

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.

December Schedule...

Advent Worship (Galilean) 6PM/7PM.....	12-02-09
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School/ Healing Service	12-06-09
Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM	12-08-09
Advent Worship (Methodist) 6PM/7PM.....	12-09-09
Adult Christmas Party (Jacobs' House) 6PM.....	12-12-09
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	12-13-09
Luncheon /Greening of Church	
Advent Worship (Galilean) 6PM/7PM.....	12-16-09
Children Christmas Cookie Baking Party 10AM....	12-19-09
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	12-20-09
Children Christmas Cookie Gifting	
Christmas Eve Worship 7PM.....	12-24-09
Christmas Day Worship 10AM.....	12-25-09
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School.....	12-27-09
Service of Christmas readings / carols	
Happy New Year (Have fun / Be Safe)	01-01-10
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School/ Healing Service	01-03-09
Congregational Meeting (immediately after worship)	01-17-09

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....

...everyone throughout the world during this Advent / Christmas season:
... all our Mission Partners throughout the United States;
...Pastor Dana Nelson & her family...our missionary in Lima, Peru;
...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 members, chairpersons, and council members & officers;
(special prayer remembrances & thanks can be placed on the special remembrance bulletin board in the hallway).

Special Thanks.....

...to all our mission partners for their continued prayers, concern, and support;
...to all those who have volunteered to help with Sunday school.
...to all our teens and Stacy for their fall clean-up day / also, the Loisels for the great jambalaya.

...to everyone who donated to our carpeting project...Thrivent Congregational matching funds.

Christmas Eve Choir Recital prior to worship!

From the Desk of the Pastor...

Recently Pastor Kerry Nelson, our Synod's Director of Evangelical Mission recommended a book for pastor's to read and consider using some of its ideas. The book is entitled "The Sticky Church" by Larry Osborne. Pastor Osborne discusses what he discovered in his congregation and in many other congregations. He comments that initially in his ministry he was very concerned about attracting people to his church with the "most creative sermon series, the hippest worship, the best dog and pony show on Easter or Christmas Eve." He learned that if a congregation does not close the back door, the front door can never be opened wide enough to compensate for all who leave out the back door. He writes, "We've simply tried to serve our people so well that they'll want to bring their friends, without needing to be asked to do so."

Two years ago in December we started our ministry together at the Galilean. I believe that overall we have done a good job keeping the back door closed. We need to keep inviting our friends and neighbors who are unchurched or do not belong to a faith community to come and see what the Galilean has to offer.

In those two years together I am very pleased to see how you make people feel welcome when they visit and how they are invited to be members of the Galilean's family. We are what Pastor Osborne calls a 'sticky church'.

December is a good time to invite others to 'come and see' - for we will have three (3) Wednesday night Advent services where we can invite others to come and share a meal at 6:00 pm and worship at 7:00 pm. We will worship those three nights with First United Methodist. December 2 and 16 will be at Galilean and December 9 at First United Methodist.

We will also hold our Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm and Christmas Day service at 10:00 am. On Sunday, December 27 we will have a special service of lessons and carols.

I will be starting a Bible study in January on John's Revelation with dates to be announced.

Pastor Shuman

HEALING SERVICE...

Our next healing service will be Sunday, December 6 immediately following worship. Our next mid-week Healing Service will Wednesday evening, January 13 at 6:30 PM.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY...

Sunday Bible Studies are being held each Sunday morning in the fellowship hall at 9:15 AM. Mid-week Bible studies will return January 6. Everyone is having a great rewarding time (6:30PM each

Wednesday night in the fellowship hall). Plan to attend and experience the journey.

Church Council Meeting...

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

Sunday School...

Sunday school is back in full swing...and, we still need some folks to help as teachers. Confirmation class is being setup and should be off and running within a few weeks.

There will be a party for the children on Saturday morning, December 19 in the fellowship hall. The plans are for the children to participate in baking Christmas cookies. The following day, the children will present our members gifts of cookies as they leave worship. If anyone is available to help – please see Colleen Marr or Cyndy Gab.

Teen Encounter...

Our teen group is meeting each Sunday. The group met at church on Saturday, November 21 and cleaned the upstairs, furnace room, the Sunday school rooms, setup the fellowship hall for our Thanksgiving luncheon, and mulched the flower beds. Thanks teens...great job! Thanks to Stacy Neighbors for heading -up this new ministry.

Sunday, December 6 the teen group will meet at IHOP on Williams at 8:30 AM in lieu of class. I will meet them at no later than 8:15 AM if anyone needs a ride. Monday, December 14 we are planning a mission trip to New Orleans to feed the homeless from 6 – 8PM. We plan to meet there for 6PM. Please plan to go along for this great holiday outreach. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex...adults are welcome. Thanks, Stacy.

Peru Missionary Program...

Church council recently approved to co-sponsor a missionary minister and her family in Lima, Peru. The minister's name is Rev. Dana Nelson. Pastor Nelson is from Minnesota and the mother of two children (Tana and Anthony). Her husband, Tom, is an architect.

The council has pledged \$1,200 per year as support. Each of you will be hearing more about the program and asked to assist with the program. Mike Enault will heading up the program and will be our contact person with Pastor Nelson.

Our congregation has been so fortunate with the mission partnership program that Bishop Blom created after hurricane Katrina. So many congregations have helped us in many ways since the creation of the mission partnership program. Your council feels that this opportunity to assist Pastor Nelson is a wonderful way for us to show our appreciation for the help we have received and give someone else a helping hand.

We are planning to display information, pictures, etc on the bulletin boards in the narthex regarding Pastor Dan and her ministry in Lima, Peru.

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 send our Lutheran brothers and sisters a monthly newsletter and quarterly letters.

Choir...

Our choir has been busy rehearsing on a regular basis and their membership still is growing. If you haven't heard them – you are in for a treat on Christmas Eve ... they will be doing a special recital prior to the regular service --- please make sure you are there by 6:30 PM to get a good seat.

Anyone interested in participating in our choir please see Bret Jacobs.

Fellowship

There was a covered dish luncheon on Sunday, November 22 immediately following worship in celebration of Thanksgiving. Thanks to everyone who provided all that great food. What a great time!

We are planning our annual adult Christmas party on December 12 at 6PM. The gathering will be at the home of Bret and Maria Jacobs at 5901 Irving St., Metairie (504-454-3603). Directions: I10 to Williams / left onto Williams to Esplanade / right onto Esplanade / proceed east 1.8 miles (crossing over David/Power Blvd) / make u-turn on Esplanade to Cleveland (0.1 miles), turn right onto Cleveland / proceed one block and turn left to 5901 Irving. A sign-up sheet will be available shortly on the cart in the narthex. There will be our annual crazy gift exchange – each person is asked to bring a \$15 gift for the exchange.

We will greening the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 13 immediately following worship. There will be a light lunch and then onto decorating the church for the Christmas season. Plan to help ... we have a great time and loads of fellowship.

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, AND 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.

Friday Night CHILL.....

Are you looking for a great way to wind down after a long week? Join us for the Friday Night CHILL. We meet once a month at a different member's house to wind down from a long week and have a meal prepared by your fellow Galileans. This is a great way to get to know other members and enjoy adult conversation.

The gatherings begin at 7:30 PM. The location and dinner theme will be announced in the bulletin and on the website so please stay tuned for further updates. Please see Maria Jacobs if you have questions or need additional information.

We won't be having a Friday Night Chill in December due to the Holidays. We will be having another "Friday Night Chill" in January so please watch for additional information. If you haven't tried a "Friday Night Chill" please consider starting a new habit in January. Dinner is provided and there is always a lively conversation and it is a great way to get to know your fellow Galileans. Hope to see you in January!! Thanks, Maria

Men's Ministry.....

Monthly meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

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.

The Ministry of Care this year provided names for Thanksgiving dinners for the needy to St. Charles Catholic High School for almost 400 individuals. The high school prepares and delivers warm and

nourishing meals to these individuals. In addition, the MOC gave out 15 food baskets.

On December 22, the MOC will be giving out their Christmas packages of toys, food, and clothing to needy families. If anyone can help, please see Sharon Hilt.

Book Program.....

WE ARE STILL 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 News.....

The Friday Night Care Group is planning on painting the fellowship hall in the very near future...thanks to that group. We also just recently contracted for new lighting for the parking lot...it should be installed shortly. With our Thrivent matching funds we are looking at new carpeting for the fellowship hall, halls, and narthex.

Thanks to our teen group for doing all the great clean-up inside our building and for the mulching of the flower beds. Great job!

Just recently we had new lighting installed on the parking lot. The old lights were 20+ years old and were in very bad shape. The new lighting is lots brighter and really lights up the parking lot and that entrance of the church.

Shortly, we will be having a local Cub Scout Pack meeting in our building. Tentatively they are planning on meeting Thursday evenings. The pack is still in the organizing stages and from the new Emily Watkins Elementary School here in LaPlace.

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 Jamie David or Todd Greicar.

HOSPITALITY THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH...

REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE LESS FORTUNATE.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A LUTHERAN WHEN...

YOU MAKE CHANGE IN THE OFFERING PLATE FOR A TEN.

CHURCH BULLETIN TYPO FUNNIES..

WEIGHT WATCHERS WILL MEET AT 7PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. PLEASE USE THE LARGE DOUBLE DOORS AT THE SIDE ENTRANCE.

Message from your Treasurer & Financial

Secretary...

At the edge of the parking lot near the storage shed is a recycling bin for newspapers. This has been there for many so that church members and the community can deposit newspapers for recycling. Each month the bin is emptied and our church receives a check from the recycler based on the weight in the bin. It's not a lot of money but in these times, every dollar counts. So if you are throwing out your newspapers in the trash, why not save them and regularly deposit them in our bin. You will be helping the church monetarily and be doing an act of stewardship by recycling.

Housekeeping Items.....

We are in need of 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.

*May God fill your lives with
"peace, love and happiness"
during this season of Advent
and Christmas...*

Worship Participants - December..

Assisting Minister

Ushers / Greeters

Wanda Lobell
12-06 Marshall / Neighbors
12-13 Neighbors / Jacobs
12-20 Youth Sunday
12-24
12-25

Readers

12-27 Jacobs / Greicar
12-06 Arthur Johnson
12-13 Steve Dupre
12-20 Stacy Neighbors
12-24
12-25

Offering Counters

12-27 Wendy Migliore
12-06 M. Loisel / A. Neighbors
12-13 B. Lobell / A. Neighbors
12-20 C. Hilt / A. Neighbors
12-24
12-25

Alter Guild

12-27 M. Loisel / G. Gab
12-06 M. Loisel / C. Marr
12-13 D. Shuman / D. Johnson
12-20 W. Lobell / C. Greicar
12-24
12-25
12-27 B. Marshall / C. Gab

Thrivent News...

Our Galilean Thrivent coordinators are Carl Hilt, leader coordinator, Bret Jacobs, & Colleen David.

We are currently collecting donations to get our congregational matching funds ... we need to raise \$1,020 to get the same amount from Thrivent. Thanks to everyone who has donated thus far to the funding. We are planning on using the funds to replace the carpeting in the narthex, halls, and fellowship hall. If any questions, see Bret, Adam, or Carl.

The next Thrivent membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 16 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Metairie at 9:30AM.

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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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING **SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2010**

Mark these important dates on your calendars...

- *Advent dinner / worship services (6PM / 7PM) – December 2 (Galilean); December 9 (Methodist); December 16 (Galilean)
- *Healing service – December 6 (immediately following worship)
- *Church Council Meeting – December 8 (7PM)
- *Adult Christmas Party – December 12 at the Jacob's In Metairie (6PM)
- *Greening of the church – December 13 (light lunch, etc. – immediately following worship)
- *Children Christmas Cookie Baking Party – December 17 (10AM)
- *Children Christmas Cookie Gifting – December 18 (immediately following worship)

- *Ministry of Care Christmas Event – December 22 (9AM until)
- *Christmas Eve worship – December 24 (7PM)
- *Christmas Day worship – December 25 (10AM)
- *Christmas worship – carols and readings – December 27 (10:30AM)
- *New Year's – January 1 – Best Wishes / Be Safe!
- *Bible studies – (6:30PM) – January 6, 13, 20, 27
- *Church Council Meeting – January 12 (7PM)
- *Congregational meeting – January 17 (immediately following worship)
- *Super Bowl of Caring (for St. John Ministry of Care) – February 7
- *Saints win Super Bowl' – February 7
- *Mardi Gras – February 16
- *Ash Wednesday Worship – February 17 (7PM)