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The Galilean

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**Outdoor
Worship
Service
9:00 AM**

**Prayer
Time
First
Monday
Of each
month
4:30 PM**

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

A Pastoral Note



The other night Paul and I were reminded that we need to lock our cars in Lake County. It is not because someone will steal the car or the contents. It is because people will leave you zucchini, fruits and other vegetables when you are not looking!

With all of the hunger in the world, isn't it nice to know you have enough for "random acts of vegging"?

Last month we delivered food bags to 10 individuals living in a homeless camp.

These people were weary at first when I told them what we had for them. They were looking for the "hook" in the gift that was being offered. Once they realized that there was no hook, no gimmick, no requirements to meet, they were grateful beyond belief.

Our loving and compassionate God offers us an abundance of love, life and forgiveness. There are no requirements, no hooks, and no gimmicks. All we have to do is hold out our hands and receive what God has to offer. Too often, though, we look for the catch. After all we all know you cannot get something for nothing. God is not asking for anything in return. Out of gratitude we share God's love with others. Out of gratitude we feed others from our abundance. Out of gratitude we live our lives in God's service.

What will you do this month out of gratitude for God's love?

Peace,

Pastor Martha

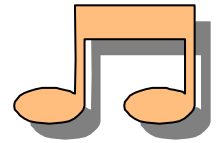
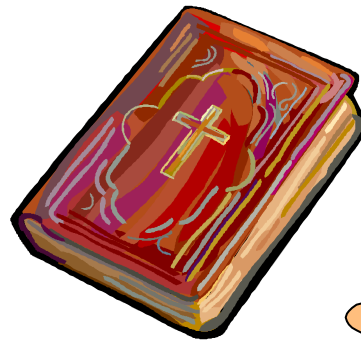


PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Well we just celebrated our one year anniversary with Pastor Martha as our Pastor. We are so glad that she accepted the call and came to our church to lead us spiritually. I must admit we sure struck gold with her. Even though she has only been with us for one year she has made various changes, for the better, with Worship & Music. We have added leaders to the Altar Guild, Liturgical Assistants, Worship Assistants, Acolytes, Ushers, and added a Special Music Coordinator. All committees have their meeting minutes posted on the church website and posted on the bulletin board in the church hallway. Pastor Martha and I are working on the organizational chart which we are changing from the standard line/box chart to a chart that is described as the "spoked wheel." When you see it you will better understand the organization of our church, the committees within it and where the congregation fits in with wheel. The conference room, office and nursery are all undergoing a transformation; new paint really works wonders in making a room more comfortable and appealing. Our outdoor worship area was "reworked" and now it much more comfortable and not in the sun. We have a gardener, at least through September, who is working to be sure our property is in fine shape. Our only problem is the "brown out" in the labyrinth; we just need more water so if anyone has a couple 75 foot lengths of garden hose they don't need anymore we could sure use it to run water from the church side down to the labyrinth. We want to do this as we have two water meters and we seem to use more water in the Fellowship Hall area then we do at the church. We need to be careful with the usage so by using water from the church meter will help the grass stay green. Lastly, our numbers have increased in the past year; we are now averaging around 50 people in attendance at Sunday worship; not bad from a year or so when we average 36 on Sundays. We are doing well, more smiles on Sundays and that's a good thing.



Worship and Music



Worship and music will meet Sunday August 7 after the morning worship.

Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You

Last Sunday I was surprised by the wonderful celebration in honor of my first anniversary at Galilee. I would like to thank all who had any part in the planning, executing and attending this wonderful event! The clowns were a wonderful addition to worship. The cake and goodies were just the right touch for a hot Summer day. Thank you all for giving me yet another wonderful memory of my time at Galilee.

Love,

Pastor Martha



Prayer with Pam



The first Monday of each month we join Pam for a special time of prayer. Everyone is welcome to join us. The prayer time is held in the sanctuary at 4:30 PM. We hope to see you there!

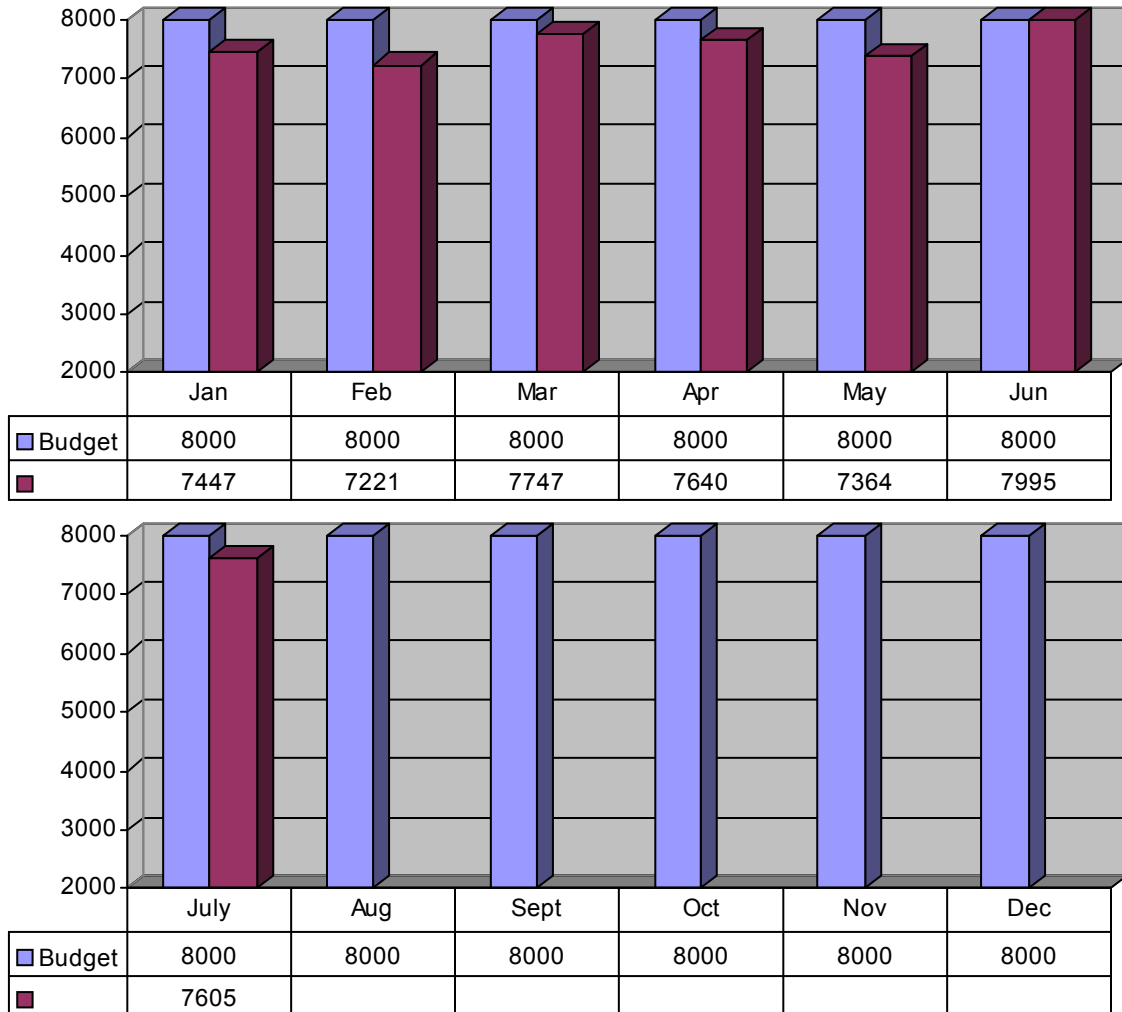


The congregation was surprised by a visit from the clowns, Gracie, Rosebud, Hiyo and Joy. They all came to honor Pastor Martha and Paul on their first anniversary with our congregation. We were all met with a lieu presented by the clowns. They presented Pastor Martha with a bouquet and both Pastor Martha and Paul with big red hearts. With bubbles blowing in the wind, we enjoyed the performance presented by the clowns. After the service we all preceded to the Fellowship for cake and ice cream.

We have all enjoyed what Pastor Martha and Paul have brought to our congregation and hope they will be around for many more years.



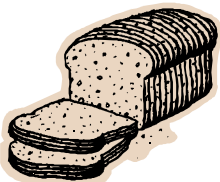
Giving 2011



\$8000 is needed each month to meet the yearly budget for 2011. We were short \$395 for the month of July.

Bake Sale

Bake sale has been postponed until we go back into the sanctuary for Sunday service. This years total donations from the bake sale \$102. Thanks to all the ladies who provided the baked goods and all of you who donated to the bake sale.



Stewardship

Here it is the end of July. We have 5 months left of 2011. How are you doing on your stewardship of time, talent and treasure? In Pastor Martha's sermon today she said we have all been blessed with gifts (service, teaching, music, etc.). Are you sharing your gifts? When we share and give of ourselves we are in turn filled up. My Dad said. "You can't out give God".

Enjoy the remainder of the summer season and enter the fall with hopes of good harvests. We are planning a stewardship drive for sometime in October. Please be thinking of how grateful you are to our God. He does take good care of us.



August Birthdays

- 3-Mary Beth Ingvoidstad
- 3- Kitty Williams
- 7- Marvin Hanson
- 15- Marilyn Allmon
- 17-Janice Hubbell
- 22-Betty Andre
- 27-Eva Johnson
- 27-Jennifer Brown

August Anniversaries

- 30- Barbara & Mike McCauley
- 31- Laisne & Bob Hamilton

If your birthday or anniversary does not show up please let me know at lhanson38@att.net.

Saturday Breakfast & Work Party

Saturday's work party and breakfast will be August 6th. Breakfast at 8:30 AM and work at 9:00 AM. If you plan on coming for breakfast please let Vale know. Phone number **928-1060** or e-mail v.hanzel@mchsi.com. For the ones that are not able to do this, we will also be packaging the bags for the homeless. Hope to see you Saturday!



Last month we had over twenty people show up to help. Let's do a repeat this month.



Galilee Worker Bees for July

August 7
 Ushers: Hansons
 Lector: Laisne
 Communion Assistant: Laisne
 Counters: Mike Roederer



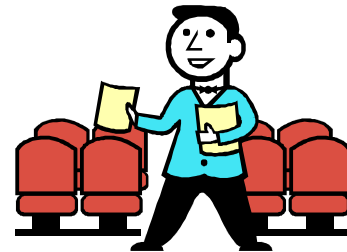
August 14
 Ushers: Salters
 Lector: Carl
 Communion Assistant: Carl
 Counters: Eva & Janis



August 21
 Ushers: Schmidts
 Lector: Joan
 Communion Assistant: Mike Roederer
 Counters: Sharon S. & Kris



August 28
 Ushers: Allmons
 Lector: Juana
 Communion Assistant: Jason
 Counters: Eva & Joan



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

Financial Statements

Quarterly and semi-annual financial statements are not sent out, however if anyone would like to have them contact Craig Waters at: craigw318@aol.com and he will prepare one for you.



Pocket Prayer Shawl

Rev. Stum,

My name is Staff Sergeant Mark A. Beirich. I am currently deployed to Southern Iraq. I am with the 1st Cavalry Division out of Fort Hood Texas. I have been in Iraq for 6 months, with 6 more to go. I just received a prayer shawl from your church today. I wanted you and your congregation to know that this one has made it to where it can really do some good. I am a Christian and a member of the United Methodist Church of Killeen Texas. I carried a similar one through out my year of combat in Afghanistan 08-09. I feel very blessed to have received another. It truly makes me feel like God is right there with me. Thank you and your congregation very much. Tell everyone you know that we are still in harms way here in Iraq. Soldiers are still dying here and very much need your prayers. We feel kind of forgotten over here. The only thing I hear lately is when are we getting out of Afghanistan. Please remember that everyone here wants victory. Thanks for all of the support.
Sincerely

SSG Mark A. Beirich

A Beautiful Parable

A woman came out of her house and saw three old men with long white beards sitting in her front yard. She did not recognize them. She said "I don't think I know you, but you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat."

"Is the man of the house home?", they asked.

"No", she replied. "He's out."

"then we cannot come in", they replied.

In the evening when her husband came home, she told him what had happened.

"Go tell them I am home and invite them in!"

The woman went out and invited the men in.

"We do not go into a house together," they replied.

"Why is that?" she asked.

One of the old men explained: "His name is Wealth," he said pointing to one of his friends, and said pointing to another one, "He is Suc-

cess and I am Love." Then he added, "Now go in and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home."

The woman went in and told her husband what was said. Her husband was overjoyed. "How nice!", he said. "Since that is the case, let us invite Wealth. Let him come and fill our home with wealth!"

His wife disagreed. "My dear, why don't we invite Success?" Their daughter-in-law was listening from the other corner of the house. She jumped in with her own suggestion: "Would it not be better to invite Love? Our home will then be filled with love!"

"Let us heed our daughter-in-law's advice," said the husband to his wife.

"go out and invite Love to be our guest."

The woman went out and asked the three old men, "Which one of you is Love? Please come in and be our guest."

Love got up and started toward the house. The other two also got up and followed him. Surprised, the lady asked Wealth and success: "I only invited Love, why are you coming in?" The old men replied together: "If you had invited Wealth or Success, the other two of us would've stayed, but since you invited Love, wherever he goes, we go with him. Wherever there is Love, there is also Wealth and Success!!!"

Why We Love Children

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes.'



A Beautiful Parable

Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn.....	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn.....	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn.....	The Church is One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn.....	Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn.....	There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn.....	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn.....	Open My Eyes That I Might See
The IRS Agent's Hymn.....	I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn.....	Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn.....	Send The Light
The Shopper's Hymn.....	Sweet Bye and Bye
The Realtor's Hymn.....	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
The Massage Therapists Hymn....	He Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn.....	The Great Physician
AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:	
55 mph	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph.....	This World is Not My Home
95 mph.....	Lord, I'm coming Home
100 mph.....	Precious Memories

Grandchildren

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor... She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."

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