

# 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.**

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

## December Schedule....

Advent Dinner & Worship (6PM / 7PM).....	12-03-08
Adult Christmas Party (Landry Home - 6PM)...	12-06-08
Sunday School / Worship / Healing Service.....	12-07-08
Church Council Meeting (7 PM).....	12-09-08
Advent Dinner / Worship (6PM / 7PM).....	12-10-08
Sunday School / Worship.....	12-14-08
Greening of church / Lunch (following worship)..	12-14-08
Children's Christmas Event (S.S. hour).....	12-14-08
Advent Dinner / Worship (6PM / 7PM).....	12-17-08
Sunday school / Worship.....	12-21-08
Christmas Eve Worship (7 PM).....	12-24-08
Christmas Day Worship (10AM).....	12-25-08
Friday Night Care Group (Canceled).....	12-26-08
Sunday School / Worship .....	12-28-08
Galilean Men Gathering (Canceled).....	12-29-08
Bible Study (canceled).....	12-31-08
New Year's Eve (Be Safe).....	12-31-08
New Year's Day (Best Wishes !).....	01-01-09

## 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
Gunn Landry – Member	

## Our Special Prayers Go Out To....

...all our Mission Partners throughout the United States;  
...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;

## Special Thanks.....

...Pastor Kerry Nelson & Clayton Faulkner from Covenant Lutheran in Houston who came to LaPlace and put on an great evangelism /worship forum; and, thanks to all our members & Craig who came out to participate in the forum.  
...Pastor Don & Helen Fuller for their very generous donation to our church library of a very large number of Martin Luther books and several other books on worship – great sources for reference information – please feel free to use them / get with Pastor Ken.  
...all our mission partners for their continued prayers, concern, and support.  
...all our members who came out to support our Trunk or Treat event to make it a great success.  
...all our members who took time to care about the Galilean and attend the evangelism and worship retreat.

## Special Congratulations.....

...New Members – Todd, Carrie, Jadelyn, & Hunter Greicar; Marilyn Doyle; Sandra Dupre; Kate Roussel; Vickie Orand; Jarriod, Jennifer, Alexis, Briona Bonstaff, & Dru Dennis.  
...First Communion – Destin Anderson.  
...Baptisms – Dru Dennis, Alexis and Briona Bonstaff

## Church Council Meeting.....

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, December 9 at 7 PM in our fellowship hall The meeting is open to all church members.

## Healing Service.....

Our next healing service will be Sunday, December 7 immediately following worship. There will be no mid-week healing service in December due to the heavy holiday schedule.

## Wednesday Bible Studies.....

Bible studies will resume the first Wednesday in January. Each Wednesday at 2:00 PM and 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.*

## From the pastor's desk.....

The central issue voiced by the representatives of the synod's congregations at this year's assembly was evangelism. The request was for someone to help the congregations with evangelism. Evangelism is in the name our denomination along with many congregations having it in their name. Bishop Mike has made evangelism a center piece of the synod's ministry.

Evangelism is the spreading of the good news of Jesus Christ. On Friday night, November 14, at our concentrated evangelism weekend Pastor Kerry Nelson from our mission partner, Covenant Lutheran Church in Houston described evangelism as "co-operating with God and helping someone to walk with God and a local congregation".

This emphasis on evangelism has lead to members of our congregation being involved in several meetings with other congregations as promoted by our ministerium. Pastor Robin McCullough-Bade, one of the deans of our ministerium, was able to acquire a synod grant of \$500 for each congregation in our area to use as a way to introduce or reintroduce the congregation to the community. The Galilean used this money to put on our Trunk or Treat night, which was a great success. We provided a safe place for the neighborhood to bring their children for fun and food.

Pastor Nelson volunteered to come and spend the weekend of November 14-16 to talk evangelism and worship with specific ideas of how we could make our worship more open and inviting, not to life-long Lutherans; but, to the unchurched and disenfranchised Christians in our community. On Friday night we discussed how many members we would like to see in worship each Sunday. The number of 150 members was used as a figure to work towards. One hundred and fifty means we would need 450 members (accepted figure is 30% of baptized members worshipping each Sunday) and would require two worship services and allow the Galilean to have a full time minister. Pastor Nelson's interest in our congregation stems from his congregation, Covenant, which was a mission start at the same time as the Galilean with a similar but slightly smaller building set on two acres of land as we have. Covenant has grown to a congregation of 900 members, worshipping nearly 350 members each Sunday with three services. They currently have two pastors, a full time secretary, and a director of music. They also moved into a larger facility on 10 acres of land.

Pastor Nelson talked about different models of evangelism with specific comments on who are we trying to reach. He listed three groups...the spiritual orphans, the prodigal children, and the blessed rest. He discussed five keys of the Reformation...

1. Justification by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
2. Worship in the language and musical forms of the people.
3. The priesthood of believers.
4. The Bible unleashed into the hands and lives of God's people.
5. Incredible risk taking and sacrifice.

These he said are still the keys of healthy vibrant congregations.

Worship on Sunday was lead by Pastor Kerry and Mr. Clayton Faulkner showing how we can open up our worship by the use of worship booklets for each season to help visitors feel at home and comfortable. Pastor Nelson made several observations for consideration such as - removing the rail around the chancel area and the wood partitions in front of the first rows of pews, eliminating the lectern and moving the pulpit to the center for reading and preaching while making the area around the organ and piano as the music area with a leader of music and the implementation of other musical instruments. Pastor Nelson and Clayton gave us many things to consider.

I thank our mission partners, Pastor Nelson and Mr. Faulkner, for taking their time to spend with us in discussion and worship.

The question for us is where do we go from here? I would hope the council and you will discuss this and prayerfully consider their ideas and suggestions.

I personally want to thank everyone who has been involved with our efforts to grow and to be a force of good for the communities of this river parishes area.

*Yours in Christ... Pastor Shuman*

## 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.

We continue to pray for all those Mission Partners from the southeast Texas area who are dealing with the devastation following hurricane Ike.

Our mission partners from Our Savior Lutheran Church in College Station, TX worshipped with us on Sunday, November 9. They

delivered new hymnals to the Galilean. The hymnals were dedicated on that day. *We extend to them our most sincere thanks and appreciation for their very generous donation; and, their continued concern and prayers.*

Pastor Kerry Nelson and Mr. Clayton Faulkner from our mission partner church, Covenant Lutheran Church in Houston, spent the weekend with us on November 14, 15, & 16 to do a retreat on evangelism and worship. We thank them for their time and presentation...everyone came away from the weekend with many great ideas. *A special thanks to each of them for their great program; and, their continued concern and prayers.*

## Fellowship.....

Mark your calendars for the 'adult Christmas party' – Saturday, December 6 at 6PM at the home of Gunne Landry at 87 Holly Drive, LaPlace. Bring your favorite holiday covered dish (a sign-up sheet is available on the cart in narthex); and, don't forget a \$15 gift per person for the crazy gift exchange. *Please plan to attend for this fun evening.*

On Sunday, December 14, we plan to decorate the church for the Christmas season...there will be a luncheon following worship and then we will green the church for Christmas. Please plan to help – we always have a fun time.

On Sunday, December 14, during Sunday school hour the children will be celebrating the holiday season and will be baking cookies.

**'TRUNK OR TREAT' ... Saturday, October 25...**Thanks to everyone who participated with this fun new event. What a great evening...we had 14 vehicles decorated and approximately 250 people attended the event. Winners for the car decorating were...Betty & Russell Marshall, Toni Gray, and Erik & Alicia Mender. Winners of the costume contest were...Carrie Greicar (adult) and Chris Marshall (child). Thanks again to Pastor Robin McCullough-Bade who inspired the project idea and to all our members and those from the community who came out to support the event...a definite keeper for next fall.

There are several ideas being considered for the winter months...more details to follow.

## 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!

There will be no meeting of the group in December.

## 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 Dupre is heading up organizing our efforts at the Galilean. There will be no meeting in December. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26 at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall...dinner will be served with special guest speaker, parish president, Mr. Bill Hubbard. HEY GUYS...MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The next area men's gathering is being planned for sometime in January...time and place to be announced.

## Hospitality thought...

**Greet everyone as though it was their first time at the Galilean!**

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**It's flu season...get your shots...keep our church healthy as possible!**

**YOU KNOW YOU ARE A LUTHERAN WHEN...you only serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season.**

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## Worship Participants - December...

### Assisting Minister Ushers / Greeters

Mona Loisel  
12-07 Marshall / Lobell  
12-14 Lobell / Neighbors  
12-21 Youth Sunday  
12-24 / 12-25 \_\_\_\_\_

### Readers

12-28 Neighbors / Jacobs  
12-07 C. Enault  
12-14 C. Marr  
12-21 Youth Sunday  
12-24 / 12-25 \_\_\_\_\_

### Offering Counters

12-28 S. Dupre  
12-07 P. Migliore / R. Busfield  
12-14 P. Migliore / R. Busfield  
12-21 M. Loisel / R. Busfield  
12-24 / 12-25 \_\_\_\_\_

### Alter Guild

12-28 M. Loisel / R. Busfield  
12-07 W. Lobell / C. Enault  
12-14 B. Marshall / C. Gab  
12-21 M. Loisel / C. Marr  
12-24 D. Shuman / D. Johnson  
12-25 W. Lobell / C. Enault  
12-28 B. Marshall / C. Gab

## 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 – TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!!** SEE PASTOR KEN FOR DETAILS.

## 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.....

We are currently in negotiations with several local air conditioning firms to evaluate our present systems. In addition, we are receiving quotes to replace the two windows in the fellowship hall. If you can lend a hand it would be appreciated. Thanks to everyone who has donated to

the window repair project...we will be getting congregational matching funds from Thrivent for this project.

Most of the repairs are completed following our two most recent hurricanes...the only repair still needed is the overhang at the back porch...anyone who could handle this repair – please see Carl.

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. Thanks.

## Flower/Candle Chart.....

If you are interested in donating candles or flowers for a special event ... charts are on the hall bulletin boards. Poinsettias for the Christmas season are available – donation slips will be appearing in your bulletins – please complete and return with your check to Linda Busfield or with your offering. See Linda for any questions.

## ‘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***