



March
2026



The Messenger

GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Greetings,

I'm still trying to adjust to the fact that this is the March newsletter. It doesn't seem like we should be going into the third month of 2026 already! As we are preparing to continue our Lenten journey, it's time to look ahead and



make plans for Holy Week. When looking back over our Holy Week Services for the past few years, I noticed a trend. On Maundy Thursday night we've had the Agape Meal Dinner and Service where the service has been done as part of a meal with us seated around the table. This has been one of our most well attended festival services. We have then followed that up on the next night with a traditional Good Friday Service. The Good Friday Service has never been as well attended as the Maundy Thursday Service, but over the past few years attendance has significantly decreased. With this decrease in mind I am wondering if we are ready for a change for Good Friday.

The idea that I have for a possible change is looking at combining the two services into one. We'd have the traditional meal that we've had the past several years but instead of it just being a service focusing on Maundy Thursday the new format would have the beginning of the service be Maundy Thursday focused and then move into focusing on Good Friday for the second half of the service. It makes more sense to have this new meal and service on Good Friday evening; thus we would have no service on Maundy Thursday and have the combined service on Good Friday. I will be making ballot cards and passing them out on upcoming services as a chance for you to voice your opinion and vote on whether you'd like us to remain offering the two different services on different nights or if you want to try the new combined service on one. night.

Blessings

Pastor Karen



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

Dale B (Carol's husband) lung cancer

Steve Hanger

Lisa Partin being treated for cancer

Nancy as she receives treatment for cancer

Peggy as her disease progresses

Colin as he battles a cancer

Scot Duncil treatment for cancer

Amanda Westrick breast cancer

Avon Ault heart surgery

Fred recovering from surgery



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

St. Patrick Prayer

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.



3/16 Haley Horn



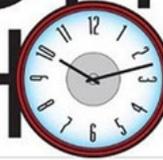
No Anniversaries

**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

**OFFICE
HOURS**



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 10:45 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.



March 1 John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

March 8 John 4:5-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

March 15 John 9:1-41

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

March 22 John 11:1-45

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

March 29 Palm Sunday



**Monday March 16th
at The Gathering Grounds
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.



Pastor Karen here letting you know that we won't be hearing from Mouse this month, He decided to stow away with Nancy and her son Steven on their trip to Texas and he forgot all about writing an article for us. Nancy and Steven discovered their little stow away so she's shared some funny things with me about their trip thus far.



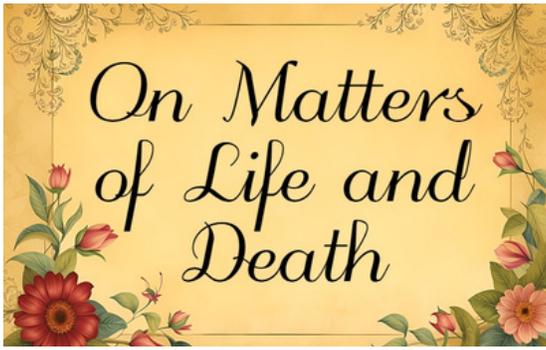
At one of their stops, they saw pay phones and Nancy had to explain to our little cellphone generation Mouse what pay phones are! Mouse got very excited when they saw the sign for Merrimack Caverns because he remembered learning in school that Jesse James hid out in those caverns. But he got very confused when he saw the sign for the "Cuba Airport"... he thought they made a wrong turn somewhere



The major issue that Council is currently working on is the replacement air conditioning unit that is needed. The total cost of the unit is \$7,000. We have been receiving donations for the unit, with \$5,000 having been donated thus far. This leaves a \$2,00 deficit. Council is discussing possibly doing a fundraising drive for this remaining amount, instead of going to the congregation for a request to use current funds.

SUNDAY MARCH 29TH





The subject of our mortality is a hard subject to think about, let alone to talk about. Our hope is to create an atmosphere where we can face the subjects and death and dying in a way that brings us hope and comfort.

Each week we'll start the evening with dinner served from 5:30 to 6:00. We'll start the class at 6:00 with the goal of ending about 6:45 so everyone can be on the road headed home by 7:00

Wednesday March 4
Preparing for End of Life

Wednesday March 11
The Natural Dying Process

Wednesday March 18
What Happens After We Die?

Wednesday March 25th
Paranormal and Near Death Experiences

Lenten Meals



We will start each of our Wednesday night gatherings with dinner at 5:30

We will be asking for volunteers to supply the food each week. We will offer Sandwiches, Soup or Salad, and Dessert. If you sign up for Soup or Salad it's your choice whether you bring soup to go with the sandwiches or salad(s). Please plan to feed about 20 people if you sign up to donate part of our dinner



Taken by Campbell Photography over Indian Lake, February 2026

Daylight Saving Time 2026

Spring Forward!

Sunday, March 8, 2026

At 2:00 am, set your clocks forward 1 hour to...



2:00 AM

3:00 AM
Daylight Time

Clocks move forward 1 hour!



**Hannah
Prayer
Group**

**Introducing the Hannah
Prayer Group**

**THURSDAY
MARCH 19TH
11:00 (after Yoga)**

Beginning in March and ending at Advent, we will meet monthly at church. Our intent is to pray for Galilee's spiritual and physical needs and to promote unity.

We will use scripture and intercessory prayer to God for all members of our congregation, especially those on our prayer chain in need of healing.

Members who have been prayed for will receive a note card in the mail.

"Lent is not something we do for God – Lent is something we do *with* God."

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  WORSHIP THE LORD!	2	3 ○ <u>Krafty Krafters</u> 10-12 <hr/> <u>AA</u> 7:30	4 LENT Dinner 5:30 Study 6:00	5 Yoga 10:00 <hr/> AA 6:00	6	7
8  WORSHIP THE LORD!	9	10 <small>HARRIET TUBMAN DAY</small> <u>Krafty Krafters</u> 10-12 <hr/> COUNCIL 6:00	11 ○ LENT Dinner 5:30 Study 6:00	12 Yoga 10:00 <hr/> AA 6:00	13	14
15  WORSHIP THE LORD!	16 Ladies Breakfast at The Gathering Grounds 10:00 AM	17 <u>Krafty Krafters</u> 10-12 <hr/> <u>AA</u> 7:30	18 ● LENT Dinner 5:30 Study 6:00	19  HANNAH PRAYER GROUP 11:00	20	21
22  WORSHIP THE LORD!	23	24 <u>Krafty Krafters</u> 10-12 <hr/> <u>AA</u> 7:30	25 ● <small>GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY</small> LENT Dinner 5:30 Study 6:00	26	27	28
29 <small>NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY</small>  Palm Sunday	30	31 <small>CEASAR CHAVEZ DAY</small> <u>Krafty Krafters</u> 10-12 <hr/> <u>AA</u> 7:30	1	2	3	4