

# 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.**

## November Schedule...

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| Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School/ <b>Healing Service</b>    | 11-01-09 |
| <b>Joint Worship Service at CTK 4PM</b>                        |          |
| <b>Bible Study 6:30PM</b> .....                                | 11-04-09 |
| Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....                         | 11-08-09 |
| <b>Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM</b> .....                    | 11-10-09 |
| <b>Bible Study 6:30 PM</b> .....                               | 11-11-09 |
| Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....                         | 11-15-09 |
| <b>Bible Study / Healing Service 6:30 PM</b> .....             | 11-18-09 |
| <b>Friday Night Chill Group 7:30 PM</b> .....                  | 11-20-09 |
| Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School.....                       | 11-22-09 |
| <b>Thanksgiving Covered Dish Luncheon</b>                      |          |
| <b>Bible Study 6:30 PM</b> .....                               | 11-25-09 |
| <b>Thanksgiving Worship 10:00AM</b> .....                      | 11-26-09 |
| Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School.....                       | 11-29-09 |
| <b>Advent Worship/Dinner 6:00PM</b> .....                      | 12-02-09 |
| Worship / Bible Study / Sunday School / <b>Healing Service</b> | 12-06-09 |

## 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  
Gunn Landry...Member

## Our Special Prayers Go Out To...

...all our Mission Partners throughout the United States;  
...to Pastor Dana Nelson, our missionary in Peru;  
...Gertrude Petit (charter member), who is ill and in recovering;  
...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 members, chairpersons, and council members & officers;  
(special prayer remembrances & thanks can be placed on the special remembrance bulletin board in the hallway).

## Special Thanks.....

...to all our mission partners for their continued prayers, concern, and support;  
...to all those who have volunteered to help with Sunday school.  
...to everyone who planned and participated in our second *Trunk or Treat Night*...what a great night for our members and the community.  
...to Carl Hilt, Pastor Ken and Diane for helping the retirees at ATT and Bellsouth plant trees at the veterans home in Reserve.

## Church Council Meeting...

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, November 10 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 1 immediately following worship. Our next mid-week Healing Service will Wednesday evening, November 18 at 6:30 PM.**

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY...

**Sunday Bible Studies are being held each Sunday morning in the fellowship hall at 9:15 AM. Mid-week Bible studies are back and everyone is having a great rewarding time (6:30PM each Wednesday night in the fellowship hall). Plan to attend and experience the journey.**

## Sunday School...

Sunday school is back in full swing...and, we still need some folks to help as teachers. Confirmation class is being setup and should be off and running within a few weeks. Rally Day was a great success...hope you got to see the wonderful altar parament the children made...'God's Work – Our Hands' – great job! The covered dish and the visit from Bishop Mike was a wonderful addition. The blessing of the back-packs was a super time for the children.

## Teen Encounter...

After a long absence ... we finally have a teen group meeting each Sunday. They did a presentation several weeks ago during worship and this past Saturday, they went to the Animal Shelter to do some work. Other community outreach activities are being considered. Thanks to Stacy Neighbors for heading -up this new ministry.

## Peru Missionary Program...

Church council recently approved to co-sponsor a missionary minister and her family in Lima, Peru. The minister's name is Rev. Dana Nelson. Pastor Nelson is from Minnesota and the mother of two children (Tana and Anthony). Her husband, Tom, is an architect.

The council has pledged \$1,200 per year as support. Each of you will be hearing more about the program and asked to assist with the program. Mike Enault will heading up the program and will be our contact person with Pastor Nelson.

Our congregation has been so fortunate with the mission partnership program that Bishop Blom created after hurricane Katrina. So many congregations have helped us in many ways since the creation of the mission partnership program. Your council feels that this opportunity to assist Pastor Nelson is a wonderful way for us to show our appreciation for the help we have received and give someone else a helping hand.

Attached is some additional information regarding Pastor Nelson's ministry in Lima, Peru.

**“Our focus needs to be on growing our church in the years ahead to insure our viability in the future.”**

## **Book Program.....**

**WE ARE STILL 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.....**

The Friday Night Care Group is planning on repainting the fellowship hall in the very near future...thanks to that group. We also just recently contracted for new lighting for the parking lot...it should be installed shortly. With our Thrivent matching funds we are looking at new carpeting for the fellowship hall, halls, and narthex.

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 Jamie David or Todd Greicar.

### ***HOSPITALITY THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH...***

LIVE A LIFE OF THANKSLIVING.

### ***YOU KNOW YOU ARE A LUTHERAN WHEN...***

*YOU THINK THAT AN ELCA BRIDE AND A LCMS GROOM MAKE A 'MIXED MARRIAGE'.*

### ***CHURCH BULLETIN TYPO FUNNIES...***

*AT THE EVENING SERVICE TONIGHT, THE SERMON TOPIC WILL BE 'WHAT THE HELL?' COME EARLY AND LISTEN TO THE CHOIR PRACTICE.*

## ***From the Desk of the Pastor...***

The heat of summer for most of the country is fading fast but we are just moving into a very nice part of the year in Southeast LA. Thanks to El Nino we have to date no tropical storms or hurricanes.

Fall is now upon us and we have had a good start on getting back into the swing of reaching out and evangelizing to those in our community.

We had a visit from Bishop Rinehart on September 13th as we celebrated being in the present building for 20 years. We thank those who selected our location as it is a good one. On that same Sunday we took in 2 new members.

We continue to be involved with supporting the people in the Chauvin and Dulac areas. They are still suffering from hurricanes Ike and Gustav.

## **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 send our Lutheran brothers and sisters a monthly newsletter and quarterly letters.

## **Choir...**

Anyone interested in participating in our choir please see Bret Jacobs.

## **Fellowship**

There will be a covered dish luncheon on Sunday, November 22 immediately following worship in celebration of Thanksgiving. Please plan to attend. For more information, call Mona Loisel or Sharon Hilt.

We again held a **TRUNK OR TREAT NIGHT** for the community – the date was Saturday, October 24 / 6 PM -8 PM. We did this event again as an evangelism outreach to the community. For the second year we had a great turnout with approximately 20 decorated vehicles and approximately 300 attendees. Check out the pictures in the narthex.

What a wonderful evening --- lots of fun, free food and drink, and great fellowship. Thanks to Mona Loisel for heading up 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, AND 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.**

## **Friday Night CHILL.....**

Are you looking for a great way to wind down after a long week? Join us for the Friday Night CHILL. We meet once a month at a different member's house to wind down from a long week and have a meal prepared by your fellow Galileans. This a great way to get to know other members and enjoy adult conversation. Please plan to attend one of the Friday Night CHILL events...next date is 11-20-09.

The gatherings begin at 7:30 PM. The location and dinner theme will be announced in the bulletin and on the website so please stay tuned for further updates. Please see Maria Jacobs if you have questions or need additional information.

## **Men's Ministry.....**

Monthly meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

## **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.

We especially want to thank former Bishop Blom who helped with establishing mission partners for the Galilean. Thanks to those mission partners who have helped so much in our effort to keep a Lutheran presence in LaPlace and the surrounding communities. With your help we acquired a mortgage last year and we were able to replace the 20 year old heating and air conditioning systems which has cut the electric bill more than half.

The congregation held it's 2nd "Trunk or Treat" on Saturday night the 24th. We enjoyed great weather and an excellent turn out of the community.

We look forward to the holiday season with joint Wednesday night gatherings in Advent with our sisters and brothers of First United Methodist Church. This will continue our worshipping together that we started in Lent this year. Each week we will meet for a meal at 6PM and worship at 7PM.

There will be a Christmas Eve service (7PM) and Christmas Day service (10AM) followed on Sunday, December 27th with the service of lessons and carols.

Finally, the congregation council voted last month to help our synod support Pastor Dana Nelson, a missionary in Peru, our companion synod. There will be a display to appear shortly in the narthex. In addition, there will be ongoing articles from Mike Enault, our contact person, with news from Pastor Nelson. Your assistance will be needed in providing our support to Pastor Nelson – more information to follow after the holidays.

### ***Pastor Shuman***

## ***Message from your Treasurer & Financial***

### ***Secretary...***

Income continues to be tied to church attendance. As we have more people attending church, offerings will also be generally higher. Our average attendance for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2009 was 46 per Sunday which was the comparable to all of 2008 and 44 in 2007. Since Katrina, we have averaged between 45 and 49 people for Sunday worship services.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2009, total income for expenses was \$36,072, \$13,080 of which was from our mission partners. Mortgage offerings for the quarter totaled \$2,570. For 2008, total income for expenses 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.

## **Housekeeping Items.....**

We are in need of 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...**

|                               |                                      |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 11-22                         | Thanksgiving covered dish luncheon   |
| 11-26                         | Thanksgiving Day Worship 10AM        |
| 12-02 / 12-09 / 12-16 / 12-23 | Advent Worship/Dinner 6 / 7PM        |
| 12-12                         | Adult Christmas Party                |
| 12-13                         | Greening of the church for Christmas |
| 12-24                         | Christmas Eve Worship 7PM            |
| 12-25                         | Christmas Day Worship 10AM           |
| 12-27                         | Worship of Lessons & Carols          |

# MESSAGES FROM PASTOR NELSON IN PERU...

October 7, 2009

Dear Sponsoring Congregations, Family and Friends,

Greetings to you from Lima Peru! We are back in the swing of things here after two months in the United States (July and August) visiting sponsoring congregations around the country and seeing our family in Minnesota. I feel renewed and excited about our work here with "Cristo Rey" and the other congregations of the Peruvian Lutheran Evangelical Church!

The children of Cristo Rey led the Sunday worship service two weeks ago. They did a fabulous job. I am enclosing photos of the whole gang leading us in songs, and of Farid our child preacher. He was barely tall enough to see over the pulpit, but we could hear him loud and clear. Last week the kids celebrated all their birthdays together in one big party during the Sunday school hour. So the kids have been the center of attention in church lately which is great fun.

Prayers are being answered. I have been praying about how our congregation Cristo Rey can get more involved with a small Lutheran congregation up the hill, called "Vida Nueva" (New Life) in a district of Lima called Pamplona Alta. (If I were in South Africa, perhaps I would refer to Pamplona Alta as a "shanty town".) There are great needs amongst our brothers and sisters there because of poverty and discrimination. I'm really excited because the pastor of Vida Nueva, Rev. Pedro Bullón, called me on the phone last week, expressing to me the common cry of the parents in his congregation. "We are having trouble helping our children with their homework. Schools have final exams coming up in December and we are worried!" Pastor Pedro asked if I could gather volunteers from Cristo Rey to go to Vida Nueva twice a week to help the kids with their homework, and give moral support to their parents. Members of our church are responding enthusiastically. They want to help! The people who live in Pamplona Alta have lived through many hardships. Most of them fled their home villages in the Andes during the "20 years of violence" caused in part by the Shining Path. In Lima they had to start their lives all over again, squatting on the only land available: the sand dunes on the outskirts of the city, in places such as Pamplona Alta. Most of the parents of Vida Nueva Congregation never had the opportunity to go to middle school or high school, and many do not read and write in Spanish. (They speak Quechua as a first language.) But they want, with all their heart, for their children to flourish in life, and succeed in school. I'm so thankful because the folks here in Cristo Rey are eager to help. Getting to the church in Pamplona Alta is an exhilarating experience. (...like a rollercoaster ride is exhilarating.) A car, taxi or bus can only get you so far. Then you have to hire a motorcycle taxi to get up the sandy road. Then you come to a certain point where the moto-taxis can't go any further because it's too steep, so you have to walk the last part. Please pray for us. There are a couple of elders here in Cristo Rey who have trouble walking, but they really want to go. But I don't think

## Worship Participants - November...

### Assisting Minister

11-01 Mona Lobell

### Ushers / Greeters

11-01 Enault / Hilt

11-08 Hilt / J. Church

11-15 Youth Sunday

11-22 J. Church / Dupre

11-26

11-29 Dupre / Marshall

### Readers

11-01 W. Migliore

11-08 Colleen Marr

11-15 Deborah Stolzenthaler

11-22 Cyndy Gab

11-26

### Offering Counters

11-29 Cecelia Enault

11-01 B. Lobell / G. Gab

11-08 G. Gab / A. Neighbors

11-15 M. Loisel / A. Neighbors

11-22 B. Lobell / M. Loisel

11-26

### Alter Guild

11-29 C. Hilt / A. Neighbors

11-01 B. Marshall / C. Gab

11-08 M. Loisel / C. Marr

11-15 D. Shuman / D. Johnson

11-22 W. Lobell / C. Greicar

11-26

11-29 B. Marshall / C. Gab

## Thrivent News...

*Galilean Thrivent coordinators... Carl Hilt, leader coordinator, Bret Jacobs, & Colleen David.*

Congratulations to Sharon Hilt and Maria Jacobs for being re-elected to the East Jefferson/River Parishes Chapter of Thrivent.

We are currently collecting donations to get our congregational matching funds ... we need to raise \$1,020 to get the same amount from Thrivent. We plan to use the combo funds to replace some of our carpeting. Please consider donating to the drive... Don Loisel is selling jambalaya for part of the funds... good stuff --- can't wait.

***The next Thrivent membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 16 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Metairie at 9:30AM.***

## 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***

they should because it's so hard to get there, physically. But they tell me they love adventure. Who am I to hold them back? Your prayers are welcome! This will be a short term effort because it is already October, and the exams the children are preparing for will take place the week before Christmas. But maybe it will blossom into something more, as our relationships grow.

We love you. Thank you for your support (prayer support, emotional support, financial support, moral support.)

Pastora Dana Nelson and family (Tom Ososki, and kids Tana and Anthony)

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Dear Lutheran Church of the Galilean,

Greetings from Lima, Peru. I just wanted to drop you a note to tell you thank you so much for the dvd 25 years in mission. It is so wonderful! My family and I

just watched it, and our 6 year old kept saying, during the dvd, "oh I just love that church". What a wonderful way to get to know you across the many miles!

Have a blessed All Saints Sunday tomorrow (Domingo de Todos los Santos.)

In Christ,

Pastor Dana Nelson, Tom Ososki and kids Anthony and Tana

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