

The Fisherman's Log

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Sunday School 9:15 AM / Worship 10:30 AM

Mission Statement...Marked with the cross of Christ forever – we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of his world.

April Schedule

Bible Study (7 PM).....	04-02-08
Rummage Sale Setup.....	04-03 / 04-04-08
Rummage Sale.....	04-05-08
Sunday school / Worship / Healing Service	04-06-08
New Orleans Church Meeting / Hosanna (3 PM) ..	04-06-08
Church Council Meeting.....	04-08-08
Bible Study (7PM).....	04-09-08
New Orleans Men's Gathering / Grace (9 AM)	04-12-08
Sunday school / Worship.....	04-13-08
Bible Study (7 PM).....	04-16-08
Fellowship Event (6 PM)	04-19-08
Sunday School / Worship.....	04-20-08
Bible Study (7 PM).....	04-23-08
Care Group Meeting (7:30 PM).....	04-24-08
Sunday school / Worship.....	04-27-08
Bible Study (7 PM).....	04-30-08

Church Council Members

Carl Hilt – President	Linda Busfield - Member
Colleen Marr – Secretary	Mike Enault - Member
Bret Jacobs – Treasurer	Betty Coleman - Member
Bob Busfield – Financial Secretary	Buddy Lobell - Member
Don Loisel – Member	Janice Church – Member
	Gunne Landry – Member

Our Special Prayers Go Out To

...our Mission Partners;
...our men's group ministry as it begins;
...the Hicks family – the passing of Dana
...the Ploger family – the birth of Parker
...our troops who are in harms way;
...those suffering from all types of health problems;
...those recovery from surgeries;
...those mourning the loss of loved ones;
...those in search of employment;
...those celebrating special occasions in their lives;
...those still struggling to recover from Katrina

Special Thanks...

...all those who helped with Holy Week activities
...St. John Police Dept. and trustees for helping with our lawn work
...all those who help with lawn day & cleaning of the church
...the Loisels for providing lunch for work day
...all the guys who attended our first men's ministry gathering
...all those who participated with the Easter breakfast
...all those who put together the great Easter egg/candy scramble
...the Hilt, Gingerich, David families for donating the new paschal candle
...Pastor Robin McCullough-Bade, Matt Migliore, and Austin Gab for attending our recent council meeting

Special Note From the Hicks family...

The Hicks family wishes to send our heartfelt thanks to everyone for the food that was brought to our home, the words of comfort given at the funeral home and at church, all of the cards that we have received from so many, and all of the prayers for our family. We do know that we are loved, and in return we want everyone to know that we love you. Danny, Arlene, Tammy, Michael, and Haley

Church Council Meeting

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, April 8 at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. The meeting is open to all church members.

Healing Service

Our next healing service is scheduled for Sunday, April 6 immediately following worship.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Each Wednesday night at 7 PM we will be gathering in the fellowship hall to study a subject or issue. *We're having a great time...please mark your calendars and plan to attend.* The meetings will be resuming weekly studying "Roots of Christian Belief".

Mission Partnership Program

We continue to have a growing number of brothers and sisters from other churches stepping up to partner with us to help grow our church and our ministry here in LaPlace and the river parishes. We applaud and thank them for coming forward to be there for us.

We, as members, need to do the same thing – actually. we need to do more...each of us are now being challenged to step up and help...the

Galilean is **'your'** church. Your prayers and help are needed now more than ever.

We are looking forward to a visit from our Lutheran brothers and sisters from Good Shepherd in Henning, MN. They will be in New Orleans to do hurricane recovery work and are planning on worshipping with us on Sunday, April 13. We look forward to their visit and pray for them in their travel and work efforts.

From the pastor's desk...

On March 13 the ELCA released the churches Draft Social Statement on Human Sexuality. Please under this a draft statement, a starting point for the churches discussion. The news release is enclosed in this newsletter for you to review. The draft statement can also be found on the ELCA's website at www.elca.org/faithfuljourney.

Take time to read and think about the statement and what your comments might be about it. Note in the news release that this statement has nothing to do with the rostering of practicing homosexuals. This is still precluded by current ELCA policies. This aspect of the discussion will be approached in February 2009 when the Task Force will provide recommendations on official church rosters to the 2009 church wide assembly. The statement does state beginning on line 1151 the following: This church recognizes the historic origin of the term 'marriage' as a life-long and committed relationship between a woman and a man, and does not wish to alter this understanding.

Thanks in advance for taking the time to read and think about the statement.

We now are in the Easter season which is a seven (7) week period where we remember the importance of what God did through Jesus to save us from our own sin and give to each of us the free gift of grace.

The Peace of the Lord be with you! Pastor Shuman

"Church Mortgage"

We have completed all the paperwork for a mortgage application to the MIF, reviewed it with council, and have sent it to Chicago for their review and decision. As soon as we hear from them, we will report back to you.

We are still accepting mortgage pledges to assist in making application.

For those of you who have already pledged to the mortgage, you should have received special envelopes. If you need special envelopes please see Bob, Bret, or Carl.

Remember...**'your'** church needs you! If you have any questions, please contact Bob Busfield, Bret Jacobs, or Carl Hilt.

Building /Property Repairs Needed

GREAT NEWS!!! The construction work in the sanctuary, narthex, and to the outside of the building is finally completed. Thank you for your patience and prayers.

March 15 was a great day ... we cleaned the inside of the building, painted the shed, restriped the parking lot, repaired the basketball backboards, did some electrical work, removed all the old, over-grown shrubs, and replanted many of the beds around the church lawn. Thanks to everyone who came out to help and a special thanks to the St. John Police Dept. and the trustees for helping with many of the above mentioned projects. Also, thanks to the Loisels for providing the great food.

There are a number of projects around the property that still need addressed. Why not make it a family work project ... your help is needed. See Carl.

Congregational Meeting

We are putting together the agenda for a congregational meeting in the very near future. The meeting will consist of presentations for a budget for 2008, a five year financial plan, and a mortgage application to purchase our church building and property. Please watch for upcoming announcement. This will be an extremely important meeting in the life of our church.

Men's Ministry

There is movement within the ELCA to encourage the creation of men's ministry within our local churches and fellowship between our area ELCA churches.

On February 15 – 16 there was a synod-wide gathering in Houston...Mike Enault and Carl Hilt attended the event. It was very informative and filled with ideas for growing men's worship participation and attendance. Keynote speaker was David Murrow, author of **"Why Men Hate Going To Church"**. **Hey guys...some very interesting reading...anyone interested in buying a copy – see Mike or Carl.** Other participants during the weekend were Bishop Rinehart, who delivered an unbelievable message; and, Peter Meyer, lead guitarist of the Jimmy Buffet band. It was a great weekend of learning and fellowship.

Steve Dupree is heading up organizing our efforts at the Galilean. We held our second meeting on Monday, March 24. We showed a short DVD from Mr. Murrow, talked about plans for the future, and agreed to attend the New Orleans gathering on April 12 at Grace Lutheran.

More details to follow.

Fellowship

Easter morning covered-dish breakfast and Easter Egg / Candy Scramble was great. Thanks to everyone who participated.

We are planning a great evening of food, fun, and entertainment for **Saturday night, April 19 at 6 PM**. The event will be a south Pacific theme ... **"Bali H'Ai on the Ponchartrain"**. Details will be announced each week in the bulletin. The event will be free and should be a lot of fun. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This will be an adult event and baby sitting is going to be provided.

Our fellowship team is working on some other ideas for the coming months. Please watch for announcements. Great times to get to know your brother and sisters at the Galilean.

Evangelism...We're hitting the streets again!

We are putting together some events for the next several months to promote our ministry in the River Parishes. We want to hit some of the new subdivisions in the area. More details will be announced.

Care Group

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO WIND DOWN FROM A LONG WEEK ON FRIDAY NIGHT?

On the last Friday of each month a group of 10 -15 of your brother & sister Galileans get together for **great food, lighthearted conversation about issues which concern us all, and fantastic fellowship**. Come join us on a Friday night to see what it is all about!

Ministry of Care

The St. John Ministry of Care continues to need help with food drives and with individuals to work as case workers. Please see Sharon Hilt for any additional information.

Youth Ministry

The "What's Next" group meets monthly at Muffuleta's Deli in Metairie.

The youth recently had a roller skating event in Metairie.

For further information...see Erin Jacobs

Reference bulletin board / youth activities for brochure on summer church camp offering.

News from the Synod Office

Recently we had participated in a funds drive for the synod's Mission Endowment Fund. We just received a memo from the synod office advising that goal was reached - \$1,000,265.33. This fund is used to support key synod ministries, especially seminary scholarships and campus ministries.

Book Program

We are still accepting books for local nursing homes. Steve Dupree is heading up this outreach. He has thus far delivered books to Sherwood Manor and Twin Oaks. They both are very appreciative of these donations and will be used by their residents. Please continue to bring your used books to church and Steve will see that they get to facilities where they can be used. Thanks.

Bali H'Ai on the Ponchartrain

AN EVENING OF FOOD, FUN, ENTERTAINMENT & FELLOWSHIP

Worship Participants for April

Assisting Minister

Ushers / Greeters

04-06	Wanda Lobell
04-13	Migliore / Johnson
04-20	Johnson / Enault
04-27	Youth Sunday
04-06	Enault / J. Church
04-13	C. Marr
04-20	S. Neighbors
04-27	Youth Sunday
04-06	E. Jacobs
04-13	M. Loisel / B. Jacobs
04-20	M. Loisel / R. Busfield
04-27	P. Migliore / R. Busfield
04-06	P. Migliore / R. Busfield
04-13	M. Loisel / C. Marr
04-20	D. Shuman / D. Johnson
04-27	W. Lobell / C. Enault
	B. Marshall / C. Gab

Readers

Offering Counters

Alter Guild

Flower/Candle Chart

If you are interested in donating candles or flowers for a special event ... charts are on the hall bulletin boards.

'The Fisherman's Log' Newsletter

Articles or messages for the newsletter need to be given to Carl Hilt by mid-month to be published in the following month's issue.

Membership Address / Phone List

Our membership listing is being updated and will be available in the narthex.

Website Updates...

Checkout the Galilean website...lots of new updates.

God's Word

'Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.'

Acts 9:31 NRSV

Happy Easter

Think 'green' this month... earth day and arbor day!

Thank a volunteer this month ...

Volunteer Week - April 27 - May 3.

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"Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer"

'Draize the risen Lord'