

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.

August Schedule

Bible Study (6:30 PM).....	07-30-08
Sunday School / Worship (Pastor Hildebrandt).....	08-03-08
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	08-03-08
Bible Study (6:30 PM).....	08-06-08
Sunday school / Worship / Healing Service.....	08-10-08
Church Council Meeting (7 PM)	08-12-08
Healing Service (6:30 PM)	08-13-08
Inquirers Class (6:30 PM)	08-14-08
Sunday School / Worship (Pastor Hildebrandt).....	08-17-08
Sunday school / Worship.....	08-24-08
Men's Ministry Meeting (7 PM)	08-25-08
Area Evangelism Meeting (7 PM / Love)	08-26-08
Bible Study (6:30 PM).....	08-27-08
Friday night care group meeting (7:30 PM).....	08-29-08
Sunday School / Worship.....	08-31-08
RALLY DAY CELEBRATION	09-14-08

Church Council Members

Carl Hilt – President	Linda Busfield - Member
Colleen Marr – Secretary	Mike Enault - Member
Bret Jacobs – Treasurer	Betty Marshall - 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 church family as begin a new journey;
...our men's group ministry as it begins;
...our troops who are in harms way;
...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;
...those still struggling to recover from Katrina;
...our young members as they begin school;
...Erin Jacobs as she begins her first year of college

Special Thanks...

...our friends, the Goodwins, for spending Father's Day with us
...our church council, Bret, Mike, Bob, Don, and Carl for working on the negotiations for a mortgage and insurances
...our mission partners from Good Shepherd in Madison, WI for spending an evening of fellowship with us and for the delicious homemade brats
...the Andersons for donating a water slide for the family picnic / thanks also to everyone for providing food and help (great job Fellowship)

Church Council Meeting

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, August 12 at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. The meeting is open to all church members.

Healing Service

Our next healing service will be Sunday, August 10 immediately following worship. The new mid-week healing service will be August 13 at 6:30 PM.

Wednesday Bible Studies

Each Wednesday at 6:30 PM we are 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.* There will be now Bible study on Wednesday, August 20.

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.

As you will read in this newsletter, we are finally entering into a mortgage program for the Galilean...with the help of these wonderful Christian brothers and sisters – we will finally be able to say that our building is going to be ours. We thank and continue to remember each and everyone of them in our daily prayers.

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.

Our mission partners from Our Savior in College Station, TX have contacted Pastor and they are attempting to help us to acquire new

Use spent a wonderful evening of fellowship with a group from Good Shepherd in Madison, WI here at the Galilean. They were in town to help with hurricane recovery work...what a wonderful group of folks...thanks to each and everyone of them!

From the pastor's desk...

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Diane & I are still working on getting used to temperatures in the 90's on a daily basis. We have lived in Alabama and Texarkana, TX so we are familiar with high temperatures. The humidity is what I am finding the hardest to get used to. Diane & I will miss two Sundays in August. One of the weeks will be for our niece's wedding and the other for a cruise to Alaska with Ken, Deborah, & Ashlynn.

For many of the young people in LaPlace the summer comes to an end in early August as they return to school. Our Sunday church school will return early September with Rally Day. Rally Day is a great time to invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to come and meet our church family. Remember our emphasis is always on those who are not members of our church family. Many will tell you they are Catholic, Baptist, or Lutheran, etc.; but, when asked where they worship they will have no answer. That is the time to invite.

I will continue to try to provide some type of worship or study on Wednesday nights. There will be some weeks when that will not be possible. I started in July have one Wednesday night as a longer healing service than what follows worship on the first Sunday of the month (August it will be the second Sunday). Instead of a homily we will be discussing chapters of Max Lucado's book "The Great House of God" which explores the Lord's Prayer as a home for your heart.

The Bible study we started on July 9 is on Romans and continues for several weeks. Come and discuss with us St. Paul's letter to the Romans.

I will be asking the fellowship committee to plan some Wednesday nights as fellowship dinners where I will show you slides from our trip to Russia and my mission trip to South Africa. I am looking forward to sharing a German meal with the homemade brats brought to us by our mission partners from Good Shepherd Lutheran in Madison, WI.

May God bless each and every family as we enjoy the rest of the summer!

Pastor Shuman

"Church Mortgage"

WOW...WOW...WOW...we did it! YES, we have been advised by the Mission Investment Fund / ELCA in Chicago that we have been approved for a mortgage. After many months of prayers and negotiating – we finally have something positive to report. Council has met and reviewed the offer. On Sunday, August 3, immediately following worship we will have a congregational meeting to review the package with you, the congregation...you then will have to opportunity to voice your questions and/or concerns. At that time we will ask each of you to vote to approve the mortgage package or refuse it. We are still in conversation with the insurance company to finalize the details for regular and flood insurances...those details will also be reviewed with you on August 3.

WHAT A GREAT MOMENT IN THE JOURNEY OF THE GALILEAN...THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND PATIENCE.

A special thank you to Bret for heading up the mortgage negotiations and to Mike for heading up the insurance negotiations. Also, thanks to Bob and Don for helping with the many meetings with local financial facilities.

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

Thanks to Mike Enault for being our yard hero. Mike has for many months kept the yard mowed and trimmed. Mike has returned to work and just recently your council president was mowing the front forty and blew-up our good riding mower. Needless to say, because of its age we gave it its last rites and sent it to mower heaven. For right now we are using a lawn service to do the mowing until we can evaluate the purchase of a new riding mower and/or find more volunteers to help with the lawn work.

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. See Carl.

Congregational Meeting

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AUGUST 3 ...IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP. 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. This will be an extremely important meeting in the life of our church. PLEASE PLAN TO BE THERE!

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.

Steve Dupree & Mike Enault are heading up organizing our efforts at the Galilean. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 25 at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. We just had four men attend the area meeting recently held at Christ The King Lutheran Church in Kenner. HEY GUYS...mark your calendars! We need you! More details to follow.

Lutheran Night at the Zephyrs.....

Friday night, June 6 at 7 PM the East Jefferson / River Parishes Thrivent Chapter held a fun night at the Zephyrs' baseball game. There were 152 persons in attendance (40 from the Galilean). The chapter raised \$532 to be given to the Greater New Orleans Therapeutic Riding Center for scholarships for students. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Fellowship

On Sunday, June 1...we held our summer family picnic immediately following worship. We had a great turnout and ate crawfish, crawfish, and more crawfish. The children had a great time on the water slide donated by the Andersons. AND, Mona had a great time trying to make homemade ice cream...the milk shakes were great. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped.

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

Evangelism

We are putting together some fun events for the next several months to promote our ministry in the River Parishes. More details will be announced.

Your evangelism team along with Pastor Ken attended an area evangelism meeting at Good Shepherd on Thursday night, June 5. There is another meeting schedule for August 26 to be held at Love Lutheran.

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 WOSHIP AT THE GALILEAN?

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

NEXT SUMMER THE ELCA YOUTH GATHERING WILL BE IN NEW ORLEANS, LA FROM JULY 22-26. **START PLANNING!!!**

TEENS AND PARENTS PLEASE START PLANNING TO ATTEND...IT IS IN OUR BACK YARD – AN UNBELIVABLE EXPERIENCE. A CHANCE TO MEET AND FELLOWSHIP WITH TEENS FROM ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES. SEE PASTOR KEN FOR MORE DETAILS. AREA TEENS CAN GET SPECIAL PRICING BY VOLUNTERING A FEW HOURS EACH DAY.

Rally Day Celebration

Rally Day Celebration is being scheduled for Sunday, September 14. This will be reopening of Sunday school for the children and youth...please mark your calendars. Adult Bible study will also continue. Please invite a friend, a relative, a neighbor, or co-worker. More details to follow.

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Celebrating 25 years of ministry to the river parishes

Worship Participants for August

Assisting Minister Ushers / Greeters

Bob Busfield
08-03 Church/Dupree
08-10 Dupree/Marshall
08-17 Youth Sunday
08-24 Marshall/Lobell
08-31 Lobell/Neighbors

Readers

08-03 C. Marr
08-10 L. Busfield
08-17 Youth Sunday
08-24 W. Migliore

Offering Counters

08-31 C. Gab
08-03 M. Loisel / B. Busfield
08-10 C. Hilt / R. Busfield
08-17 B. Jacobs / R. Busfield
08-24 M. Loisel / B. Jacobs
08-31 M. Loisel / B. Jacobs
08-03 D. Shuman / D. Johnson
08-10 W. Lobell / C. Enault
08-17 B. Marshall / C. Gab
08-24 M. Loisel / C. Marr
08-31 D. Shuman / D. Johnson

Alter Guild

Midwest Flood Assistance

During the next several weeks we are asking each of you to consider donating to a funds drive sponsored by the East Jefferson/River Parishes Thrivent Chapter. For every \$2 donated, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will donate \$1 up to \$250,000. These funds will go to help those flooded areas this past spring in the Midwest.

Please mark your donations for "2008 Midwest Flooding Response" ...checks can be made out to the Galilean or to the East Jefferson/River Parishes Thrivent Chapter. Deadline is August 31.

Please consider a donation...remember how lucky we were three years ago during Katrina; and, how much help came from those brothers and sisters in the Midwest.

Please see Sharon, Linda, Bret, or Carl if you have any questions.

Book Program

We are still accepting books for local senior citizen facilities. Steve Dupree is heading up this outreach. Steve has delivered books to several facilities 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.

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

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WE HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR A MORTGAGE...

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2008**

Congregational Meeting - August 3