

The Fisherman's Log

The Lutheran Church of the Galilean

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Minister – Rev. Kenneth Shuman... (225) 209-0940 / (985) 351-4085

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Organists – Craig Kennedy

Colleen Marr – Secretary

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

December Schedule

Sunday school / Worship (<i>Pastor Ken's first svc.</i>)	12-02-07
Wednesday Night – Advent Worship.....	12-05-07
Sunday school / Worship	12-09-07
Church Council Meeting.....	12-11-07
Wednesday Night – Advent Worship.....	12-12-07
Christmas Party.....	12-15-07
Sunday school / Worship / Greening of Church....	12-16-07
Wednesday Night – Advent Worship.....	12-19-07
Ministry of Care Christmas Event.....	12-21-07
Sunday school / Worship.....	12-23-07
Christmas Eve Worship (7 PM).....	12-24-07
Christmas Day Worship (10 AM).....	12-25-07
Care Group Meeting.....	12-28-07
Sunday school / Worship / Healing Service.....	12-30-07
New Year's Eve (BE SAFE!).....	12-31-07
HAPPY NEW YEAR!	
Pastor Ken's installation.....	01-13-08

Church Council Members

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

Our Special Prayers Go Out To

...our Mission Partners;
...Todd, Becky, Thomas, & Julia as they move on to new adventures in their lives;
...Pastor Ken as he begins his ministry here at the Galilean;
...our congregation as we begin a new journey in our church life;
...all those great individuals who worked so hard to restore our building;
...Ed and Jaynie Howell as they begin a new time in their lives as husband and wife;
...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...

...a very special thanks to Todd, Becky, Thomas, and Julia for being part of our church family and for ministering to us in our time of uncertainty -our love and thanks go with you / we'll miss you.
...a special thanks to all those individuals who worked so hard to restore our building.
...a special thanks to our 'minister call committee' for doing a great job.
...thanks to the group of adults who have volunteers to teach our confirmation class.
...thanks to everyone who helped with the door-to-door & food drive.

Special Welcome...

A special welcome to Pastor Ken and Diane to Louisiana and the Galilean...we welcome both of you with open arms and look forward to a long relationship. Address: 46483 Country Lane, Hammond, LA 79401/ Phone: (Home) 225-209-0940 / (Cell) 985-351-4085.

Church Council Meeting

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

Healing Service

The last Sunday of each month has been designated as Healing Sunday...immediately following worship we hold a special healing service for those interested individuals.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Our weekly Bible studies during Advent have been temporarily cancelled until after the first of the new year. Each Wednesday night at 6 PM we have been gathering in the fellowship hall to have a light dinner and then we study a subject or issue. We are having a great time...please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Minister For Special Need Or Emergency

If you have a need for a pastoral shut-in visit, hospital visit, etc. – Pastor Ken is available to make visits. He can be contacted at the church phone or personal numbers shown above.

we're off on a new journey...

"Church Mortgage"

We are currently in the middle of a mortgage pledge drive to make application to assume a mortgage for our church building & property by the end of December. As we approach lenders and seek the lowest possible interest rates, the lenders ask for the results of our membership pledge drive for a mortgage. They want to see the commitment that our members have made towards taking on a mortgage since they want to be sure that the loan can be paid and not fall into default. We are confident that we can work through these issues with lenders; but, we need everyone's participation!

Each of you should have received a letter regarding the mortgage pledge drive asking for everyone to please give it prayerful consideration. A number of your Galilean brothers and sisters have already stepped up with their responses. We thank them for their commitment to their church. If you haven't responded, please do so immediately. For those of you who do not respond by mid December...we will be personally contacting you. The greater number of responses (no matter how large or small) will go a long way with our lenders.

One final comment...this will be our only pledge drive this year and is the first one for three years. This pledge drive is strictly for the 'mortgage' so your pledge should be in addition to what you are already pledging weekly.

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

Mission Partnership Program

Bishop Blom created a program for other churches to partner with us to help us grow our church and our ministry here in LaPlace and the river parishes. We have a growing number of congregations that have already stepped up and volunteered to work with us over the next several years. 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 prays and help are needed now more than ever.

Minister Call Process

Several weeks ago our minister call committee met with the church council and then with you the membership at a special congregational meeting and presented the name of Rev. Kenneth Shuman to be our new called minister. At both meetings it was approved to issue that call. All the required paperwork was processed and forwarded to Bishop Rinehart for his approval. Pastor Shuman has officially accepted our call and will be with us as of December 1. Again, thanks to the committee for a great job; and, thanks to each of you for your prays and concerns. Please keep Pastor Ken and Diane in your prayers.

Building /Property Repairs Needed

If you have been around church in the last several months, you are aware that we have been worshipping in the fellowship hall due to mold and termite work in the sanctuary and narthex. **GREAT NEWS...**all the repairs are coming to completion and we will be worshipping back in the sanctuary on Thanksgiving Day. Thank you for your patience and prays.

What a Thanksgiving we have this year...a new minister, a mortgage program, mission partners, and a repaired sanctuary. In you next prayers, remember to give thanks!

There are a number of projects around the property that need addressed. Why not make it a family work project ... your help is needed. Reference the list on the bulletin boards...please sign up and help!!!

The lawn needs maintained on a regular basis...thus far only a few have provided any assistance. Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex and get with someone and take a turn and help keep our property manicured.

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!

Youth Ministry

The "What's Next" group met at Muffuleta's Deli on October 30. The theme of the meeting was how to deal with anger. Clips from Mean Girls, Christmas Vacation, and Christmas Story were shown to show the theme. People from four different area congregations were present at the event.

Madeline Chermaine, a retired youth director from Houma, was the speaker at the event. Ms. Chermaine had worked for over 25 years with youth in the Houma and Thibodeaux diocese. "I thought it was nice group of people who took the subject seriously," Ms. Chermaine said. "I was impressed that everyone honestly shared the stories and everyone opened up. I was also impressed by the holiness of all that participated."

The next meeting will be held November 27 at Muffuleta's Deli in Metairie. This will be the Christmas party and toy will be donated to the St. John Ministry of Care in LaPlace, LA.

For further information...see Erin Jacobs.

Team Meetings

Hey guys and gals...the first Sunday of each month should be a time to hold your team meetings. We're trying really hard to get the word out to the congregation about happenings. Get your team news to Carl Hilt or Colleen Marr.

Ministry of Care

The St. John Ministry of Care continues to need help with food drives and with individuals to work as case workers. Volunteers are asked to volunteer four hours per month. This is a great opportunity for retirees to keep busy and help those in a life crisis. Thanks to the members of the Galilean for your continued support of the MOC. Please see Sharon Hilt for any additional information.

Fellowship

The annual adult Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 15 at 6 PM at the Enault's house. There will be a crazy gift exchange ... everyone is asked to bring a \$15 gift for the exchange. The fellowship team will be announcing meal plans. More details to be announced.

Sunday, December 16, we will be doing the greening of the church for Christmas. Please plan to stay after worship and help. We will have a quick luncheon following worship. Details to be announced.

Our fellowship team is working on some great ideas for the winter months. Please stay in tune to the newsletter, bulletins, website, and announcements on Sunday mornings. 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.

Sunday, November 11 we went door-to-door in Sumerlien Lakes, Palmetto Lakes, and Palmetto subdivisions dropping off new brochures with information about the Galilean, visiting with and inviting residents to worship, and collecting non-perishable food items for the St. John Ministry of Care. We visited over 200 homes and collected a pick-up truck load of food. Thanks to all those who helped. A special thanks to the Loisels for feeding us...the pork stew was out of this world.

We are currently selling tee-shirts promoting the Galilean. Please get your orders to Maria Jacobs, Bob Busfield, or Carl Hilt as soon as possible.

Flower/Candle Chart

If you are interested in donating candles or flowers for a special event ... charts are on the hall bulletin boards. There will be order forms in the bulletins for the next several weeks for poinsettias for Christmas. Please turn them in with your offerings. See Linda Busfield if you have any questions.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Celebrating 25 years of ministry to the river parishes

Worship Participants for December

Assisting Minister

Ushers / Greeters

Wanda Lobell
David / Tamplain
12-02
12-09
12-16
12-23
12-24
12-25
12-29

Youth Sunday
Ploger / Johnson
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
Johnson / Enault

Readers

12-02
12-09
12-16
12-23
12-24
12-25
12-29

W. Migliore
D. Stolzenhaler
Youth Sunday
M. Loisel
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day

Offering Counters

B. Jacobs
P. Migliore / R. Busfield
P. Migliore / R. Busfield
M/ Loisel / R. Busfield
M. Loisel / R. Busfield
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day

Alter Guild

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P. Migliore / R. Busfield
M. Loisel / C. Marr
S. Hilt / D. Johnson
B. Marshall / L. Busfield
W. Lobell / C. Enault
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S. Hilt / D. Johnson
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'The Fisherman's Log' Newsletter

Articles or messages for the newsletter need to be given to Carl Hilt or Colleen Marr 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.

Are you ready for Christmas?

Take the Advent Journey!

An Advent thought...From "The Speakin' Deacon" – Ah, December, and the beginning of the Christmas season. Just think, seemingly endless parties, social obligations to be met, presents to be bought, more stress than anyone should have to endure. We struggle through December, dreading the next obligation, hoping we didn't forget anyone, longing for that ideal Christmas from the past, you know, the one that never really existed in the first place. It's enough to make you wish it was August instead. We invest so much time and energy to get to the big day the only thing we are when it finally comes (and goes) is relieved. Somehow, I don't think relief is supposed to be the dominant feeling about Christmas. I say we remember an older tradition, a time that has been lost in the commercial blitz of Christmas. I say we remember Advent. Advent, a season set aside to prepare for Christmas, not commercially, but spiritually. Advent is a time for us to stop, reflect on the year that is passing, and reflect on what the day we are about to celebrate really means. During this hectic month of December, take a little time out each day, not much, just a couple of minutes, and think about why we are doing all of this celebrating in the first place. Stop, and think about the One who came and is to come again, and maybe the arrival of Christmas Day can mean more than just a sigh of relief. Peace, Deacon John.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas!