

OCTOBER
2026

The Messenger

GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Greetings,

You've probably heard me mention that upon my retirement I will be returning to northeast Indiana to be with my family. Retirement has been something that has been hanging out there in the future with a yet-to-be-determined date. At the September Church Council meeting I announced to Council that a date has now been chosen. My last Sunday with Galilee will be October 1, 2028. That will allow me to get moved up north before the snow flies for that winter. As that date nears, I will be working closely with the Synod office to facilitate the paperwork for my retirement as well as what needs to be done to get me transferred to the Indiana-Kentuck Synod. During that process I will also be working with the Synod on any actions that I can do before I leave to help Galilee get prepared for the next step of her journey.

You've also probably heard me mention that my son and daughter-in-law moved to Flordia in 2025. I have not seen them for almost a year and a half. Not only do I miss them in general, but considering all of Erin's heart issues and her shortened life expectancy, I have been even more heartbroken by not being able to see them. That will change shortly. I will be leaving for Florida early Thanksgiving morning. I will miss two Sundays in a row; November 29th and December 6th. Deacon Linda Sprik Kruse will be with you for both Sundays. I have asked for, and received, permission from the Bishop for Deacon Kruse to preside at Holy Communion, thus Galilee will be able celebrate the sacrament in my absence.

Blessings, Pastor Karen



Bear (Jamie's daughter) seizures

Dale B (Carol's husband) lung cancer

Steve Hanger parkinsons

Peggy as her disease progresses

Colin as he battles cancer

Marla Flinn shoulder replacement

Travis (Pastor Karen's son) who is battling new diagnosis of diabetes and diverticulitis



KRAFTEE KRAFTERS

You are invited to join the Kraftee Krafters every Tuesday morning from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. They work on various projects and even if you're not crafty come join the ladies to enjoy a cup of coffee and wonderful fellowship. If you have any questions call Nancy at (740) 341-8452



Bob has reviewed all of our current rates for electricity, natural gas, internet, etc and determined that we have the best rates available to us at this time.

Sheila spoke with Drew and informed him that we probalby will not be able to pay the \$1,500 for his summer intern next year but that we'll still pay the \$300 for food for the kids.

Pastor Karen is going to research her health insurance options to see if there is a plan that will cost us less money that her current plan



10/1 Jan

10/28 Liz



10/15 John & Norma

10/28 Terry & Sharon

**COME VISIT THE
CHURCH LIBRARY**



In the back of the church there is a
bookcase with a wide variety of
books available to be read. Just grab
a book and return it after you finish



Pastor Karen is in the office on Thursday
mornings from 9:00 am to 11:45 am.
She is able to meet on Mondays during the
day and on weeknights if you'd like to
schedule a meeting.



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.



EVERY THURSDAY

10:00 TO 10:40 AM

\$1.00 per class

Grab a friend and join us for 45 minutes of stretching exercises. Chair Yoga is great for working the soreness out of muscles, strengthening our core and improving our balance as we age.



October 4th Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

October 11th Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

October 18th Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

October 25th Matthew 22:34-46

Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.



**Monday October 19th
at The Landing
10:00 AM**

All ladies of the church are invited to join us for fellowship and discussion around a faith based question.

Few things in life are more uplifting than gathering with sisters in Christ, sharing food, fun and fellowship.



Hi Everyone,

Rain, Rain and more Rain!!! Since we were trapped inside Lucy and I decided to meander down the back hallway. We usually stay away from the kiddo end of the church with all the activity. Just to easy to get stepped on with all the goings on. Anyway, since back to school has happened we figured it was safe.

.It's called "Jan's Fellowship Hall." I know that because she has her very own plaque on the wall with her name on it. I'm sure everyone remembers Jan Wilt, the person that filled our little church with beautiful organ music for years and years. We got extra when she came to practice or helping someone with some piano expertise. She loves her Galilee people and especially the kids that grew up in the church and are now doing their own music stuff. Michael was one of her favorites, reminding everyone that we needed to attend anything he was a part of. Course all of us are proud of Michael and so happy he is leading us every Sunday.

While cruising "the hall" check out the many bible verses the Lord wants us to remember to help us live in this world. Sometimes we are in such a hurry we miss what's right at the end of our nose. You kinda have to do a right to left like at a crosswalk so you don't miss any of them. The Lord speaks to all of us all the time even in the "hallway."

Sure do miss Jan sitting up front doing her thing..for everyone. We love you.

Love and Hugs,
The Church Mouse

END OF 3RD QUARTER

Financial Report through August 31, 2026

Needed for Budget	\$75,888.00
Offerings to Date	\$65,987.23
Expenses to Date	\$77,951.13
Offerings less than budget	-\$9,900.77
Offering less than expenses	-11,963.90
Food Pantry	0
Pd YTD	\$1,305
Major Maint.	\$6,159.50
JOY	\$1,477.82
Krafty Krafter	\$302.53
Funeral	\$617.02
Checking available funds	\$14,582.90
Huntington CD	\$27,596.59
Huntington MMA	\$6,514.93
Edward Jones	\$103,305.03

3rd QUARTER NOTES

Checked utility prices.
Locked gas CCR to .66,
was floated at \$1.00.
Bringing a savings of \$200
to \$400 per year.

Electric is already locked
in with RP.

Working on cutting the
Spectrum bill from \$155 to
\$105

HAPPY FALL

SO VERY
thankful
INCREDIBLY
grateful
UNBELIEVABLY
blessed



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PUMPKIN PRAYER

God picked you from the patch!

John 15:16

CUT OFF THE TOP

Lord, open my mind and
fill me with your wisdom
and peace.

CLEAN OUT THE INSIDE

Take away all my sins
and help me forgive
others as you have
forgiven me.

CARVE OUT THE EYES

Open my eyes to see the
beauty in your creation
and the goodness
around me.

CARVE OUT THE NOSE

Lord, guide me to
appreciate your
blessings and stop
turning away from the
things you give me.

CARVE OUT THE MOUTH

Help me speak kind
words that reflect your
love and
encouragement.

ADD A CANDLE

Let me be a light to
others, sharing your love
and joy in everything
I do.

HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS

Krafty Krafters will be working on a Christmas project for our local homeless veterans. They will be using hard plastic eye glass cases to put things like nail clippers, band-aids, safety pin, etc.

As they get closer to putting these kits together they will let us know if they need any items donated.



SATURDAY OCT 31
6:00 - 7:30 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
PARKING LOT

Grab the grandkids and joining the Russells Point Police Dept and local churches as they sponsor their annual Trunk or Treat grand event in Russells Point.



THURSDAY OCT 8TH
5:00 - 6:30 PM

Plan now to grab a friend and join us for a spooktacular evening of fun. We'll kick things off by enjoying a free dinner together. After dinner we'll play Halloween themed BINGO for prizes and a few other Halloween themed surprises. Costumes are not required, but should you choose to dress up, we'll be having a costume contest with prizes for various categories.





SUNDAY OCT 25TH
10:00 AM

Plan now to join us for an uplifting service of thanksgiving for the many blessings that God has poured upon us.

Lunch will be served immediately following the service, giving us a chance for table fellowship.

Lunch will be...
*Lee's Chicken Tenders
*Cheesy Potatoes
*Coleslaw
*Dessert



It is such a blessing to see our dear Peg doing so well. She, of course, has her bad days, but overall she is doing well. She loves to look through our weekly bulletin, taking her time and enjoying every aspect of it. On Labor Day Weekend she was surrounded by all three of her doting and loving men.





Food Collection

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25TH

As part of our Harvest Home Celebration we will be collecting food for the food pantry. This will be a special collection designed to help the pantry fill the vast need for food for the upcoming holiday meals. All donations will be accepted but we are particularly asking people to consider donating the following items...

- Stuffing mix
- Instant Potatoes
- Canned gravy
- Sweet potatoes
- Canned vegetables
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese mix
- Cake mix
- Frosting for cakes

As part of the service we will bless the food and the families who will be receiving it.

5 FUN FACTS ABOUT HALLOWEEN

#1 Finding a spider on Halloween night is considered good luck

#2 Halloween is one of the largest retail events in the U.S. Last year it generated over \$13 million in sales. Costumes: \$4.3 billion, Decorations: \$4.2 billion and Candy: \$3.9 billion

#3 A man in the UK holds the record for the largest pumpkin ever grown. It came in at 2,819 lb 4 oz

#4 Black and orange are the colors of Halloween because the ancient Celts believed black symbolized the “death” of summer and orange symbolized the fall harvest

#5 Initially, the Irish and Scottish carved turnips as a way to remember deceased souls. When they immigrated to the U.S., they realized that pumpkins were much easier to carve and the rest, as they say, is history.

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			 Jan is tomorrow	1 Yoga 10:00 AA 6:00	2	3
4  WORSHIP THE LORD!	5	6 Krafty Krafters 10-12 AA 7:30	7	8  HALLOWEEN PARTY 5:00 PM	9	10
11  WORSHIP THE LORD!	12	13 Krafty Krafters 10-12 COUNCIL 6:30	14	15 Yoga 10:00 AA 6:00	16	17
18  WORSHIP THE LORD!	19 Ladies Breakfast at The Landing 10:00 AM	20 Krafty Krafters 10-12 AA 7:30	21	22 Yoga 10:00 AA 6:00	23	24
25  HARVEST HOME	26	27 Krafty Krafters 10-12 AA 7:30	28  Elizabeth	29 Yoga 10:00 AA 6:00	30	31  Trunk or Treat 6:00-7:30