

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.

September Schedule

Bible Study (6:30PM).....	09-03-08
Sunday School / Worship (Healing Service).....	09-07-08
Bible Study CANCELLED	09-10-08
Sunday school / Worship/ RALLY DAY	09-14-08
Church Council Meeting (7 PM)	09-16-08
Healing Service (6:30 PM)	09-17-08
Sunday School / Worship	09-21-08
Bible Study (6:30PM).....	09-24-08
Friday night care group meeting (7:30 PM).....	09-26-08
Sunday school / Worship.....	09-28-08
Men's Ministry Meeting (7 PM)	09-29-08

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

...our Mission Partners;
...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;
...those still struggling to recover from Katrina;
...our young members as they begin school and college...

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...

Church Council Meeting

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, Sept. 16 at 7 PM at the home of Gunne Landry. The meeting is open to all church members.

Healing Service

Our next healing service will be Sunday, September 7 immediately following worship. The new mid-week healing service will be September 17 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.* There will be no Bible study on Wednesday, September 10. Wednesday afternoon study groups will resume in October.

Mission Partnership Program

We continue to have a growing number of brothers and sisters from other churches stepping 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.

If your 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS!

Rally Day...September 14

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Think Hospitality!

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.

From the pastor's desk...

St. Luke in Acts 1:8 quotes Jesus as saying, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

I hope all of us understand Jesus' words of 2000 years ago apply to us today. We must continue to witness to others in our part of the world, LaPlace, and the surrounding communities in which we live. Members must invite others who are not members of a worshipping Christian community. Talk to them in a non-threatening way what being a follower of Christ and a member of this congregation means to you. Simply ask them as Philip did when Nathaniel questioned him about Jesus, Philip said, "Come and see."

Tuesday evening August 26 at 7 PM at Love Lutheran there will be a meeting where we will explore how to develop a strategy to reach out beyond the church walls. We will be learning how to be Philips so we can ask others to "come and see". I hope that several of you will be able to attend with me.

On another note, I personally want to commend all of you on the historic vote on August 3. On that day you made the decision to accept a mortgage offer from the MIF and to change our status from renters to owners. A special thanks to all of you who have worked, struggled, pulled out hair, been frustrated, upset, confused, etc. over these many years. After all these years you can finally be proud to say that the Galilean property and building is truly yours.

Now that all this is behind us, we can forge ahead in mission to LaPlace and the surrounding river parish communities and be a Lutheran presence to this area.

Yours in Christ... Pastor Shuman

"Church Mortgage"

WOW...WOW...WOW...we did it! YES, we, as a 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.

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.

A special thank you to Bret Jacobs for heading up the mortgage negotiations and to Mike & Carl for heading up the insurance negotiations. Also, thanks to Bob and Don for helping with the many meetings with local financial facilities.

We are still accepting mortgage pledges to assist in making application.

For those of you who have already pledged to the mortgage, you should have received special envelopes. If you need special envelopes please see Bob, Bret, or Carl.

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

As was discussed at our meeting on August 3...we now have to get out into the community and spread the word of our Lord and what the Galilean has to offer...as Pastor said in his message – "come and see"!

Hospitality Month

During the month of September, let us humble ourselves in prayer before God and ask him to lead us as his disciples to bring new people into our worship and to bring them back. Let us also pray for guidance to reach out to our present members.

We need to tell him that we are available to be used as his smile, his handshake, and his words of encouragement.

Please take time to smile and with an outreached hand...ask someone to 'come and see'. Thanks.

Rally Day Celebration

Rally Day Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, September 14.

This will be reopening of Sunday school for the children and youth...please mark your calendars.

Adult Bible study will also continue.

Sunday school is already 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.

There will a covered dish lunch following worship...be there and celebrate with us.

Fellowship

There will be a covered dish luncheon on September 14 as part of our Rally Day Celebration...please mark your calendars, bring your favorite dish, and come out and have fun with us!

We are currently working on something for October / Halloween season...we are putting together a 'TRUNK OR TREAT' event for the church and community.

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. More details will be announced.

There is an area evangelism meeting scheduled for August 26 to be held at Love Lutheran. Why not come along and become part of the new Galilean...helping us forge ahead with our ministry within our community.

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 WOSHIP AT THE GALILEAN? YOU CAME, YOU SAW, YOU JOINED...WHY NOT GIVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO SOMEONE ELSE.

REMINDER...SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 IS THE START OF SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THE YOUTH AND CHILDREN ... THEY ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR CONGREGATION – AS PARENTS AND GRAND-PARENTS IT IS THE RESPONSIBLE OF EACH OF US TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE BROUGHT UP IN A CHRISTIAN EDUCATED LIFE. GO ONE STEP FURTHER...INVITE THE CHILDREN OF A RELATIVE, A FRIEND, A NEIGHBOR, A CO-WORKER...REMEMBER – 'COME AND SEE'.

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 VOLUNTERING A FEW HOURS EACH DAY.

BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR STUDENTS...

DRIVE CAREFULLY – SCHOOLS ARE OPEN.

Worship Participants September

Assisting Minister

Wanda Lobell

Ushers / Greeters

09-07 Neighbors/Jacobs
09-14 Jacobs/Hilt
09-21 Youth Sunday

Readers

09-28 Hilt/Ploger
09-07 S. Neighbors
09-14 M. Loisel
09-21 Youth Sunday

Offering Counters

00-28 S. Dupree
09-07 P. Migliore/ B. Busfield
09-14 M. Loisel / R. Busfield
09-21 B. Jacobs / R. Busfield

Alter Guild

09-28 M. Loisel / R. Busfield
09-07 W. Lobell / C. Enault
09-14 B. Marshall / C. Gab
09-21 M. Loisel / C. Marr
09-28 D. Shuman / D. Johnson

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 is being updated and will be 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

TIPS TO GROW A CHURCH...

PRAY...it is the Holy Spirit who calls, gathers, and sustains.

PREPARE...prepare your church for visitors so that the outside and inside of the church building reflect vital activities

WELCOME...make a plan to greet and welcome guests of all ages.

FEED...feed people spiritually by providing solid worship and education experiences. Make it worth people's time to spend time with your congregation.

FOLLOW-UP...make a plan to follow-up with your guests in a personal way.

PLAN SPECIAL EVENTS...design events at your congregation to attract new people. *Publicize, publicize, publicize!*

INVITE...invite friends, family, acquaintances, and strangers to experience the love of Christ at your congregation.

Highlights from June area evangelism gathering and discussion.

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Celebrating 25 years of ministry to the river parishes

