

The Fisherman's Log

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

March Schedule

Sunday school / Worship / Healing Service.....	03-02-08
Wed. Lenten Worship / Soup Supper.....	03-05-08
Sunday school / Worship.....	03-09-08
Church Council Meeting	02-11-08
Wed. Lenten Worship / Soup Supper.....	03-12-08
Spring Yard Clean-up (9:00 AM).....	03-15-08
Sunday school / Worship (Palm Sunday).....	03-16-08
Maundy Thursday (Seder Supper) (6:30 PM)....	03-20-08
Good Friday Worship (Noon)	03-21-08
Good Friday Worship (3:00 PM)	03-21-08
Good Friday Worship (7:00 PM)	03-21-08
Easter Breakfast (9:00 AM).....	03-23-08
Worship (Easter) (10:30 AM).....	03-23-08
Men's Gathering (7:00 PM).....	03-24-08
Bible Study (6PM / 7 PM).....	03-26-08
Care Group Meeting (7:30 PM).....	03-28-08
Sunday school / Worship.....	03-30-08

Church Council Members

Carl Hilt – President	Linda Busfield - Member
Colleen Marr – Secretary	Mike Enault - Member
Bret Jacobs – Treasurer	Betty Coleman - 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 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...

- ...to Jamie David for over-seeing the repair work to the outside of our church building.
- ...to all those who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring.
- ...all those helping with our weekly Lenten meals and plays.

Special Note...

- ...welcome to Ken Shuman II into membership. Also. congrats to the Shuman family on the baptism of Ashlynn.
- ...we received a thank you note was received from Sharon & Duanne Thiel (our friends from Good Shepherd in Henning, MN). Pictures on display on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Church Council Meeting

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, March 11 at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. The meeting is open to all church members.

Healing Service

Our next healing service is scheduled for Sunday, March 2 immediately following worship.

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. On Wednesday night, March 26, will resume our weekly gatherings 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.

Recently we were visited by one of our mission partners, Sharon and Duanne Thiel from Good Shepherd in Henning, MN. The Thiels had been traveling since November and spent the week in their motor home on our parking lot. Besides worshipping with us, they worked on a home of a retired lady in Reserve...plus visited the new Veterans Home in Reserve. 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 was very pleased to be called by a congregation that celebrates Holy Communion on a weekly basis - which is the practice the ELCA recommends for each congregation. You may have noticed a change in the location of the elements (bread and wine) prior to the Holy Communion. You may have wondered why the new pastor made that change. Did he do it simply to make a change or to show he is in charge?

I want to assure everyone I do not make or request changes in worship just to simply make a change or to show that I am in charge (or think I am).

So let me explain the reason for the change. The elements are placed on a small stand near the baptismal font in the center aisle. The elements could be in the back of the church or some other location away from the altar. The elements are being brought forward at the beginning of the offering and presented to the assistant minister who prepares the Communion. The bread and wine that will be consecrated by the pastor for the Holy Communion are no different than the collection given by the congregation to the service of God. In one of the offertory prayers that our congregation uses, we thank God for what has been given us---ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

The bread and wine are gifts from the congregation to God to be used in a very special way as the body and blood of Christ.

See you at the Lord's table.

Lent Program...

Our Lent Wednesday night services at 7PM (following soup & sandwiches at 6PM) contains a short worship service with a homily and a dramatic play entitled "The Signs of Our Times". Our Wednesday February 13 service was attended by approximately 15 people; but, I regret to say the entire service lasted around 20 minutes. I had expected the play to take longer...so, I have added a discussion period after the play. Wednesday February 20 was attended by only 6 adults and 2 small children. I hope the length of the service on the 13th was not the reason for so few people attending on the 20th. I hope that more people will attend on future nights. Remember someone is taking time to prepare the meal for you.

Holy Week Schedule...

On Passion/Palm Sunday we will process with palms into the church at the beginning of the service remembering Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

The worship committee has chosen to use the same Christian Passover Feast that was used last year at 6:30 PM on Maundy Thursday, March 20. Following the Lord's Supper, the sanctuary will be stripped in preparation for Good Friday. There will be three times (noon, 3PM, and 7PM) for worship on Good Friday. The worship at noon and 3PM will be a spoken liturgy with no music. It is a time for prayer and meditation on what the day means to us as Christians. The 7PM service of Tenebrae moves from light to darkness.

I ask all who attend worship on Good Friday to enter and leave worship in silence as we await and prepare ourselves for the glorious resurrection of Christ on Easter morning.

Holy week is a wonderful time to invite friends, family, and neighbors, who don't belong to a worshipping community, to come and see what being a follower of Christ means to you. I also ask each member to make a personal commitment to your Lord and His church to attend all the services on Holy Week, especially Good Friday and Easter, for you will gain a better understanding of why we call it Holy Week.

Congregational question...

I was asked why we are not receiving the absolution after the confession during Lent. The answer is – The Manual of the Liturgy explains that from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday there is no absolution for that period. That period is designated as a time of penitence. The absolution will return on Maundy Thursday.

I thank the individual who asked the question. I encourage all questions regarding our faith and worship practices. I truly believe there are no dumb questions.

See you at worship! Pastor Shuman

"Souper Bowl of Caring"

Sunday February 3 was Super Bowl Sunday and everyone was cheering on his or her favorite team (Giants or Patriots). This year we tried something new – we had our own version of a Super Bowl celebration.

We collected lots of food for the St. John Ministry of Care and some funds for the ELCA Worldwide Hunger Appeal.

Our congregation tied with the collections. Even though Pastor and a few others were pulling for the Patriots...most of the congregation was more vocal about the Giants, since we had a local son at the helm. We did have a problem with passing the football...almost wiped out the paschal candle.

Thanks again for your support and concern.

YEA...GIANTS! YEA...ELI!

"Church Mortgage"

We have completed all the paperwork for a mortgage application to the MIF, reviewed it with council, and have sent it to Chicago for their review and decision. As soon as we hear from them, we will report back to you.

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

GREAT NEWS!!! The construction work in the sanctuary and narthex has been completed and the work to the outside of the building should be completed within the next week. Thank you for your patience and prays.

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. 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.

SPRING YARD CLEAN-UP DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 15 BEGINNING AT 9 AM. PLEASE COME OUT AND HELP GET THE PROPERTY READY FOR SPRING AND SUMMER.

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

On February 15 – 16 there was a synod-wide gathering in Houston...Mike Enault and Carl Hilt attended the event. It was very informative and filled with ideas for growing men's worship participation and attendance. Keynote speaker was David Murrow, author of "**Why Men Hate Going To Church**". **Hey guys...some very interesting reading...anyone interested in buying a copy – see Mike or Carl.** Other participants during the weekend were Bishop Rinehart, who delivered an unbelievable message; and, Peter Meyer, lead guitarist of the Jimmy Buffet band. It was a great weekend of learning and fellowship.

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. Speaker will be Pastor Patrick Keene from Bethlehem Lutheran in New Orleans. We will be showing a short DVD from Mr. Murrow at our meeting on March 24...you should find it interesting. More details to follow.

Fellowship

Easter morning covered-dish breakfast – 9AM. More details to follow.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the covered dish following the Holy Madness Clown Worship service.

Our fellowship team is working on some ideas for the spring 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.

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Worship Participants for March

Assisting Minister

Mona Loisel

Ushers / Greeters

03-02 Neighbors/Jacobs

03-09 Jacobs/Rehder

03-16 Youth Sunday

03-20 ?

03-21 ?

03-23 Rehder/David

03-30 David/Migliore

Readers

03-02 E. Jacobs

03-09 W. Migliore

03-16 Youth Sunday

03-20 ?

03-21 ?

03-23 S. Dupree

03-30 C. Gab

Offering Counters

03-02 M. Loisel/R.Busfield

03-09 P. Migliore / R. Busfield

03-16 P. Migliore / R. Busfield

03-23 B. Jacobs / R. Busfield

03-30 B. Jacobs / R. Busfield

Alter Guild

03-02 W. Lobell / C. Enault

03-09 M. Loisel / C. Marr

03-16 S. Hilt / D. Johnson

03-20 ?

03-21 ?

03-23 B. Marshall / C. Gab

03-30 W. Lobell/C. Enault

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. The youth ministry members are traveling from church to church during Lent and will be worshipping with us on Wednesday February 27. For further information...see Erin Jacobs

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

Flower/Candle Chart

If you are interested in donating candles or flowers for a special event ... charts are on the hall bulletin boards. Enclosed is an order form for flowers for Easter worship. See Linda Busfield if any questions.

'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.