

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.

May Schedule

Ascension of our Lord/National Day of Prayer	05-01-08
Sunday School / Worship / Healing Service.....	05-04-08
Church Council Meeting.....	05-06-08
Bible Study (6:30 PM).....	05-07-08
Sunday school / Worship (Day of Pentecost)..... (Mother's Day)	05-11-08
Bible Study (6:30 PM).....	05-14-08
THRIVENT JOIN HANDS DAY/Armed Forces Day	05-17-08
Sunday School / Worship (Confirmation/Baptism) (Holy Trinity Sunday)	05-18-08
Bible Study (6:30PM).....	05-21-08
Sunday school / Worship.....	05-25-08
Memorial Day.....	05-26-08
Bible Study (6:30PM).....	05-28-08
Care Group Meeting (7:30 PM).....	05-30-08
Thrivent Chapter Meeting (Galilean) 9:30 AM....	05-31-08
GALILEAN FAMILY PICNIC DAY.....	06-01-08
THRIVENT 'FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE ZEPHYRS'...	06-06-08

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 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

Special Thanks...

...all those who helped with and attended the fellowship event;
...Betty Coleman for serving so many years on our church council...we love you and will miss you;
...Betty Marshall for volunteering to fill our vacated council position;
...the Hilt's for housing our mission partners from Henning, MN

Church Council Meeting

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, May 6 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, May 4 immediately following worship.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Each Wednesday night at 6:30 PM we will be 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.

We recently had a visit from our Lutheran brothers from Good Shepherd in Henning, MN. They were in New Orleans to do hurricane recovery work and worshipped with us on Sunday, April 13. Pastor Johnson emailed that they made it home all right in approximately 22 hours. What a great visit! We thank them for their concern and prayers for our congregation. We also thank them for the gifts.

Pastor also had a visit this week with Jerry & Mary Markowich from Our Savior in College Station. They were passing through the area on their way to Florida.

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...

On May 11 we celebrate the day of Pentecost which brings to an end the first half of the church year. In just over five months we have gone through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and preparation for the season of Pentecost and the second half of the church year. A time of the church year where we celebrate the festivals of Holy Trinity Sunday, All Saints Sunday, and Christ the King Sunday.

On Holy Trinity Sunday we will have the pleasure of baptizing Parker Reese Ploger and the confirming of Taylor and Matthew Migliore and Austin Gab through the affirmation of baptism. Parker becomes a child of God and Taylor, Matthew, and Austin move into being adult members of the congregation. They, as the rest of us, need to remember that confirmation is not the end of learning but just a phase we go through in a lifetime of learning about Jesus and what he did for each of us.

We will be continuing to use setting two in the LBW (green book) through Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sundays. On Holy Trinity Sunday, the only Sunday dedicated to a doctrine of the church, we will use the Athanasian Creed. The Athanasian Creed is one of the three creeds use by our church. On May 25 we will begin using setting five in the WOV (blue book) and will use it through the end of July.

This has been a busy five months in our worship and I want to personally thank those involved in the preparation and presentation of our worship experience (those who play, select the songs, assist, prepare the altar, arrange for flowers, usher and greet)...most of all, I want to thank each of you for supporting our Sunday school, Bible studies, and worship.

The Peace of the Lord be with you! Pastor Shuman

"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. We have also been talking with local banks for their consideration. As soon as we get all the details firmed up, 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, narthex, and to the outside of the building is finally completed. We still have some electrical projects to be completed – these should be finished very shortly. Thank you for your patience and prayers.

Thanks again for everyone who assisted in our spring cleanup day...great job – everything looks so wonderful.

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.

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 is heading up organizing our efforts at the Galilean. We held our second meeting on Monday, March 24. After dinner, we showed a short DVD about why men hate to go to church, talked about plans for the future. On Saturday, April 12 a group of our men attended an area men's breakfast/gathering at Grace in New Orleans. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 26 at 7 PM in the fellowship hall.

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 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,

Fellowship

Easter morning covered-dish breakfast and Easter Egg / Candy Scramble were great. Thanks to everyone who participated.

"Bali H'Ai on the Pontchartrain"...WOW...what an evening! We had a wonderful turn out (47)...everyone was treated to a beautifully decorated entrance and banquet hall. The food was out of this world. Thanks to everyone who donated door prizes. Thanks to the Friday night Care Group for taking on this event and what an event! Everything was absolutely great. Thanks guys and gals. Also, thanks to Toni Gray for providing baby-sitting and to the Davids for providing their home for the children to play.

On Sunday, June 1...we are planning a family picnic immediately following worship. There will be lots of food (of course), games, 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. Checkout 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!!!**

The High Price of Gasoline?

All these examples do NOT imply that gasoline is cheap, it just illustrates how outrageous some prices are...

This makes one think, and also puts things in perspective...

Diet Snapple 16 oz. \$1.29	\$10.32 per gallon
Lipton Ice Tea 16 oz. \$1.19	\$ 9.52 per gallon
Gatorade 20 oz. \$1.59	\$10.17 per gallon
Ocean Spray 16 oz. \$1.25	\$10.00 per gallon
Brake Fluid 12 oz. \$3.15	\$33.60 per gallon
Vicks Nyquil 6 oz. \$8.35	\$178.13 per gallon
Pepto Bismol 4 oz. \$3.85	\$123.20 per gallon

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Celebrating 25 years of ministry to the river parishes

Worship Participants for May

<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Carl Hilt
<u>Ushers / Greeters</u>	05-04 Church / Dupree
	05-11 Dupree / Marshall
	05-18 Youth Sunday
	05-25 Marshall / Lobell
<u>Readers</u>	05-04 W. Migliore
	05-11 L. Busfield
	05-18 Youth Sunday
	05-25 S. Dupree
<u>Offering Counters</u>	05-04 M. Loisel / B. Busfield
	05-11 M. Loisel / R. Busfield
	05-18 P. Migliore / R. Busfield
	05-25 M. Loisel / B. Jacobs
<u>Alter Guild</u>	05-04 M. Loisel / C. Marr
	05-11 D. Shuman / D. Johnson
	05-18 W. Lobell / C. Enault
	05-25 B. Marshall / C. Gab

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...

Checkout 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

White Out 7 oz. \$1.39	\$25.42 per gallon
Scope 1.5 oz. \$.099	\$84.48 per gallon

And this is the real kicker...	
Elian Water 9 oz. \$1.49	\$21.29 per gallon!

Ever wonder why printers are so cheap?

Someone calculated the cost of the ink at...you won't believe it...but, it is true...\$5,200 per gallon...(five thousand two hundred dollars).

So, the next time you're at the pump, be glad your car doesn't run on Water, Scope, White Out, Pepto Bismol, Nyquil, or printer ink.

Just a little humor to help ease the pain of your next trip to the pump.