

The Fisherman's Log

The Lutheran Church of the Galilean

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

January Schedule

"HAPPY NEW YEAR" (BE SAFE).....	01-01-08
Wednesday Night – Bible Study.....	01-02-08
Sunday school / Worship.....	01-06-08
Church Council Meeting	01-08-08
Wednesday Night – Bible Study (Cancelled).....	01-09-08
ELCA Bayou Cluster Men Meeting.....	01-12-08
Sunday school / Worship	01-13-08
PASTOR KEN'S INSTALLATION.....	01-13-08
Wednesday Night – Bible Study.....	01-16-08
Sunday school / Worship.....	01-20-08
Wednesday Night – Bible Study (Cancelled).....	01-23-08
Ministry of Care Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon	01-24-08
Care Group Meeting.....	01-25-08
HOLY MADNESS CLOWN WORSHIP.....	01-27-08
Wednesday Night – Bible Study (Cancelled).....	01-30-08
Sunday school / Worship / Healing Service.....	02-03-08
LaPlace Mardi Gras Parade (Noon).....	02-03-08
Mardi Gras (HAVE FUN / BE SAFE).....	02-05-08
Ash Wednesday Worship (7 PM).....	02-06-08

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;
- ...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;
- ...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 the cleanup at church following our construction project.
- ...thanks to all the guys who helped with the new flooring in the chancel area.
- ...thanks to Sharon Hilt for the new kneeling pads for the chancel area.
- ...thanks to everyone who contributed the Wal-Mart gift cards for Bethlehem Lutheran for children of that area of the city.
- ...thanks to Bret Jacobs for fixing the door bells & the back door.
- ...thanks to Betty & Russell Marshall for power washing the walks & porches. And, Carl Hilt for power washing the patio area.
- ...thanks to the Enaults for hosting our adult Christmas party.
- ...thanks to everyone who helped with Todd's luncheon, Pastor's reception, and the greening of the church for Christmas.
- ...thanks to Pastor Ken for fixing some lights & trimming the shrubs.

Church Council Meeting

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

Healing Service

Galilean is **'your'** church. Your prays and help are needed now more than ever.

From the pastor's desk...

The season of Advent is ending, a time of joyful penitential preparation for the coming birth of Christ. We look back through time to His birth 2000 years ago and thank God for the gift of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We look at our lives today, remember, and thank all those who have gone before us for passing on to us this story of God's unbelievable love for each of us. We also look forward to the parusia, the next coming of Christ to be with God's people. This is what we must pass on to our children and grandchildren.

The giving of gifts, attending parties, decorating trees and the fancy Christmas dinners we use to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child should not be allowed to overshadow the fact that Christ is here with us today. We must come to the reality of Christ being in our lives and in the world today.

I look forward to our sharing the healing power of God after worship on December 30 with the laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

Following the 12 days of Christmas, we celebrate Epiphany on January 6. Epiphany is the celebration of the manifestation of Christ in the world. January 13 is the Baptism of our Lord Sunday. One of the four Sundays of the year, the church recommends for baptism (the other three are the Vigil of Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints).

Thirty days after Epiphany Sunday, we begin the season of Lent with the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 6.

The 42 days from Christmas will be a busy and exciting time for all of us. Installation of your pastor is scheduled for January 13 at 3 PM. A clown worship service is scheduled for January 27.

If you have been worshipping regularly this will be a great time to return and prepare yourself for Lent, Holy Week, and the glorious day of Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

See you at worship! Pastor Shuman

Holy Madness Clown Worship Service

Yes...we finally have a firm date for the clowns to return to the Galilean...Sunday, January 27, 10:30 AM worship service. Please mark your calendars and invite 'everyone' you know. It is guaranteed to be a great worship experience. See you then!

the clowns are coming...january 27

"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.

Building / Property Repairs Needed

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.

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 meets monthly at Muffuleta's Deli in Metairie. The November meeting was held on November 27. The group presented gift cards to Carl and Sharon Hilt from the Galilean and the St. John Ministry of Care. The Hilt's explained the ministry of the St. John Ministry of Care. The gift cards were for the teen family members of the families that the St. John Ministry of Care will be servicing this coming Christmas.

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. The MOC will be holding their annual volunteer appreciation luncheon at the Galilean on January 24 at noon in the fellowship hall.

Fellowship

The annual adult Christmas party was held on Saturday, December 15 at 6 PM at the Enault's house. A great time was had by all – great food and another crazy gift exchange. Thanks Mike & Cecelia for hosting our party.

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 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.

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.

ELCA Bayou Cluster Men's Meeting

There will be an ELCA Bayou Cluster Men's Meeting on Saturday, January 12 beginning at 8:30 AM with breakfast, then a meeting and brief worship period. The event will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Washington in New Orleans. The gathering is open to all men and teen boys. The event is to encourage fellowship between our area ELCA churches. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. See Carl Hilt.

happy new year...

Worship Participants for January

Assisting Minister

Ushers / Greeters

01-06	Bret Jacobs
01-13	Enault / Church
01-20	Church / Dupree
01-27	Youth Sunday
	Clown Service -Dupree / Ploger
01-06	S. Dupree
01-13	C. Gab
01-20	Youth Sunday
01-27	Clown Service / L. Busfield
01-06	M. Loisel / B. Jacobs
01-13	M/ Loisel / R. Busfield
01-20	P. Migliore / R. Busfield
01-27	P. Migliore / R. Busfield
01-06	W. Lobell / C. Enault
01-13	M. Loisel / C. Marr
01-20	S. Hilt / D. Johnson
01-27	Clown Service / B. Marshall / C. Gab

Readers

Offering Counters

Alter Guild

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.

New Year Thoughts...John Mark Ministries

- *Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.
 - *Memorize your favorite poem.
 - *Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want.
 - *When you say "I'm sorry", look the person in the eye.
 - *When you say "I love you", mean it.
 - *Never laugh at anyone's dreams.
 - *Love deeply & passionately. You might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely.
 - *In disagreements, fight fairly. No name calling.
 - *Talk slow, but think quick.
 - *Call your Mom and Dad.
 - *Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
 - *Say "bless you" when you hear someone sneeze.
 - *When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
 - *Remember the three "R's": Respect for self; Respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions.
 - *Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
 - *When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
 - *Spend some time alone.
 - *Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.
 - *Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.
 - *Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
 - *Read more books and watch less TV.
 - *Live a good honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll get to enjoy it a second time.
 - *Trust in God but lock your car.
 - *A loving atmosphere in your home is so important. Do all you can to create a tranquil harmonious home.
 - *In disagreements with loved ones, deal with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.
 - *Read between the lines.
 - *Share your knowledge. It's a way to achieve immortality.
 - *Be gentle with the earth.
 - *Once a year, go someplace you've never been before.
 - *If you make a lot of money, pit it to use helping others while you are living. That is wealth's greatest satisfaction.
 - *Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes the blessing.
 - *Remember that the best relationship is one where your love for others is greater than your need for each other.
 - *Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it.
 - *Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.
- And most important---