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FROM THE PASTOR

In Scripture there are many different names used to describe God. While all the names of God are important in many ways, the name “Abba Father” is one of the most significant names of God in understanding how He relates to people. The word *Abba* is an Aramaic word that means “Father.” It was a common term that expressed affection and confidence and trust. *Abba* signifies the close, intimate relationship of a father and his child, as well as the childlike trust that a young child puts in his “daddy.” *Abba* is always followed by the word *Father* in Scripture, and the phrase is found in three passages. In Mark 14:36, Jesus addresses His Father as “Abba, Father” in His prayer in Gethsemane. In Romans 8:15, “Abba, Father” is mentioned in relation to the Spirit’s work of adoption that makes us God’s children and heirs with Christ. In Galatians 4:6, again in the context of adoption, the Spirit in our hearts cries out, “Abba, Father.” Together, the terms *Abba* and *Father* doubly emphasize the fatherhood of God. In two different languages, we are assured of God’s care for His children. It is life-changing to understand what it means to be able to call the one true God our “Father” and what it means to be joint-heirs with Christ. Because of our relationship with our Abba, Father, He no longer deals with us as enemies; instead, we can approach Him with “boldness” (Hebrews 10:19) and in “full assurance of faith” (Hebrews 10:22). Becoming a child of God is the highest and most humbling of honors. Because of it we have a new relationship with God and a new standing before Him. Instead of running from God and trying to hide our sin like Adam and Eve did, we run to Him, calling, “Abba, Father!” and finding forgiveness in Christ. Being children of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords calls us to a higher standard, a different way of life, and, in the future, “an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade” (1 Peter 1:4). When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He began with the words *Our Father*. There is much truth in those two words alone. The holy and righteous God, who created and sustains all things, who is all-powerful, all-knowing, and ever-present, not only allows us but *encourages* us to call Him “Father.” What a privilege is ours. What amazing grace that God would love us so, that Jesus would sacrifice Himself for us, and that the Holy Spirit would indwell us and prompt our intimate cry of “Abba, Father!”

Blessings, Pastor Karen



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
Helping Other People Eat

Hope Sunday is JUNE 1 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.



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.



Pastor Karen

Monday by appointment
Thursday 9:00 – 12:00



SUNDAY JUNE 1ST

Immediately following worship we will vote on accepting the final financial report from 2024 and vote on accepting the revised budget for 2025.



**FRIDAY JUNE 6TH AND
SATURDAY JUNE 7TH**

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



You may have noticed a camera in our kitchen window that is pointed out toward the parking lot. With the permission of Council, Drew installed the camera to better keep an eye on the Outreach kids outside.

WORSHIP THEMES FOR JUNE

SUNDAY JUNE 1

John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

SUNDAY JUNE 8

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

SUNDAY JUNE 15

John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

SUNDAY JUNE 22

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

SUNDAY JUNE 29

Luke 9:51-62

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

*Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully,
witness boldly and serve joyfully.*

Scheduled for Sept. 7, “God’s work. Our hands.” is our annual day of service and an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. The ELCA’s first dedicated day of service in September 2013 was held to celebrate the church’s 25th anniversary. Through the years we have embraced “God’s work. Our hands.” as a way to be church together. On this day we bear witness to the love and concern God’s people have for one another. Our congregations do this work every day — loving their neighbors and improving their communities. These acts of service allow us to explore one of our most basic Lutheran convictions: All of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. This year we are especially mindful of the challenges faced by our Lutheran social service organizations and other faith-based and human service organizations due to the reduction in federal funding. We encourage you to consider service opportunities with these agencies as you begin to make your plans.

Pastor Karen would love for us to join with thousands of Lutherans across the country and participate in Gods Work, Our Hands Sunday. Listed below are some of the projects churches have done in the past. We could do one of these projects or come up with something totally different. The plan would be for us to share a potluck lunch following the service and then spend a couple of hours on whatever project we decide to do. Please be prayerfully considering ideas for this day and share them with Pastor Karen or Nancy. We’ll take your ideas to Council and decide what project Galilee will embark on. We need to make this decision fairly soon so that we can start making plans and gathering materials to carry out God’s Work with Our Hands.

- Emergency Preparedness kits to pass out in our community
- Flood kits to send to an area dealing with floods
- Care packages and treats for military members, nursing home residents or senior living
- Hygiene kits for homeless shelter or domestic violence shelter
- Do a picnic, cookout, or ice cream sundae bar for a senior living facility
- Christmas shoe box kits with hygiene items and toys to send to children oversea or children in our community This year we are especially mindful of the challenges faced by our Lutheran social service organizations and other faith-based and human service organizations due to the reduction in federal funding. We encourage you to consider service opportunities with these



Hi Everyone!

Just a quick note to let you know that Lucy and I have had enough of rainy, dreary Ohio and are taking a trip south to enjoy the warmth and sunshine. Looking forward to catching up with what you are all doing when we get back.

Love, The Church Mouse



The recent federal budget cuts to food pantries nationwide have left them trying to meet higher demands with fewer resources. 2nd Harvest Food Bank, which supplies food to food pantries in our area has indicated that are expecting major shortages in the coming months and that donations from individuals and churches are going to be desperately needed as they try to fill the void left by the federal withdraws of support. As the needs arise we will keep everyone posted as to how we can help our hungry neighbors. For now, our local food pantry has indicated that they are especially in need of....

- Cereal
- Toilet Paper
- Spaghetti



THURSDAY JUNE 12TH

1:30 PM

All men of the congregation are invited to join us for our 2025 study on "What It Means To Be A Lutheran". We'd love to have your input as we learn more about our Lutheran heritage and beliefs as well as spending time in fellowship with each other.



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THURSDAY JUNE 12TH
11:00 AM

Our study this year will be "Grateful for Gods Salvation" You may pick up your study in the Narthex.



EVERY THURSDAY AT 10:00 AM

We have a new instructor! Come join us on a Thursday morning and meet Margie, she's a wonderful guide for our journey.



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

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

Steve Hanger suffering from advanced dementia and Parkinson's Disease

Lisa Partin undergoing cancer treatments

Carla (Pastor Karen's friend) dealing with complications following a kidney transplant

Paula recovering from pacemaker surgery

Ed T undergoing tests and treatments for a medical problem

Patsy as she nears her journey into eternal life.



Father's Day

The first modern Father's Day was rooted in tragedy. On July 5, 1908—the same year that Mother's Day is credited as beginning—a small church in West Virginia held the first public event meant to specifically honor the fathers of their community. The day was held in remembrance of the 362 men who were killed the previous December in a mining explosion at the Fairmont Coal Company. Though this specific day did not transform into an annual tradition in the town, it did set a precedent of reserving a day for dads everywhere.

Washington was the first state to celebrate Father's Day. In 1909, Spokane resident Sonora Smart Dodd was listening to a Mother's Day sermon at her local church when she had the idea to try to establish a similar day to honor the hard-working fathers of the community. Dodd was the daughter of a widower and Civil War veteran named William Jackson Smart, who raised six children on his own after his wife died during childbirth. She contacted local church groups, government officials, YMCAs, businesses, and other official entities, hoping to gather the community to recognize fathers around the state of Washington. The campaign Dodd embarked upon would eventually culminate in the first statewide Father's Day celebration in 1910.

Father's Day became an official holiday in 1972. Father's Day became an official holiday in America in 1972. President Richard Nixon signed it into law.

Americans are expected to spend more than \$20 billion on Father's Day gifts. All those barbecue accessories, coffee mugs, and screwdriver sets add up: Americans are expected to spend about \$22.4 billion on gifts in 2024 for Father's Day, with clothing and "special outing" gear making up the bulk of the gifts.

Father's Day is a big day for the humble greeting card. Father's Day means big business for the greeting card industry. The holiday is the fourth most popular day for exchanging cards, with approximately 72 million flying off shelves annually.

Father and Son Presidents. There have been 2 sets of Father-Son Presidents of the USA – John Adams (2nd) and son John Quincy Adams (6th), and George Bush (41st) and his son George W. Bush (43rd).

Oldest Father. Indian man Ramjit Raghav became world's oldest Dad in 2012 when he fathered his second child at 96.

TORNADO RELIEF EFFORT

Although the tornado came through 14 months ago, the clean up and recovery effort is still in progress. Peri promised the tornado survivors that she and Galilee would become their best friends and would stand with them, helping them for as long as there was a need to do so. Towards that end, Galilee's Tornado Relief Effort continues. After spending over \$73,000 in 2024 to help our community, we have spent \$17,216 thus far in 2025. Below is a breakdown of this year's expenses to date...

.\$7,484 on Housing. This includes campground fees, rental fees, storage rental and furniture.

\$2,125 on Building materials

\$1,254 on Utilities. This includes electric and gas bills, propane and water for campers

\$900 on Auto. This includes repairs and gas cards

\$1,256 on Repairs. Hiring professionals to do what volunteers cannot do

\$4,197 on Food. This includes meals for volunteers that are working on homes, the Tornado Survivor's dinners and food gift cards

Some of these expenses might seem surprising to fall under the umbrella of Tornado Relief, but what we've found is that our neighbors are putting everything they have financially into rebuilding their homes that they often need help paying other living expenses. We help with the cost of rebuilding directly when needed and we help with other bills when needed.



**THURSDAY JUNE 26TH
5:00 PM**

Instead of our normal activities for JOY, we will host a 4th of July party for our congregation, the Villa residents and guests. Plan now to join in the fun. We'll kick the evening off with dinner followed by..

- Singing patriotic songs
- 4th of July trivia
- Fun patriotic games
- Door prizes

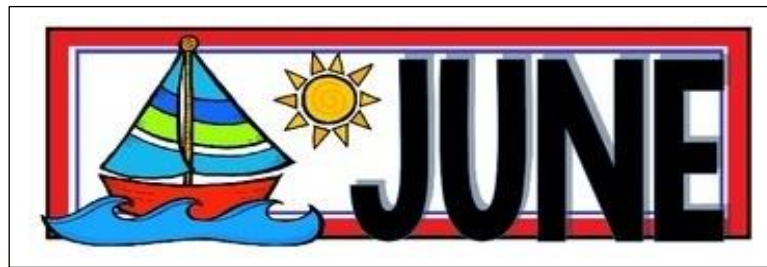


TORNADO SURVIVORS



**THURSDAY JUNE 12TH
5:30 PM**

Plan now to join us and our tornado survivor friends for dinner. They'd love to have Galilee members there to talk to as they are so thankful for all of our help. Just let Peri, Nancy or Pastor Karen know that you plan to attend so we can make sure there's enough food.



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1 MEETING 11:00	2	3 KRAFTEE KRAFTERS 10:00 AM AA and ALANON 7:30 pm	4	5 CHAIR YOGA 10:00 AM AA 6:00 PM	6 CHURCH GARAGE SALE  9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	
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