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Worship
Service
10:00 AM

Sunday School
9:00 AM

Prayer
Time
Monday's
5:00 PM

Pastors Office Hours
Tues. & Thur.
9:00 AM - 12:00

Simple soup dinner
During Lent
Tuesday 6:00 PM
Lenten Service
Tuesday 7:00 PM

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A Pastoral Note



I was reading another church's newsletter trying to get an idea of what to write about this month. One of the pastors said that we are an Easter people in a Good Friday World. When I read that I thought, "You are so right". I then started meditating on what that means.

What is a Good Friday world? For me it the world we live in that invokes memories and emotions of Good Friday. A Good Friday World is one in which there are injustices. In a Good Friday World people are judged by their race, religion or color. In a Good Friday World millions of children go to bed hungry every night. In a Good Friday World there are people without food, clean water, basic shelter or any kind of medical care. In a Good Friday World people care more about themselves than about others. People look the other way and do not see the need or the want.

But we are an Easter People. We are a people of **HOPE**. We are a people of compassion. We are a people filled with the love of God through Jesus the Christ. We are also a people who are willing to put our words of faith into actions.

As we see the end of Lent and the start of the Easter Season, let us remember that no matter what the season of the church calendar we are in, **WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE**.

May God bless the rest of your Lenten journey and bring you renewed hope, peace and love with the return of the "Alleluias".

Peace,
Pastor Martha



President's Message

Well here I sit, pen in hand, actually no, it's a key board in front of me and I am trying to write my first Presidents Message. I must admit, I have some pretty big shoes to fill. Pete was a great leader and we all owe him a great deal of gratitude for his years of leadership.

In the coming weeks I will be reviewing the various committees and their functions and responsibilities. We will be putting together new responsibilities for the ushers and appointing a "Head Usher." I will be attending committee meetings and observing. We will also be doing another survey in October, our last survey was almost two and a half years ago, so we are due for another to see how we have improved or God forbid where we may have slacked off.

I feel the most important aspect of being the President of Church Council is assuring the congregation that we, the entire council, are here for you. Back in the days when I had an office I firmly believed in an "open door policy." I want everyone to know if there is a problem or you have ideas for the church you can call me, send me an e-mail, or talk to me on Sunday. Every council member is available for you to speak with when the need arises. We are all here for you, if there is a problem or issue we will work together to resolve it. All-in-all the Council must be held accountable for the proper operation of the church and property.

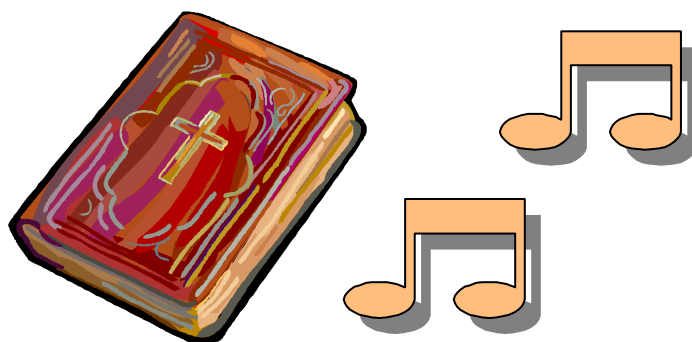
Our Feed-a-Family is moving along. I fed a family on March 19th who was running short of food. I raided our food bank and shopped at Safeway for the meats, veggies and milk. The mother is a single mother of four (three elementary and one high school.) The mother has recently suffered two strokes and has limited speech and some walking deficits. A proud mother to say the least.

Please do me on more favor; we need fresh faces on our committees and Natural Church Development. As it is right now NCD is made of 50% Council members. We need to have NCD consisting of members of the congregation and a Council member to participate but not to lead. So please come join a fun

group, share a meal and discuss ways to fill the pews on Sunday. Every one of you is important to the vision of the church, you all have good ideas, you need to join and let your voice be heard. If you are interested, see me or send me an e-mail at v.hanzel@mchsi.com SEE YOU IN CHURCH.

"...we have different gifts according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is **prophesying** let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is **serving** let him serve, if it is **teaching**, let him teach, if it is **encouraging** let him encourage. If it is **contributing** to the needs of others, let him give generously, if it is **leadership** let him govern diligently, if it is **showing mercy** let him do it cheerfully." Romans 12: 6-8

Worship and Music



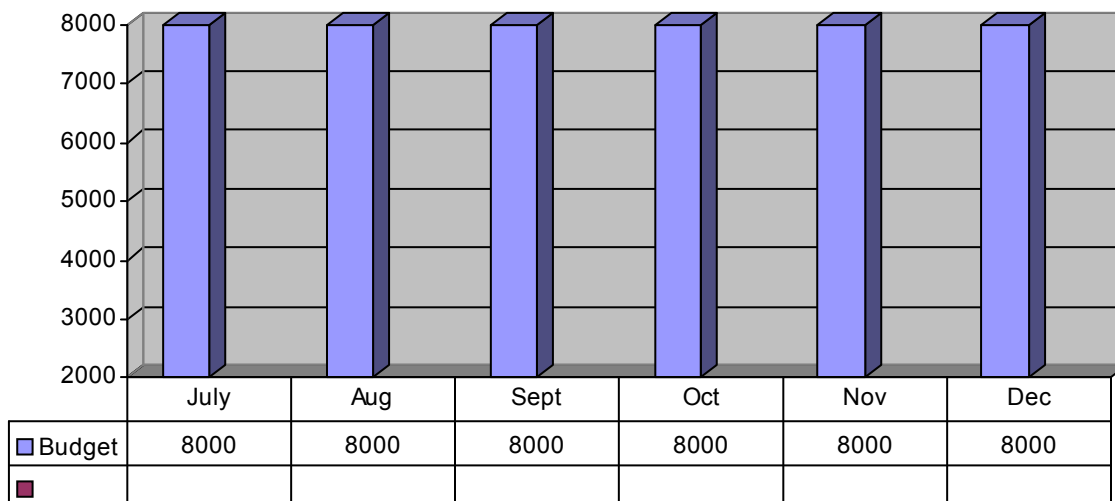
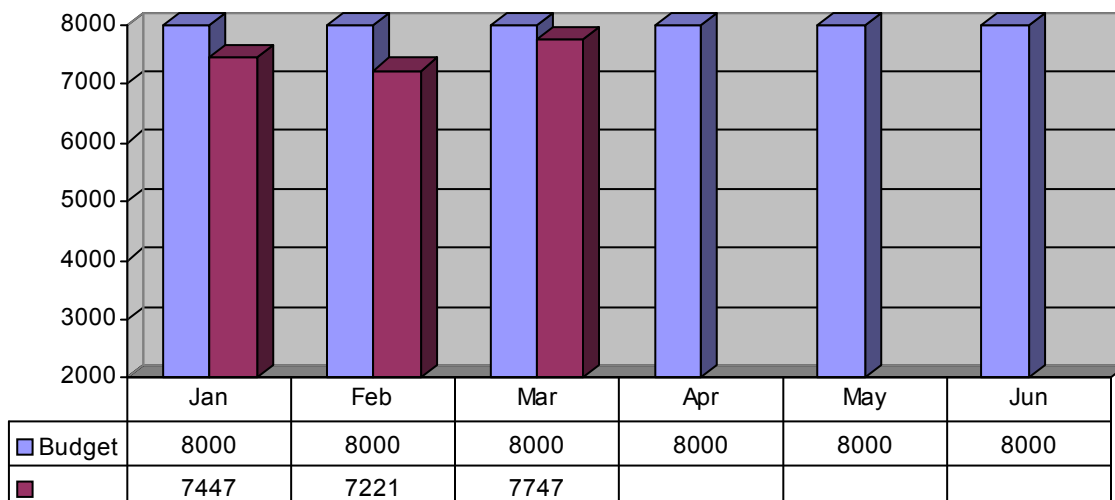
Galilee's Worship and Music Ministry have been busy planning special services from Ash Wednesday, through Lent, and into Holy Week and Easter Sunday. The journey means more if one experiences every step along the way, so don't miss out! Lenten services are Tuesday nights, with a light supper at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall (provided by various Galilee committees and groups), followed by a 7:00 service in the sanctuary.

April 3 will be a lay service, as Pastor Martha will be out of town for a wedding.

The Worship and Music Ministry meets the first Sunday of each month after the service. All are welcome to join us as we plan services, provide for our own congregational worship needs, and strive to carry God's Word to the world.

Submitted by Bob Hamilton

Giving 2011



Stewardship

Here we are with one-fourth of the year past (almost). Are we staying true to our promise and pledge? Do we want to commit to giving a little more so we can have Pastor Martha three-fourths time and eventually full time?

The sun makes us mindful of how God takes care of us and provides everything we need. When we give of our time, talent and treasure, it needs to be out of a sense of gratitude and appreciation of all that God has done and is doing for us.

Please come to worship on Sundays. There is an opportunity to help beautify the grounds on Saturday. The soup and service on Tuesday is beautiful. The Holy week services will be touching as well. Please come and be involved. It will brighten your life and might help someone else. God is good and we need to share that message!

\$8000 is needed each month to meet the yearly budget for 2011. We fell short \$253 this month.

Bake Sale

Don't forget our monthly bake sale the second Sunday each month. Bring your baked goodies and be sure to take some home with you.

This years total donations from the bake sale \$54.

Thanks to all the ladies who provided the baked goods and all of you who donated to the bake sale.





April Birthdays

- 1 Chris Hanzel
- 4 Jim Coomes
- 14 Bob Hanson
- 24 Pam Roederer
- 26 Mike Salter
- 28 Sharon Lewis

April Anniversaries

- 8 Mike & June Salter **50th**

Mike and June will be renewing their wedding vows Sunday April 10th. Let's all join them in this celebration.

Easter Sunrise Service Changes Locations

The Kelseyville Easter Sunrise service, which has taken place at the Clear Lake State Park beach for the past 25 years, is being moved this year due to the weather and the possible condition of the park and the beach.

The informal service will be held instead on Easter Sunday, April 24th, at 6:00 am, at Galilee Lutheran Church in the outdoor worship area. The church is located at 8860 Soda Bay Road, just a few miles up the road from the state park. Dress warmly! The service will be followed by a free-will breakfast and the traditional Easter service in the sanctuary at 10:00 am.

Please join us. The location has changed, but the message is the same—"Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!"



Galilee Worker Bees for April

April 3
 Ushers: Allmons
 Lector: Craig
 Counters: Mike Roederer
 Communion Assistant: Craig



April 10
 Ushers: Johnsons
 Lector: Laisne
 Counters: Eva & Janis
 Communion assistant: Laisne

April 17
 Ushers: Hansons
 Lector: Carl
 Counters: Sharon S. & Kris
 Communion assistant: Carl



April 24
 Ushers: Hazels
 Lector: Joan
 Counters: Eva & Joan
 Communion assistant: Mike Roederer

Thanks to all our worker bees for volunteering their time and talents.

Dare to Be 100

Dare To Be 100 Meeting will be held on Friday April 3, at 1:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall. The Friday meeting is for this month only. We will resume our normal meeting date in May. Everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments served. No RSVP required.

It's all about

- D—Diet
- A—Attitude
- R—Retirement-Rest-Renewal
- E—Exercise



Social Ministry

Our Feed-a-Family is going great, the last family we fed consisted of 4 kids (3 in elementary and 1 High School aged) and a mother who has suffered **three** strokes, walks with a cane and has some speech deficits. She is trying her best with no husband and she's doing it all. They live in a ramshackle converted garage that smells of mold. We all need to be thankful for what we have. We may not have a new car or live in a mansion but we need to realize that there are a lot less fortunate families out there that need the basics.

Our Easter Food Basket program is almost upon us so I am looking for canned or fresh hams, canned sweet potatoes, canned green beans and a pie for dessert. Some of you are giving me a full meal which is what I would prefer but I'll take what you can give me. I will box the food up on Good Friday and have everything ready on Saturday.

As you know "New Beginnings" and the Lake County Community Action Agency has been closed by the Lake County Supervisors. I am now dealing with "Safe House" a battered women's home in Kelseyville. What they really need is laundry detergent, baby food, diapers, baby shampoo and crib sheets.

I no longer need clothes. Please continue to bring in travel shampoos, conditioner and soap found in your hotel/motel rooms. PLEASE, do not bring in partially used items.

I am finding cans of soda in the playpen in the Narthex, some families don't want their kids drinking soda however, they do like the fruit drinks that are in the pouches. Any fruit drinks that are high in vitamins is what they go for, we do have a few in the food bank but could use more.

I thank you for all you have done and for what you have contributed to the Food Bank and the Feed-a-Family. We have made a difference in a lot of families and just know that it is appreciated by the Lake County Healthy Start Program a part of the Lake County Office of Education.

Submitted by Vale Hanzel

WORK PARTY SATURDAYS

Don't forget the first Saturday of the month is our breakfast and work party. Now that spring has sprung there is a lot of work to be done.

Trees need trimming, pine needles need to be raked, and we need to plant flowers around the perimeter of the church. We need to get the outdoor service area ready. My wish list is to have the benches power washed and perhaps the altar area repainted – I wish, I wish, I PRAY.



I received a letter from CAL FIRE who will be working in the area from Kits Corner to the Black Forest doing fire break/space clearing. They will be trimming away any brush, tree limbs and shrubs that line the road way. By doing this it will prevent any fire from damaging or destroying your property. This will include anything on Galilee property. There may not be much to do here but hey any free help we can get from the county/state we will take. A big heartfelt thank you goes out to all of you who come out on our Saturdays to help out, you guys are appreciated. Together we can make Galilee a beautiful place to worship and if there were ever a "Better Church and Garden" magazine I know we would be in it!

Submitted by Vale Hanzel

WHEN IS EASTER?

The most commonly stated rule for determining the date of Easter is that it is the first Sunday that follows the first full moon after the vernal equinox. This means that in Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, Lutheran, and Protestant churches, Easter can fall as early as March 22 and as late as April 25. In actuality, the rule given above is a something of an oversimplification because the calculation of the date of Easter involves ecclesiastical definitions that do not exactly correspond to astronomical observations. For a complete discussion of the definitions and algorithms used to calculate the date of Easter, refer to [The Date of Easter](#) from the web site of the [Astronomical Applications Department of the U.S. Naval Observatory](#).

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EASTER TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH?

The foundation of the Christian faith is the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christ lived the righteous and perfect life that we, because of our fallen and corrupt nature, cannot. He suffered the penalty for our sins by taking our guilt upon Himself and dying horribly on the cross. He rose bodily from the dead that first Easter morning ensuring that we who have been baptized into His death and resurrection will rise again in glorified bodies on the Last Day. This is the great paschal mystery that Christians have celebrated since the earliest days of the church. As the apostle Paul joyfully declared: *...Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive... "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!* (1 Corinthians 15:20-22 and 55-57). On Easter Sunday therefore, while secular society occupies itself with eggs and rabbits, the Christian church celebrates God's great triumph over sin, death, and the devil with the ancient greeting:

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM
Good Friday	7:00 PM
Easter Sunrise	6:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:00 AM



WHAT ARE THE ORIGINS OF EASTER EGGS AND THE EASTER RABBIT?

In many ancient cultures, eggs were a common symbol of new life. In medieval times, Eggs came to represent the Lord's resurrection. Just as Christ broke out of the tomb on Easter morning, the yolk of the egg breaks out of its shell when cracked. The decoration of eggs for Easter is part of the folk traditions of many cultures, although it has little or no religious significance any more.

The Easter rabbit is a popular secular symbol for Easter that has never taken on a Christian interpretation. It seems to have originated from the hare, a symbol of fertility in ancient Egypt and later on in parts of Europe. It is not altogether clear how the Easter rabbit became associated with the laying of eggs.

PURPLE

Purple, like black, is a penitential color, in contrast to a festive one. It is appropriately used during Lent and, still in many parishes, during the season of Advent. The forty days of Lent, including the six Sundays that fall during this season, use this deep, rich color which has come to represent somberness and solemnity, penitence, and prayer.

Violet or purple was a very cherished and expensive color in the world Jesus lived. The dye used to make the color was painstakingly acquired by massaging the neck of a Mediterranean shell fish that secreted a special fluid. It was therefore afforded only by the rich and worn most exclusively by the royalty.

Jesus, the king of the Jews, wore a purple robe only once. As the soldiers mocked and tormented him, the Scriptures record they placed on him a "purple garment" in order to ridicule him and belittle the claim that he was a monarch.

Therefore, purple is used during this penitential season of Lent as a vivid reminder of the contempt and scorn he endured, and the subsequent sacrifice he made for our eternal salvation. Ecclesiastical purple should remind all Christians of their daily need to humbly give attention to leading a life of repentance.

A NEW CREATION

Easter was the first, and for many years, the only historical event in the life of Jesus that was celebrated by Christians. For the first three centuries, the church organized time by the week, and Sunday was the celebration of God's restored creation, because on this day of the week God's Son rose from the dead. Sunday is the Lord's Day, but it is also the "eighth day," the first day of the new creation, the eternal day that has no end.

Luther affirmed this view:

The eighth day signifies the future life; for Christ rested in the sepulcher on the Sabbath, that is, during the entire seventh day, but rose again on the day which follows the Sabbath, which is the eighth day and the beginning of a new week, and after it no other day is counted. For through His death Christ brought to a close the weeks of time and on the eighth day entered into a different kind of life, in which days are no longer counted but there is one eternal day without the alternations of night. ...

For the risen Christ is no longer subject to days, months, weeks, or any number of days; He is in a new and eternal life. The beginning of this life is perceived and reckoned, but there is no end. Luther's Works 3:141

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Soup Supper Enjoyed by all!!



Join us on Tuesday night at 6:00 PM for good food and fellowship before our Lenten Service at 7:00 PM.

Have you checked the Galilee Blog? It's available from the home page on the website or: www.galileekelseville.blogspot.com/

If you have an article or something you would like in the newsletter please let me know. lhanson38@att.net I need the information by April 15 in order to have time to put everything together. Thank you for your cooperation.