

The Fisherman's Log

The Lutheran Church of the Galilean
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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.... "HE IS RISEN"	
Lent Worship 6PM (Meth).....	04-01-09
Spring Clean-up Day 9AM.....	04-04-09
Sunday School / Worship..."Palm Sunday".....	04-05-09
Healing Service.....	04-05-09
Maundy Thursday Worship 7PM (GAL).....	04-09-09
Good Friday Worship 12PM, 3PM (GAL).....	04-10-09
Tenebrae Good Friday Worship 7PM (METH)....	04-10-09
Easter Morning Covered Dish Breakfast 9AM.....	04-12-09
Easter Worship..."HE IS RISEN".....	04-12-09
Church Council Meeting (7 PM).....	04-14-09
Healing Service 6:30PM.....	04-15-09
Sunday School / Worship.....	04-19-09
Bible Study 6:30PM.....	04-22-09
Friday Night Care Group 7:30 PM.....	04-24-09
Sunday School / Worship (Holy Madness Clowns)	04-26-09
Men's Gathering (6 PM).....	04-27-09
Bible Study 6:30PM.....	04-29-09

Church Council Members.....

Carl Hilt – President	Todd Greicar...Member
Mike Enault – Vice President	Arthur Johnson - Member
Colleen Marr – Secretary	Kate Roussel...Member
Bret Jacobs – Treasurer	Betty Marshall - Member
Adam Neighbors – Financial Secretary	Don Loisel – Member
	Gunne Landry...Member

Our Special Prayers Go Out To....

...all our Mission Partners throughout the United States;
...our troops who are in harms way;
...our church leadership;
...our government leadership;
...those suffering from all types of health problems;
...those recovery from illnesses and surgeries;
...those mourning the loss of loved ones;
...those in search of employment;
...those celebrating special occasions in their lives;
...our new council members and council officers;
...remember the special remembrance bulletin board in the hallway for your special thanks and prayers.

Special Thanks.....

...to all our mission partners for their continued prayers, concern, and support.
...thanks to all those who have & continue to serve as our church council members and officers. We also thank those who have agreed to step up and serve as new council members and officers.

Church Council Meeting.....

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, April 14 at 7 PM in our fellowship hall. The meeting is open to all church members. **Welcome to our new council members: Kate Roussel, Arthur Johnson, & Todd Greicar. Welcome to our new officers: Mike Enault (V.P.) & Adam Neighbors (Financial Secretary). A 'special thanks' to Bob & Linda Busfield, Buddy Lobell, and Janice Church for serving as council members for many years...your leadership is greatly appreciated!**

Healing Service.....

Our next healing service will be Sunday, April 5 immediately following worship. Our next mid-week Healing Service will Wednesday evening, April 15 at 6:30 PM.

Wednesday Bible Studies.....

Beginning Wednesday, April 22 we will resume our weekly Bible studies. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall each Wednesday night at 6:30 PM.

2008 Church Income...

Income is tied to church attendance. With more people attending church, offerings will also be generally higher. Our average attendance in 2008 was 45 people per Sunday and was lower than 2007 by one. Since Katrina, we have averaged between 45 and 49 people for Sunday worship services.

Total income for expenses last year was \$158,854, our highest ever. \$54,101 was from our mission partners which will continue in 2009 and then end their three year commitments being met. Members made up the bulk of the remaining income through regular offerings and mortgage offerings. Everyone should be congratulated for their mortgage offerings over regular offerings. Mortgage offerings totaled \$20,215 in 2008 which was 16% above pledge commitments of \$17,500.

Our focus now needs to be on growing our church in the years ahead to insure our viability in the future. Great job!

APRIL 26...

the clowns are coming...

From the pastor's desk.....

The season of Lent is drawing to a close. Lent is a time to prepare ourselves for Holy Week and Easter. How has your preparation been? Were you able to find the time to read the Bible each day more than you normally do or were you able to find the time to begin reading your Bible each day? If you did not do any Bible reading or extra each day it is not too late to start. Make an effort to read your Bible leading up to and through Holy Week using the following readings...

April 1 ... John 12:34-50	April 7 ... John 12:20-36
April 2 ... Philippians 2:1-11	April 8 ... John 13:21-32
April 3 ... Philippians 2:12-18	April 9 ... John 13:1-17,31b-35
April 4 ... Mark 10:32-34, 46-52	April 10 ... John 18:1-19, 42
April 5 ... Mark 14:1-15, 47	April 11 ... John 20:1-18
April 6 ... John 12:1-11	April 12 ... Mark 16:1-8

Strengthen your faith through worship on Palm/Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter worship services.

Yours in Christ... Pastor Shuman

Lenten Worship...

Our Lenten worship journey has been a very wonderful experience along with our brothers and sisters in Christ from First United Methodist Church. We have made so many great new friends and look forward to a long continued relationship with our neighbors.

Good Friday (evening) Tenebrae worship will be a joint worship service with First United Methodist at their church. Maundy Thursday (7PM) and Good Friday afternoon worship services (12PM & 3PM) will be held at the Galilean.

REMAINING SCHEDULE...

Lent Worship ... April 1 / 6PM ... First United
Maundy Thursday Worship ... April 9 / 7PM ... Galilean
Good Friday Afternoon Worship ... April 10 / 12PM, 3PM...Galilean
Good Friday Tenebrae Worship ... April 10 / 7 PM ...First United

Please mark your calendars and plan to join in our Lenten journey.

Worship Bulletins...

As a result of our recent weekend retreat with Pastor Nelson from Covenant and in an attempt to make your worship experience easier to follow, beginning with Ash Wednesday, we implemented a new seasonal bulletin which will include most of the worship service except for the readings, Psalms, Gospel, and songs. Your Music / Worship Team will be interested in your input.

Mission Partnership Program.....

Lutheran brothers and sisters from other churches from throughout this country continue to step 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.

Congregational Meeting...There was a

congregational meeting on Sunday, March 8 immediately following worship...the purpose of the meeting was to review 2008 activities, approve the projected five year budget, and the election of new council members. Thanks to all concerned Galilean brothers and sisters who found time to be concerned about the future of your church.

Message from your New Financial

Secretary...

Non-cash Receipts... Many members will buy items for the church and often will not ask to be reimbursed. They, in essence, are donating the item(s) to the church. Examples of this are cleaning supplies, repair items, or worship supplies. When members do this, they often submit the receipt in their offering envelopes and this is recorded as a "non-cash" donation. By doing so, the donation is recorded in the church

computer system and the individual receives credit for the donation and is included in the annual statement for tax credit.

So, include any receipts in your offering envelope for items that are items bought for the church so that proper credit can be applied to your statement.

WOW! WOW! WOW!

HAVE YOU BEEN TO SUNDAY WORSHIP LATELY ... WHAT A GREAT TREAT – YES, OUR CHOIR IS BACK ... AND, THEY ARE GREAT ... MAKING A JOYEUS NOISE TO OUR LORD !

Yes, the choir is back and doing a fantastic job of making our worship experience even more rewarding. Great job – guys and gals! If you are interested in participating in the choir – please contact Bret Jacobs.

THE CLOWNS ARE COMING!

On Sunday, April 26, the Holy Madness Clown Troupe will be leading our worship service again. As always, you are in for a wonderful worship experience. This a great time to invite a friend, relative, neighbor to come to the Galilean. *Invite everyone!!!*

Fellowship....

There will be a covered dish breakfast planned for Easter Sunday at 9AM prior to worship. See Mona, Sharon, or Maria.

Immediately following Easter Sunday worship there will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the front yard for the children (*also, for those of you who are young at heart*). Donations of candy, eggs, or whatever are requested...see Colleen Marr and Cyndy Gab.

Evangelism.....

Remember...evangelism is something that all of us should be doing on a regular basis...not just a committee. PLEASE ASK A FRIEND, A RELATIVE, A NEIGHBOR, A CO-WORKER TO WORSHIP. DO YOU REMEMBER WHO ASKED YOU TO COME TO WORSHIP AT THE GALILEAN? YOU CAME, YOU SAW, YOU JOINED...WHY NOT GIVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO SOMEONE ELSE.

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!

Men's Ministry.....

Our next meeting will Monday, April 27. See Steve Dupre for details. There is no date available at this time for the next area men's gathering.

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.

HOSPITALITY THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH...

SAY THANKS!

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A LUTHERAN WHEN...

YOU THINK THE COMMUNION WAFERS ARE TOO SPICY.

CHURCH BULLETIN TYPO FUNNIES...

THE SERMON THIS MORNING: 'JESUS WALKS ON THE WATER.' THE SERMON THIS EVENING: 'SEARCHING FOR JESUS.'

'The Lutheran' Magazine...

Over the last several weeks you have notice a request for you to consider purchasing a subscription of THE LUTHERAN magazine. If we do it as a group the rate is much less than an individual subscription. I personally recommend the magazine as I believe it gives each of us an insight to what is going on in the world as the church sees it and describes how we as Lutherans are involved. For example, the March issue has an article entitled 'Checking Facts in the Holy Land'. It is about the trip 44 of our bishops (including Bishop Mike) took to the Holy Land. There is an article on the 'Downside of Worship' which I found very interesting as we work hard to increase our understanding of how we evangelize. The article is included in this newsletter.

The cost for at least 10 families is \$7.95 per year...we already have several families interested...please see me...thanks, Pastor Ken

Dates to Remember...

April 4	9AM	Spring clean-up day
April 26	10:30AM	Holy Madness Clowns at Galilean
May 28 – 30		Synod Assembly – Sugarland, TX
June 7	10:30AM	Bishop Mike preaching at CTK
June 7	2:30PM	Bayou Mass Choir rehearsal (Grace)
June 7	3PM	Grace Organ Dedication with Bishop Mike/seafood festival

July 20-26		Youth Gathering in New Orleans
August 30	2PM	Pastor Shears farewell worship (Gethsemane)
Sept. 13	10:30AM	Bishop Mike preaching at Galilean
Sept. 13	3PM	Bayou gathering at Galilean

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Worship Participants – April...

Assisting Minister

Cecelia Enault

Ushers / Greeters

04-05 Neighbors/Jacobs

04-12 Jacobs/ Greicar

04-19 Youth Sunday

04-26 Greicar/Johnson

Readers

04-05 C. Marr

04-12 S. Neighbors

04-19 A. Johnson

04-26 C. Gab

Offering Counters

04-05 M. Loisel / A. Neighbors

04-12 M. Loisel / A. Neighbors

04-19 P. Migliore / A. Neighbors

04-26 M. Loisel / P. Migliore

Alter Guild

04-05 D. Shuman / D. Johnson

04-12 W. Lobell / C. Greicar

04-19 B. Marshall / C. Gab

04-26 M. Loisel / C. Marr

Book Program.....

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING BOOKS FOR BOTH CHILDREN & ADULTS. Steve Dupre has been heading up our book outreach program and he is now collecting books for children and senior citizens. Steve has delivered books and they are very appreciative of them. Please continue to bring your used books to church and Steve will see that they get to facilities where they can be used. Thanks.

Building /Property Repairs Needed.....

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4, WE ARE PLANNING OUR SPRING WORK DAY...WE HAVE A FEW PROJECTS TO BE DONE OUTSIDE AND SOME OTHER PROJECTS FOR THE INSIDE OF THE CHURCH...MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO HELP!

We are currently in negotiations with several local air conditioning firms to evaluate our present systems. In addition, we will shortly begin the replacement of the two windows in the fellowship hall and Pastor's office and the secretary's office.

Repairs were needed to the overhang on the back porch...thanks to Pastor Ken for taking care of this repair.

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

Housekeeping Items.....

We are in need some items for housekeeping and for the kitchen. We need bathroom cleaner, hand soap, air spray & deodorizers for the bathrooms, paper towels, and toilet paper; and, for the kitchen - coffee, coffee creamer, sugar packets, and sugar substitute packets.

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 has been updated and copies are 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

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youth gathering – new orleans

july 20 – 26, 2009

Happy Easter !

the holy madness clowns are coming...

APRIL 26