

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.

Reformation Day, October 27

October Schedule....

Bible Study (2PM / 6:30PM).....	10-01-08
Sunday School / Worship/Healing Service.....	10-05-08
Bible Study (2PM / 6:30PM).....	10-08-08
Area Men's Ministry Gathering (8:30AM).....	10-11-08
Dupree/Redmond Wedding (2PM).....	10-11-08
Sunday school / Worship.....	10-12-08
Church Council Meeting (7 PM).....	10-14-08
Healing Service (6:30 PM).....	10-15-08
Sunday School / Worship	10-19-08
Bible Study (2pm/6:30PM).....	10-22-08
Friday night care group meeting (7:30 PM).....	10-24-08
"TRUNK OR TREAT" (6PM-9PM).....	10-25-08
Sunday school / Worship.....	10-26-08
Men's Ministry Meeting (7 PM).....	10-27-08
Bible Study (2PM/6:30PM).....	10-29-08
Community Trick or Treat Night.....	10-31-08
EVANGELISM PROGRAM.....	11-14, 15, 16

Church Council Members.....

Carl Hilt – President

Colleen Marr – Secretary

Bret Jacobs – Treasurer

Bob Busfield – Financial Secretary

Don Loisel – Member

Linda Busfield - Member

Mike Enault - Member

Betty Marshall - Member

Buddy Lobell - 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.....

...our church council, Bret, Mike, Bob, Don, and Carl for working on the negotiations for a mortgage and insurances...

...all our mission partners for their continued prayers, concern, and support...

...Pastor, Jamie, Bob, Carl, and Matt for doing hurricane cleanup yard work...

Special Congratulations.....

...Kate, Derek, & Anna Roussel on the birth of Thomas James...

...Steve Dupree & Sandra Redmond on their upcoming marriage...

Church Council Meeting.....

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, October 14 at 7 PM in our fellowship hall The meeting is open to all church members.

Healing Service.....

Our next healing service will be Sunday, October 5 immediately following worship. The new mid-week healing service will be October 15 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 Houston area who are dealing with the devastation following hurricane Ike.

If you weren't at the special congregational meeting on Sunday, August 3 – you missed one of the most moving moments in the journey of the Galilean...we finally entered into a mortgage program with the MIF...with the help of our wonderful mission partner brothers and sisters – we will finally be able to say that our property is going to be ours. We thank and continue to remember each and every one of them in our daily prayers.

Our mission partners from Our Savior in College Station, TX have contacted Pastor and they have been able to raise funding to help us to acquire new church hymnals. A special thanks to them for their prayers and concern.

From the pastor's desk.....

The story of the Good Samaritan in Luke's Gospel is preceded by a lawyer asking Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" On September 7th following the devastation we witnessed caused by hurricane Gustav I used the Good Samaritan Gospel as a way to remind each of us that as member of God's family we are all in this together. This was brought more into focus as we all observed the destruction caused by hurricane Ike. Ike was a reminder of what this area and to the east suffered under hurricane Katrina. I again used this text for council devotions on September 16 as a reminder to the congregational leaders that we are neighbors to all of God's people.

We have been blessed and helped by the support of our Mission Partners from throughout the country. Many of these partners are in the Houston area and we know very little at this time how they and their congregations have fared. The council discussed how do we respond and help them. It might be as simple as giving them the option of not sending us their financial support. Whatever the council decides in the future it will require that you and I did a little deeper in our own pockets to help out our neighbors and ourselves. This may be more important as we accept a mortgage on our property and building and after nearly 20 years the congregation will have home of its own. Even with all of this we must never forget to evangelize, to reach out to others in the community who do not have a church home.

Please put on your calendar the dates of November 14, 15, & 16 when we will have Pastor Kerry Nelson from Covenant Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas (Mission Partner) here to put on an evangelism program. The weekend will begin with dinner and discussion on Friday evening, workshops on Saturday, and worship with Pastor Nelson preaching on Sunday followed with lunch. I would hope that every member who want to see this congregation grow will plan on attending this special weekend.

Yours in Christ... Pastor Shuman

"Church Mortgage".....

Our congregation voted on August 3 at a special called congregational meeting to enter into a mortgage with the MIF. After many months of prayers and negotiating – we finally are going to be the owners of our property and building.

On Sunday, September 14, your executive committee signed all the paperwork and sent it back to the MIF to finalize the mortgage process.

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.

Remember...your church needs you! I

As was discussed at our meeting on August 3...we now have to get out into the community and continue spreading the word of our Lord and what the Galilean has to offer.

Rally Day Celebration.....

Rally Day Celebration was held on Sunday, September 14.

This was the celebration of the reopening of Sunday school for the children and youth. Thanks to everyone who came out for this event and luncheon.

Adult Bible study also continues.

A reminder to all parents...Sunday school is planned for our young members...they are the future of the Galilean...as parents and grandparents, it is our responsibility to make sure they are brought up in a Christian educated life.

During our worship on September 14 we recognized and blessed our students and also all our teachers. We also had the blessing of the back-packs for our young members returning to school

Fellowship.....

There was a covered dish luncheon on September 14 as part of our Rally Day Celebration...thanks to everyone who came out and helped with this fun event.

'TRUNK OR TREAT' ... Saturday, October 25 at 6PM until 9PM......we will be holding a new holiday event for the church and community. More details to be announce within the next weeks...lots of fun, great fellowship, good food and drink, prizes, etc., etc., etc. See attached flyer, posters, and announcements for more details. **FUN! FUN! FUN!**

Our fellowship team is working on some other ideas for the coming fall and winter months. Please watch for announcements. Great time to get to know your brothers and sisters at the Galilean.

Evangelism.....

We are putting together some fun events for the next several months to promote our ministry in the river parishes.

AN EVANGELISM WEEKEND WITH PASTOR KERRY NELSON FROM COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH IN HOUSTON IS BEING PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 14, 15, 16 ...Pastor Kerry is the minister of one of our Mission Partners and is coming here to help us do planning for the future to spread the word of our Lord to this community and the river parishes. Please mark your calendars and make this a 'must' event – if you are concerned about the future of Galilean and growing it ... here's your chance to get involved...PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

There was an area evangelism meeting August 26 held at Love Lutheran. Along with other local churches planning meetings are being held to spread the news about what the ELCA Lutheran church has to offer our communities. We had about six folks attend this last meeting.

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 Dupree & Mike Enault are heading up organizing our efforts at the Galilean. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 29 at 7 PM in the fellowship hall.

The next area men's gathering will be on October 11.

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!!!**

TEENS AND PARENTS PLEASE START PLANNING TO ATTEND...IT IS IN OUR BACK YARD – AN UNBELIVABLE EXPERIENCE. A CHANCE TO MEET AND FELLOWSHIP WITH TEENS FROM ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES. SEE PASTOR KEN FOR MORE DETAILS. AREA TEENS CAN GET SPECIAL PRICING BY VOLUNTEERING A FEW HOURS EACH DAY.

Special Invitation...

Steve Dupree and Sandra Redmond wish to extend an invitation to everyone in the congregation to attend their wedding on Saturday, October 11 at 2PM.

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.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
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Worship Participants October.....

Assisting Minister

Ushers / Greeters

Carl Hilt
10-05 Ploger/Migliore
10-12 Migliore/Johnson
10-19 Youth Sunday
10-26 Johnson/David
10-05 C. Enault
10-12 C. Marr
10-19 Youth Sunday
10-26 W. Migliore

Readers

Offering Counters

10-05 M.Loisel/ B. Busfield
10-12 P. Migliore/ R. Busfield
10-19 P. Migliore / R. Busfield
10-26 M. Loisel / R. Busfield
10-05 M. Loisel/C. Marr
10-12 D. Shuman/D. Johnson
10-19 W. Lobell/C. Enault
10-26 B. Marshall/C. Gab

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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.

Building /Property Repairs Needed.....

We are currently in negotiations with several local air conditioning firms to evaluate our present systems. If you can lend a hand it would be appreciated.

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. 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 a copy is attached for your reference and use.

Also, enclosed you will find a questionnaire for updating our email addresses and cell phone numbers. Your cooperation is needed so that we can get vital church information to you and your family in a timely manner. Thanks for your help...return it with your offering or give it to Carl or Bret. Thanks.

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

