

# 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.**

## January / February Schedule....

<b>Happy New Year (Have fun / Be Safe)</b> .....	01-01-10
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School.....	01-02-10
<b>Epiphany Worship 7PM</b> .....	01-06-10
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	01-10-10
<b>Healing Service / 6:30PM</b> .....	01-13-10
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	01-17-10
<b>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING / 11:30AM</b>	01-17-10
<b>Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM</b> .....	01-19-10
<b>Bible Study / 6:30PM</b> .....	01-20-10
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School.....	01-24-10
<b>Bible Study / 6:30PM</b> .....	01-27-10
<b>Care Group / 7:30PM</b> .....	01-29-10
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School.....	01-31-10
<b>Bible Study / 6:30PM</b> .....	02-03-10
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School/ <b>Healing Service</b>	02-07-10
<b>SOUPER BOWL OF CARING / Super Bowl Sunday (Gaux Saints)</b>	
<b>Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM</b> .....	02-09-10
<b>Bible Study / 6:30PM</b> .....	02-10-10
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	02-14-10
<b>HAPPY VALENTINES DAY / LaPlace Mardi Gras Parade</b>	
<b>MARDI GRAS (Have Fun / Be Safe)</b> .....	02-16-10
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP) / 7 PM</b> .....	02-17-10
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	02-21-10
<b>Lenten Worship / 6PM /7PM</b> .....	02-24-10
<b>Care Group / 7:30PM</b> .....	02-26-10
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School.....	02-28-10

## Church Council Members....

Carl Hilt – President

Mike Enault – Vice President

Colleen Marr – Secretary

Bret Jacobs – Treasurer

Adam Neighbors – Financial Secretary

Todd Greicar...Member

Arthur Johnson - Member

Kate Roussel...Member

Betty Marshall - Member

Don Loisel – Member

Gunne Landry...Member

## Our Special Prayers Go Out To...

...everyone throughout the world during this new year;  
... 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).

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

## Special Thanks/Congrats....

...to all our mission partners for their continued prayers, concern, and support;  
...to all those who went along to the New Orleans Mission;  
...to everyone who donated to our carpeting project...Thrivent Congregational matching funds;  
...to the Roussel family for donating our beautiful Christmas tree;  
...to everyone who helped with the Ministry of Care family gifts and working on the day of distributing food and toys.  
...to everyone with setting up and removing our Christmas decorations;  
...to everyone who donated the beautiful poinsettias for Christmas;  
...to everyone who helped with all our Christmas programming;  
...to our children for the delicious cookies;  
...to our choir for the great Christmas Eve program;  
...welcome to Jennifer Bowers – newly baptized member of the Galilean;  
...to the Shuman family on the baptism of Payton Elise.

**For special services, meetings, and events ... see monthly schedule.**

## From the Desk of the Pastor...

When you receive this newsletter we will either be in 2010 or very close to the new year. We will have come to the end of much of our mission partner support. This support both in prayer and financial help was critical to Galilean's survival as a Lutheran congregation after Katrina. As a congregation we cannot thank them enough and especially to Bishop Blom for all he did to encourage congregations throughout the country to be mission partners to congregations in the New Orleans area.

**Now it is up to us.** We must make the difference. We have accomplished so much in 2009 for a small congregation.

We replaced our outdated 20 year old heating and air conditioning systems which has cut our electricity bill nearly in half. We replaced the lights for our parking lot that provides better light for the youth in our area to play basketball during the hours of darkness.

We have continued our ecumenical outreach during Advent with our sisters and brothers of First United Methodist of LaPlace and St. John's Presbyterian; and, will come together to share Lent this year. We have become the home for a new cub scout pack in our community, continued our support of St John Ministry of Care, committed to helping support an ELCA pastor serving a congregation in Peru, and we have committed to increasing our support to the synod.

We have seen the addition of new members and an increase in our weekly attendance over the previous year.

With all of that - we have a challenge ahead of us in 2010 as we must continue to evangelize by inviting friends and neighbors who do not have a church home *to come and see*; and, we must continue to support the stewardship of our congregation.

I would like to close by thanking all those involved in our education and worship programs. and to those involved in our new choir. Thanks to all of you; and, I look forward to a year of continued growth and outreach to our community.

***Pastor Shuman***

### **Ash Wednesday / Lenten Schedule...**

Our worship series this year will be coordinated with the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. Ash Wednesday service will be at 7PM and the following Wednesday night Lenten services will be at 7PM preceded by soup and sandwich meals at 6PM. Locations to be announced.

### **Worship ...**

We are currently looking for members interested in participating with the worship program. Anyone interested in participating on the Music / Worship team; or --- reading during worship, serving as ushers/greeters, serving as acolytes/crucifers, serving as part of the altar guild or assisting minister team --- please contact Kate Roussel at 985-359-1797 or email at koskeka@yahoo.com.

### **Sunday School...**

Sunday school is back in full swing...and, we could still use some additional folks to help as teachers. Confirmation class is being setup and should be off and running within a few weeks. Pastor Ken is currently working with families of our students to plan the new program and schedule.

There was a Christmas gathering for the children in December. The children participated in baking Christmas cookies. The following day, the children presented our members gifts of cookies as they left worship.

### **Teen Encounter...**

Our teen group is meeting each Sunday. If anyone is interested in helping with this new ministry ... please see Stacy Neighbors.

Recently the group helped with the fall cleaning of the church property, had a breakfast meeting at the IHOP in Kenner, helped with the St. John Ministry of Care with their Christmas program, and travelled to the New Orleans Mission in New Orleans to help serve meals to the homeless.

WATCH FOR ***SOUPER BOWL OF CARING*** ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY.

Our hats off to Stacy and our young adults...great job!

### **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 is 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.

Please reference the display information, pictures, etc. in the narthex regarding Pastor Dana 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 -- make it a point to be at worship and hear the wonderful sound.

We applaud them for the great program on Christmas Eve.

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

### **Fellowship**

The adult Christmas party on December 12 was a great event even with all the rain --- and, boy did it ever rain! The gathering was held at the home of Bret and Maria Jacobs. The annual crazy gift exchange was a total riot -- what fun!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the greening of the church on Sunday, December 13 ... we had a great time and loads of fellowship ...beautiful job!

### **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 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 distributed food and toys to 153 needy families / 418 children ... thanks to everyone who took time to help with this wonderful project.

## **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.

## **Church Council Elections...**

On Sunday, January 17 we will be holding our annual congregational meeting immediately following worship. At that meeting we will be electing five (5) members to our church council. Details of the duties of church council members and officers are available – see Pastor or any current church council members. If you are interested in serving on church council, please contact Mike Enault . I

## **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...**

**FIND A NEW PERSON TO INVITE TO WORSHIP.**

## **YOU KNOW YOU ARE A LUTHERAN WHEN...**

**POTLUCK DINNERS ARE YOUR FAVORITE INDOOR SPORT.**

## **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 the President...***

2009 is history and we as a congregation had our share of ups and downs. What a year we have had.....

.....Pastor Ken has been with us for two years and has been doing great things. He has been working to continue Bible studies and healing services; working with our youth for first communions, and working with our educational team to setup a confirmation program. He has been working very hard to get the Galilean better known within our community and parish. If you haven't taken advantage of any of these programs ... *I challenge each of you to do so as they offer a wonderful opportunity to expand our faith and service to the Lord and our community.*

.....we're working to grow our Sunday school program, Bible studies, healing ministry; and continue struggling to develop a men's ministry...*hey guys – we need you.* If you haven't been to Sunday school recently you would be surprised to see all the kids and especially the teens in class and worship - *what a wonderful sight.*

.....we upgraded our air / heating system and parking lot lighting. We are currently evaluating replacing the carpeting in different areas of the building.

.....we continue to be so blessed to have more than thirty mission partners who are helping us with ideas and finances...2009 was the last year of a three year program. We have been so fortunate and blessed to have their support, concern, and prayers ... *I truly hope that each of you appreciate and comprehend what these friends of the Galilean have done*

.....we continue to reach out to our community to help those in need or faced with a critical moment in their lives...Ministry of Care, benefit events, tree planting at the VA home, New Orleans Mission; and, Trunk or Treat has been a service event to the community as well as an evangelism project.

Yes... 'what a year' ...it took lots of prayers and effort; but, we pulled together and we were successful in our efforts.

*What does 2010 hold for us? We can make it only if we continue to pray and pull together... all of us! Imagine how much more we could do as a congregation if everyone was involved. Please be there when we are challenged. We have some serious challenges ahead of us; but, together we all need to recommit ourselves to 'our' church and be accountable. On Sunday January 17, 2010 there will be a very important congregational meeting immediately following worship. At that meeting we will be discussing our future, finances, and electing five members to church council. I encourage each of you to make it a point to be present at that meeting.*

*I want to applaud our church council and officers for being so diligent in their dedicated service and dealings that have benefited our church. This was my last year as a council member and President – I want to thank each and every one of you for your support and encouragement over these past many years. I have really enjoyed my service to you and the Galilean...it has been so rewarding and has enriched my life so very much...thanks!.*

*To our new council and officers, I wish you well. To my brothers and sisters of the Galilean, I challenge each of you to become more involved, help grow our church family, and help with our continued community outreach.*

*God Bless ... Carl*

## **Message from your Treasurer & Financial Secretary...**

On Sunday, January 17 we will be holding a congregational meeting...everyone is encouraged to be present. We plan to review this past year's finances and proposed finances for 2010. The budget for 2010 will have to be approved at that meeting.

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.

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

**We need you there ... we will be reviewing 2009 accomplishments; reviewing past / current / future finances; and, our 2010 budget needs approval; plus we will be electing five (5) new church council members.**

## **Souper Bowl of Caring...**

Our youth group will be sponsoring our third annual **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7. They will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations for St. John Ministry of Care and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. As before, you place your donations in the appropriate basket for your favorite Super Bowl team. More details to be announced. Let's pray for the Saints...GEAUX SAINTS!

## **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. Keep your receipts and turn them into Adam Neighbors and get credit for the donation.

## **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.

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### **Thrivent News...**

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

We continue to collect donations to replace the carpeting in the halls, narthex, and fellowship hall. With recent donations we were able to get our yearly congregational matching funds of \$1,020 from Thrivent. Thanks to everyone who has donated thus far to this project. 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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