

# 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.**

## July Schedule....

July 4 <sup>th</sup> Celebration (Happy Birthday America)...	07-04-09
Worship / Bible Study/Healing Service.....	07-05-09
Worship/Bible Study.....	07-12-09
Church Family Picnic/Swim Party.....	07-12-09
MOC meeting 10:00 AM.....	07-13-09
Healing Service 6:30 PM.....	07-15-09
Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM.....	07-16-09
Worship / Bible Study.....	07-19-09
Youth Convention in New Orleans.....	07-20 to 07-26-09
Worship / Bible Study.....	07-26-09
Friday Night Care Group 7:30 PM.....	07-31-09
Bunko Party 6:30 PM.....	08-01-09
Worship / Bible Study / Healing Service.....	08-02-09

## 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....

...the Lutheran youth as they travel to & from N.O. for their convention;  
 ...Erin Jacobs as she studies this summer in Barcelona, Spain;  
 ...our country as it celebrates its birthday;  
 ...all our Mission Partners throughout the United States;  
 ...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.  
 ...the Goodwins for their donations to our Mother's Day/Father's Day celebrations.

## Church Council Meeting.....

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, July 16 at 7 PM in our fellowship hall. The meeting is open to all church members.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The synod assembly passed the resolution on the sexuality statement and on the ministry policy of allowing committed same gender couples to be ordained in the church. The Lutheran Magazine in the comments section reports that other synod assemblies passed and are recommending the two resolutions to the church wide assembly in August. The attached is a letter from our presiding Bishop Mark Hanson for your information on the subject.

*Yours in Christ...Pastor Ken*

## HEALING SERVICE...

**Our next healing service will be Sunday, July 5 immediately following worship. Our next mid-week Healing Service will Wednesday evening, July 15 at 6:30 PM.**

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY...

**Sunday Bible Studies will be held each Sunday morning in the fellowship hall at 9:15 AM. Mid-week Bible studies for the summer months have been cancelled. Our mid-week studies series will resume beginning September 1, 2009.**

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

Quarterly financial statements for the second quarter of 2009 are now available.

Income continues to be tied to church attendance. As we have more people attending church, offerings will also be generally higher. Our average attendance for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2009 was 45 per Sunday which was the same for all of 2008 and 44 in 2007. Since Katrina, we have averaged between 45 and 49 people for Sunday worship services.

For the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2009, total income for expenses was \$47,649, \$23,436 of which was from our mission partners. Mortgage offerings for the quarter totaled \$3,570. For 2008, total income for expenses was \$156,854, our highest ever. \$54,101 was from our mission partners which will continue in 2009 and then end their three year commitment being met. Members made up the bulk of the remaining income through regular offerings and mortgage offerings. Everyone should be congratulated for their mortgage offerings over regular offerings. Mortgage offerings totaled \$20,215 in 2008 which was 16% above pledge commitments of \$17,500

At the edge of the parking lot near the storage shed is a recycling bin for newspapers. This has been there for many years 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.

**Our focus now needs to be on growing our church in the years ahead to insure our viability in the future. Great job!**

## Worship Bulletins...

As a result of our recent weekend retreat with Pastor Nelson from Covenant and in an attempt to make your worship experience easier to follow, beginning with Ash Wednesday, we implemented a new seasonal bulletin which will include most of the worship service except for the readings, Psalms, Gospel, and songs. Your Music / Worship Team will be interested in your input.

## 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.

## **WOW! WOW! WOW!**

**HAVE YOU BEEN TO SUNDAY WORSHIP LATELY ... WHAT A GREAT TREAT – YES, OUR CHOIR IS BACK ... AND, THEY ARE GREAT ... MAKING A JOYEUS NOISE TO OUR LORD !**

**Yes, the choir is back and doing a fantastic job of making our worship experience even more rewarding. Great job – guys and gals! If you are interested in participating in the choir – please contact Bret Jacobs.**

## **Fellowship...**

The fellowship team recently met and are working on several ideas for the summer and fall months.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT... ON SUNDAY, JULY 12, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP – WE ARE PLANNING A FAMILY PICNIC / SWIM PARTY AT THE HOME OF DANNY & ARLENE HICKS ... HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED – BRING A COVERED DISH TO SHARE. CALL MONA LOISEL FOR MORE DETAILS.**

**THERE WILL BE A BUNKO PARTY ON SATURDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 1 AT 6:30 PM / FELLOWSHIP HALL ... 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, 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.**

## **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!

## **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.

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

Within the last month we installed a new air / heat system in the building and replaced the windows in the fellowship hall and offices. Thanks to Bret and Carl for heading up the negotiations and installations of these upgrades to our building.

The Friday Night Care Group are planning on repainting the fellowship hall in the very near future...thanks to that group.

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.

## **Thrivent News...**

Welcome to our new Galilean Thrivent coordinators...Carl Hilt, leader coordinator, Bret Jacobs, & Colleen David. We thank Linda Busfield for her years of service. Thanks to the Goodwins for their donations to our annual Mother's Day and Father's Day celebrations. We are still collecting non-perishable food items for Chauvin, LA. In addition, thanks to everyone who bought coloring books for our Thrivent chapter's *Join Hands Day* event which will also benefit the Chauvin, LA area.

## **HOSPITALITY THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH...**

**...REACH OUT AND GIVE SOMEONE A HELPING HAND.**

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

**YOU FORGOT TO PUT WATER IN THE BAPTISMAL FONT BUT NEVER FORGET TO PUT WATER IN THE COFFEE POT.**

## **CHURCH BULLETIN TYPO FUNNIES...**

**FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE CHILDREN AND DON'T KNOW IT. WE HAVE A NURSERY DOWNSTAIRS.**

## **Worship Participants – July...**

<b><u>Assisting Minister</u></b>		Wanda Lobell
<b><u>Ushers / Greeters</u></b>	07-05	Neighbors/Jacobs
	07-12	Jacobs/Greicar
	07-19	Youth Sunday
	07-26	Greicar/Johnson
<b><u>Readers</u></b>	07-05	Stacy Neighbors
	07-12	Wendy Migliore
	07-19	Colleen Marr
	07-26	Deborah Stolzenhaller
<b><u>Offering Counters</u></b>	07-05	M. Loisel / A. Neighbors
	07-12	B. Lobell / A. Neighbors
	07-19	G. Gab / A. Neighbors
	07-26	A. Johnson / M. Loisel
<b><u>Alter Guild</u></b>	07-05	W. Lobell / C. Greicar
	07-12	B. Marshall / C. Gab
	07-19	M. Loisel / C. Marr
	07-26	D. Shuman / D. Johnson

## **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.

## **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.

## **Dates to Remember...**

July 4		Happy Birthday America
July 12		Family Picnic / Swim Party
July 13		Ministry of Care Meeting @ Galilean
July 20-26		Youth Gathering in New Orleans
August 1	6:30PM	Bunko Party
Sept. 13	10:30AM	Bishop Mike preaching at Galilean
Sept. 13	3PM	Bayou gathering at Galilean

## **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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**youth gathering – new orleans  
july 20 – 26, 2009**

# *family picnic / swim party*

**Sunday...JULY 12**, immediately following worship...we will be having our summer family picnic...this year we will be holding it at the home of Danny & Arlene Hicks...besides great food, the Hicks have offered their pool for our enjoyment. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided...everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. For more information...please contact Mona Loisel.

**REMINDER**...THRIVENT NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE FOR CHAUVIN, LOUISIANA REISDENTS WHO ARE STILL TRYING TO RECOVER FROM LAST YEAR'S HURRICANES. WE WILL BE COLLECTING FOOD ITEMS UNTIL THE END OF JULY. ITEMS CAN BE PLACED IN THE NARTHEX NEXT TO THE FOOD DRIVE SIGN. *THANKS.*

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*"happy birthday america"*