

Galilee Lutheran Church
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Pastor
Martha Neff Stum



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

Worship Service
10:00 AM
Sunday School
9:00 AM
(in Fellowship Hall)

Prayer Crafters
second
Thursday
of each month
6:30 PM

Advent Service
Every
Tuesday
7:00 PM

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A Pastoral Note

We have all made it through another Black Friday, Local Business Saturday and Cyber Monday. For many it means getting down to the serious business of shopping for our families and friends. We are looking for that perfect gift that will let the recipient know how much we love them or value their place in our lives.

As you are going through your Christmas list how about adding your church. Figure out the average amount you spend on gifts for others and place that amount of money in the offering plate as a gift above and beyond your regular giving. If you are one who would rather not give money there are several things the church could use. It may not be glamorous but we are always in need of paper products like toilet paper, paper towels and Kleenex. You could give a gift of paper for the bulletins. We use both 8 ½ x 11 and 8 ½ x 14 paper for the Sunday bulletins. We also use colored paper. A ream or two of any color paper would be a welcome gift. When you go to the post office to mail your Christmas cards and letters how about picking up some extra stamps for the church office?

"These are good ideas, Pastor, but how can a roll of TP help in the mission of Galilee?" Our mission is to bring the word of Jesus Christ to the community. We do this by talking with people about what Jesus has done for us. We show Jesus' message of love every time we give food to someone who is hungry. We show Jesus' love when we give warm clothes to those who do not have any. The question of how will a roll of TP help us do that is a good one. Every dollar we do not have to spend on office supplies means another dollar available for mission work.

Enjoy this time before Christmas. Remember that Advent is a time of waiting in anticipation for the coming of the Christ child.

Merry Christmas!
Pastor Martha



Presidents Message

Well I don't know about you but I have had my fill of Turkey. I am so glad there is a product out there called Alka-Seltzer. As we move into the Christmas Season we will be putting up the outdoor lights, buying a tree and decorating it. We will be decorating the interior of our homes and the aroma of baking cookies will fill the air. We will read the Christmas lists left by our kids or grandkids and we will chuckle to ourselves at the things they are asking for. We will fight the traffic and the crowds at the mall in order to fulfill that Christmas wish. But as we sit by the fire sipping that hot chocolate and eating one of those homemade cookies let's not lose sight of the real meaning of Christmas; the day Jesus Christ was born. Let us raise our voices in praise as we celebrate that glorious day. The following is from Robert Louis Stevenson It was in last year's newsletter but I think it is one of those that should be read every Christmas season.

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Please Remember

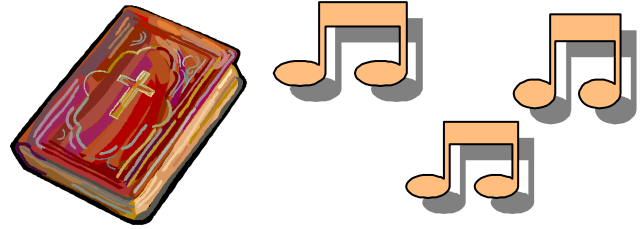


The second Sunday of each month is diaper Sunday. Newborn diapers is needed for new mothers that are struggling.

The third Sunday of each month is food pantry Sunday. Help keep our food pantry well supplied for using when needed to help our less fortunate Lake County residents and, to help feed the homeless.



Worship and Music



The Galilee Music Ministry meets the first Sunday of each month after the service. It has been exciting to see new developments. A choir of sixteen, sounding great.

The Worship Ministry also meets once a month, on the second Sunday after the service. All the coordinators are doing an excellent job of lining up "Worker Bees" (although where that term came from is somewhat of a mystery). Bob Johnson is coordinating special music and sending out a weekly update. Ushers, lectors, acolytes and assistants have been faithfully consistent and well-organized by their respective coordinators. The effort is being made to plan at least one liturgical season ahead. Plans are now being made through Lent. Soon, we'll be talking about Easter again! The year flies by!
Bob Hamilton, Music and Worship Ministry

Scandinavian Christmas Open House

Sunday, December 4, 2011
11:30 am-2:00 pm



Hosted by:
Vikings of Lake Lodge
#6-166
Sons of Norway



Dates to Remember

- Tuesday Dec. 6, 13 and 20th
Advent Service 7:00 PM
- Sunday Dec. 11th Advent Open House at
Pastor Martha & Paul's house 3:00—6:00 PM
- Sunday Dec. 18th Tree decorating after service
- Saturday Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Service
- Sunday Dec. 25th there will be no worship service.

Prayer Chain Members

Jane Unger	Johanna Vanhatem
Pam Roederer	Marilyn Allmon
Martha Woodberry	Pat Winkler
Kris Andre	Laisne Hamilton
June Gloege	Joan Worster

Phone numbers listed in the Church Directory.

Help Raise Money for Galilee

Galilee Ministries is a great way to raise money for our church. I Give has hundreds of internet stores that donate a percentage of your purchase to Galilee Ministries when you order through them. It does not cost you anything. Go to the below link and learn more. You Shop, We Win! Help Galilee Ministries by ordering your on-line purchases through I Give!

<http://www.igive.com/welcome/lp1/index.cigive.com/welcome/lp1/index.cfm?c=50463>

Saturday Breakfast & Work Party

Saturday's work party and breakfast will be December 3rd. As you have probably seen there are a ton of leaves that need to be raked up. Mike Salter will leave his trailer for us so we can load it up!! Breakfast at 8:30 so let Vale know if you are going to attend.



Prayer with Pam

The Monday evening prayer session has been discontinued!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Galilee family from the Hanson family, Marvin, Lillie & Bob



Message from Finance Chairman

Annual Congregational budget meeting November 20 after Church

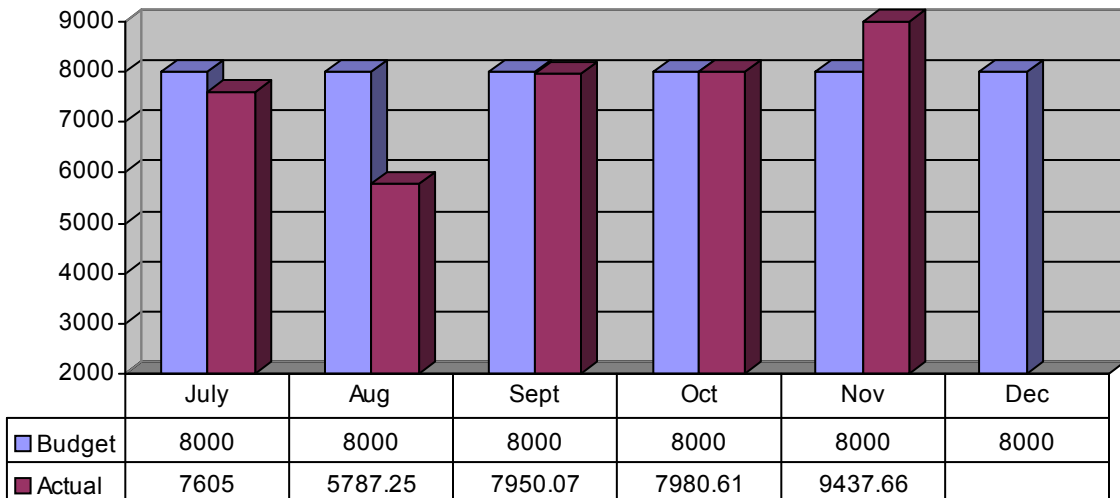
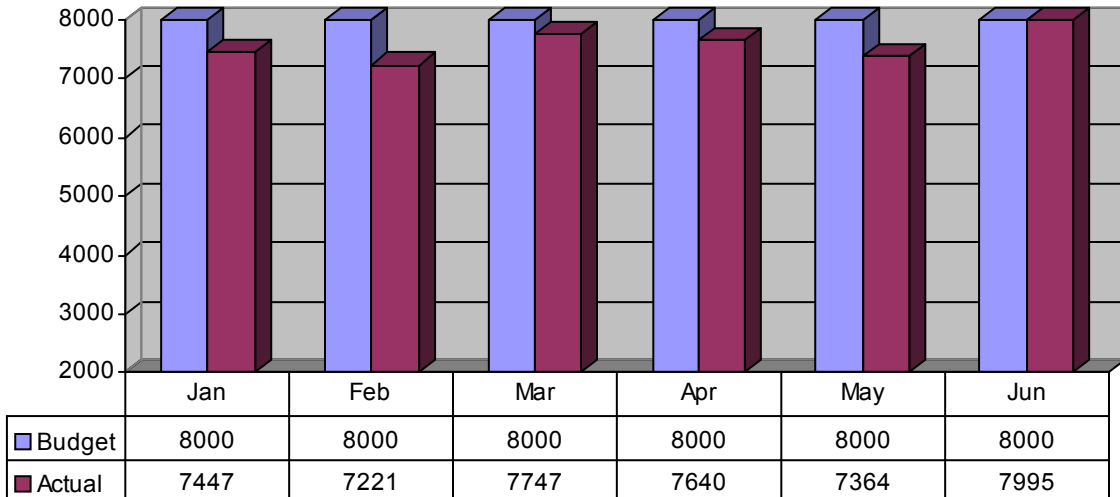
The annual budget approval meeting had 38 members present. Pete Johnson opened the meeting at 11:20 after church. Pete covered the process used to construct the budget. The finance committee created two scenarios. One that covered the musts and one that was "love to" have. The Committee then sent the two budget plans to the church Council. The Council added some of the love two's to the must budget and adopted the current budget. The final proposed budget totaling \$109,902 was distributed at the Congregational meeting. Discussion covered Pastor's compensation package that included benefits, she has agreed to ¾ time for 2012. Mike and June shared their disappointment on how the 2011 budget was passed last year. We discussed why some items such as grounds and building maintenance was not funded. We agreed that if something broke we would pass the hat to fund the repairs. Pete shared the current loan status with Mission Investment. The payment is \$2490 per month and has a balloon payment due May 1, 2015. We are looking for alternate lenders to spread the loan balance over a longer period of time to reduce the monthly payment (please see Pete if you know of anyone that can help us). The discussion finalized with sharing the annual Synod proportion increasing to 6% of our actual receipts. Pete called for the question and a vote was taken. The vote was 34 in favor and 3 opposed.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanks to everyone who provided food for the Thanksgiving food baskets. The congregation gave away ten baskets to needy family. A special thanks to Vale who packed and delivered the baskets. We will be doing Christmas baskets this month. A list of what is needed for the baskets will be provided at a later date.



Giving 2011



\$8000 is needed each month to meet the yearly budget for 2011. November helped make up some of the shorter months. Let's keep it up!

Stewardship

Happy Thanksgiving! We have so much to be thankful for. Last week we distributed pledge cards at the congregational meeting. There are extras on the table in the narthex. Please fill one out and consider increasing your giving a little so we can be better prepared to meet our new budget. The pledge cards go to Craig Waters, our financial secretary. No one else sees them. What you pledge, and what you give, is between you and our Lord. But the pledge cards give our council and budget committee an idea of what we can expect to work with in the coming year.

Our council recently increased the Synod Proportion to 6%. YAY! Galilee is slowly moving back toward our goal of tithing the full 10% of

income to synod benevolence. Could you increase by 1%? If you are already giving 10% or more, thank you. If not, increasing your giving slowly is less painful than a huge increase all at once. But remember, you can't out-give God. Try for a few months and see what miracles God provides.

We are stepping out in faith. Churches are not a for-profit business that needs to be in the black always. We need to be mindful of what God wants us to do here in this place. Faith and Trust are the two elements at play here. God will provide what we need in order to fulfill our role in our community and our world.

On a different note... I am stepping away from the Stewardship committee. I have tried to keep stewardship in front of you this last year. We all need to be mindful of how much God loves us and provides for our every need. I love all of you. Thankfully, Laisné



December Birthdays

- 3—John Reil
- 7—Marcie Reil
- 13—Pete Johnson
- 16 - Carol Crider
- 23 - Armando Maldonado
- 29—Gene Hill
- 31—Bob Hamilton

December Anniversaries

None to report

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

The first Sunday is birthday & anniversary Sun-

Funny Christmas Questions

1. How do you know Santa has to be a man?
 2. Why is Christmas just like a day at the office?
 3. What do monkeys sing at Christmas?
 4. What do you give a train driver for Christmas?
 5. What did the big candle say to the little candle?
 6. What is the best thing to put into a Christmas cake?
 7. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?
 8. What do snowmen wear on their heads?
 9. How many presents can Santa fit into an empty sack?
 10. Why does Santa have 3 gardens?
- Answers on page 8

Galilee on Facebook

Galilee is now on Facebook. Follow this link:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Galilee-Lutheran-Church/113795201975565>

Service Assistants for December

December 4

- Ushers: Howard & Marilyn Allmon
- Acolyte: Baylee McKenny
- Lector: Debra Blum
- Worship Assistant: Kris Andre
- Altar Guild: Jenny Johnson & Marilyn Allmon
- Counters: Eva Johnson & Wilma Hallenbeck

December 11

- Ushers: Pete & Jenny Johnson
- Acolyte: Summer Brown
- Lector: Joan Worster
- Worship Assistant: Craig Waters
- Altar Guild: Jenny Johnson & Marilyn Allmon
- Counters: Eva Johnson & Janis Andre

December 18

- Ushers: Mike & June Salter
- Acolyte: Jennifer Brown
- Lector: Jason Cormier
- Worship Assistant: Juana Lopez
- Altar Guild: Jenny Johnson & Marilyn Allmon
- Counters: Sharon Schmidt & Kris Andre



Thanks to all of the service assistants

For volunteering their time and talents to make our worship service complete.



Christmas Flowers

Orders will be taken December 4th for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. The cost this year will be \$10.00. If you would like to place a plant in memory of a loved one don't forget to sign up.



REGULAR FOOD PANTRY BASIC ITEMS & AMOUNTS

ITEMS	SEPT	OCT	DIFF	NOV	DIFF	DEC	DIFF
Cereal	11	0		9			
Peanut Butter	0	0					
Jelly	0	0					
Canned Fruit	14	7					
Mac & Cheese	7	4		14			
Pasta	5	20		26			
Pasta Sauce	3	3		7			
Rice	0	1		7			
Beans - dried	3	4		5			
Soup - box	40	13		37			
Soup - canned	13	23		21			
Stew	8	12					
Meats - canned	13	29		2			
Chicken - canned	3	0		2			
Misc.	20	0					
Vegies - canned	38	93		119			
Energy Bars	0	0					
Beans - canned	20	13		13			
Milk - canned	6	10		10			
Snacks	57	84		100			
Pie Filling	7	6					
Apple sauce				6			
Misc Fruit				16			



HOMELESS FOOD ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 2011

ITEMS	Amount needed	Donations previous mo.	On hand 7 day before	After delivery
Peanut Butter	10	0	29	19
Jelly/Goober	10	0	23	13
Baked Beans	10	0	17	7
Apple sauce - small	10	0	61	51
Fruit - small cans	10	0	63	53
Canned pasta	10	0	38	28
Chile or stew	10	0	12	2
Soup -chunky	10	0	26	16
Tuna	10	0	29	19
Saltines - big box	10	0	1	-1
Bottled water			82	72
Canned meats sm. Cans			16	6
Can openers				
Note: There are 9 bags ready for delivery not included in this inventory				

A Christmas Prayer

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
 Make thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
 Within my heart, that it may be
 A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

My heart for very joy doth leap,
 My lips no more can silence keep,
 I too must sing, with joyful tongue,
 That sweetest ancient song,

Glory to God in highest heaven,
 Who unto man His Son hath given
 While angels sing with pious mirth.
 A glad new year to all the earth!
 Martin Luther



Recipe for Christmas All Year Long

Take a heap of child-like wonder
 That opens up our eyes
 To the unexpected gifts in life—
 Each day a sweet surprise.
 Mix in fond appreciation
 For the people whom we know;
 Like festive Christmas candles,
 Each one has a special glow.
 Add some giggles and some laughter,
 A dash of Christmas food,
 (Amazing how a piece of pie
 Improves our attitude!)
 Stir it all with human kindness;
 Wrap it up in love and peace,
 Decorate with optimism, and
 Our joy will never cease.
 If we use this healthy recipe,
 We know we will remember
 To be in the Christmas spirit,
 Even when it's not December.

By Joanna Fuchs

Christmas Tree Decorating

Sunday December 18th we will be
 decorating the Christmas Tree after
 the morning worship service. All are
 welcomed to stay and help decorate
 the church's Christmas tree.



Advent Open House

You are all invited to Paul and Pastor Martha's
 house for their

2nd ANNUAL ADVENT OPEN HOUSE

Sunday December 11, 2011
 3 p.m. – 6: p.m.



Pastor's address:
 3255 Marina View Dr.
 Kelseyville
 (Riviera Heights)

Candlelight Service

Christmas Eve Candlelight
 Service will be held Saturday
 Dec. 24th at 7:00 PM. Hope to
 see you there.



It's Christmas time; the church bells chime;
 There's gladness everywhere;
 Children sing and sleigh bells ring;
 There's laughter in the air.

As carols are sung, and stockings hung,
 We trim the Christmas tree;
 Gifts are exchanged, and rearranged,
 Midst happiness and glee.

As joy abounds, we hear the sounds
 Of gladness, love, and cheer;
 Be sure you send to every friend,
 Good wishes for the year.

On Christmas Morn, our Lord was born;
 We celebrate his birth;
 So, let us share a common prayer
 For lasting peace on earth.

By Billie McCoy



A Christmas Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem.

I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and small.

I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today.

I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.

I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible:

I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms, whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.

I confess my ever-lasting need of God: The need of forgiveness for our selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold.

I believe in God who gives us the best of himself. I believe in Jesus, the son of the living God, born in Bethlehem this night, for me and for the world.

Council Members

Vale Hanzel	President
Kris Andre	Vice President
Craig Waters	Secretary
Laisne Hamilton	Member
Howard Allmon	Member
Doug Andre	Member
Carl Ingvoldstad	Member

Christmas Quotes

1. Good news from heaven the angels bring,
Glad tidings to the earth they sing:
To us this day a child is given,
To crown us with the joy of heaven.

Martin Luther

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world,
and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

Norman Vincent Peale

From home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another
The warmth and joy of Christmas, brings us closer to each other.

Emily Matthews

Love came down at Christmas;
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Stars and angels gave the sign.

Christina Rossetti

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on Earth, good will to men!

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.

Charles Dickens

2. Answers

1. No woman is going to wear the same outfit year after year.
2. You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit.
3. Jungle Bells, Jungle bells!
4. Platform shoes!
5. I'm going out tonight!
6. Your teeth!
7. It's Christmas, Eve!
8. Ice caps!
9. Only one - after then it is not empty any more.
10. So he can ho-ho-ho.

Committee Chairmen

Evangelism	
Social Ministry	
Christian Education	Chris Hanzel
Finance Committee	Pete Johnson
Stewardship	
Worship & Music	Bob Hamilton
Property	
Community	
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