

The Fisherman's Log

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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.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

October Schedule....

Sunday School / Worship (ALL SAINTS DAY).....	11-02-08
Elections (Local, State, National).....	11-04-08
Bible Study (2PM / 6:30PM) (CANCELED).....	11-05-08
Sunday School / Worship/Healing Service/ Reception of new members/Dedication of new hymnals/ Covered Dish Lunch.....	11-09-08
Bayou Gathering (7 PM).....	11-10-08
Church Council Meeting (7 PM).....	11-11-08
Bible Study (2PM / 6:30PM).....	11-12-08
Evangelism Retreat (6:00 PM).....	11-14-08
Evangelism Retreat (9 AM – 2 PM).....	11-15-08
Sunday school / Worship / Covered Dish Lunch	11-16-08
Bible Study (2PM / 6:30PM).....	11-19-08
Sunday School / Worship	11-23-08
Galilean Men's Ministry Meeting (7 PM).....	11-24-08
Healing Service (6:30 PM).....	11-26-08
Thanksgiving Worship (10:00AM).....	11-27-08
Sunday School / Worship.....	11-30-08
Christmas Party (Adults) (Jacobs' Home).....	12-06-08

Church Council Members....

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

Our Special Prayers Go Out To....

...all our southeastern Texas Mission Partners affected by hurricane Ike;
...all our Mission Partners throughout the United States;
...our church family as begin a new journey;
...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;

Special Thanks....

...all our mission partners for their continued prayers, concern, and support...
...everyone who helped with our first 'Trunk or Treat' Halloween event...

Special Congratulations....

...Kate, Derek, & Anna Roussel on the birth of Thomas James...
...Steve Dupre & Sandra Redmond on their marriage...
...Destin Anderson on his first communion...
...Sharon Hilt for being recognized as 'the outstanding citizen of the year' in St. John the Baptist Parish by the LaPlace Rotary Club...

Church Council Meeting....

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, November 11 at 7 PM in our fellowship hall The meeting is open to all church members.

Healing Service....

Our next healing service will be Sunday, November 9 immediately following worship. The new mid-week healing service will be November 26 at 6:30 PM.

Wednesday Bible Studies....

Each Wednesday at 6:30 PM we are 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.

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.

We continue to pray for all those Mission Partners from the southeast Texas area who are dealing with the devastation following hurricane Ike.

Our mission partners from Our Savior in College Station, TX will be worshipping with us on Sunday, November 9. They will be delivering new hymnals to the Galilean. Please plan to be there for the dedication. We extend to them our most sincere thanks and appreciation for their continued concern and prayers.

EVANGELISM WEEKEND... NOVEMBER 14, 15, & 16

From the pastor's desk....

One of the characteristics of the early church that still stands out today was the community they formed among each other. The book of Acts describes how members of the community would sell their belongings such as land and houses and give the money to the community to look after each other.

This care for each other became even more important during the first 30 years... as the members of this community of followers of Christ were persecuted. The concept of community, I believe, is just as important today as it was for the early church.

You will probably say we are not being persecuted for our faith in our community. Yes, I agree we are not being killed for our beliefs; but, we are being persecuted in a much subtle way. Consider our worship hour on Sundays is challenged by so many choices around us...sports, five or ten 'K' runs, etc. Too many denominations are struggling for too few committed Christians. A great percentage of Americans say they are Christian but do not worship on a regular basis. The church needs to work on strengthening its community character.

I sense and believe after being your pastor for nearly eleven months that the Galilean has a community. I observed it at our one funeral and one wedding since I have been here. Members of the Galilean community came out to grieve with the family at the funeral and to rejoice with the couple who was married. There is one care group that meets monthly to talk about issues in the church and to share fellowship. I would hope that we can sprout and grow some other groups. I would ask any member who would like to start a group to talk to me. The most important part of a community is to be welcoming and that I have also observed. Let us continue to strengthen the Galilean community as we grow together following our Lord.

Yours in Christ... Pastor Shuman

EVANGELISM WEEKEND....

Evangelism was chosen by this year's synod assembly as an area that all of our congregations need to focus on. The Galilean has over the years, under the leadership of our your church council, reached out to the community...especially to those who do not have a church home. We have done many things to make them aware of our ministry here in the river parishes.

On October 25 the congregation held a Halloween event ("Trunk or Treat") for the families in our neighborhood to share a safe place to have fun and enjoy an evening of fellowship.

This leads up to what is being planned on the weekend of November 14-16. We will be blessed to have Pastor Kerry Nelson and Clayton Faulkner (Director of Music) from Covenant Lutheran in Houston, Texas to lead our discussion and retreat. Covenant is one of our mission partners and we thank them for working with us.

WHO IS INVITED TO BE HERE? **EVERYONE** who is interested in the future of our Galilean community!

The schedule is as follows...

...Friday (11-14) dinner at 6PM with discussion led by Pastor Kerry from 7 PM until 8:30 PM. He will be exploring such areas as missional thinking...who is our target audience and strategic planning are openers.

...Saturday (11-15) we will meet from 9 AM to 2 PM with a light lunch – Pastor Kerry and Clayton will be discussing with us topics such as...

1. What does relationship evangelism look like?
2. Worship in general.
3. Disciple making...how do we move people from visitors to members?

...Sunday (11-16) Pastor Kerry and Clayton will lead worship followed by lunch and a brief discussion.

I had a very interesting and eye-opening discussion with Pastor Kerry and I am looking forward to this unique opportunity to move the Galilean forward.

Yours in Christ...Pastor Shuman

"Church Mortgage".....

We finally have a mortgage on our property. Everything has been completed and our first payment will be due shortly. What a great moment in the life of our congregation!

We, the church council, applaud each of you for joining us in this new journey in the life of the Galilean. Thanks again for your prayers, support, and patience.

We are still accepting mortgage pledges. If you need special envelopes - please see Bob, Bret, or Carl.

Fellowship.....

There will be two covered dish luncheons in November...11-9 and 11-16...please mark your calendars.

Special Note...Mark your calendars for the adult Christmas party - Saturday, December 6 at 6PM at the home of Gunne Landry.

Enclosed is a events calendar for the fourth quarter of 2008...please check it out and mark your calendars...there a lots of special events being planned - come out and join us with some great fellowship.

'TRUNK OR TREAT' ... Saturday, October 25... Thanks to everyone who came out and all those who helped.

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.....

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 Dupre & Mike Enault are heading up organizing our efforts at the Galilean. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 24 at 7 PM in the fellowship hall.

The next area men's gathering is being planned for sometime in January.

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.....

NEXT SUMMER THE ELCA YOUTH GATHERING WILL BE IN NEW ORLEANS, LA FROM JULY 22-26. **START PLANNING - TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!!** SEE PASTOR KEN FOR DETAILS.

BAYOU CONFERENCE GATHERING...

On Monday, November 10 at 7PM at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Kenner, LA there will be a gathering featuring Bishop Mike Rinehart and synod staff. Special guest speaker will be Pastor Stephen Bouman, ELCA Executive Director of Evangelical Outreach & Congregational Mission. Mark your calendars and plan to go along!

Did you hear the news... 'our' church is on a new journey...reach out and invite someone to get onboard...you might be the answer to their prayer.

Hospitality thought...

Pray for each other ... share your prayer needs.

It's flu season...get your shots...keep our church healthy as possible!

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Worship Participants - November.....

Assisting Minister **Ushers / Greeters**

Bret Jacobs
11-02 David / Enault
11-09 Enault / J. Church
11-16 Youth Sunday
11-23 J. Church / S. Dupre
11-27 Thanksgiving
11-30 S. Dupre / Marshall

Readers

11-02 S. Dupre
11-09 S. Neighbors
11-16 Youth Sunday
11-23 M. Loisel
11-27 Thanksgiving
11-30 C. Gab

Offering Counters

11-02 M. Loisel/ B. Busfield
11-09 P. Migliore / R. Busfield
11-16 P. Migliore / R. Busfield
11-23 M. Loisel / R. Busfield
11-27 Thanksgiving

Alter Guild

11-30 C. Hilt / B. Jacobs
11-02 M. Loisel / C. Marr
11-09 D. Shuman / D. Johnson
11-16 W. Lobell / C. Enault
11-23 B. Marshall / C. Gab
11-27 M. Loisel / C. Marr
11-30 D. Shuman / D. Johnson

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 Repairs Needed.....

We are currently in negotiations with several local air conditioning firms to evaluate our present systems. In addition, we are receiving quotes to replace the two windows in the fellowship hall. If you can lend a hand it would be appreciated.

Most of the repairs are completed following our two most recent hurricanes...the only repair still needed is the overhang at the back porch...anyone who could handle this repair - please see Carl.

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.

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

