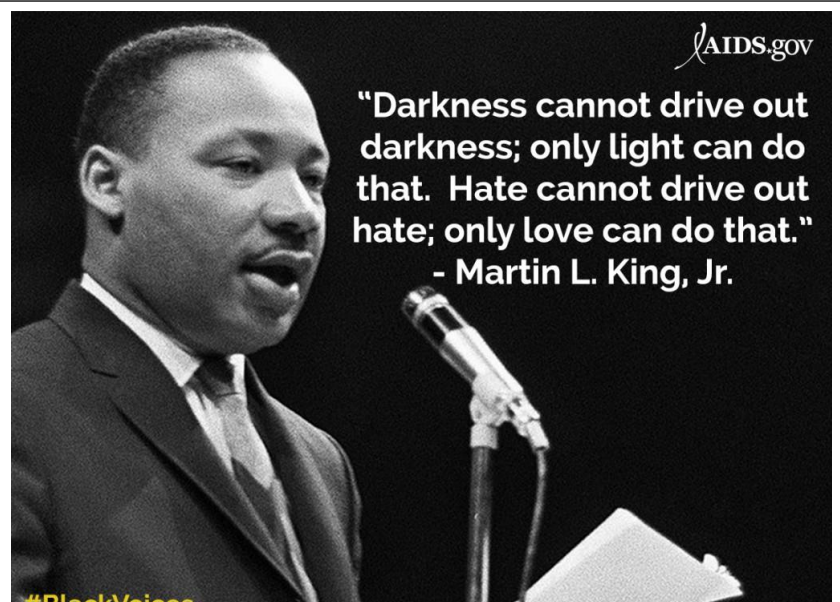
¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" ²²Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

O God our Father, we thank you for protecting us and bringing us safely through another year. Help us to grow not only in body, but also in heart and mind. May we look upon each new day as another chance to follow you more closely. As the new year unfolds, may we be more merciful towards others and more generous in serving you. Amen.

FamilyRosary.org



THE BEST YEAR

OUT WITH THE OLD 2023



IN WITH THE NEW 2024

2 FAVORITE MEMORIES

3 THINGS I'M
GRATEFUL FOR

1 HARD LESSON
I LEARNED!

1 THING I DID THIS
YEAR I'M PROUD OF

3 PLACES I
WANT TO GO

2 WAYS I CAN
HELP OTHERS

1 THING I WANT TO GET BETTER AT








2 THINGS I AM
LOOKING
FORWARD TO

3 NEW THINGS I WANT TO TRY



JANUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 KRAFTEE KRAFTERS 10:00 AM COUNCIL 6:00 PM	3	4	5	6 EPIPHANY 
7	8	9 KRAFTEE KRAFTERS 10:00 AM AA 7:30 PM	10	11 WELCA 10:00 am	12	13 Happy Birthday Rose 
14	15 	16 KRAFTEE KRAFTERS 10:00 AM AA 7:30 PM	17	18	19	20
21 Happy Birthday Peggy 	22	23 KRAFTEE KRAFTERS 10:00 AM AA 7:30 PM	24	25 Conversion of St. Paul 	26	27 Happy Birthday Darcey 
28	29	30 KRAFTEE KRAFTERS 10:00 AM AA 7:30 PM	31			