



THE MESSENGER

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FROM THE PASTOR



Greetings,

Brad Paisely once said that January 1st “is the first blank page in a 365 page book, write a good one.” There will be many things that happen to us in 2022 that are unavoidable and while we may not be able to choose whether they happen or not, we can most certainly choose how we will respond to them. Thus we have more control over our life than we may originally believe. May we each, by the grace of God and with His help, fill the 365 blank pages before us with as much peace, contentment and joy as is possible.

Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas gift. It is most appreciated; even more appreciated is your continued love and support for your pastor. So many pastors cannot say that they have a congregation who truly cares about them and cares for them, a congregation who partners with them in ministry and a congregation that allows themselves to reflect the light and love of Jesus Christ into a hurting world...I am truly, truly blessed.

After waiting almost 20 years I finally have a date for my first knee replacement surgery; on February 4th my right knee will be replaced. Since this knee has more damage to the attached bones my doctor has requested that I take the month of February off. I am currently working on finding pulpit supply, pastors who will be here to share the Word with you and preside at Communion. If all goes well I will attend JOY at the end of February and the first service I will preside and preach at will be Ash Wednesday on March 3rd. I will then delay my second surgery until we get through Lent and Easter. Surgery on my left knee will be scheduled as soon as possible after Easter. Mike and Angie Weichers will be back from Florida by Easter and Mike has graciously agreed to preside and preach while I'm off for that second surgery. During those weeks that I'm not at church in person I will continue to publish the monthly newsletter and send it out as well as work with Jamie on details for the bulletins so that things will hopefully run as smooth as possible in my absence.

Blessings,
Pastor Karen



Notes from the December 2021 Church Council meeting.

Pastor's Report indicated that along with pastoral care calls and visits and other duties, she attended the final planning meeting for the Joint Thanksgiving Service as well as preached at that service. She chose hymns for February through July 2022, wrote the WELCA Thankoffering Service, officiated at the funeral for a Villa resident's son. She continues to produce the monthly newsletter as it's easier for her to do it than it would be for Jamie.

President's Report indicated that the Christmas decorations are up and working. We have a very scaled back display this year due to the condition of our large pieces. We plan to work on new pieces this summer so they can be ready for a bigger display next year. The new coffee pots are in and functioning well; coffee is much easier and faster to prepare with these new pots. A new hot water heater was needed. It has been purchased and installed. The new one will save us money because it will not be heating as much water.

Old/unfinished Business. We will have our annual meeting to vote on Council members and a budget for 2022. Bob Grant's term is the only one that is expiring this year and he has graciously agreed to run for another term.

New Business As soon as Christmas is behind us Pastor Karen will begin writing the series we will use during our mid-week Lenten dinners and service. She will confer with Jan to decide what type of service we will do. The date for our annual Book of Reports meeting was set for January 23rd following worship.



Abby (Bonner's granddaughter) is home on a ventilator and needs 24 hour care

"Bear" (Jamie's daughter) problems associated with her epilepsy

Meg C (Peggy's friend) cancerous tumor behind her eye

Glenn C (Friend of Frobese's) cancer diagnosis

Carla M (friend of Pastor's) waiting for kidney transplant

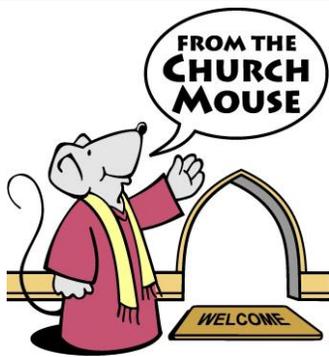
Joyce S shut-in with various health problems

Kristi A (niece of Bowsher's) breast cancer

Lori H undergoing chemo for breast cancer

Terry T recovering from knee replacement surgery

Nancy M recovering from coronavirus



Hi Everyone,

I took a little Christmas trip to visit some friends so been trying to catch up on all the happenings while I was gone.

Nancy picked up the “BUG” so she wasn’t around to keep the Kraftee Krafter ladies organized. Oh well, they came in on Tuesdays anyway just to chat and have cookies. Works for me. Thankfully, Nancy is all better and will soon be back to lead the pack.

The church has looked so festive all month, but I guess keeping Poinsettias alive and well has been a big issue for Deb and Jean. Water, leaves dropping, water, leaves dropping. Kinda glad I missed some of that. Thankfully, everything looked beautiful for the Christmas Eve service with all the lighted candles and such. And speaking of Christmas Eve, Suzy Mallory played the keyboard and accompanied Michael as he sang O Holy Night. The beauty of the moment brought people and mice to tears.



So glad I got back for the kids Christmas Outreach Party. All the gifts were piling up around the Angel Tree. Everyone just kept bringing them in. Everyone loves our Galilee kiddos. Drew told everyone that the kids have been coming for 13 years. WOW!! There was lots of pizza and so...many cookies. I really like cookies, they get all crumbly and fall on the floor. Yep, they do. After gobbling up all that, Suzy and the kids entertained everyone with Silent Night and then Jingle Bells along with real jingle bells. Drew said if they sang really loud someone special would show up, SANTA!! And he did, along with all the presents. There was over 50 kids and wrapping paper and smiles as far as the eye could see.

Well, the Christmas decorations have been packed away for another year, but we know this important time, Jesus’s birthday, is with us every day of the year and I’m so thankful I get to share all of this with you.

Love and Hugs,
The Church Mouse



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 **Jan 2** 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.

Most needed items are

- Canned fruits
- Canned corn
- Canned green beans
- Toilet paper
- Dish soap



- 1/4 EMMA POWERS
- 1/21 PEGGY FOGHT
- 1/23 SUSIE SCHINDLER
- 1/25 SARAH MALLORY
- 1/27 DARCY SCHEMMEL



- 1/30 BOB & CAROL MAIER



Pastor Karen will be in the office Thursdays 9:00 to 12:00, and is available by appointment on Mondays during the day and every week night evening



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.



The ladies are taking a break for the winter months. Their meetings and fellowship will resume in March

JOY

JUST OLDER YOUTH

Thursday January 30th @ 6:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. We'll start the evening with a free dinner and then enjoy a variety of games. Choose a card game, a dice game or bingo with prizes

January

- (1) The name for January comes from the Roman god, Janus, who is always depicted with two heads. He uses one head to look back on the year before, and the other head to look forward into the New Year!
- (2) Generally, January is the coldest month of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.
- (3) Oddly enough, couples tend to separate or divorce more so in January than any other month of the year.
- (4) In leap years, January always starts on the same day as April and July.
- (5) Originally, the Roman calendar had only 10 months, and it excluded January and February.
- (6) King Numa Pompilius, the second king of Rome, is responsible for adding both January and February to the Roman calendar. He did this so calendars would be equivalent to a lunar year.
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WORSHIP THEMES FOR JANUARY



Sunday, January 2 John 1:[1-9] 10-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

Sunday January 9 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

Sunday January 16 John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

Sunday January 23 Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

Sunday January 30 Luke 4:21-30

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 KRAFTY KRAFTERS 10:00 ----- COUNCIL 6:45	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 KRAFTY KRAFTERS 10:00 ----- AA 8:30	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 KRAFTY KRAFTERS 10:00 ----- AA 8:30	19	20	21	22
23 BOOK OF REPORTS MEETING AFTER CHURCH	24	25 KRAFTY KRAFTERS 10:00 ----- AA 8:30	26	27 JOY 6:00	28	29
30	31					