

The Fisherman's Log

The Lutheran Church of the Galilean

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Minister – Todd LaGrange – AIM...504-495-0599

Organists – Craig Kennedy

Colleen Marr – Secretary

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

May Schedule

Sunday Worship/Confirmation.....	04-22-07
Care Group Gathering.....	04-27-07
Sunday Worship/Confirmation.....	04-29-07
Bayou Group Meeting at the Galilean.....	04-29-07
Sunday Worship/Confirmation.....	05-06-07
Church Council Meeting.....	05-08-07
Sunday Worship/Confirmation.....	05-13-07
Sunday Worship/Confirmation.....	05-20-07
25th Anniversary Celebration.....	05-20-07
Care Group Gathering.....	05-25-07
Sunday Worship/Confirmation.....	05-27-07
Synod Assembly in Houston.....	05-31 to 06-02
Fellowship Event.....	06-02

Church Council Members

Carl Hilt – President	Linda Busfield - Member
Janice Church – Secretary	Mike Enault - Member
Bret Jacobs – Treasurer	Betty Coleman - Member
Bob Busfield – Financial Secretary	Buddy Lobell - Member
Don Loisel – Member	Colleen Marr - Member

Our Special Prayers Go Out To

- ...our Mission Partners;
- ...all those affected by the events at Virginia Tech;
- ...those mourning the loss of loved ones;
- ...those suffering from all types of health problems;
- ...those in search of employment;
-those celebrating special occasions in their lives;
- ...those still struggling to recover from Katrina and Rita;
- ...our church family as we celebrate 25 years of ministry.

Special Thanks

To everyone who helped with the Lenten and Holy Week programs. A special thanks to Todd Lagrange and Linda Busfield for our first Seder Dinner and Worship...great job – we pray this becomes a yearly event. Plan to attend next year.

Church Council Meeting

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, May 8 at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. The meeting is open to all church members.

Galilean 25 th Anniversary Celebration

Twenty-five years ago on May 9, our church was chartered. Join us on Sunday, May 20 at 4:00 PM to celebrate that occasion. Linda Busfield is heading up the plans – if you are interested in helping, please see her. Details will be announced during the next weeks. If you have names, addresses, phone numbers of past members who you think would be interested in attending...please see Linda. Also, if you have any old pictures, etc...please get them to Linda.

Minister Call Committee

We are continuing to look for a new minister candidate. If any questions, please see or call any of your church council members.

Church Mortgage Process

In the very near future, we will be assuming a commercial mortgage for our church building and property. Where this once looked financially insurmountable, our financial future looks sound particularly in light of the Bishop's Mission Partnership Program. We are planning to initiate a 'capital funds drive' within the month whereby congregational members can contribute towards our goal of financial independence. More details will be forth-coming so stay tuned for announcements and information relative to this drive.

Mission Partnership Program

As we announced at our recent congregational meeting – Bishop Blom has created a program for other churches to partner with us to help us grow our church and our ministry here in LaPlace and St. John Parish. We have a growing number of congregations that have already stepped up and volunteered to work with us over the next several years. 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 going to be challenged to step up and help...the Galilean is 'your' church. There will be more information to follow about a program being created by our Stewardship Team.

'THE WORD' from the Treasurer

Our congregation will face two key challenges during 2007...

-we must find a way to finance our building. Your council is actively pursuing several solutions to this challenge.

-we must call a pastor to help direct our ministry and outreach in the community.

WHAT CAN 'YOU' DO TO HELP? THE GALILEAN NEEDS YOU!

Team Meetings

Hey guys and gals...the first Sunday of each month should be a time to hold your team meetings. We're trying really hard to get the word out to the congregation about happenings. Get your team news to Carl Hilt or Colleen Marr.

Ministry of Care

The St. John Ministry of Care continues to need help with food drives and with individuals to work as case workers. Volunteers are asked to volunteer four hours per month. This is a great opportunity for retirees to keep busy and help those in a life crisis. Thanks to the members of the Galilean for your continued support of the MOC. Please see Sharon Hilt for any additional information.

'The Fisherman's Log' Newsletter

Articles or messages for the newsletter need to be given to Carl Hilt or Colleen Marr by mid-month to be published in the following month's issue.

Clown Worship Service

The clown worship service has been postponed until further notice.

.Building / Property Repairs Needed

During the past month we have been successful in addressing many of the work projects around the building and property. There are still a number of repairs that need handled. We really need someone to take charge of one or more of these repair projects and see that they get done. We're asking for families to take on these projects by actually doing them or paying to have them done. Please reference the listing on the bulletin board in the narthex. See Carl, Bret, or Bob for additional information.

A special thanks to all the folks who helped with the grounds spring clean-up and Don for the great eats; to Don Loisel for getting all the lawn mowers repaired and in working order; to Bob Busfield and Mike Enault for repairs to the building; to the Busfields and the Enaults for the beautiful flowers for the gardens; to Colleen Marr, Colleen David, Toni Gray, and Betty Marshall for cleaning the kitchen; to Bret Jacobs, Sharon Hilt, and Carl Hilt for cleaning the offices and workroom. GREAT JOB TO ALL!!!

Flower/Candle Chart

If you are interested in donating candles or flowers for a special event ... charts are on the hall bulletin boards.

Minister For Special Need Or Emergency

If you have a need for a pastoral shut-in visit, hospital visit, etc. – Todd Lagrange is now available to make visits. He can be contacted on Sundays or by calling 504-495-9599.

Youth Ministry

We recently had a group of our youth attend an area youth gathering at Peace Lutheran Church in Slidell. On Monday, April 30 there will be several meetings and gatherings at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Kenner about the current area youth movement. If you are interested in more information or getting involved see Colleen Marr or Janice Church.

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!**

'The Lutheran' & 'The Little Lutheran'

'The Lutheran' magazine is available to all Lutherans. If you are interested in hearing about what is happening around the world within the Lutheran community – this is the source. The magazine costs \$15.95 per year for individual subscriptions. If we can get 30 families to subscribe from our church we can get the magazine for \$7.95 per year. See Carl Hilt.

Now...there is anew Lutheran magazine available for small children under age 6. It is called The Little Lutheran. Subscription cost is 10 issues per year for \$24.95 or 20 issues for \$48. Great idea for your small children or grandchildren. A sample is available on the bulletin board in the narthex. See Carl Hilt.

Special Congratulations

A very special congratulations goes out to Davian Ploger for him being accepted to the Harvard Business School's 38th Session of the Owner/President Management Program. Davian will be participating in May for three weeks in this rigorous program. We wish him the best. Great Job!

Website Updates...

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

'Happy Mother's Day'

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Worship Participants For May

Assisting Minister		Mona Loisel
Ushers / Greeters	05-06	Tamplain/David
	05-13	Church/David
	05-20	Youth Sunday
	05-27	Church/Enault
Readers	05-06	Colleen Marr
	05-13	Erin Jacobs
	05-20	Youth Sunday
	05-27	Donna LaRocca
Offering Counters	05-06	M. Loisel/R. Busfield
	05-13	P. Migliore/R. Busfield
	05-20	P. Migliore/R. Busfield
	05-27	M. Loisel/B. Jacobs
Alter Guild	05-06	W. Lobell/C. Enault
	05-13	M. Loisel/C. Marr
	05-20	S. Hilt/D. Johnson
	05-27	B. Marshall/S. Dorr

Did you know...Galilean Historic Facts...

Charter Date – May 9, 1982

First Place of Worship – John L. Ory School

First Minister – Rev. George Housewright

First Council President – Ed Hirschbeck

First Church Council – Ed Hirschbeck, Norman Erickson, James Walerius, Pat Gaskins, Dr. David Learned, Jessie Polasek, Marilyn Kramer, Clarke Crizer, Jerry Leeseberg, Donald Haynes, Irene Wrenn, Pat Larsen.

First Baptism – Karen Scribner

First Communion – Joseph Sparcella III, Laura Cox, Dawn Larsen, George Lowe

First Marriage – Kathy Hirschbeck and Rusty Clement

First Funeral – Rochell Gooding

First Galilean Youth to Enter Seminary - Timothy Wrenn (current)

The Clergy of the Galilean –

Pastor George Housewright – Mid 1980 to June 1982

Pastor Donald Fuller – November 1982 to July 1985

Interim Minister – Pastor Alan Johnson

Pastor John Hugus – November 1985 to November 1994

Interim Minister – Pastor Bert Locker

Pastor Larry Juergensen – October 1995 to July 1999

Pastor Ronald Unger – July 1999 to September 2005

AIM Todd Lagrange – October 2005 to current date

Watch for the poster boards around church for information and pictures of those who were such an important part of our history.

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