

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.

March / April Schedule...

Bible Study 6:30PM.....	3-03-11
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School/Healing Service	3-06-11
LaPlace Mardi Gras Parade.....	3-06-11
MARDI GRAS (Have Fun / Be Safe).....	3-08-11
ASH WEDNESDAY Worship 7PM (Galilean).....	3-09-11
Bible Study 6:30PM.....	3-10-11
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	3-13-11
DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	3-13-11
Church Council Meeting 7PM	3-15-11
Lenten Worship 6PM/7PM (First United Methodist)	3-16-11
Bible Study 6:30PM.....	3-17-11
ST. PATRICKS DAY (Wear your 'green').....	3-17-11
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School/ MOC FOOD DRIVE	3-20-11
SPRING BEGINS	3-20-11
Lenten Worship 6PM/7PM (Galilean)	3-23-11
Care Group / FRIDAY NIGHT CHILL 7:30PM	3-25-11
Annunciation of our Lord	3-25-11
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	3-27-11
Lenten Worship 6PM/7PM (First United Methodist)	3-30-11
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School/Healing Service	4-03-11
Lenten Worship 6PM/7PM (Galilean)	4-06-11
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	4-10-11
Church Council Meeting 7PM	4-12-11
Lenten Worship 6PM/7PM (First United Methodist)	4-13-11
SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY 9AM	4-16-11
PALM SUNDAY Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School/	4-17-11
MOC FOOD DRIVE	4-17-11
MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship 7PM (Galilean).....	4-21-11
GOOD FRIDAY Worship 3PM & 7 PM (Galilean).....	4-22-11
EASTER SUNDAY Worship 10:30AM.....	4-24-11
COVERED DISH BREAKFAST/ EGG HUNT	4-24-11
Care Group / FRIDAY NIGHT CHILL 7:30PM	4-29-11

Church Council Members...

Bret Jacobs – President (10)

Kate Roussel – Member (09)

Mike Enault – Vice President (10)

Betty Marshall - Member (09)

Colleen Marr – Secretary (10)

Mona Loisel – Member (10)

Adam Neighbors – Treasurer (10)

Carl Hilt – Financial Secretary

COUNCIL MEETINGS – March 15 & April 12 / 7PM / Fellowship Hall

... all council meetings are open to members – we encourage your attendance and ideas.

PRAYER CHAIN ...

There are those special moments or emergencies that we need to remember individuals in our prayers. Sometime ago we implemented the Galilean's 'prayer chain' again. For those times, please contact Sharon Hilt at 985-652-8615.

Our Special Prayers Go Out To...

... 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;
...all those in need and homeless due to the current economic crisis;
...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)

Special Thanks/Congrats...

...thanks to all our mission partners for their continued prayers, concern, and support;
...thanks to everyone who responds to the monthly MOC food collections;
...thanks to everyone who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring;
...thanks to our youth for sponsoring the Souper Bowl of Caring;
...Mona Loisel for providing food for lunch for the recent minister's meeting at the Galilean.

From the Pastor's Desk...

March is a time of change for the people of Southeast Louisiana as we conclude the Mardi Gras season on Tuesday, March 8th and begin Lent the next day. The weather should be much warmer for this year's party as it is one of the latest for many years to come. Everyone enjoy themselves but prepare yourself as we enter into the penitential time of Lent in our preparation for the death and resurrection of Christ.

We will share the Lenten season by joining with our sisters and brothers of First United Methodist Church on Wednesday nights for a meal at 6 pm and worship at 7 pm. Ash Wednesday will only have worship at 7 pm at the Galilean with Pastor Regina preaching. We will share the Eucharist and the imposition of ashes.

Our worship will then alternate on Wednesday nights. We will use "Unfailing Light - An Evening Setting of Holy Communion" written by Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be held at each congregation's location.

Lent and Holy Week lead us to the most important day to Christians around the world for the last 2000 plus years and that, of course, is Easter Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

The two months of March and April begin with the end of Mardi Gras and end with the Easter season. Lent can be a special time for individuals and families as we take time to prepare ourselves for Holy Week and Easter. A time when prayer, meditation, scripture reading, fasting and increased worship attendance can be an important part of each Christian's life. It is not necessary for a person to do all of the above. For someone who has not included these areas a part of their spiritual life choose one such as reading scripture and meditating on the reading for 10 or 15 minutes each day. Consider using the scripture readings for the next Sunday which is printed in the Sunday bulletin. This will give one time to consider the readings and to prepare yourself for the coming Sunday worship. If you are one already doing this then you might consider making a list of family, friends, neighbors, etc and pray for each of them during a period of time such as 15 minutes. I pray that everyone will take this time to reconnect with God or to just strengthen your relationship with God.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Ken Shuman

Welcome To Our New Members...

Catherine Steib Susan Hammond
Alexandra Steib Robert Trice
Donna LaRocca Gabrielle Lacayo
Makayla Bradley

Worship ...

We continue to look 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...

Sunday school for children and youth is at 9:15AM each Sunday. This year's theme is '**JOIN HANDS – GIVE THANKS**'. In addition to the lesson program, there are craft projects. We are having fun...join us. *AND, to all the parents ... why not stay for the adult Bible study led by Pastor Ken.*

Confirmation class continues meeting on Sunday mornings with a team of teachers helping with the program.

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 book of ACTS will be studied. Everyone is encouraged to participate and enjoy this spiritual journey.

Sunday School Teachers...

Looking for a way to connect with the youth of the church, please see Colleen Marr about being a Sunday School teacher. We are always looking for parents and/or grandparents to help teach on a rotation basis. All the reading materials are provided to you. What a wonderful way to share your Sunday morning with our youngest parishioners! Thanks!
Colleen Marr

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.

Peru Missionary Program...

The Galilean has been co-sponsoring 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 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.

Pastor Nelson will be visiting the states this coming summer and we are trying to arrange for her to visit the Galilean ... more details to follow.

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.

Each month we have designated 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...

MAR. – SHAMPOO / CONDITIONER

APR. - RED BEANS / RICE

MAY – MACARONI / CHEESE

JUNE – PEANUT BUTTER

JULY – CEREAL

AUG. – SPAM / TUNA /ETC.

Choir...

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

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

Fellowship...

The Fellowship Team is working on new events for the coming months – watch the bulletins and website for announcements.

Mark your calendars for the following events...Lenten worship services per calendar 3-16(FUM), 3-23(GAL), 3-30(FUM), 4-6(GAL), 4-13(FUM). Remember that we will be doing dinners with our brothers and sisters at the First United Methodist and we will be needing volunteers to help with preparing soup, sandwiches, and drink. A sign-up sheet will be available shortly...please volunteer and help.

On Saturday, April 16 we are planning a spring clean-up day and will need some folks to help prepare a lunch for all our workers.

On Sunday, April 24 (Easter Sunday) we will be holding our annual Easter morning covered dish breakfast. A sign-up sheet will be available shortly...please plan to participate in the fun event. In addition, immediately following worship, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt and will need some donations of candy and/or plastic eggs. See Mona.

Friday Night CHILL...

At the Galilean we have a group that gets together one Friday night per month to share a light meal and conversation. It is a great way to get to meet new people and is open to you and your friends. We normally meet the last Friday of the month at 7:30PM at a place to be announced.

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.

Pill Bottles - Center of Jesus the

Lord...

Sunday, October 24 we worked with the above mentioned group and helped feed the street people of New Orleans. This church group does this project every Sunday and are always looking for other congregations to assist them with this wonderful outreach ministry.

After helping cook the food, then going to the Ozanam Inn to serve the meals...we came up with another project that our congregation can get involved with --- collecting cleaned empty pill bottles.

The above mentioned group distributes liquid soap, lotion, and powder in the bottles. We will have a collection box in the narthex... wash the bottles and remove the labels.

They also have a need for socks...after washing the feet of the attendees -- they give them each a pair of new socks.

If any questions, see Sharon Hilt or Maria Jacobs.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING...

Super Bowl time --- means it is Souper Bowl of Caring time. This powerful movement has transformed the time around the Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

This year the Galilean family stepped up and donated over \$170 and approximately 200 food items.

The food donations went to our Ministry of Care here in St. John the Baptist Parish; and, half of the monies will go the Ministry of Care and the other half will go to ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Thanks to everyone for your generosity and to our youth for sponsoring this event again.

Please mindful of the ongoing need for food donations each month as we help our local food bank at the St. John Ministry of Care...thanks for caring for those of our community who are faced with a life crisis.

Thrivent News...

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 is detailed information in the Thrivent Magazines with instructions on how each member can cast their votes.

The information is also available online at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice. You can direct your dollars to a wide range of organizations...but, don't forget the Galilean. Thanks to those who already had their dollars directed to the Galilean. All funds are deposited directly into our church account. You can also call Thrivent and setup your dollar donations...800-847-4836 and ask for "Thrivent Choice". All 2010 dollars must be designated by March 31. Any questions, see Bret, Carl, or Sharon.

Your congregational advocates are Sharon Hilt, Carl Hilt, and Bret Jacobs.

Building /Property News.....

The back hall door and the door to the attic area both need repaired. There are many of the electrical outlets inside and outside of the building that need replaced. The hot water tank over the bathrooms needs to be drained, unhooked and sealed off. Also, we need to get rid of some of the trash in the upstairs (see Bret or Carl); 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.*

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.

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.

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.

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

