

# 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 / October Schedule...

Bible Study 6:30PM.....	09-02-10
Worship / Bible Study/Healing Service.....	09-05-10
<b>LABOR DAY</b> .....	09-06-10
Bible Study 6:30PM.....	09-09-10
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School.....	09-12-10
<b>Rally Day/Blessing of Backpacks/Family Picnic/Grandparents Day</b>	
Bible Study 6:30 PM.....	09-16-10
Worship / Bible Study / <b>MOC FOOD DRIVE</b> .....	09-19-10
<b>Church Council Meeting 7 PM</b> .....	09-21-10
<b>FALL BEGINS</b> .....	09-22-10
Bible Study 6:30PM.....	09-23-10
<b>Care Group / 7:30PM</b> .....	09-24-10
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School.....	09-26-10
<b>MINISTERIUM MEETING(at the Galilean)</b> .....	09-28-10
Bible Study 6:30PM.....	09-30-10
Worship / Bible Study/Healing Service.....	10-03-10
Bible Study 6:30 PM.....	10-07-10
Worship / Bible Study.....	10-10-10
<b>Church Council Meeting 7PM</b> .....	10-12-10
Bible Study 6:30PM.....	10-14-10
Worship / Bible Study / <b>MOC FOOD DRIVE</b> .....	10-17-10
Bible Study 6:30PM.....	10-21-10
Worship / Bible Study.....	10-24-10
Bible Study 6:30 PM.....	10-28-10
<b>Care Group / 7:30PM</b> .....	10-29-10
<b>TRUNK OR TREAT 6PM – 8:30PM</b> .....	10-30-10
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School.....	10-31-10
<b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b>	

## Church Council Members...

Bret Jacobs – President (10)	Open Position _____
Mike Enault – Vice President (10)	Kate Roussel...Member (09)
Colleen Marr – Secretary (10)	Betty Marshall – Member (09)
Adam Neighbors – Treasurer (10)	Mona Loisel – Member (10)
Carl Hilt – Financial Secretary	Open Position _____

COUNCIL MEETINGS – Sept.21 & Oct. 12 / 7PM / Fellowship Hall ...  
all council meetings are open to members – we encourage your attendance and ideas.

## Our Special Prayers Go Out To...

...all our students as they return to school;  
...our brothers and sisters in all areas along the Gulf Coast affected by the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico;  
... all our Mission Partners throughout the United States;  
...Pastor Dana Nelson & her family...our missionary in Lima, Peru;  
...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;  
(see special note regarding implementation of Prayer Chain)

## reformation sunday - october 31

### Special Thanks/Congrats...

...thanks to our Fellowship Team for a great event, A Taste Of Italy;  
...thanks to all our mission partners for their continued prayers, concern, and support;  
...thanks to Betty Marshall for volunteering to head up the Altar Guild;  
...thanks to everyone who responds to the monthly MOC food collections;  
...thanks to everyone who helped with the great TASTE OF ITALY event / our team, participants, door prize donors, and karaoke singers;  
...thanks to everyone who helped with the special memorial service;  
...thanks to all members who helped to paint the MOC offices/great job;  
...BEST WISHES to all students as they return to school.

### Worship ...

We are currently looking for members interested in participating with the worship program. Anyone interested in participating on the Music / Worship team; or --- reading during worship, serving as ushers/greeters, serving as acolytes/crucifers, serving as part of the altar guild or assisting minister team --- please contact Kate Roussel / Betty Marshall.

### Sunday School/Education...

**RALLY DAY!** Sunday school will be back Sunday, September 12 at 9:15AM. This year's theme is 'JOIN HANDS – GIVE THANKS'. In addition to the lesson program, there will be craft projects. We are looking forward to a fun filled year. We look forward to having all the children of our congregation attend Sunday school each and every week. *AND, to all the parents ... why not stay for the adult Bible study led by Pastor Ken.*

Confirmation class continue meeting on Sunday mornings with a team of teachers helping with the program...currently there are two students in the class.

**Pastor Ken continues to lead our weekly Bible studies on Sunday mornings. Week night Bible studies continue...see schedule for dates and time (Thursday nights at 6:30PM). The group will be studying the book of Psalms. Everyone is encouraged to participate and enjoy this spiritual journey.**

### Teen Encounter...

Stacy Neighbors has volunteered again this year to work with our teens ... thanks Stacy. We highly encourage all our parents to have their teens consider getting involved with the group. If interested, please contact Stacy Neighbors and/or Colleen Marr.

### PRAYER CHAIN ...

**There are those special moments or emergencies that we need to remember individuals in our prayers. Starting immediately, we are going to implement the 'prayer chain' again. For those times, please contact Sharon Hilt at 985-652-8615.**

### Peru Missionary Program...

Church council recently approved to co-sponsor 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. Thanks to everyone who have been donating to this wonderful ministry. Mike Enault is heading up the program and will be our contact person with Pastor Nelson.

Please reference the display information, pictures, etc. in the narthex regarding Pastor Dana and her ministry in Lima, Peru. Donation envelopes are available on the display board. Thanks for caring!

## **Ministry of Care...**

The St. John Ministry of Care continues to need help with food drives and with individuals to work as caseworkers. Please see Sharon Hilt for any additional information.

A special thank you to all our members who recently helped to paint the offices at the MOC ... great job!

Each month we are going to designate the *third Sunday of the month* as **FOOD SUNDAY FOR THE ST. JOHN MINISTRY OF CARE**. Please mark your calendars and bring one or more non-perishable food items to church.

Please start shopping and saving the following items...

<b>SEPT. – CRACKERS (SALTINES / RITZ)</b>	<b>JAN. - CEREAL</b>
<b>OCT. – CAKE MIX / ICING</b>	<b>FEB.- PEANUT BUTTER</b>
<b>NOV. – STOVE TOPSTUFFING</b>	<b>MAR. – SHAMPOO/ CONDITIONER</b>
<b>DEC. – MACARONI &amp; CHEESE</b>	<b>APR.-RED BEANS/RICE</b>

## **Stewardship Thought...**

Recognize to whom you owe the fact that you exist, that you breathe, that you understand, that you are wise, and, above all, that you know God and hope for the kingdom of heaven. You have been made a son of God, co-heir with Christ. Where did you get all this, and from whom?

What benefactor has enabled you to look out upon the beauty of the sky, the sun in its course, the circle of the moon, the countless number of stars, with the harmony and order that are theirs, like the music of a harp? Who has blessed you with rain, with the art of husbandry, with different kinds of food, with the arts, with houses, with laws, with states, with a life of humanity and culture, with friendship and the easy familiarity of kinship?

Is it not God who asks you now in your turn to show yourself generous ...because we have received from him so many wonderful gifts, will we not be ashamed to refuse him this one thing only, our generosity?

...Gregory

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*PRAYER...* Dear God, please guide us in the way we live, serve and give. And may all of our deeds be for your glory. Amen.

## **Choir...**

**THEY'RE BACK ... WHAT A JOYFUL SOUND!**

Our choir has been busy rehearsing on a regular basis and their membership still is growing. If you haven't heard them – make it a point to be at worship and hear the wonderful sound.

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

## **Fellowship...**

The annual church family picnic will be held on Sunday, September 12 immediately following worship at the home of Danny & Arlene Hicks at 77 Country Club Rd., LaPlace. The menu this year includes sloppy joes, hot dogs & chili. There is a sign-up sheet available to sign-up the number of people attending along with the covered dish you will be providing. Each family is encouraged to bring their desired beverages. Bring your bathing suits and enjoy a cool dip in the Hicks' pool. Contact Mona Loisel for any additional information.

TRUNK OR TREAT will be held this year on Saturday evening, October 30 between 6 and 8:30PM. We are trying to partner with CTK to have more cars this year. Police and judges have already been arranged for. More details will be announced. Please plan to come out and have a fun evening with us. We will be awarding prizes for the decorated vehicles and for costumes.

Our TASTE OF ITALY dinner party was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who helped and attended. Thanks to everyone who donated door prizes. We raised \$180 from the auction of the two golf packages which will go to the Metro Battered Women's Shelter. AND, what a great job everyone did with the karaoke ... what performances ... there are really some great voices out there ---BRET should be recruiting them for the choir. Great evening and thanks again!!!

## **Office Depot Rewards...**

On your next visit to Office Depot ... give them the church's phone (985-652-7800) when checking out ... we get rewards points towards future purchases.

## **Evangelism...**

### **The Perfect Love**

Evangelism is all about love. The perfect love -- the love that God's been showing us throughout time. There has never been a moment when His love hasn't been present, and there never will be.

I don't know about you, but God's love makes me want to shout! From the moment I wake up, I'm amazed by the love that surrounds me and the continued invitation that God extends to all humanity -- that He will come in, eat with us, and us with Him (Revelation 3:20). This invitation hasn't changed and is available to everyone. It's a reflection of God's perfect love, and it's because of His love that I can love others.

### **Evangelism - More Than a Commandment**

Evangelism - sharing the Word of God with others -- isn't an exclusive job of the "Evangelists." As part of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19), evangelism is a calling on all Christians. However, it's more than a commandment. Evangelism is an honor, a joy, and a pleasure! It is also important to show God's love; our actions shout louder than our voices. We are living examples of the grace of God, and our attitude towards others should impact their lives.

Sometimes it seems that we enjoy talking more about an awesome movie than God's awesome love. It seems that we prefer to have a conversation about a good drink, and not about His living water (John 7:38). Why do we spend more time talking about our economic resources than the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:9)?

How can we remain silent about God's perfect love? Jesus affirmed that we are the salt and light of the earth (Matthew 5:13-14). It's because of us that others can come to experience the enduring love of God. It's you and me who can reach out and touch the lives of our neighbors, families and friends.

We can't change the hearts of people, but God promises to do that (Ezekiel 36:26). That's the actual miracle that doesn't belong to us. However, we can do what's in our hands and hearts, by sharing God's perfect love with others and letting that love be expressed in our behavior.

### **Evangelism - A God-given Privilege**

Evangelism isn't a commandment-driven exercise for me - it's a God-given privilege from the heart! The reason I want everybody to feel the love of God is because I experience it. Because I know His love, I want everybody to know it. It's all for love! The same love that Jesus expressed for us on the Cross is the same love that flows through you and me. If we love our neighbors like ourselves (Mark 12:33), we should want them to have a relationship with the Ultimate Source of Love.

Look around you. People are hurting. The world is searching for earthly answers and earthly pleasures to fill the void that only God can fill completely. They're looking for all kinds of truths, where the truth is only One (John 3:16). Who's going to tell them about the reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15)?

### **Evangelism - Remember Those Who Invited You to God's Banquet!**

Remember, evangelism is the direct spark that saved you and me! In my case, I'm thankful to God and to that special person that loved me enough to share God's love with me. If it wasn't for that person, I would still be hungry. That person invited me to the banquet God prepared in advance for me. Who's going to invite your coworker, roommate, or family member to the banquet that we both experience today? We can all share the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes (Romans 1:16)! We can all share His love that endures forever (Psalm 118:1)!

Let's go out and share this peace that transcends all understanding (Philippians 4:7). Let our motive not be a commandment, but *all for love!*

## **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 is a great way to get to know other members and enjoy adult conversation.

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.

If you haven't tried a "Friday Night Chill" please consider starting a new habit. Dinner is provided and there is always a lively conversation and it is a great way to get to know your fellow Galileans. Hope to see you there! Thanks, Maria Jacobs

### **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.....**

We are getting two new stained glass window pieces for the two side upper windows in the chancel area...Carl Hilt is donating his time and talent to construct the two new stained glass pieces – one an old testament theme and the other a new testament theme. Check out the display in the narthex.

Fall is just around the corner ... we might want to consider a quick clean-up project.

We need someone to repair the water fountain in the back hallway, the back hall door, the sink area of the kitchen, replace many of the electrical outlets inside and outside of the building, check out the hot water tank over the bathrooms, get rid of some of the trash in the upstairs, and to dig out the two tree stumps in the back yard. All of these projects around the property need someone to champion them. Why not make it a family work project ... *your help is needed...please see Mike Enault.*

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

**EXTEND A HAND WITH A WARM, LOVING GREETING.**

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

**YOU THINK A MEETING ISN'T LEGITIMATE UNLESS IT'S AT LEAST THREE HOURS LONG.**

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

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

### **CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS...**

**SOME PEOPLE ARE KIND, POLITE, AND SWEET-SPIRITED UNTIL YOU TRY TO SIT IN THEIR PEW.**

### **Mission Partnership Program...**

*We continue to be so blessed to have more than thirty mission partners who have helped us with ideas and finances...2009 was the last year of a three year program. We have been so fortunate and blessed to have their support, concern, and prayers ... we truly hope that each of you appreciate and comprehend what these friends of the Galilean have done. 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.*

### **Thrivent News...**

Our Galilean congregational coordinators for Thrivent were Carl Hilt, Bret Jacobs, and Colleen David...thanks to this group for their work. Their terms have come to an end...due to changes in the Thrivent system each church is now being asked to appoint up to four advocates for their church. There are lots of changes being implemented by Thrivent for congregational funds. The following three persons have agreed to serve as Galilean's advocates ... Carl Hilt, Bret Jacobs, and Sharon Hilt.

The congregational matching funds program has been changed. Each Thrivent product member will have the opportunity in the future to designate where their donation funds (CHOICE DOLLARS) from Thrivent should be directed. There will be detailed information in the upcoming Thrivent Magazines with instructions on how each member can cast their vote.

**TO ALL OUR THRIVENT MEMBERS --- YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A MEMO WITHIN THE LAST WEEK OR SO FROM THRIVENT TO DESIGNATE YOUR 'CHOICE DOLLARS'. PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ... 'DON'T FORGET THE GALILEAN'. YOU CAN DO THIS ON THE PHONE OR ON THE THRIVENT WEBSITE. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, SEE CARL, BRET, OR SHARON.**

### **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. Keep your receipts and turn them into Carl Hilt and get credit for the donation.**

### **New Orleans Mission' Needs Help...**

Hello Everyone!

With all of this past winter's cold weather we have had to help more people than usual which has really been a strain on our resources. Unfortunately that brings me to ask all of you to try and help us if you can. Anything will help; but, below is a list of things that are needed ASAP.

#### **Bleach**

#### **Laundry Detergent**

#### **Toilet Paper**

I deeply appreciate all of your help and keep us in your prayers. God Bless...Loretta Kimmick

### **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**

### **Flood Zoning Changes For St. John**

As of November 2010 there will be new flood zones for the parish. You can also get information by visiting the Planning & Zoning Department at the corner of Main Street and Airline Highway – see Lou Vaughn - (985) 651-5565. SUGGEST YOU CONTACT YOUR PERSONAL INSURANCE AGENT AND FIND OUT HOW THE CHANGES WILL BE AFFECTING YOUR INSURANCE RATES.

### **Hurricane Season Is Here Again**

Yes, that time of the year has arrived...'hurricane season'.

In Pastor Ken's article last newsletter he mentioned that we need to be prepared and vigilant during especially this time of the year. He mentioned the synod web site [futurewithhope.com](http://futurewithhope.com). We encourage you to take time to reference this site because it contains an enormous amount of valuable information.

In addition, we have prepared a 'disaster preparedness check list' for your reference. Copies of the check list are available on the table in the narthex. Please take a copy for your planning.

We are currently running behind with our pledges to the mortgage. Please remember that we have made commitments based on these pledges. If you are behind because of personal financial problems, please contact Carl Hilt. If you are not giving to the mortgage fund and would like to start, please see Carl Hilt for special envelopes.

What does 2010 hold for us? We can make it only if we continue to pray and pull together...all of us! Imagine how much more we could do as a congregation if everyone was involved.

Our new church council and its officers have a tremendous challenge ahead of them. As stated above, when they ask for your help, input, and talents --- step up, get involved, and be a part of the growth of the Galilean. Your church and community needs each of us.

For the last several months I have asked for each of you to please look over the surveys that you were provided. As stated last month, the return has been very disappointing. Please take some time a complete the forms – it will help us in our evaluation and direction of our ministry. There still some copies on the table in the narthex.

**God has given us two hands--one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing.**

-- Billy Graham

# just for kids...

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## PSALM 23

**FIND THESE WORDS...**DWELL; ENEMY; EVIL; FOLLOW; GREEN; LEADS; LORD; MERCY; QUIET; SHADOW; SOUL; STAFF; VALLEY; WALK.

All these words listed are in the puzzle on this page...left, right, up, down, or diagonally. Find the mystery word ... advise Mr. Carl for a reward ... kids only. Last month's winner

## **From the Pastor's Desk...**

Where, oh where, did the summer go???? At least summer on the calendar. We still face the middle of September which is the peak of the hurricane season. I hope, as I mentioned in the July-August newsletter, that whether you would evacuate or stay you have a plan in place.

I mentioned in the same newsletter comments from our Bishop outlining several areas we can do to become more spiritual.

The first was to establish a regular focused prayer time each day. I ask you to be honest with yourself and answer, have you taken the time to improve your prayer life? Do you have questions about prayer? If so consider reading a book "Prayer, Does It Make Any Difference" by Philip Yancey. He covers topics such as keeping company with God, the practice of prayer and other topics. Praying each day keeps God in your thoughts on a daily basis. Praying will strengthen your spirituality.

The second area was to worship together on a regular basis. Worship is so important to keep you connected with each other and more importantly with God. I understand that some people want to be in worship on a regular basis but due to financial difficulties or other valid reasons cannot be there on a regular basis. These folks do come on a Sunday when they are able.

Our average worship attendance for each Sunday last year was 50. This year we began by averaging over 50 with a few months 54, 56, and 61 but by the end of July we were back down to 50 for the year. I hope that for the final months we show an increased worship attendance that will be above 50. I know you will tell me that numbers are not important and I would agree if we were worshipping with a much larger number, but when you are a congregation living on the edge you cannot reach out to our community to do mission because our focus is on keeping the bills paid.

The third area was the study of scripture. Only by reading and studying scripture can you really begin to understand what God has in mind for humanity. I have been very disappointed by the overall interest in the study of scripture. There is our adult Sunday morning Bible study and our weekday evening Bible study.

The three areas listed above require individuals to make a commitment to God and to themselves. Parents need to make a commitment to have their children in worship from an early age. This commitment will cause you some pain and suffering by missing sleep or time you could have done something else. If the Galilean is to grow and be a Lutheran presence in the communities around LaPlace it will take a commitment from each of you to reach out to others, to invite others and to support the congregation with your time, talents and financially. Peace be with you all,

**Pastor Shuman**

## **President...** Bret Jacobs

*Where is the Galilean?* Or better yet, where is the Lutheran church? What do you think the answers to these questions would be if you stopped in a local business or even asked a neighbor?

Chances are, most people would have no idea where our church is located or even that we exist.

Now, imagine the answer to the question "Do you know where we could play basketball around here?" There's a better than average chance that our "location" would be identified.

To me, this illustrates the difference between being located in a community and having a presence in a community.

When a congregation has a presence in a community, the community knows of its works, its outreach and can see its mission in action.

When a congregation has a presence in a community, it grows....people want to join it in mission.

When a congregation has a presence in a community, people see God's words in action.

When a congregation has a presence in a community, its members live their faith.

*Let us create a presence in our community and live our faith!*

