



WHAT'S YOUR COVID-19 STORY?

When we all come back together to worship and fellowship at church, we are going to have a lot of stories to share. What happened to you during the Covid-19 pandemic? What did you go through? How were you changed? What did you learn about life? What did you learn from God? What did you learn about yourself and your community? How did you cope with the lockdown in your family, at your work, or in school? We all have dealt with the same massive life-altering problem which is the virus. But we all have different stories to tell about how it has shaped us and impacted us. It altered our daily lives, and possibly even set us on very different paths into the future.

In my case, because of the corona virus, we made the bold decision to extract grandma and grandpa from their Senior Living center. We hired a moving truck and everything, and brought them to our home to live with us. Was it an agonizing decision? My husband Tom said to his sister and brothers, "It's like getting a shot." [vaccination]. It's hard, but we just have to do it. Get it done. It's necessary." Well, the plan worked, and it didn't work. We meant the best for them. We love grandma and grandpa Ososki. But we got in over our heads. Did our bold action improve their lives or compromise their lives? That is a story that I think only grandma and grandpa Ososki can honestly tell. Well, we have a handicap accessible house now. All are welcome! My husband, my son and my daughter would likely each tell this story very, very differently. How did the corona virus change your life? Each of us has a unique story to tell. It is a story that is continually and creatively unfolding. "For surely I know the plans for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm. Plans to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

What is your corona story? What has happened to you since we were all together at Galilee? How do you feel about your current situation? How has God spoken to you and tested you during this time? How has this world-wide phenomenon impressed you or made its mark on you? What's your corona story? God is waiting to hear you proclaim it. ~ Pastor Dana

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

Jeremiah 29:11



The whole quarantined family & friends



The architect and the carpenter build the ramp

AROUND OUR CHURCH

Young at Heart

Young at Heart members have been keeping in touch through phone calls, but do look forward to the time when they can again join together for socializing.



Our friend Barb Bartok moved into an apartment in West St Paul in early May. Joe Juneau went on his yearly turkey hunt camping trip with his son but didn't fare well this year. No turkey, and ended up on antibiotics with infection to hand and damaged rib - not to mention it was unseasonably cold weather! Karen and Steve have recently enjoyed time with the grandchildren. Yay. Karen and Jeanette go walking, as do Dell and Shari. Shari and Dell stopped by my home to drop off a bag. It was great sharing a smile and waving at each other through the stormdoor. May Birthdays we missed celebrating include Barb, Roger, Sharell, and even George Johnson. We hope everyone is safe distancing and staying healthy. In a couple of months we may get out and about a bit more. In the meantime, those wonderful phone calls will be our way of keeping in touch.

Election Judge Anyone?

If you live in Ramsey County and would like to serve as an election judge, call Brenda Leifeld at (651) 266-2215 or go to www.ramseycounty.us to get more information/sign up. There is a 2-hour training period required. The position can either be as a volunteer, or for pay. Hours are 6:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m.

Primary Election: August 11

General Election: November 3

Contact Sharell Babin for more information.

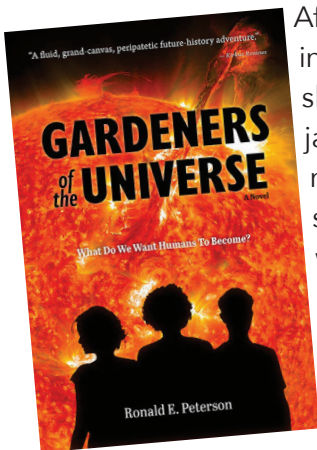
Dial-a-Devotion - 651-488-6769

Every day during this COVID-19 quarantine, you are invited to call your church to listen to a brief devotion from God's Word. Share this number with your friends and family. Make dial-a-devotion part of your daily prayer.

~Pastor Dana



Ron Peterson's Book Earns Award



After so many second-thoughts, inventions, emotions, joys, and sheer toil, winning the Benjamin Franklin award makes my years of effort finally seem worthwhile. The honor was from the Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA), a national group. I hope this endorsement encourages everyone to take a peek at the future

with my book, *Gardeners of the Universe*.

As the coronavirus pandemic has shown us, there are times when the whole world changes. My book was an attempt to show how scientific and technical

advances will alter the path of history in the next 50 to 100 years. There is actually a bio-cyber war in the book, showing how people might deal with that in the future.

If you have already purchased a copy, please let others know what you think. It was meant to be both educational (but not preachy about the science) and as entertaining as I could make it. I need help getting the word out. Alas, all my book tours and bookstore readings have been put on hold. I will begin online talks and seminars soon.

If you haven't bought a copy and want to learn more, please go to my website at ptbbooks.com or your favorite bookseller. Kindle versions are available at Amazon.

I hope you are all well and staying safe. ~Ron

GALILEE'S FINANCIAL UPDATE

by Barb Streng, Miriam Peterson

I wanted to update you on two financial areas.

1. Financial Information for April. For the month of April we had general contributions of \$9,418. There were no out of the ordinary expenses during the month. We received a refund of \$191.00 for our workers compensation insurance. The premium is based on an estimate of the payroll and after the end of the year the amounts are adjusted to the actual wages and any overpayment refunded or underpayment billed. Expenses totaled \$12,419. This means we spent \$3,000 more than we received. On a year to date basis we have spent \$9,196 more than we received. Our budget anticipated spending \$7,928 more than we received through April, so we are starting to show the effects of the virus on our contributions. We have been fortunate to build up a reserve over prior years. At the end of April that reserve is \$19,899. This gives us a valuable cushion as we deal with these unique times.
2. Loan Update: The council supported the church applying for a forgivable loan through a program funded in the COVID-19 federal legislation. That loan for \$22,000 was approved and signed on Friday May 8. The funds have been deposited into our account. Any amount that is spent on wages, health insurance, and utilities during the first 8 weeks after the funds are received is eligible for forgiveness. The bank will be providing information on how that forgiveness process works when the loan is funded.

Please let me (Barb) know if you have any questions or would like copies of any of the reports.

Barb Streng, Treasurer

MONTH OF MAY

The month of May is going well with offerings. Thank you so much for continuing to send in your offering to church.

May 3	\$2,978
May 10	\$8,708
May 17	\$2,056
May 24	\$1,290
May 31	

The total for these three weeks is \$15,032 which is excellent for the month. We have also received a gift from the Saint Paul Area Synod of \$2,000 from a COVID-19 fund from the ELCA. They know that we are a small church trying to help our neighbors. We are very grateful for their help as well as yours. Please continue to send in your offerings to church.

Miriam Peterson, Financial Secretary

AROUND OUR CHURCH

BLOOD DRIVE #3!

It's Red Cross Blood Donation Time again!

June 10, 2020, between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. volunteers will be shedding blood for others. Did you know that a car accident patient can need as much as 100 units of blood? Did you know that a unit of blood has a refrigerated shelf life of 40 days? The Red Cross does its best to continually replenish the supply of blood with donations and also see that no blood is wasted. For example, blood that is getting toward the end of its shelf life will be quickly shipped to a "high trauma" hospital in Minneapolis, Milwaukee or Chicago. Do you have questions about whether or not you are eligible to give blood? What if you had cancer? What if you have allergies? What if you recently had dental work done? What if you have diabetes? What if you just got a tattoo? Can you still donate blood? If you or anyone has a question about whether they can give blood, they can call 1-866-236-3276 to find out the answers to questions about eligibility.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Galilee Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Sign up here:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Galilee>

**Wednesday, June 10
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**



Every 2 seconds,
someone needs blood

ALERT: Healthy, eligible donors are strongly urged to donate amidst coronavirus concerns. Donating is a safe process and people should not hesitate to give or receive blood at this time. [Learn more](#)

GALILEE: WE'VE GOT MAIL!

Ashely Thompson of the American Red Cross writes, "Congratulations [Galilee] on another successful blood drive! You exceeded your last drive results by 3 units, collecting 29 units! Your total lives saved between the two drives is now 165 LIVES!! That's amazing, wonderful job!!! You're truly a gift to us and the patients and hospitals we serve!

Dear Dana + Galilee Staff,
Everybody's talking about the heroes around us right now. Your ministry has been heroic long before the pandemic. Don't stop now! Keep the faith.
With affection,
Kjersti M.

Mia Prescott writes,

"To All Members,
Thank you for Welcoming me to your congregation and also for the help with my living situation.
Thank you."

From Sharell Babin: Thank you to every person who worked on the recent blood drives at Galilee, and a special thank you to everyone who graciously donated blood. I can attest to the value of receiving blood. In March I received 6 regular transfusions plus 1 platelet. Without people like you, I would no longer be alive. Again, thank you and bless you for this gift to some future recipient. Sharell

DREAMING OF TANZANIA

From the journal of traveler, Joan Jarombek, October 20, 2017

Our first full day in Iringa! We started the morning eating breakfast at the Lutheran center. Eggs, any way you like them, and fruit.

Our first adventure today was a visit to the Iringa Diocese, the 'ELCT'. The Secretary General of the Diocese explained the history of this young Diocese, which began in 1987. Chevelle spoke about those who were instrumental such as Arne and Mary Bloomquist. How this ministry has branched out to the university, orphanage, hospital, and nursing school. We felt very welcome at the Diocese.

While there we were able to interact with a group of preschool children who go to a day care center there. The children were beautiful! They loved looking at the pictures of themselves on our cameras.

The Diocese also has a radio studio, Radio Furaha. We were able to have a tour and spoke to the broadcaster. They play traditional religious music and receive phone calls from residents of Iringa who would like to have Bible verses read for them.

We were then driven to Neema's Craft Center where we had a delicious lunch. There were some volunteers from the Peace Corps there who shared their stories. One young man was from Minnesota. We also looked at the crafts which are made by handicapped individuals.

Our next stop was the Iringa Museum of History. Many interesting facts were learned. To me, the history of German and English control was interesting, as well as learning more about the Hehe people and their chief Mkwawa, who opposed German colonization. There were battles for eight years. In 1898 Chief Mkwawa shot himself rather than surrender.

We also visited the University of Iringa, where we met with a group working on a program 'Iringa Hope' which is considered a central micro-finance bank helping small farmers improve their yield with financial help and teaching.

We headed back to The Lutheran Center where we packed our gifts to bring to Uhominyi the next day.

We ate a great meal at Sai Villa and then retired for the night to get ready for our trip tomorrow.

"It feels like family here in Tanzania as we all show the love of God."



Photos taken by Joyce Solberg: Preschool children in the Iringa Diocese; Lunch at Neema's Craft Center, carvings at Neema's Craft Center, The Lutheran Center where we stayed while in Iringa Town,)



AROUND OUR CHURCH

Rice Street Gardens!

If you are looking for me, you will find me at #14E.

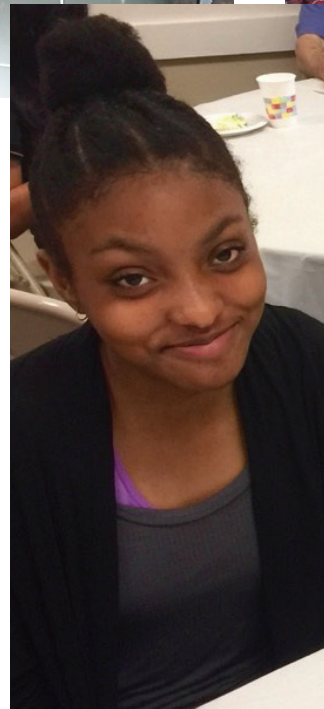
If you are looking for me this summer, and I am not in my family home nor in the church office, you just might find me at my new summer address, "14E". It is a garden plot located in row 14 and letter E. It sits right in the middle of the Rice Street Gardens. I am very excited about growing Herb Brase's Dahlias to add to the fresh cut flowers for the church altar again this year. As I am writing this (end of May) the plants are only as big as the church's front door key! I have never gardened before until our Lord called us, the congregation of Galilee, to create a community garden as part of our church's ministry. I am learning gradually along the way from those gardening alongside me. Thank you people of Galilee! This is our fifth season running the RSG. Thanks be to God, we received an ELCA domestic hunger grant and with it have been able to pay translators and hire a new garden staff, Dana Fergusson which is awesome. The slogan for the ELCA Hunger Grant is, "Until All Are Fed"

God bless you Galilee for giving to the community such an abundant blessing - the earth that bears fruit. Thanks be to God!



Congrats Class of 2020!

We are all looking forward to celebrating the graduations of our seniors: Alejandro Diaz-Vicuña class of 2020 Washington Tech High School; Louise Fehrman class of 2020, Irondale High School; Edmira Jaco-English, class of 2020 Central High School! Way to go seniors!! We are so proud of you!!



Bible

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Entira Food Drive

Helping Others

IN THEIR
GREAT TIME
OF NEED



- Entira Woodbury will donate to Galilee Lutheran Church
- Start date: June 1, 2020- through June 30th, 2020

Entira Family Clinics in Woodbury, where Sheika Taylor works, had a competition. They are collecting non-perishable food items each month during Covid-19 times. They had the clinic staff put their favorite charity in a hat, and they drew a charity for the month of June. Galilee was Sheika's entry, and Galilee was drawn!! It's best use is yet to be determined. THANK YOU Sheika for thinking of the Galilee community!

WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Scripture Lessons

June 7

The Holy Trinity

Genesis 1:1--2:4a

The creation of the heavens and the earth

Psalms 8

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul's farewell to the church at Corinth

Matthew 28:16-20

Living in the community of the Trinity

June 14

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a

The covenant with Israel at Sinai

Psalms 100

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (Ps. 100:3)

Romans 5:1-8

While we were sinners, Christ died for us

Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]

The sending of the Twelve

June 21

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13

The prophet must speak despite opposition

Psalms 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind. (Ps. 69:16)

Romans 6:1b-11

Buried and raised with Christ by baptism

Matthew 10:24-39

The cost of discipleship

June 28

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9

The test of a true prophet

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing.

Romans 6:12-23

No longer under law but under grace

Matthew 10:40-42

Welcome Christ in those he sends

Prayer Requests

All in the world suffering from Covid19

Family & friends of Terry Clasen (Karen Groebner's brother)

Family & friends of Vi Dorumsgaard (Scott Solberg's mother-in-law)

Family & friends of Richard Eagan (Dawn Babin's s/o)

Mitchell Erickson

Bonnie Fuller (Lorrie Hayne's sister)

Family & friends of Fred Hayes (Judy Hogan's husband)

Lorrie Hayne

George Johnson

Kevin

Leaders of the Rice Street Garden

Winnie Lightfoot (cousin of Tim Rand), nurse in Louisiana COVID-19 unit

Florence Matadi

Ramon Martinez (Galiladies Joanne Martinez son-in-law)

Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church

Family & friends of Darrin Mitchell (Dazhanea and Dazhion's father)

Karen Murphy

Dennis Norbeck

Barb Ososki

Don Ososki

Tom Rand (brother of Tim) pediatrician in Seattle area

Family & friends of Lorenza Solis

Family & friends of "Pat" Phyllis Walters (mother of Mike Osterman)

St. Paul Friends Nepali Church

Veniessa Taylor

Uhominzi Parish, Tanzania

14 Brittnee Banitt

16 Dan Nerud

17 Jacob Matadi

18 Ron Peterson

18 Alejandro Vicuña

19 Brenda Meyer

26 Jeff Westegaard

27 Justine Brown

30 Susan Loushin

Honoring Ahmaud

You are invited to join Pastor Dana's family as they run 2.23 miles to honor Ahmaud Arbery, a black man who was shot and killed while running on February 23 in Georgia. It is not a crime to run for exercise. We will be running/jogging/walking in honor of Ahmaud every week this month, next up: Thursday, June 4, 4 p.m. We begin at Galilee's front door with a prayer. Then we jog/walk around Lake McCarrons. If you want to join us, bring a mask and stay 6 feet apart. Wear your God's Work Our Hands t-shirt if you have one.



June Birthdays

1 Ann Pelto

7 Rebecca Nelson

8 Amelia Heavenly (GLOW)

9 Dell Sailer

10 Adrian Davis

11 Steve Groebner

11 Riley Smith-Riley



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Prayers for 9:30a Gal 10:30a Fe 11a MFCLC 11a St. Pau</p> <p>9:30a Galilee 10:30a Fellow 11a MFCLC W 11a St. Paul Fri</p> <p>9:30a Galilee Wo 10:30a Fellowship 11a MFCLC Worsh 11a St. Paul Friend</p> <p>9:30a Galilee Worshi 10:30a Fellowship-FH 11a MFCLC Worship 11a St. Paul Friends Ch</p>						<p>2</p> <p>6a Chinese Prayer 1p Darla/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>9</p> <p>6a Chinese Prayer</p> <p>16</p> <p>Chinese Prayer</p> <p>23</p> <p>ese Prayer</p> <p>30</p>

State of the Church letter from Abe

Fellow Christian brothers and sisters,

We have been away from worshipping and fellowshiping for a long time.
We all know what's going on.

We have been givin the greenlight to start our regular services. This has to
be done in a dafe and orderly manner, keeping our six feet distance.

We have a committee working out how to start our church . Let us be
patient and keep in contact (by phone) until we meet again.

God bless everyone.

Abe Watson
Council President

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30 A.M.

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays 8 a.m. – noon
Thursdays 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**For the latest pictures and more,
find us on Facebook!**



<http://on.fb.me/14BMhUi>

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We share the air.

At Galilee, we
STRIVE to be
fragrance-free!

GALILEE'S MISSION STATEMENT

To gather people together to hear the story of God's love in Jesus Christ, to be nurtured in faith and knowledge, and to share the Good News through word and deed.



Congratulations to Leesa Matthews, who was legally adopted by Cherie Garrod and her husband, Randall Strand.

To submit information for publication in the monthly VOICE newsletter, to be posted on our website, or to receive the VOICE newsletter by e-mail, send information and/or e-mail address to the church office at: office.galilee@gmail.com.

Articles must be received by the 15th of each month.