

# Galilee in Transition



Galilee Lutheran Church

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## GREETINGS!

This adapted newsletter will serve as Galilee leadership's communication of important info regarding this season of transition at Galilee. We ask that in addition to reading through this, that you would cover our congregation in prayer in this time of change. - *Emily Phoenix, Dir. of Discipleship*



*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*  
- 1 Thess. 5:16-18

## From the President's Desk

### Blessings and greetings from Bob Cosler:

**EXCITING TIMES** are upon us at Galilee. If you were in church last weekend, you experienced the kind of excitement that accompanies change: a revised worship folder format, and a pastor other than Hank Simon delivering an exciting message of hope for us and for Galilee. In the weeks to come, there will be several other pastors sharing the message of newness and hope with us. A transition team update in this newsletter has more details.

There is also exciting news regarding the capital campaign to fund needed renovations at Galilee. Galileans committed to \$77,050 in "Challenge" and "Give Now" giving this past weekend. With the amount already in the capital campaign account, this will cover the down payment for the bridge construction loan (so called because it bridges the funding gap between starting and ending a project).

In addition, commitments were received to increase weekly giving by \$356 over the next three years. To avoid financing longer than 42 months, and fully fund the renovations, we will need an additional seventy giving units (persons or families) to commitment increase weekly giving by \$10. Commitment cards will be available in the pew cardholders for those who have not yet offered their commitment. Please place the completed cards in the offering plate. Thank you and be sure to read the renovation up-date.

## Transition Team Update

**GALILEE'S TRANSITION TEAM** was formed to assist the staff and congregation during a time of vacancy. They are also assisting in preparations for the pastoral call process. Our hope as a committee is for this process to be as transparent as possible.

If you have any questions or issues please don't hesitate to reach out to one of the members of the committee (their contact info can be found on the table in the lobby): Rob Bangert, Cindy Ward, Judy Engelmeyer, Sarah Jammal, Krissy Anderson, Emily Phoenix and Bob Cosler.

**WE ARE CURRENTLY** working on the congregation profile an in-depth questionnaire which helps Galilee define itself, our beliefs and looks at our community. Congregation members will get a chance to assist in answering a few important questions from the profile in early September. Here are a few examples of profile questions that the team is discussing: *In what community outreach or service activities does your congregation participate? Why was your congregation founded? Why does it exist today?*

**THE SCHEDULING OF PASTORS** to serve through our summer months has been completed. (GREAT job Rob!) Tim Merritt will serve on June 23/24 and Pastor Kampia will begin a month of serving with the weekend of June 30/July 1.

Like our Facebook page that gives weekly Transition Tuesday updates at; <https://www.facebook.com/GalileeLutheranChurch/> - *Krissy Anderson, Transition Team Member*

## Renovation Update

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who participated in the renovation information sessions and who attended the congregational meeting to vote on the options presented. Galileans voted overwhelmingly to carry out and finance the renovations for the sanctuary, narthex (lobby), portico, parking lot and to install a new digital sign in front of the church at its current location.

Fund raising for the renovations is well under way. See details in "From the President's Desk" in this newsletter.

**A FOUR-PHASE APPROACH** to the renovations is being utilized. The first phase of research, design planning, and estimating is nearly complete. The team will continue to consult with worship, preschool, and education ministry teams through all phases. We will see the rest of the preparation work being executed in three more phases: Specification completion and review; Contractor pool selection and bid packages submission; Contract award and project management. It is too early to provide an accurate project starting date until we receive the bids from the contractors.

If you have any questions about the planning process, please talk to me, Gary Thomas, or to Bob Cosler. Thank you, Galilee, for supporting this project through your prayers and financial donations. - *Gary Thomas, Renovation Team*

## GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Please do not hold**

**Return service requested**

### **Choose your option for worship:**

- ◆ **4:30 p.m. Saturday Living Water Worship**  
"come as you are" informal
- ◆ **8 a.m. Sunday Classic Praise**  
traditional sung liturgical worship
- ◆ **10:45 a.m. Sunday Joy**  
modern liturgical worship with a variety of musical styles

## **Save the Date - Patriotic Dinner**

Mark your calendar for Friday July 13 from 4-7pm when Human Care Ministry will host their annual themed Patriotic BBQ dinner. Check out the weekly bulletin for details!

## **Vacation Bible School Update!**

Galilee's event has been set for the mornings of **July 30-Aug. 3 from 9 am-noon**. Children who have completed three's preschool through fifth grade are invited to sign up. The cost is \$15 and can be paid online or via check/cash to Galilee.

A **SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER** is also available. Students who have finished sixth grade and older are eligible to volunteer as staff members. We especially need crew leaders who guide mixed age groups from station to station, being that faithful presence as the participants learn about being rescued by Jesus. Our volunteer meeting will be Monday, July 9 at 6:30pm.

**LOOK FOR THE OPPORTUNITY** to donate snacks, pool noodles and other items we will need to prepare and decorate for our week of learning how Jesus rescues us!

Go to [www.galileelutheranchurch.org](http://www.galileelutheranchurch.org) to find the registration link! Questions? Contact VBS Director Jen Bowman (410-491-9417 or [ibjenb@hotmail.com](mailto:ibjenb@hotmail.com)).



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