

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.... **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

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| Sunday School / Worship / Healing Service..... | 05-03-09 |
| Bible Study 6:30 PM..... | 05-06-09 |
| Sunday School / Worship..... | 05-10-09 |
| Mother's Day / Goodwins / Thrivent to visit..... | 05-10-09 |
| Church Council Meeting (7 PM) | 05-12-09 |
| Healing Service 6:30PM..... | 05-13-09 |
| Sunday School / Worship..... | 05-17-09 |
| Bible Study 6:30PM..... | 05-20-09 |
| Sunday School / Worship..... | 05-24-09 |
| Men's Gathering (6 PM) / MEMORIAL DAY | 05-25-09 |
| Bible Study 6:30PM..... | 05-27-09 |
| Friday Night Care Group 7:30 PM | 05-29-09 |
| Synod Assembly..... | 05-28 to 05-30-09 |
| Sunday School / Worship (Pentecost)..... | 05-31-09 |

Church Council Members.....

Carl Hilt – President
Mike Enault – Vice President
Colleen Marr – Secretary
Bret Jacobs – Treasurer
Adam Neighbors – Financial Secretary

Todd Greicar...Member
Arthur Johnson - Member
Kate Roussel...Member
Betty Marshall - Member
Don Loisel – Member
Gunne Landry...Member

Our Special Prayers Go Out To....

...all our Mission Partners throughout the United States;
...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 new council members and council officers;
...remember the special remembrance bulletin board in the hallway for your special thanks and prayers.

Special Thanks.....

...to all our mission partners for their continued prayers, concern, and support.
...thanks to all those who came out and helped with the spring clean-up.
...thanks to Todd Greicar for repairing the ceiling in the sanctuary.
...thanks to Bret Jacobs & Carl Hilt for overseeing the installation of our new air / heat system.
...thanks to Jamie David (Chairperson) & Todd Greicar (Assistant Chairperson) for heading up our reorganized property team.

Church Council Meeting.....

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, May 12 at 7 PM in our fellowship hall. The meeting is open to all church members.

A 'special thanks' to Bob & Linda Busfield, Buddy Lobell, and Janice Church for serving as council members for many years...your leadership is greatly appreciated!

Healing Service.....

Our next healing service will be Sunday, May 3 immediately following worship. Our next mid-week Healing Service will Wednesday evening, May 20 at 6:30 PM.

Wednesday Bible Studies.....

We are meeting in the fellowship hall each Wednesday night at 6:30 PM. Currently the group is studying the book of Exodus. We are having a wonderful time – please join us ... invite a friend, relative, neighbor to come and join us!

Message from your Treasurer & Financial

Secretary...

Income is tied to church attendance. With more people attending church, offerings will also be generally higher. Our average attendance is 2008 was 45 people per Sunday and was lower that 2007 by one. Since Katrina, we have averaged between 45 and 49 people for Sunday worship services.

Total income for expenses last year was \$158,854, our highest ever. \$54,101 was from our mission partners which will continue in 2009 and then end their three year commitments being met. Members made up the bulk of the remaining income through regular offerings and mortgage offerings. Everyone should be congratulated for their mortgage offerings over regular offerings. Mortgage offerings totaled \$20,215 in 2008 which was 16% above pledge commitments of \$17,500

At the edge of the parking lot near the storage shed is a recycling bin for newspapers. This has been there for many 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.

Our focus now needs to be on growing our church in the years ahead to insure our viability in the future. Great job!

Worship Bulletins...

As a result of our recent weekend retreat with Pastor Nelson from Covenant and in an attempt to make your worship experience easier to follow, beginning with Ash Wednesday, we implemented a new seasonal bulletin which will include most of the worship service except for the readings, Psalms, Gospel, and songs. Your Music / Worship Team will be interested in your input.

Mission Partnership Program.....

Lutheran brothers and sisters from other churches from throughout this country continue to step 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.

WOW! WOW! WOW!

HAVE YOU BEEN TO SUNDAY WORSHIP LATELY ... WHAT A GREAT TREAT – YES, OUR CHOIR IS BACK ... AND, THEY ARE GREAT ... MAKING A JOYEOUS NOISE TO OUR LORD !

Yes, the choir is back and doing a fantastic job of making our worship experience even more rewarding. Great job – guys and gals! If you are interested in participating in the choir – please contact Bret Jacobs.

THE HOLY MADNESS CLOWNS WERE

GREAT!

On Sunday, April 26, the Holy Madness Clown Troupe lead our worship service again. As always, they presented a wonderful worship experience. It was a great time to invite a friend, relative, neighbor to come to the Galilean. *THAT YOU DID...what a great turn out...thanks to all! GREAT JOB HMCT!!!*

Fellowship....

Thanks to everyone who participated in our annual Easter morning covered dish breakfast. Thanks to the planners and cooks...great food as usual.

Immediately following Easter Sunday worship there was an Easter Egg Hunt in the front yard for the children (*also, for those of you who are young at heart*). WHAT A GREAT EVENT! Thanks to everyone who donated items and thanks to our great TEENS who took charge of the event.

Evangelism.....

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, 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.

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!

Men's Ministry.....

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 25. See Steve Dupre for details. There is no date available at this time for the next area men's gathering.

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.

HOSPITALITY THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH...

EXTEND A HAND...

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A LUTHERAN WHEN...

YOU AUTOMATICALLY SING 'AMEN' AT THE END OF EVERY SONG YOU SING.

CHURCH BULLETIN TYPO FUNNIES...

LADIES, DON'T FORGET THE RUMMAGE SALE. IT'S A CHANCE TO GET RID OF THOSE THINGS NOT WORTH KEEPING AROUND THE HOUSE. BRING YOUR HUSBANDS.

Worship Participants – May...

Assisting Minister

Ushers / Greeters

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| | Bret Jacobs |
| 05-03 | Johnson / David |
| 05-10 | David / Enault |
| 05-17 | Youth Sunday |
| 05-24 | Enault / Hilt |
| 05-31 | Hilt / J. Church |
| 05-03 | S. Dupre |
| 05-10 | S. Neighbors |
| 05-17 | W. Migliore |
| 05-24 | C. Marr |

Readers

Offering Counters

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| 05-31 | C. Enault |
| 05-03 | M. Loisel / P. Migliore |
| 05-10 | P. Migliore / A. Neighbors |
| 05-17 | B. Jacobs/ M. Loisel |
| 05-24 | M. Loisel / A. Neighbors |
| 05-31 | B. Jacobs / A. Neighbors |
| 05-03 | D. Shuman / D. Johnson |
| 05-10 | W. Lobell / C. Greicar |
| 05-17 | B. Marshall / C. Gab |
| 05-24 | M. Loisel / C. Marr |
| 05-31 | D. Shuman / D. Johnson |

Alter Guild

Book Program.....

WE ARE NOW 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.

Building /Property News.....

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4, WE DID OUR ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT AND HELPED. GREAT JOB!

Within the last week we installed a new air / heat system in the building. Thanks to Bret and Carl for heading up the negotiations and installation.

Within the next several weeks we should have our new windows installed in the fellowship hall and in the two offices.

Thanks to Todd Greicar for repairing the ceiling plaster in the sanctuary.

Thanks to Jamie David and Todd Greicar for agreeing to head-up the property team

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 Carl.

Housekeeping Items.....

We are in need 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.

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.

Website Updates.....

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

Dates to Remember...

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| May 10 | Mother's Day |
| May 25 | Memorial Day |
| May 28 – 30 | Synod Assembly – Sugarland, TX |
| June 7 | 10:30AM Bishop Mike preaching at CTK |
| June 7 | 2:30PM Bayou Mass Choir rehearsal (Grace) |
| June 7 | 3PM Grace Organ Dedication with Bishop Mike/seafood festival |
| June 21 | Father's Day |

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| July 20-26 | | Youth Gathering in New Orleans |
| August 30 | 2PM | Pastor Shears farewell worship (Gethsemane) |
| Sept. 13 | 10:30AM | Bishop Mike preaching at Galilean |
| Sept. 13 | 3PM | Bayou gathering at Galilean |

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

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youth gathering – new orleans

july 20 – 26, 2009

Happy Mother's Day !