

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.

November / December Schedule...

ALL SAINTS DAY.....	11-01-10
ELECTION DAY.....	11-02-10
Bible Study 6:30PM.....	11-04-10
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School/Healing Service	11-07-10
DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	
Church Council Meeting 7 PM.....	11-09-10
MARTIN LUTHER'S BIRTHDAY.....	11-10-10
Bible Study 6:30PM.....	11-11-10
VETERANS DAY	
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School.....	11-14-10
BOWLING TOURNAMENT WITH CTK	
Bible Study 6:30 PM.....	11-18-10
Care Group / 7:30PM.....	11-19-10
Worship / Bible Study / MOC FOOD DRIVE.....	11-21-10
THANKSGIVING COVERED DISH/PLEDGE SUNDAY	
THANKSGIVING/WORSHIP 10AM.....	11-25-10
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School.....	11-28-10
ADVENT WORSHIP/DINNER 6PM (FUM).....	12-01-10
Bible Study 6:30PM.....	12-02-10
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School/Healing Service	12-05-10
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	
ADVENT WORSHIP/DINNER 6PM (GAL).....	12-08-10
Bible Study 6:30 PM.....	12-09-10
ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY.....	12-11-10
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School.....	12-12-10
GREENING OF THE CHURCH / LUNCHEON	
Church Council Meeting 7PM.....	12-14-10
ADVENT WORSHIP/DINNER (FUM).....	12-15-10
Bible Study 6:30PM.....	12-16-10
Worship / Bible Study / MOC FOOD DRIVE.....	12-19-10
MOC FOOD DISTRIBUTION.....	12-21-10
WINTER BEGINS	
ADVENT WORSHIP/DINNER (GAL).....	12-22-10
CHRISTMAS EVE / WORSHIP 7PM.....	12-24-10
CHRISTMAS DAY / WORSHIP 10AM.....	12-25-10
Worship / Bible Study/Sunday School.....	12-26-10
LESSONS AND CAROLS	
HAPPY NEW YEAR!.....	01-01-11

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 – Nov. 9 & Dec.14 / 7PM / Fellowship Hall ... all council meetings are open to members – we encourage your attendance and ideas.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING...

Our annual winter congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 5 immediately following worship...please plan to be there.

Our Special Prayers Go Out To...

...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;
...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 our member who went to New Orleans to feed the needy;
...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 participated with TRUNK OR TREAT;
...thanks to everyone who donated to the Thrivent Oil Spill drive;
...thanks to Pastor Ken for repairing the water fountain;
...thanks to Cecelia Enault for agreeing to head-up our Evangelism team.

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...

RALLY DAY was a great success! Sunday school is back 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). Everyone is encouraged to participate and enjoy this spiritual journey.

Sunday School Calendar of Events...

November 7th-All Saint's Day-Ribbon Project
November 14th- The Pilgrims Are Coming
November 21st – Thanksgiving Craft
November 28th- "Thanks"
December 5th-Letters to Santa and Ornaments
December 12th-Saint Nicholas-A Story of Joyful Giving
December 19th-Cookie Bake
December 26th- Teachers needs a rest!

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.

Tuesday, December 21 the MOC will be distributing food, etc. for the Christmas holiday...volunteers are needed to help with the distribution.

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...

NOV. – STOVE TOP STUFFING	DEC.-MACARONI/CHEESE
JAN. – CERAL	FEB.- PEANUT BUTTER
MAR. – SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER	APR.-RED BEANS/RICE

Choir...

WHAT A JOYFUL SOUND!

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 sound.

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

Fellowship...

The annual church family picnic was a super success...thanks to the Hicks for hosting our summer gathering. Boy, did the pool feel good that Sunday because it was sure hot. Food, swimming, and fellowship was great ... thanks to everyone who participated.

TRUNK OR TREAT will be held this year on Saturday evening, October 30 between 6PM and 8PM. At this writing the event was still several days away. Police and judges have already been arranged for. We will be awarding prizes for the decorated vehicles and for costumes.

November 21 we will be holding our annual Thanksgiving covered dish luncheon following worship. More details will be announced...any questions – see Mona Loisel.

During December we are planning our annual adult Christmas party on Saturday, December 11 at 6PM - more details to follow. *Get ready for the crazy gift exchange!* Sunday, December 12 we will greening the church for Christmas with a light luncheon. Any questions – see Mona Loisel.

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.

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.

BOWLING...BOWLING...BOWLING...

THE BOWLING COMPETITION HAS BEEN SET! LOOKOUT CTK HERE WE COME!

The event has been scheduled for Sunday, November 14 at 2PM at the AMF Kenner Lanes. We will be having three (3) teams. Bret Jacobs is making the arrangements. Each of our bowlers should have received a team breakdown. We even have some alternates ready to jump in.

SO...if you haven't agreed to bowl – we need everyone of our members out there to cheer for our warriors. **WE NEED CHEERLEADERS!!!**

This should be a fun event for our two churches and hopefully this will be the beginning of many more shared fellowship type events.

COME ON OUT – LOTS OF FUN FOR EVERYONE!

HOSPITALITY THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH...

HELP A NEEDY FAMILY DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A LUTHERAN WHEN...

DURING COMMUNION YOU HUM THE HYMNS SO YOU CAN SEE WHO'S AT CHURCH THAT SUNDAY.

CHURCH BULLETIN TYPO FUNNIES...

NEXT THURSDAY THERE WILL BE TRYOUTS FOR THE CHOIR. THEY NEED ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET.

CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS...

WHEN YOU GET TO YOUR WIT'S END, YOU'LL FIND GOD LIVES THERE.

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...

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 wild 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".

On Wednesday night, November 17 at 6:30PM the East Jefferson / River Parishes Thrivent chapter will be holding their year-end banquet and election of officers for the new year, 2011, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Kenner, LA. The meeting is open to all Lutherans – why not plan to come out and find out a little more about what the local Thrivent chapter is doing. There will also be a presentation by Greg Goodwin and Michael Koorie on "Identity Theft". See Sharon Hilt.

The local Thrivent chapter just received an award from the Metropolitan Center for Women and Children for their donations and service to the center this past year.

Thanks to everyone who have so generously donated to the different projects this past year...another form of outreach to our community.

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

Building /Property News....

Thanks to Pastor Ken for repairing the water fountain in the back hallway. The back hall door and the door to the attic area both need repaired. The sink area of the kitchen also needs some TLC. There are many of the electrical outlets inside and outside of the building that need replaced. The hot water tank over the bathrooms needs unhooked and sealed off. The outside water spickets need winterized. 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.

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

REMINDER... 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.

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.

Thrivent Year-end Banquet at CTK...

Wednesday * November 17 * 6:30PM

From the Pastor's Desk...

Happy, happy new year! You might think I am referring to the end of December when we say goodbye to 2010 and welcome in 2011; and, that would be a very good guess but not quite right. I am referring to the end of the church year in which Luke's gospel was the mainstay of our gospel reading and the new year when those readings come from Mark's Gospel.

The church's new year comes on November 28 as we begin a new season of Advent preparing ourselves for the celebration of the birth of Christ on December 25 and for the second coming of Christ to be with God's children.

All Saint's Day is on November 1 and we will remember the saints that have gone before us on November 7, All Saints' Sunday. Look forward to a special service that all of us can be involved with as we remember our own special saints.

I encourage each of you to plan on being part of Advent Wednesday night services. The worship services will be a joint service with our sisters and brothers of First United Methodist as we have done in the past. Soup and sandwich dinner at 6 PM; and, worship at 7PM. First United Methodist will be the host on December 1 and December 15; and, the Galilean will be the host on the December 8 and December 22.

The most important thing for each of us is that once again we have a chance to strengthen our own faith with the help of the Holy Spirit as we move into the church's new year.

If you are not attending worship, Advent is a great time to open your hearts with four Sundays of worship and followed by the Christmas season. If you are a regular worshipper then make time in your busy schedule for daily prayer and meditation.

In addition, please mark your calendars and plan to attend our Thanksgiving Day worship (10AM); Christmas Eve worship (7PM); and Christmas Day worship (10AM). We will be holding again this year a special service of lessons and carols on Sunday, December 26 ... I hope to see each of you and your families at these special seasonal worship services.

So, I again wish you *happy new year*.

Pastor Shuman

President... Bret Jacobs

Imagine the need of the hungry and homeless in the community. Given the state of the economy, more and more of our brothers and sisters go to sleep hungry most evenings. They sleep in the open and just strive to make it day to day.

Now imagine a Roman Catholic congregation that has committed to feed the homeless in our community every Sunday, all year long. Several of your Galilean brothers and sisters had the privilege of meeting such a group on October 24th. We also had the privilege of preparing a Sunday meal with them and joining together to serve it to the homeless in downtown New Orleans. Not only did we join with them, but we also joined forces with other area Lutheran congregations. This small group of volunteers fed over 300 hungry people.

Now, here's what you may find surprising....Everyone said "Thank You."

The congregation we joined with wasn't that much larger than our own. Everyone was truly appreciative. We all enjoyed ourselves. It was an uplifting experience.

And, perhaps the most surprising thing of all was that, in many cases, the people we were serving were mirror images of ourselves. That's right, they looked like they could have just left their office to head home. "There but for the grace of God go I"

In our last newsletter, I wrote to you about what it means for a congregation to be present in the community. On Sunday the 24th, we were present in the community. We were doing God's work. We did bear his presence.

I pray that our congregation continues to seek ways to serve others and that you will join your Galilean brothers and sisters and be present in our community. There are so many opportunities. We just have to open our hearts and look. We will be challenged to do so.

Financial Secretary... Carl Hilt

Each of you should have received your third quarter statements of giving. All statements were mailed within the last two weeks. Included with your statements, there was a stewardship message and a pledge card for 2011. If you have not received the above mentioned mailing – please contact me immediately. We ask for each of you to take time to read the information included and to pray about your giving for the coming year.

If you should have any questions or comments, please feel free to talk with Bret, Adam, Pastor, or myself.

As you come to a decision, please return to your pledge card with your offering. We have designated Sunday, November 21 as Pledge Sunday; but, your cards can be returned prior to that date.

With our mission partnership program coming to an end --- each of us needs to evaluate our commitment to the Galilean and step up and be responsible members. Again, we ask for each of you to pray about your commitment and consider starting to direct your giving habits towards a titing habit...your time, your talents, and your financial giving.

Enclosed is a publication with a stewardship theme. Please take time to read it --- it contains lots of thought provoking information.

Stewardship ... Carl Hilt

At the Galilean we are experiencing a sense of excitement and new faces at worship. With growth and expanding activities, we are presented with significant challenges for us as a congregation. As our congregation grows, so do the needs for expanded and varied programs and ministries, maintenance and improvement of our facility, ministries to the community, and support for our pastoral leadership. Despite the abundant gifts God has given us, our personal offerings have fallen short of what we had budgeted. Our council has been managing our spending very carefully...but, the shortfall in income will have an impact if it continues.

As we begin the new church year, we are also looking ahead, starting to plan and budget for the church's activities and ministries for 2011. This is an important time for us to reflect on the abundance we enjoy and how we can give thanks to God for all His gifts to us. The Bible teaches us why we have been given what we possess and how God expects us to use those gifts. One of the important lessons Jesus taught us is recorded in the Gospel of John..."I give you a new commandment, that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13: 34-35. In commanding us to love each other as He loves us, Jesus requires us to work together and strive to meet the needs of all our brothers and sisters. He teaches us to share the abundance of God's love with one another.

As we pray about our decisions for giving this coming year, we will hopefully have a chance to reflect on how we can give thanks for the gifts God has given us through the Lutheran Church of the Galilean that enriches our lives and our worship.

Evangelism Thought...

*"Many of us equate evangelism with nervousness and artificial boldness. But when we look at how Jesus related to others, we see that he equated evangelism with love. He showed a natural interest in people by asking questions and paying attention, he wasn't frenzied or rushed, and he was approachable. As Christians, we can relate to others with the same sense of security and freedom. We can try something small, making ordinary attempts to show others the love of Jesus." --Jim Henderson, *Evangelism Without Additives*, Waterbrook Press, 2007, p. 143.*

As the above quote states, our evangelism to our community can be as easy as taking time to be ourselves and to reach out to an individual and lend them a helping hand, a smile, and a simple invitation to experience the love of our Lord. As mentioned in this publication – helping feed the needy, helping with MOC, participating in Trunk or Treat ... a simple greeting, hand-shake, and an invitation to come and see – might be the turning point in someone's life. We're doing evangelism ... we just need to do more of it.

just for kids...

EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW, I LEARNED FROM NOAH...

- ONE ... Don't miss the boat.
TWO ... Remember that we are all in the same boat.
THREE ... Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
FOUR ... Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
FIVE ... Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
SIX ... Build your future on high ground.
SEVEN ... For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
EIGHT ... Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
NINE ... When you're stressed, float awhile.
TEN ... Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.
ELEVEN ... No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

MOTHER OF JESUS

FIND THESE WORDS... ANGEL; ASHER; BE IT DON TO ME;
BETHLEHEM; BLESSED ARE YOU; DO NOT BE AFRAID; FAVOR
WITH GOD; FIRSTBORN SON; GABRIEL VISITED; GALILEE; GOD
HER SAVIOR; HANDMAID; HOLY IS HIS NAME; HUMBLE;
JERUSALEM; JOACHIM; JUDAH; MOTHER OF THE LORD;
NAZARETH; PHANUEL; PONDERED; SPIRIT UPON YOU; WEDDING
AT CANA; ZECHARIAH.

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*.