

The Fisherman's Log

(special prayer remembrances & thanks can be placed on the special remembrance bulletin board in the hallway).

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.

March / April Schedule...

Soup Supper / Lenten worship 6PM/7PM.....	03-03-10
Evangelism Event (Baton Rouge).....	03-06-10
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School/Healing Service.	03-07-10
Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM.....	03-09-10
Soup Supper / Lenten Worship 6PM/7PM.....	03-10-10
Evangelism Event (New Orleans).....	03-13-10
Battered Women Meeting.....	03-13-10
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	03-14-10
Inquirers Class 6:30PM.....	03-16-10
Soup Supper / Lenten Worship 6PM/7PM.....	03-17-10
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	03-21-10
Inquirers Class 6:30PM.....	03-23-10
Soup Supper / Lenten Worship 6PM/7PM.....	03-24-10
Care Group / 7:30PM.....	03-26-10
Spring Yard Cleanup 9AM.....	03-27-10
Palm Sunday Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School...	03-28-10
Inquirers Class 6:30PM.....	03-30-10
Maundy Thursday Worship 7PM.....	04-01-10
Good Friday Worship 3PM & 7PM.....	04-02-10
Easter Worship /Sunday School/No Bible Study.....	04-04-10
Easter Breakfast Covered Dish / Egg Hunt	
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School/Healing Service	04-11-10
Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM.....	04-13-10
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	04-18-10
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	04-25-10
Care Group / 7:30PM.....	04-30-10

NOTE: Week night Bible studies have been completed until after Easter Sunday ... schedule and subject to be announced.

Church Council Members...

Bret Jacobs – President (10)	Gunne Landry...Member (08)
Mike Enault – Vice President (10)	Todd Greicar...Member (09)
Colleen Marr – Secretary (10)	Kate Roussel...Member (09)
Adam Neighbors – Treasurer (10)	Betty Marshall – Member (09)
Carl Hilt – Financial Secretary	Mona Loisel – Member (10)

Our Special Prayers Go Out To...

...our brothers and sisters in earthquake ridden Haiti;
... 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 Thanks/Congrats...

...congrats and best wishes to our new church council & officers;
...a special thanks to everyone who attended our recent congregational meeting...thanks for your concern and caring about the Galilean future;
...congrats to Jennifer Bowers on the birth of Taylor Marie;
...congrats to our Super Bowl Champs ...great job Saints! Who Dat!!!
...thanks to all our mission partners for their continued prayers, concern, and support;
...thanks to everyone who donated to the Haiti Earthquake Relief;
...thanks to everyone who donated to our Haiti earthquake funds drive;
...thanks to our youth who ran a very successful Super Bowl of Caring;
...thanks to the Loisels for their help with the jambalaya sale

For special services, meetings, and events; and, worship assistants ... see appropriate schedules.

From the Desk of the Pastor...

Play off games, Mardi Gras, NFC Championship game, Super Bowl game *with the Saints winning*; and, more Mardi Gras...what a wonderful and exciting time in New Orleans and southeast Louisiana with all the activity and partying for an area that has been through so much the last several years.

Now all of that is over and we are into the season of Lent preparing ourselves for Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. We are into what is one of the most important seasons in the church year. Take the time, better yet make the time for prayer, meditation and scripture reading as you prepare yourself for Lent.

During the Lenten season, I hope you will take advantage of our soup and sandwich dinners with our friends at the First United Methodist Church at 6PM on Wednesday nights followed by 7PM worship. See the schedule below.

Both congregations will worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at their own locations.

FUMC is planning on having a prayer labyrinth, which will be open during Thursday afternoon; and, we are invited to make use of it. (More info to come)

Do you understand what we believe as Lutherans? When was the last time you attended a class on Lutheran Theology? If you want to learn and discuss what it means to be a Lutheran come to our upcoming Inquirers Class that will be held on 3 nights in March. Those nights are March 16, 23 and 30 at 6:30PM.

We come to the end of Lent during March and begin Holy Week on March 28 with Palm/Passion Sunday; the day we celebrate Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. We will begin the day by gathering in the parking lot and process into the church. The central part of worship that day is to hear the Passion gospel.

Later that week on Maundy Thursday we come together to begin the three day worship culminating on Easter Sunday. Maundy Thursday ends with stripping the altar and worship continues on the most horrific day in Christianity, the day our Lord was killed. The day we now call Good Friday; because it is the beginning set in place by God for the payment for our sins and ends on Easter Sunday in the glory of God's amazing grace in the resurrection of Christ from the dead.

Lent is the time to prepare yourself for Holy Week. Come to worship in Holy Week, don't miss a part of the story by not worshipping ... so *make the time to come and worship.*

Do you have any questions on identity theft or other financial matters? (See topics and dates located elsewhere) These 6 classes lasting approximately an hour are provided free of charge by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The presentations are not attempts to sell insurance but I recommend if you are considering buying insurance or other financial products to talk to our Thrivent representatives. Thrivent Financial is primarily non-profit and the money they make will be given to congregations, Lutheran schools, colleges, seminaries and other

approved charities based on Thrivent Member Choice. These presentations are open to anyone - so bring friends, neighbors or anyone you know who is interested in the topics being presented.

Pastor Shuman

Ash Wednesday / Lenten / Holy Week

Our worship series this year will be coordinated with our friends from First United Methodist Church. Ash Wednesday service will be at 7PM at FUMC and the following Wednesday night Lenten services will be at 7PM preceded by soup and sandwich meals at 6PM. Locations are as follows... **2-24 – Galilean; 3-3 – FUMC; 3-10 – Galilean; 3-17 – FUMC; 3-24 – Galilean; 4-1/Maundy Thursday – Galilean; 4-2/Good Friday –Galilean. Note that Holy Services will be held separately.**

Note: Good Friday worship will be at 3PM and 7PM.

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/Education...

Sunday school is back in full swing...and, we could still use some additional folks to help as teachers. Confirmation class has also started with a team of teachers helping with the program...currently there are four students in the class.

Pastor Ken continues to lead our weekly Bible studies on Sunday mornings . Week night Bible studies have been completed until after Easter Sunday...schedule and subject to be announced. Everyone is encouraged to participate and enjoy this spiritual journey.

Teen Encounter...

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

Souper Bowl of Caring...

A huge thank you to the youth (Toni, Matt, and Taylor), Don, and Mona for the delicious jambalaya sold during our Souper Bowl of Caring Campaign. It raised approximately \$444.00.

Also, the youth truly appreciate all of the food items brought in to support the two teams, well, mostly the one team (SAINTS)! We know that Ministry of Care and the Lutheran World Hunger Organization will benefit.

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.

Ministry of Care...

The St. John Ministry of Care continues to need help with food drives and with individuals to work as caseworkers. Please see Sharon Hilt for any additional information

Being in March we are going to designate the last Sunday of the month as FOOD SUNDAY FOR THE MOC. Please mark your calendars and bring one or more non-perishable food items to church.

Men's Ministry...

Monthly meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

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...

During Lent, we will hold soup suppers prior to worship...we need individuals to prepare soup and desserts when we host the gathering. All gatherings at the Methodist church we are responsible to provide sandwiches. If you can donate to these gatherings, please see Mona Loisel or Sharon Hilt.

In conjunction with the annual spring yard workday – we will be providing lunch all our workers.

On Easter Sunday we will hold our annual Easter morning covered dish breakfast...please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Following worship on Easter, we will be holding an egg hunt for the children in the front yard...we will need donations of candy or filled plastic Easter eggs...see Mona Loisel or Colleen Marr.

Evangelism...

Please mark your calendars as we have invited to attend evangelism training seminars led by Pastor Kerry Nelson, our synod Director for Evangelical Mission. The theme for the seminar is **"Becoming a Contagious Christian"**.

There are six sessions in this seminar that runs from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Session One: *The Benefits of Becoming a Contagious Christian*
Session Two: *Being Yourself – and Impacting Others*
Session Three: *Deepening Your Relationships and Conversations*
Session Four: *Telling Your Story*
Session Five: *Communicating God's Message*
Session Six: *Helping Friends Cross the Line of Faith*

The seminars will be presented twice in our conference.

Saturday, March 6 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Baton Rouge or

Saturday, March 13 at Grace Lutheran Church in New Orleans
Please advise Pastor Ken if you plan to attend. There is no cost except maybe a free-will offering for lunch.

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.

If you haven't tried a "Friday Night Chill" please consider starting a new habit. 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 there!

Thanks, Maria Jacobs

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 / Officer Elections...

On Sunday, January 17 we held our annual congregational meeting immediately following worship. At that meeting we elected five (5) members to our church council. The following persons were elected to church council at that meeting...Bret Jacobs, Adam Neighbors, Colleen Marr, Mike Enault, and Mona Loisel.

At the church council meeting the following Tuesday night, January 19, the church council elected the following officers...Bret Jacobs, President; Mike Enault, Vice President, Colleen Marr, Secretary, Adam Neighbors, Treasurer, and Carl Hilt, Financial Secretary.

We wish our new council and officers well during the coming year!

Building /Property News.....

The Friday Night Care Group is planning on painting the fellowship hall and hallways in the very near future...thanks to that group.

With our Thrivent matching funds we are looking at new carpeting for the fellowship hall, halls, and narthex.

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.

We recently entered into an agreement with a local Cub Scout Pack to meet 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.

Saturday evening, March 13, the St. John Battered Women Organization will be using our fellowship hall for their annual meeting and dinner.

On Saturday, March 27 beginning at 9AM, we are planning our annual spring yard clean-up day...everyone is invited to help...lunch will be provided.

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...

HELP SOMEONE IN NEED.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A LUTHERAN WHEN...

ALL YOUR CASSROLE DISHES HAVE YOUR NAME ON THE BOTTOM.

CHURCH BULLETIN TYPO FUNNIES...

THE CHURCH WILL HOST AN EVENING OF FINE DINING, SUPER ENTERTAINMENT AND GRACIOUS HOSTILITY.

Souper Bowl of Caring...

Our youth group sponsored our third annual *SOUPER BOWL OF CARING* on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7. They collected a large amount of non-perishable food items and cash donations for St. John Ministry of Care and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. As before, donations were placed in appropriate baskets for favorite Super Bowl teams.

A very large amount of non-perishable food was donated along with generous cash donations. As expected the donations were a bit one sided since our SAINTS were Super Bowl contenders...and, of course...THEY WON THE SUPER BOWL...YEA SAINTS!!!

Thanks to everyone who donated to this fun event. A special thanks to our youth group (and, the Loisels) for handling the event...great job!

Haiti Earthquake Relief...

Thanks to everyone who donated to our campaign to gather funds to assist in recovery efforts for our brothers and sisters in earthquake ridden Haiti. Total donation amount will be announced later.

Many of our members, who are members of Thrivent, will be having their donations receive matching funds from that organization.

In addition, our church council voted to match donations made by the entire congregation up to \$1,500.

Thanks again for taking time to care. Anyone who has not donated to this effort and wishes to, please see Bret, Carl, or Adam.

President... Bret Jacobs

At its February meeting, your church council began discussions as to how to revitalize our church team structure. As some of you may be aware, several years ago, the council formed several "ministry teams" to manage the activities of the congregation. Since much has changed since their original formation, the council felt it was time to adjust our team structure.

As a result, nine teams have been formed. These teams include, Evangelism and Outreach, Education and Youth, Music and Worship, Fellowship, Stewardship, Property, Mutual Ministry, Communications and Finance. Additionally, a church council member will act as a liaison between each of these teams and the council.

Over the next few weeks, you may be approached by a team leader or council liaison requesting that you serve on one or more of our ministry teams. Each of us has specific talents that we can lend to the Galilean's work and I ask that each of you give serious consideration to such a request. Serving on a team not only helps the Galilean deepen its mission in LaPlace but can also be a lot of fun.

Financial Secretary... Carl Hilt

Recently each of you should have received your 2010 offering envelopes. We encourage their use so that we can track and credit you for your weekly giving. Remember, if you purchase any items for the church, please include your receipts for credit as a donation.

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.

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.

Our new church council and officers have a tremendous challenge ahead of them ... as stated above, when they ask for your help and talents – step up, get involved, and be a part of the growth of the Galilean. Our membership and our community need each of us.

Mark your calendars...valuable information...invite a friend, relative, or neighbor!

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 or Carl Hilt 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.

Mission Partnership Program...

We continue to be so blessed to have more than thirty mission partners who have helped 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 ... we truly hope that each of you appreciate and comprehend what these friends of the Galilean have done. 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.

We recently sent a follow-up letter to each of the churches documenting our current status and thanking them again for their help, concern, and prayers. See the attachment.

Meet the Candidate Nights...

There are two area meetings scheduled to meet the candidates for the office of parish president...March 11 at 7PM at New Wine Christian Fellowship Church / 1929 W. Airline / LaPlace; and, at the Belle Terre Country Club on March 18 at 6:30PM, Fairway Dr. / LaPlace.

Synod Office Move...

New address for the synod office ...

12941 I-45 North Freeway

Suite 210

Houston, Texas 77060

Thrivent Seminars...

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will present information on the following subjects on the dates below. The presentation is open to the general public and all are welcome to attend. The presentations will begin at 7:00PM in our fellowship hall and last approximately 1 hour.

- March 2, 2010 **Identity Theft**
- April 6, 2010 **Focus on Financial Management**
- May 4, 2010 **My Legacy Matters (Estate Planning)**
- June 1, 2010 **Job Search**
- July 6, 2010 **How to Thrive in Retirement**
- August 3, 2010 **Charitable Giving: How to Make a Difference by Giving Back**

Website Updates...

Checkout the Galilean website...lots of new updates.

Thrivent News...

Our Galilean coordinators for Thrivent were Carl Hilt, Bret Jacobs, and Colleen David...thanks to this trio for their work. Their term has come to an end...due to changes in the Thrivent system our church council will be appointing a new advocate for the church. There are lots of changes being implemented by Thrivent for congregational funds...more details to follow.

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, February 27 at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Kenner, LA at 9:30AM.

St. John United Way / Drew Brees...

Dear Friends of St. John United Way,

I wanted to share a rather unique opportunity that St John United Way was able to bring to the St. John Parish Community.

In mid January, George Rodrigue of "Blue Dog" fame and Drew Brees of soon to be Super Bowl XLIV MVP fame offered the various United Ways covering Louisiana access to an autographed print. You can view a photo of that print bygoing to www.stjohnuw.org. This is a numbered print and is not commercially available. The print will be matted and framed.

St. John United Way felt it important to bring this symbol of how good planning, hard work, solid execution, teamwork, and most of all, a coming together for the good of the entire community to the citizens of St. John Parish. To insure the widest opportunity for community participation, St. John United Way decided that a raffle would best achieve that goal.

Please share this opportunity with your employees, friends and relatives or anyone else you wish.

Thanks ...
Dean Torres, Director, St. John United Way
504-417-5037

'New Orleans Mission' Needs Help...

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone has recovered from all of the holidays. With all of this cold weather we have had to help more people than usual which has really been a strain on our resources. Unfortunately that brings me to ask all of you to try and help us if you can. Anything will help but below is a list of things that are needed ASAP.

Bleach

Laundry Detergent

Toilet Paper

I deeply appreciate all of your help and keep us in your prayers.

God Bless...Loretta Kimmick

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