

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.

June Schedule

Men's Ministry Meeting (7 PM).....	05-26-08
Memorial Day.....	05-26-08
Sunday School / Worship.....	06-01-08
Church Family Picnic.....	06-01-08
Bible Study (2 PM & 6:30 PM).....	06-04-08
Lutheran Night at the Zephyrs (7 PM).....	06-06-08
Sunday School / Worship / Healing Service.....	06-08-08
Church Council Meeting.....	06-10-08
Bible Study (2 PM & 6:30 PM).....	06-11-08
Sunday school / Worship (FATHER'S DAY).....	06-15-08
Good Shepherd work team in New Orleans.....	
Bible Study (2 PM & 6:30 PM).....	06-18-08
Sunday School / Worship.....	06-22-08
Bible Study (2 PM & 6:30PM).....	06-25-08
Friday night care group meeting (7:30 PM).....	06-27-08
Sunday school / Worship.....	06-29-08
Men's Ministry Meeting (7 PM).....	06-30-08

Church Council Members

Carl Hilt – President	Linda Busfield - Member
Colleen Marr – Secretary	Mike Enault - Member
Bret Jacobs – Treasurer	Betty Marshall - Member
Bob Busfield – Financial Secretary	Buddy Lobell - Member
Don Loisel – 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 illnesses and 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;
...our mission partner from Good Shepherd, Madison, WI – who are coming to New Orleans to do hurricane restoration work;
...the family of Shirley Sexton who recently passed away after a long illness;
...Arthur Johnson's father (Arthur, Sr.) who is in hospice care.

Special Congratulations...

...Erin Jacobs for graduating high school as valedictorian with special honors and a scholarship to University of Alabama;
...Austin Gab, Matthew Migliore, and Taylor Migliore for completing confirmation;
...the Ploger family for the baptism of Parker Reese;
...Corinne David for graduating from Pre-K to Kindergarten.

Special Thanks...

...our Sunday school & confirmation teachers for this past year;
...Betty Coleman for serving so many years on our church council & on so many committees – Betty is retiring – we love you;
...Betty Marshall for volunteering to fill our vacated council position;
...those who helped with Thrivent Join Hands Day house painting project;
...the Goodwins / Thrivent for Mother's Day gifts & Baptism / Confirmation medallions.

Church Council Meeting

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, June 10 at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. The meeting is open to all church members.

Healing Service...Please note change!

Our next healing service will be Sunday, June 8 immediately following worship. The date is changed due to the family picnic on June 1.

Wednesday Bible Studies

Each Wednesday at 2:00 PM & 6:30 PM we are gathering in the fellowship hall to study a subject or issue. *We're having a great time...please mark your calendars and plan to attend.* The meetings will be resuming weekly studying "Roots of Christian Belief".

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.

Our mission partners from Our Savior in College Station, TX have contacted Pastor and they are attempting to help us to acquire new church hymnals. A special thanks to them for their prayers and concern.

We are still expecting a visit from our brothers and sisters from Good Shepherd in Madison, WI in June. They are also planning a trip to New Orleans to do recovery work in mid June. They are hoping to visit with us...can't wait to meet and fellowship with them.

From the pastor's desk...

Holy Trinity Sunday was celebrated on May 18 with the baptism of Parker Reese Ploger and the confirmation of Taylor and Matthew Migliore and Austin Gab. Parker will not remember her baptism but I certainly hope Taylor, Matthew, and Austin remember Holy Trinity Sunday 2008 for on that day they made a public commitment of their faith in front of family and friends of their Galilean faith community. They also made a commitment to their God and now they need to let this public profession of their faith be a landmark in their Christian lives. A date they will remember as the day when their lives changed. They may not notice it immediately but a day they can point back to and say, 'Holy Trinity Sunday, May 18, 2008 was the day I committed my life to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.' Their parents, baptismal sponsors and their faith community are here to help and guide them as they continue to grow and mature in their faith.

Our youth have an opportunity next year that for many may be a once in a lifetime event...a chance to meet and interact with thousands of other young Lutherans from all over the country. I am referring to the ELCA Youth Gathering, July 22-26, 2009 here in New Orleans.

The assembly is entitled "Jesus Justice Jazz". The information I received states the following, "The work of long-term recovery will take the ongoing commitment of all God's people. The 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering will make a bold, public statement about this church's ongoing commitment to the Gulf Coast." Service will be focused in six areas of interest: Housing, Literacy, Environment, Art & Culture, Health & Wellness, and Wealth & Poverty.

The gathering is open to all young people entering high school by September, 2009, those in high school, and those who will graduate in 2009.

The registration fee is \$295.00 per person and hotel costs will vary from \$99 to \$149 and housing will be within 3 miles of the Superdome and the convention center.

I would hope that all of our eligible young people will attend. I look forward to hearing ideas from parents, the young people, council, and congregational members how we can ensure that all are able to attend.

The registration is open now for young people from our synod who want to help during the convention by providing 2 – 4 hours help each day. Young people who agree to do this will receive a lower registration cost. We will have to provide 1 adult for each 5 young people.

Registration for the rest of the country opens September 15, 2008. We therefore have a little time to think about this; but, not much. Therefore, let each of us prayerfully consider how we can make this happen so that our young people receive a perspective of what is happening in our area from the church, from their faith in Jesus Christ.

The Peace of the Lord be with you! Pastor Shuman

"Church Mortgage"

Nothing new to report at this time...our team continues to evaluate all the financial and insurance details for a mortgage application and continues reviewing it with council...we want to make sure that all the details are in order and attainable - prior to bringing the project to you, the congregation. As soon as we get all the details firmed up, we will report back to you. Both the team and council have been struggling with and praying about the different options.

We are still accepting mortgage pledges to assist in making application.

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

Thanks to Mike Enault for being our yard hero. Mike has for many months kept the yard mowed and trimmed. Mike is returning to a full time job...**SO, we need volunteers to help with yard work.** **There is a 'sign-up sheet' in the narthex...please take your turn.**

There are a number of projects around the property that still need addressed. Why not make it a family work project ... your help is needed. See Carl.

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.

church family picnic

Men's Ministry

There is movement within the ELCA to encourage the creation of men's ministry within our local churches and fellowship between our area ELCA churches.

Steve Dupree & Mike Enault are heading up organizing our efforts at the Galilean. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 26 at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. The June meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 30 at 7 PM. HEY GUYS...mark your calendars.

More details to follow.

Lutheran Night at the Zephyrs.....

Friday night, June 6 at 7 PM the East Jefferson / River Parishes Thrivent Chapter is planning a fun night at the Zephyrs' baseball game. There will be fireworks following the game. Tickets are \$7 per person and children under three (3) are free. Half the proceeds will be donated to the Greater New Orleans Therapeutic Riding Center (non-profit group that works with handicapped children and adults). See Sharon Hilt, Linda Busfield, Bret Jacobs, or Carl Hilt for tickets.

Fellowship

On Sunday, June 1...we are planning a 'family picnic' immediately following worship. There will be lots of food (of course), games, a water slide and some surprises. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Watch the website, email, bulletins, and announcements in the narthex for more details.

Our fellowship team is working on some other ideas for the coming 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.

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. Please see Sharon Hilt for any additional information.

Youth Ministry

The "What's Next" group meets monthly at Muffuleta's Deli in Metairie. For more information...see Erin Jacobs or Colleen Marr.

Anyone looking for a summer camping experience...Lutherhill is looking for staff. Check out www.lutherhill.org, click on JOBS...see bulletin board/youth activities.

The Lutheran Youth Organization is looking for students and adults to get involved in youth ministry teams...see bulletin board/youth activities.

Reference bulletin board / youth activities for brochure on summer church camp offering.

ALSO...NEXT SUMMER THE ELCA YOUTH GATHERING WILL BE IN NEW ORLEANS, LA FROM JULY 22-26. THIS LOCAL LOCATION FOR THIS GREAT EVENT WILL PROVIDE AN EXPERIENCE FOR OUR YOUTH TO FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER YOUTH FROM THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. **START PLANNING!!!**

Children & Youth Sunday School

Sunday, June 1 will be the last Sunday for children and youth Sunday school until the fall program resumes. The adult Sunday Bible study will continue throughout the summer months.

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Celebrating 25 years of ministry to the river parishes

Worship Participants for June

Assisting Minister

Bret Jacobs

Ushers / Greeters

06-01 Lobell / Busfield
06-08 Busfield / Neighbors
06-15 Youth Sunday
06-22 Neighbors / Jacobs
06-29 Jacobs / David
06-01 C. Gab
06-08 C. Marr
06-15 Youth Sunday
06-22 M. Loisel
06-29 S. Neighbors

Readers

06-01 M. Loisel / B. Busfield
06-08 P. Migliore / R. Busfield
06-15 P. Migliore / R. Busfield
06-22 M. Loisel / B. Jacobs
06-29 M. Loisel / B. Jacobs
06-01 M. Loisel / C. Marr
06-08 D. Shuman / D. Johnson
06-15 W. Lobell / C. Enault
06-22 B. Marshall / C. Gab
06-29 M. Loisel / C. Marr

Offering Counters

Alter Guild

News from the Synod Office

Recently we had participated in a funds drive for the synod's Mission Endowment Fund. We just received a memo from the synod office advising that goal was reached - \$1,000,265.33. This fund is used to support key synod ministries, especially seminary scholarships and campus ministries.

Book Program

We are still accepting books for local senior citizen facilities. Steve Dupree is heading up this outreach. Steve has delivered books to several facilities 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.

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 is being updated and will be available in the narthex.

Website Updates...

Check out the Galilean website...lots of new updates.

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

happy fathers day...