

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.

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

SCHEDULE...

SYNOD LEADERSHIP TRAINING/GATHERING.....	8-27-11
Worship/Bible Study/Healing Service.....	9-04-11
LABOR DAY CELEBRATION.....	9-05-11
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	9-11-11
'RALLY DAY', COVERED DISH LUNCHEON, GRANDPARENTS DAY/ 9/11 REMEMBRANCE	
Church Council Meeting / 7PM.....	9-13-11
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School/MOC FOOD DRIVE	9-18-11
Fall Begins.....	9-23-11
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	9-25-11
Care Group / FRIDAY NIGHT CHILL 7:30PM.....	9-30-11
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School/Healing Service...	10-02-11
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	10-09-11
Church Council Meeting 7PM.....	10-11-11
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School/MOC FOOD DRIVE	10-16-11
Care Group / FRIDAY NIGHT CHILL 7:30PM.....	10-21-11
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	10-23-11
'TRUNK OR TREAT' / 6PM.....	10-29-11
Worship/Bible Study/Sunday School.....	10-30-11
REFORMATION SUNDAY (WEAR YOUR 'RED')	
REFORMATION DAY / HALLOWEEN.....	10-31-11

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 – September 13 & October 11 / 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. For those special moments or times, please contact Sharon Hilt at 985-652-8615.

ASK ME ABOUT...

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.

'walking with Jesus'

rally day...september 11

Special Thanks/Congrats...

...thanks to Pastor Dana Nelson for her inspirational visit;
...thanks to everyone for attending and supporting our weekend events during Pastor Nelson's visit...
...thanks to Danny & Arlene Hicks for hosting our family summer picnic;
...thanks to everyone for supporting our summer picnic...great time;
...thanks to everyone who has been stocking our farmers market each Sunday / some really great fresh produce;
...thanks to all our mission partners for their continued prayers, concern, and support;
...thanks to everyone who responds to the monthly MOC food collections;
...to Ken Peuschold for power washing the front walks;

Pastor Nelson was here - at the Galilean...

all the way from Lima, Peru!

trunk or treat...october 29

Saturday evening during a south Louisiana style dinner event Pastor Nelson treated us to a presentation regarding her work with the people in her congregation in Lima, Peru.

Sunday morning Pastor Nelson joined us for worship and assisted Pastor Ken with the service. There was a reception in the fellowship hall after worship.

In addition, she spent lots of time talking and bonding with our members. Everyone is still talking about this wonderful weekend experience.

The Galilean has been co-sponsoring Pastor Dana Nelson and her family in Lima, Peru. 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. Please reference the display information, pictures, etc. in the narthex regarding Pastor Dana and her ministry in Lima, Peru. Donation envelopes are available with the display. *Thanks for taking time to care about these fellow Christian brothers and sisters. If any questions, please see Mike Enault.*

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...

This year's theme for Sunday school will be "WALKING WITH JESUS".

September 11, Rally Day is fast approaching. Colleen Marr will be sending out registration forms so please register your child so that we can coordinate the classes. We will be also having a monthly "Bible Breakfast" for the kids on the second Sunday of the month beginning in October.

We will have a blessing of the backpacks during the worship service on Rally Day. We will also have a pot luck luncheon to celebrate Rally Day.

As always we are looking for parents to help teach Sunday school on a rotation basis. Please consider helping, it's a great way to bond with your child. Don't forget about the adult Bible Study led by Pastor Ken every week. Why not drop your child off and join the adults for some very inspiring discussions!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES...

Confirmation classes are continuing through the school year. We have four members who are "team teaching" once again. If you are interested in being a "team teacher" please see Cyndy Gab for details and to be put on the rotation.

BIBLE STUDIES...

Pastor Ken continues to lead our weekly Bible studies on Sunday mornings. Week night Bible studies continue. Reference the website and/or bulletins for schedule for dates and time (Thursday nights at 6:30PM). Everyone is encouraged to participate and enjoy this spiritual journey..

'walking with jesus'

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...

JULY – CEREAL

AUG. – SPAM / TUNA /ETC.

From the Pastor's Desk...

. Wow! By the time you receive this newsletter the end of summer is fast approaching and at the same time we are approaching the peak of hurricane season. I have been reminding everyone and asking each of you to have a plan prepared for whatever might happen. The plan depends on whether you remain or have to evacuate.

St. John Parish has been holding meetings with the faith based community asking the churches to help with any recovery plan the parish puts into place depending on the extent of damage. Please remember if the Parish President issues an evacuation order everyone is expected to leave. The President told us at the first meeting that no one will be left behind to protect or help those who do not comply with the evacuation order.

I am sure that all of you remember that on 9/11 Americans across the United States will remember the attacks on our country 10 years ago, with the loss of so many lives. Along with those who died in the attacks we as a country have lost thousands with the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. We keep all their families in our prayers.

September also begins our fall Sunday school schedule with Rally Day on September 11.

I ask each of you to make a commitment to the Triune God to increase your study, your worship, your outreach; and, to your being a disciple of Jesus in the world.

I especially ask those responsible for our children and youth to recommit themselves to the promises made at the child's baptism.

We were entrusted by God to live with them among God's faithful them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deeds, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Rally Day is a great way to reconnect yourself and your children with your Galilean family.

Being in community with others teaches and demonstrates to all of our young people the importance of loving God with all your heart, mind and soul and loving your neighbor as yourself.

Healing services will be on the September 4 and October 2.

Evening Bible study will resume in September. Watch for dates and time.

The last Sunday in October is Reformation Sunday where we dress in red.

Also, watch for information on our 4th annual Trunk or Treat...a fun time when we can reach out to our community and give back.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Ken Shuman

2011 LEADERSHIP GATHERING...

Growing Christian Leaders

This year's gathering will be at Grace Lutheran Church on Canal Boulevard in New Orleans on Saturday, August 27, 9AM to 3:30PM. We already have a group that have indicated they want to attend this event. If anyone else is interested, please Pastor Ken or Bret Jacobs immediately. Reference the enclosed flyer for the agenda.

Peru Missionary Program...

Pastor Dana Nelson is the missionary preacher that is based in Lima, Peru with her family that we as a congregation help support as part of our mission outreach.

Every two years she comes home to visit her congregations here in the states and to spend some time with each of them.

She was here in LaPlace July 16th and 17th. WHAT A WONDERFUL, REFRESHING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL OF US WHO GOT TO SPEND TIME WITH HER.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this weekend such a success.

SEPT. – RED BEANS / RICE
NOV. - PEANUT BUTTER

OCT. – PASTA / SAUCE
DEC. – STOVE TOP STUFFING

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.

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.

Thrivent News...

The congregational matching funds program has been changed. Each Thrivent product member has the opportunity to designate where their donation funds (CHOICE DOLLARS) from Thrivent should be directed. There is always detailed information in the Thrivent Magazines with instructions on how each member can direct those funds. The information is also available online at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Member dollars can be directed to a wide range of organizations...but, don't forget the Galilean. Thanks to those who already had their dollars directed to the Galilean. Thus far we have received \$976 in 2010 and \$2,215 in 2011...*thanks Thrivent members*. 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". Any questions, see Bret, Carl, or Sharon.

At a recent church council meeting it was agreed to direct all these CHOICE DOLLARS to be used for outreach programming.

Next chapter meetings are scheduled for September 17 at Atonement at 9:30AM and October 14 at Christ the King at 7:00PM.

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

Building /Property News...

The following is a listing of projects that need to be addressed at the Galilean...

- ...The back hall door and the door to the attic area both need repaired.
- ...The hot water tank over the bathrooms needs to be drained, unhooked and sealed off.
- ...The parking lot needs sprayed for weeds.
- ...Someone needs to make contact again with the state highway department and try to get them to clean out the drainage ditches along Highway 51.
- ...The hall janitor's closet needs cleaned; organized; and, some additional shelves constructed.
- ...The upstairs room / closets need cleaned and organized.
- ...Two tree stumps in the back yard need dug out.

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, Bret Jacobs, or Carl Hilt. Thanks!

Coupon Exchange...

There has been some interest shown in starting a coupon exchange within the congregation. *So...you asked – so, here we go!* There will be a designated box in the narthex. Bring your leftover coupons to church and put them in the box for other Galilean brothers and sisters to get the benefit of the savings. If you have any questions, see Sandra Peuschold.

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Fellowship...

Special thanks go out to Danny and Arlene Hicks for hosting our Summer Swim Party again this year. Thanks also to all who attended and brought delicious food and snacks. With the weather being in the high 90's the pool was a refreshing experience for everyone. Thanks again to the Hicks for their gracious hospitality. Thanks to everyone for supporting this great event.

September 11th will be Rally Day. Along with our Pot Luck Lunch many other activities will be provided. Please come out and support our Bible Study groups for adults and children.

October 29th. will be our annual Trunk-or-Treat. Hot Dogs and Chili and chips and drinks will be served. Thrivent will also be out to support this event with added surprises. Please plan to come out and decorate your trunks and give out candy to the kids that attended. Every year we grow a little more. This year we have the added support of the Young Marines Program in St. John Parish. They will walk the grounds helping keep everyone safe and to help in any way that they can. *Let's make this the best year yet!*

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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...

Last fall 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. Donations of baby powder, hand cream, liquid bath soap are also needed.

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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT... Carl Hilt

"When Your Hut's On Fire"

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. Every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements, and to store his few possessions.

One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, with smoke rolling up to the sky. He felt the worst had happened, and everything was lost. He was stunned with disbelief, grief, and anger. He cried out, 'God! How could you do this to me?' Early the next day, he was awakened by the sound of a ship approaching the island! It had come to rescue him! 'How did you know I was here?' asked the weary man of his rescuers. 'We saw your smoke signal,' they replied.

The Moral of This Story: It's easy to get discouraged when things are going bad, but we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of our pain and suffering. Remember that the next time your little hut seems to be burning to the ground. It just may be a smoke signal that summons the GRACE of God

JUST FOR KIDS...

I CAN SERVE LIKE JESUS

FIND THESE WORDS...
**BIBLE, CARE, DISCIPLE,
FOLLOWER, HELP, JESUS,
LORD, LOVE, PETER,
SERVANT, SERVE,
TEACHER**

FIND THE WORDS – ALL THESE LISTED ARE IN THE PUZZLE ON THIS PAGE – LEFT, RIGHT, UP, DOWN, OR DIAGONALLY. FIND THE

getting to know our family...

SPOT LIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS...

BOB AND SUSAN TRICE

GABRIELLE LACAYO

Bob and I have been married for 4 months. Together with our blended family we have 5 children ... Georgie, Daniel, Rachel, Richard, and Gabi.

We are the proud grandparents of Sarah and Joseph.

Bob was originally born in Texas. Bob's father, Frank was a crew chef in the Air force, so the family had the opportunity to live all over the United States. They finally settled here in New Orleans from California when Bob was a teenager.

I was born and raised in New Orleans. A true 9th ward Yat!

I am a graduate of UNO.

Bob works for a manufacturing company in Kenner.

I work from home in the packaging industry.

Our daughter, Gabi, is a sophomore at Riverside Academy. She is the one of the band manager's for the Riverside Band. She enjoys her many school clubs including the drama and library club.

Although Bob is from Metairie, I have lived in Laplace for the past 22 years.

MIKE AND CECELIA ENAULT

Mike was a Catholic who married a Methodist, put his kids in a Lutheran school and joined a Presbyterian church. I eventually left the Presbyterian church and joined Atonement Lutheran because I preferred their service. I liked the "Catholic" service without the Rome influence.

I grew up in Seattle, Washington and moved to New Orleans as a teen. I began my exposure to "Church" when I went to Rummel High School. I was required to be a Catholic to able to go to Rummel in the 60's. They sent me to an old priest in New Orleans who baptized, first communion, and confirmed me as a Catholic in 30 minutes and I went to school.

Cecelia came from Evansville, Indiana and her family put her in the Methodist church as a child and she grew up in that church.

We met on the steps of the Student Union on the first day of freshman orientation at LSU in Baton Rouge in 1967 thru a mutual friend.

I left LSU in 1969 and joined the Army for 4 years as a Nike Hercules missile crewman. The Army sent me to Chicago after training and I was in a missile site under the golf course at Jackson Park for a year and half. They then sent me to southern Germany for 2 years. I came home after training and talked Cecelia into quitting LSU and marrying me. We ran off to Alabama to get married and then had a service here in the Methodist Church for our families. While living in Europe we traveled and saw many old Lutheran and Catholic churches including the Vatican.

After being discharged we both returned to LSU and both got degrees and went to work and moved back to Kenner, LA.

I found my way from the hotel industry to the trucking industry and ended my career in the casino industry. I am retired now and using my finance degree to help me buy and sell stocks and study the market. Cecelia used her dietetics degree to go into school food service, food brokerage, food marketing, and back to the Jefferson Parish school system. She now runs the 86 cafeterias of the Jefferson school system.

We put our two sons and one daughter into the public, Lutheran and Catholic schools. Our kids all went to Atonement Lutheran for many years. Our sons also both ended up at Lutheran High. Our daughter ended up at Chapelle High.

We sent all 3 to LSU in Baton Rouge to complete the cycle. Our daughter just got her MBA from LSU.

After moving from Kenner to LaPlace we went to several different churches shopping for new home and fell in love with the people and place of the Galilean. We liked the friendly welcoming atmosphere of the Galilean. We both have become involved in the council and committees because we know that it is all part of the church experience. Going to Sunday church is a small part of the total church experience for us. We seek everything the church has to offer.

I also do an annual retreat in the Catholic system. I have been to the Abby in Covington many times and currently go to the silent men's retreats at Manresa Retreat House, in Convent, LA. I found the Holy Spirit at Manresa and have been moved to go back many times.

I have used the power of God to help me become a better person. He helped cure some of character defects as I grew up and I have used his power when facing critical life problems, like heart bypass surgery. I can't imagine some poor person lying in a hospital facing possible death without a close relationship with God.

We trained our children in the church and exposed them to organized religion in hopes that they would also develop their relationship with God. We eagerly await the baptism of our new grand-daughter.

Are you doing what God has called you to do?

There is a beautiful new Pop-Christian song on the radio right now that has a very heavy message for each of us. A time to step up and show you care and desire to reach out to others by being the hands and feet of our Lord ... when asked to serve – please don't refuse.

"I REFUSE" by Josh Wilson

*Sometimes I,
I just want to close my eyes
And act like everyone's alright
When I know they're not.
This world needs God
But it's easier to stand and watch.
I could say a prayer and just move on
Like nothing's wrong.*

But I refuse.

*'Cause I don't want to live like I don't care.
I don't want to say another empty prayer.
Oh, I refuse to
Sit around and wait for someone else
To do what God has called me to do myself.
Oh, I could choose
Not to move but I refuse.*

*I can hear the least of these
Crying out so desperately,
And I know we are the hands and feet
Of you, oh God.
So, if you say move,
Then it's time for me to follow through,
And do what I was made to do.
Show them who you are.*

*'Cause I don't want to live like I don't care.
I don't want to say another empty prayer.
Oh, I refuse to
Sit around and wait for someone else
To do what God has called me to do myself.
Oh, I could choose
Not to move but I refuse.*

*To stand and watch
The weary and lost
Cry out for help.
I refuse
To turn my back
And try and act like all is well.
I refuse
To stay unchanged,
To wait another day,
To die to myself.
I refuse
To make one more excuse.*

*'Cause I don't want to live like I don't care.
I don't want to say another empty prayer.
Oh, I refuse to
Sit around and wait for someone else
To do what God has called me to do myself.
Oh, I could choose
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