

# The Fisherman's Log

**The Lutheran Church of the Galilean**  
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**Secretary – Colleen Marr**

**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.**

## February Schedule....

**HAPPY-MARDI-GRAS!**

Sunday School / Worship.....	02-01-09
<b>Souper Bowl of Caring (Super Bowl Sunday)....</b>	02-01-09
<b>Bible Study (CANCELLED).....</b>	02-04-09
Sunday School / Worship / Healing Service.....	02-08-09
Bible Study (2PM/6:30PM).....	02-11-09
<b>Valentine's Day.....</b>	02-14-09
Sunday School / Worship.....	02-15-09
<b>Church Council Meeting (7 PM).....</b>	02-17-09
Bible Study (2PM / 6:30PM).....	02-18-09
Sunday School / Worship.....	02-22-09
<b>Men's Ministry Meeting (CANCELLED).....</b>	02-23-09
<b>Mardi Gras Day (Have fun / Be safe).....</b>	02-24-09
<b>Ash Wednesday Worship (7 PM).....</b>	02-25-09
<b>Friday Night Care Group (7:30 PM).....</b>	02-27-09
<b>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.....</b>	03-08-09

## 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 Mission Partners throughout the United States;  
...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....

...to all our mission partners for their continued prayers, concern, and support.  
...thanks to all our youth and members who came out and helped with the Ministry of Care Christmas Program.  
...thanks to everyone who helped to remove the Christmas decorations.  
...to everyone who donated to our Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday that benefited our local MOC and ELCA World Hunger Appeal.  
...and, a very special thanks to all our council members, officers, teachers, team leaders and members for their time and leadership for another great year.

## Church Council Meeting....

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, February 17 at 7 PM in our fellowship hall The meeting is open to all church members.

## Healing Service....

Our next healing service will be Sunday, March 1 immediately following worship. We resume our mid-week healing services after Lent and Holy Week.

## Wednesday Bible Studies....

**Wednesdays, Feb. 11 & 18 at 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM we will be gathering in the fellowship hall for our mid-week Bible studies . There will be no mid-week Bible studies during Lent & Holy Week After Lent & Holy Week we will resume our regular mid-week Bible studies.**

## Mortgage Offerings(Stewardship)...

Last year we asked you, our members, to pledge to make mortgage offerings. After totaling all responses, members had pledged nearly \$17,500. We used these figures during our application process for a mortgage; and, as you know, we have secured that mortgage this past fall. All year, members have been making their mortgage offerings and as of the end of 2008 those offerings have totaled \$20,215. Your officers and council members applaud you for your response and commitment. Thanks to everyone for meeting your pledge and thanks to everyone who did not pledge; but, made offerings for the mortgage anyway.

We have done such a wonderful job in meeting our financial commitment to the mortgage...but, in addition – we all need to reach out to our family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers and invite them to experience the excitement and great things that are happening at the Galilean. Please help spread the word about the Galilean and invite someone to join us at the Lord's table.

Great job! Bob Busfield – Financial Secretary

**BE MY VALENTINE**

*Join us in our Lenten journey...*

## From the pastor's desk....

In a few short weeks we will begin the season of Lent. The area we live in, of course, will prepare itself for Lent by celebrating Mardi Gras which ends on Strove or Fat Tuesday. Ash Wednesday will begin our season of Lent on Wednesday, February 25 with the imposition of ashes. This date is based on the date of Easter which is derived from the Jewish lunar calendar.

Easter is the first Sunday following the first full moon in spring and Ash Wednesday is 46 days prior to Easter.

Enjoy the Mardi Gras time but ready yourself for our season of Lent. Consider using the disciplines of Lent during that period. These disciplines are prayer, fasting, and alms giving.

*Yours in Christ... Pastor Shuman*

## Lenten Worship...

This Lenten season we are trying something different. We will be alternating worship with our neighbors, First United Methodist Church of LaPlace. Ash Wednesday worship will be a joint service at the Galilean. The following Wednesday night we will be worshipping with our neighbors and alternating from that point...beginning Wednesday night, March 4 at 6 PM (dinner) and at 7 PM (worship). The hosting church will provide soup and drink and the visiting church will provide sandwiches.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (evening) worship will be joint worship services. Maundy Thursday worship will be separate services. Pastor is planning Good Friday afternoon worship services at the Galilean.

## SCHEDULE...

Feb. 25 – (Galilean)	March 25 - (Galilean)
March 4 - (First United)	April 1 - (First United)
March 11 - (Galilean)	April 9 - (Galilean)
March 18 - (First United)	April 10 - (First United)

There will be more details to follow. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate.

## New Hymnals....

Sunday, December 21, we changed from the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) and With One Voice (WOV) to the ELCA's new worship hymnal, the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW). We were blessed with receiving 70 new hymnals from one of our mission partners, Our Savior Lutheran in College Station, TX. We have also been blessed by your response to donate additional copies.

Over the last few Sundays there has been information and a form in each bulletin explaining how each of you can donate a hymnal or hymnals. Donation slips are still available on the coffee table in the narthex.

I would suggest each family consider purchasing a copy for their home. There are additional resource sections which includes a daily three year lectionary instead of the two year lectionary of the LBW. This new three year lectionary coincides with the three year cycle or our Sunday worship and the daily readings for Thursday through Saturday prepare you for Sunday worship and the Monday through Wednesday readings reflect upon the previous Sunday's readings.

A second reason to have a hymnal at home is the inclusion of Luther's Small Catechism.

The LBW has been in use since 1978 and with all electronic media support that is available for the ELW I believe this hymnal will be use for 30 or more years. For those who desire a hymnal for home use can order them at the same time as we order the additional copies for the church.

Enclosed here is an order form...complete and return as soon as possible.

*Yours in Christ... Pastor Shuman*

## LBW (Green) Hymnals...

All the LBW (green) hymnals have been removed from the sanctuary since we are currently using the new ELW (red) hymnals. If you

donated one of the old LBW hymnals in honor or memory of someone and would like to have it back, please complete the enclosed request form. Anyone who did not donate a green hymnal and would like a copy for your home, please complete the enclosed form and we will try to find you a copy. If any questions, please see Carl or Sharon Hilt.

See attached green slip to request your copy of the LBW.

### **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.

### **Fellowship....**

There are several ideas being considered for the winter months...more details to follow.

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

Steve Dupre is heading up organizing our efforts at the Galilean. The meeting for February has been cancelled due to Mardi Gras activities. Our next meeting will Monday, March 30.

There is no date available at this time for the next area men's gathering.

There will be a tri-synod gathering in Austin, TX on February 20-21...anyone interested – please see Steve.

### **Women of the ELCA...**

There will be Bayou Cluster Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 7 at Grace Lutheran Church...9AM to 1PM. Speaker will be Amy Zietlow, Chaplain, Louisiana Hospice Care of Baton Rouge...subject - End of Life Decisions and How to Support Patients and Care Givers Making Them. For more information or reservations, please contact Janice Matherene at 985-785-0368.

### **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.

Thanks to everyone who donated food items for the Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday...the MOC is desperate need for peanut butter, cereals, can meats, macaroni & cheese, and toiletries. ...see Sharon Hilt.

### **Youth Ministry.....**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS TO HEAD UP A TEEN GROUP. PLEASE SEE COLLEEN MARR OR CYNDY GAB.**

### **'SOUPER BOWL OF CARING'**

On Sunday, February 1, we held our second 'Souper Bowl of Caring' in conjunction with the NFL's Super Bowl. Again this year we collected non-perishable food items for the St. John Ministry of Care and funds for the ELCA World Hung Appeal.

Well ... your donations favored the STEELERS (that makes Pastor happy). Thus far we have collected 124 food items and \$120 in cash donations. Thanks again for caring.

### **Congregational Meeting...**

There will a congregational meeting on Sunday, March 8 immediately following worship...the purpose of the meeting is to review 2008 activities and the election of new council members.

### **Worship Bulletins...**

As a result of our recent retreat with Pastor Nelson from Covenant and in an attempt to make your worship experience easier to follow, beginning the first Sunday in Lent, we will be implementing a new seasonal bulletin which will include most of the worship service except for the readings and songs. Your Music / Worship Team will be interested input.

## **Hospitality thought...**

**Extend a handshake and a smile to everyone.**

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**YOU KNOW YOU ARE A LUTHERAN**

**WHEN...the only mealtime prayer you know is "Come Lord Jesus".**

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**JOIN OUR LENTEN JOURNEY!**

### **Worship Participants - February...**

#### **Assisting Minister Ushers / Greeters**

02-01 Bob Busfield  
02-08 David / Enault  
02-15 Enault / Hilt  
02-22 Youth Sunday  
02-25 Hilt/J. Church  
Ash Wednesday

#### **Readers**

02-01 C. Marr  
02-08 D. Stotzenthaler  
02-15 Youth Sunday  
02-22 C. Gab  
02-25 C. Enault

#### **Offering Counters**

02-01 M. Loisel / R. Busfield  
02-08 P. Migliore / R. Busfield  
02-15 C. Hilt / R. Busfield  
02-22 M. Loisel / R. Busfield  
02-25 Ash Wednesday

#### **Alter Guild**

02-01 M. Loisel / C. Marr  
02-08 D. Shuman / D. Johnson  
02-15 W. Lobell / C. Enault  
02-22 B. Marshall / C. Gab  
02-25 M. Loisel / C. Marr

### **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.

**We still have repairs needed to the overhang on the back porch...need someone to champion this project – 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 LUTHERAN MAGAZINE...**

We are once again visiting the idea of ordering The Lutheran Magazine ... please reference the attached slip – there are discounts if we order as a group. If you are interested in receiving this publication...fill out the attached form and return it to Carl Hilt.

## ***'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***

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***Have a fun & safe Mardi Gras!***