

# The Fisherman's Log

The Lutheran Church of the Galilean

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Colleen Marr – Secretary

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

## February Schedule

Sunday school / Worship / Healing Service.....	02-03-08
LaPlace Mardi Gras Parade (Noon).....	02-03-08
<b>SOUPER BOWL OF CARING</b> .....	02-03-08
<b>Mardi Gras</b> (HAVE FUN / BE SAFE).....	02-05-08
<b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b> (7 PM).....	02-06-08
Sunday school / Worship.....	02-10-08
Church Council Meeting .....	02-12-08
Wed. Lenten Worship / Soup Supper.....	02-13-08
<b>Synod Men's Gathering</b> .....	02-15 to 02-16-08
Sunday school / Worship .....	02-17-08
Wed. Lenten Worship / Soup Supper.....	02-20-08
Sunday school / Worship.....	02-24-08
Wed. Lenten Worship / Soup Supper.....	02-27-08
Care Group Meeting.....	02-29-08

Note: Several new events being planned for Holy Week...watch for upcoming announcements.

## Church Council Members

Carl Hilt – President

Colleen Marr – Secretary

Bret Jacobs – Treasurer

Bob Busfield – Financial Secretary

Don Loisel – Member

Linda Busfield - Member

Mike Enault - Member

Betty Coleman - Member

Buddy Lobell - Member

Janice Church – Member

Gunne Landry – Member

## Our Special Prayers Go Out To

...our Mission Partners;

...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 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...

...thanks to everyone who helped with Pastor Ken's installation.

...thanks to all those who helped with the covered dish on Jan. 27.

...a special certificate of thanks was received from the St. John Ministry of Care for our ongoing support and for the use of our fellowship hall.

## Church Council Meeting

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, February 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. Due to the clown worship service on January 27...the healing service will follow worship on February 3.

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

Each Wednesday night at 6 PM we have been gathering in the fellowship hall to have a light meal and then we study a subject or issue. We're having a great time...please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The meetings have been cancelled during Lent and will resume after Easter. During Lent we will have worship services on Wednesday nights preceded by soup suppers at 6 PM.

## 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.

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.

Recently we were visited by one of our mission partners, Gail Smith from Columbia, MD. We had a great visit with her and her parents from Baton Rouge (St. Paul). During April and June there will be groups coming to the New Orleans area to do recovery work and want to visit with us...we are currently working with them on arrangements.

## From the pastor's desk...

I begin by thanking those involved in the clown ministry for leading worship on January 27, especially our members, Carl & Sharon Hilt. Thanks to all those who helped & provided food for the luncheon that followed the clown worship service. We were honored to have visitors from Chicago for the clown worship. They were here planning for the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2009. Our youth should be planning on attending. They will be meeting Lutheran young people from all over the country. Look for more information in future months. The clown ministry shows us there are many ways to worship our Lord.

February 3 is Transfiguration Sunday and the end of the Epiphany season. We will be looking at the end of Mardi Gras season on February 5 followed by Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the penitential season of Lent.

Lent is a special season of the year as we prepare ourselves for Jesus' death on Good Friday. Lent is an excellent time for those who have been absent from the Galilean community to return and be reunited with the family. Know that you are missed. The church is the body of Christ and when a part is missing the community hurts.

Lent is a time that many people give up something for the season. It is a way to remember what Jesus has done for us. If you give up something for Lent donate the money you save to a charity that supports and helps those in need.

Lent is an excellent time to begin daily prayer, Bible reading, and meditation.

Lent is also a time of increased worship experiences from the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday to our meals and worship on the Wednesday nights followed by Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We will be having small dramatic plays each Wednesday night around the theme "Signs of Our Times".

As your new pastor, I look forward to seeing the community come together to worship and to prepare for the death and resurrection of Christ.

**See you at worship! Pastor Shuman**

## "Super Bowl of Caring"

Next Sunday, February 3 is Super Bowl Sunday and everyone will be cheering on his or her favorite team (Giants or Patriots). This year we are trying something new – we are going to have our own version of a Super Bowl celebration.

As football fans across the country will be cheering on their favorite team, many faith groups are again promoting a national effort to raise funds and gather food for hunger-fighting organizations across the United States.

Last year faith groups raised more than \$4 million for the effort.

Next Sunday, preceding worship we will have two containers for your non-perishable food and monies...one for the Giants and one for the Patriots. Let's see whom the Galileans hope to see win the Super Bowl. It would be great to see the Saints there – maybe next year.

We will be giving the food to the St. John Ministry of Care and any funds gathered to the ELCA Worldwide Hunger Appeal.

Better yet, lets all wear our favorite football teams tee shirts...lets make it a fun time at the same time do some good for those in need.

One final bit of information...two week ago, when Pastor Ken was installed we raised approximately \$400 in offerings that will be divided between the St. John Ministry of Care and the ELCA Worldwide Hunger Appeal. Thanks again for your support and concern.

## "Church Mortgage"

We are still accepting mortgage pledges to assist in making application to assume a mortgage for our church building & property. 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. We continue to pray that each of you will find it in your heart to help. 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. The greater the number of responses (no matter how large or small) will go a long way with our lenders.

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**

**GREAT NEWS!!!** The construction work in the sanctuary and narthex has been completed. Thank you for your patience and prayers.

There are a number of projects around the property that need addressed. Why not make it a family work project ... your help is needed. A list of the projects that need addressed is posted in the narthex...please sign up and help!!! Some of your brothers and sisters have already stepped up and are handling different projects.

We are currently taking a look at the stucco on the outside of the building. The MIF's insurance company hired two engineering companies to evaluate the exact causes for the water/moisture damages we just corrected on the inside of the building. They determined that the stucco product on the outside of the building is causing some or most of our water/moisture problem. So right now, we are having different contractors look at the situation and bid on their solutions. Jamie David has agreed to head up this project. Thanks Jamie.

### **Congregational Meeting**

We are putting together the agenda for a congregational meeting in the very near future. 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. Please watch for upcoming announcement. This will be an extremely important meeting in the life of our church.

### **Men's Ministry**

There was an ELCA Bayou Cluster Men's Meeting on Saturday, January 12 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in New Orleans. The gathering is open to all men and teens. The event was to encourage the creation of men's ministry within our local churches and fellowship between our area ELCA churches.

February 15 – 16 there will be a synod-wide gathering in Houston.

Steve Dupree is heading up organizing our efforts at the Galilean. We held our first meeting on Sunday, January 20 following worship. The next official meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 24, at 7 PM in our fellowship hall. More details to follow.

### **Youth Ministry**

The "What's Next" group meets monthly at Muffuleta's Deli in Metairie. The November meeting was held on November 27.

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.

### **Fellowship**

Sunday, December 16, we decorated the church for Christmas. Thanks to everyone who helped and also provided food.

Our fellowship team is working on some great ideas for the winter months. Please watch for announcements. 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.

We are currently selling tee-shirts promoting the Galilean. If you are interested in a shirt, we still have several sizes left...please see Maria Jacobs, Bob Busfield, or Carl Hilt.

## **Worship Participants for February**

### **Assisting Minister**

#### **Ushers / Greeters**

02-03	Bob Busfield
02-10	Ploger / Marshall
02-17	Marshall / Lobell
02-24	Youth Sunday
02-03	Lobell / Neighbors
02-10	C. Marr
02-17	D. Stotzenthaler
02-24	Youth Sunday
02-03	S. Neighbors
02-10	M. Loisel / R. Busfield
02-17	P. Migliore / R. Busfield
02-24	P. Migliore / R. Busfield
02-03	W. Lobell / C. Enault
02-10	M. Loisel / C. Marr
02-17	S. Hilt / D. Johnson
02-24	B. Marshall / C. Gab

### **Readers**

### **Offering Counters**

### **Alter Guild**

## **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. 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.

## **Flower/Candle Chart**

If you are interested in donating candles or flowers for a special event ... charts are on the hall bulletin boards. Thanks to everyone who donated towards the poinsettias for Christmas.

## **'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.

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