

The Fisherman's Log

The Lutheran Church of the Galilean

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Organists – Craig Kennedy

Colleen Marr – Secretary

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

November Schedule

Sunday School / Worship (Daylight Savings Time Ends)	11-04-07
Wednesday Night Bible Study.....	11-07-07
Martin Luther's Birthday.....	11-10-07
Sunday School / Worship (Veteran's Day).....	11-11-07
Church Council Meeting.....	11-13-07
Wednesday Night Bible Study.....	11-14-07
Sunday School / Worship.....	11-18-07
Wednesday Night Bible Study.....	11-21-07
THANKSGIVING DAY / Worship.....	11-22-07
Sunday School / Worship / Healing Service.....	11-25-07
Wednesday Night Bible Study.....	11-28-07
Care Group Gathering.....	11-30-07

Church Council Members

Carl Hilt – President

Janice Church – Secretary

Bret Jacobs – Treasurer

Bob Busfield – Financial Secretary

Don Loisel – Member

Linda Busfield - Member

Mike Enault - Member

Betty Coleman - Member

Buddy Lobell - Member

Colleen Marr – Member

Gunne Landry – Member

Our Special Prayers Go Out To

- ...our Mission Partners;
- ...Pastor Ken as he relocates to Louisiana;
- ...our congregation as we begin a new journey in our church life;
- ...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...

- ...A special thanks to our 'minister call committee' for doing a great job in recommending a new minister candidate.
- ...thanks to the group of adults who have volunteers to teach our confirmation class.
- ...thanks to Mike Enault who has been our yard maintenance champion...if you have some extra time, please come out and give him a hand.

Church Council Meeting

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, November 13 at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. The meeting is open to all church members.

Thanksgiving Worship Service

There will be a special Thanksgiving Day worship service at 10:00 AM. While the turkey is roasting, come and worship with us to give thanks for all the wonderful things the Lord has blessed us with.

"Clown Worship Service"

The Holy Madness Clown Troupe worship service has been canceled until further notice until we are completed with the sanctuary repairs.

"Rummage Sale"

The rummage sale scheduled for November 3 has been canceled until further notice until we are completed with the sanctuary repairs.

"Church Mortgage"

We are planning to assume a mortgage for our church building by the end of the year. So, we will have a pledge drive starting immediately to help raise funds for the mortgage commitment. As we approach lenders and seek the lowest possible interest rates, the lenders ask for the results of our membership pledge drive for a mortgage. They want to see the commitment that our members have made towards taking on a mortgage and they want to be sure that the loan can be paid and not fall into default.

We are confident that we can work through these issues with lenders but we need everyone's participation! Upon receiving your letter for this pledge drive, please give it prayerful consideration. A response by the end of October would be greatly appreciated. The greater number of responses (no matter how large or small) will go a long way with our lenders.

One final comment...This will be our only pledge drive this year and is the first one for three years. This pledge drive is strictly for the 'mortgage' so your pledge should be in addition to what you are already pledging weekly.

Remember...'your' church needs you! If you have any questions, please contact Bob Busfield, Bret Jacobs, or Carl Hilt.

Mission Partnership Program

Bishop Blom created a program for other churches to partner with us to help us grow our church and our ministry here in LaPlace and the river parishes. 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 now being challenged to step up and help...the Galilean is 'your' church. Your prays and help are needed now more than ever.

Minister Call Process

Two weeks ago our minister call committee met with the church council and then with you the membership at a special congregational meeting and presented the name of Rev. Kenneth Shuman to be our new called minister. At both meetings it was approved to issue that call. All the required paperwork has been processed and forwarded to Bishop Rinehart for his approval. Pastor Shuman has tentatively agreed to our proposal and could be with us the beginning of December. Again, thanks to the committee for a great job; and, thanks to each of you for your prays and concerns.

Building /Property Repairs Needed

If you have been around church in the last several weeks, you are aware that we are worshipping in the fellowship hall. We began work on the chancel area of the sanctuary to remove the wallcovering, then plaster and paint. WELL, little did we know what was behind the wallcovering...mold, mold, and more mold. To make a long story short, we will be removing all the wallcovering in the sanctuary (in some areas the drywall and the insulation are being removed), replastering, and repainting the entire area. In addition, we are also removing the wallcovering from the narthex, plastering, and painting per the recommendation of the contractors. We will also be treating most of the church for mold.

Since we last talked...'great news' – the insurance company has approved payment of the repairs totally approximately \$35,000-\$40,000. The contractors have been notified and as of this writing they are beginning construction work. Hopefully we should be back in the sanctuary by Thanksgiving. What a Thanksgiving we should have this year...a new minister, a mortgage program, mission partners, and a repaired sanctuary. In your next prayers, remember to give thanks!

There are a number of projects around the property that need addressed. Why not make it a family work project ... your help is needed. Reference the list on the bulletin boards...please sign up and help!!!

The lawn needs maintained on a regular basis...thus far only a few have provided any assistance. Please see sign-up sheet in the

narthex and get with someone and take a turn and help keep our property manicured.

Healing Service

The last Sunday of each month has been designated as Healing Sunday...immediately following worship we hold a special healing service for those interested individuals.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Each Wednesday night at 6 PM we have been gathering in the fellowship hall to have a light dinner and then we study a subject or issue. We are having a great time...please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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.

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!

Camping Experience For The Youth

We just recently received an announcement from Hosanna and Peace Lutheran churches that they are planning two different camping trips for the youth for next summer. They are extending an invitation to all the local churches for additional youth to participate. Additional information is available from Colleen Marr and Cyndy Gab.

Youth Ministry

The New Orleans area youth are gathering monthly at Muffaletta's Deli by Lakeside Mall. Food and drink will be available. There is live music and speakers. The name of the gatherings is "WHAT'S NEXT?". Future monthly meetings will be held the last Tuesday of each month. For further information, see Erin Jacobs or Colleen Marr

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.

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Celebrating 25 years of ministry to the river parishes

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.

We are currently selling tee-shirts promoting the Galilean. Enclosed is a flyer. Please get your orders to Maria Jacobs, Bob Busfield, or Carl Hilt as soon as possible.

Worship Participants for November

Assisting Minister

Ushers / Greeters

11-04 Carl Hilt
11-11 Neighbors/Migliore
11-18 Migliore/Busfield
11-18 Youth Sunday
11-22 *Thanksgiving*
11-25 Busfield/David

Readers

11-04 C. Enault
11-11 C. Marr
11-18 Youth Sunday
11-22 *Thanksgiving*

Offering Counters

11-25 E. Jacobs
11-04 M. Loisel/R. Busfield
11-11 P. Migliore / R.

Busfield

11-18 P. Migliore / R. Busfield
11-22 *Thanksgiving*

Alter Guild

11-25 M. Loisel / R. Busfield
11-04 M. Loisel / C. Marr
11-11 S. Hilt / D. Johnson
11-18 B. Marshall / L. Busfield
11-22 *Thanksgiving*
11-25 W. Lobell / C. Enault

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 or Colleen Marr by mid-month to be published in the following month's issue.

Website Updates...

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

A Thanksgiving Thought

Life can be very trying. When your child is hungry, your body wracked from pain, or you have no idea where you and your family will find a place to sleep, it's hard to find something for which you can be thankful. So, for just a few minutes on this Thanksgiving Day, step outside your situation and just "be". Find something, no matter how small, to be thankful for because in giving thanks, you will be lightening your load, even if for only a moment.

As we gather this coming Thanksgiving Day, may we lift up our hearts and our hands to thank our Lord for blessings we so little merit and ask for Him to grant us His love and teach us to share it.