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**Pastor
Martha Neff Stum**

**Worship
Service
10:00 AM**

**Labyrinth Walk
3rd Saturday
Each month**

**Prayer
Time
Monday's
5:00 PM**

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

**Bible study
Tuesday 7:00– 8:30**

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A Pastoral Note



What a beautiful month February is. There is new growth all around us on the trees and plants. It is the first signs that winter is over and the new life of Spring is upon us. These first signs of life are tentative though because there could be a late frost that freezes everything back. Cold weather may not be behind us but there is great hope and promise in seeing the new growth.

Galilee Lutheran is much like the trees and plants. We are seeing new growth all around. Last month we welcomed 10 new members. We have seen an increase in worship attendance and have the beginnings of some new small groups. There is much hope and promise in everything that is happening. But there is still the shadow of winter cold around us. Everything is going along great but some are waiting for the other shoe to drop.

I know that there will be setbacks. I know that there will be times even in the warmest of weather when the shadow of chill will fall on our efforts. Does that mean I am discouraged? Absolutely not! As a congregation we have shown that we can work together to kindle a fire and keep things warm with the love of God in Jesus Christ.

May February bring you nothing but the warmth of God's love and may it continue to nurture our growth at Galilee.

In God's Service,
Pastor Martha



From Stewardship committee:

Annual giving statements for 2010 are complete. If you did not pick yours up at church in January, it will be mailed to you. Please let Craig Waters 707 344-5530 know if you haven't received it by February 7 or if there are any errors.

Reminders From Pastor Martha

Jerrod's hens are laying a dozen eggs a day. Fresh eggs can be bought from him for \$3.00 a dozen. He even delivers them to church on Sunday!

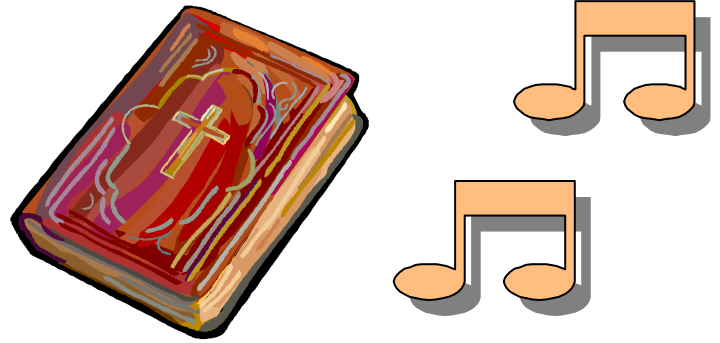
The 1st Sunday of the month is diaper Sunday. Bring in diapers, wipes, baby clothes and stuff to be given to New Beginnings.

We are starting a Prayer Crafters Guild. The group will meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. We will start with a simple supper, spend time in prayer for those in need and then make crafts to be distributed in the community. The first items we are working on are hats and scarves for the homeless in Lake County, baby booties and slippers for New Beginnings, and pocket prayer shawls and macramé cross necklaces for the 1st Cavalry which has just deployed to Iraq. There are other projects planned as we get interest. Please come and join us. Men, this is not just for the ladies. There will be things that you can do also. **Our first meeting will be Feb. 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.** Pastor Martha will be providing dinner.

NEEDED The new Prayer Crafters Guild is in need of yarn. If you have any unused yarn lying around consider donating it to this group.



Worship and Music



Look forward to Ash Wednesday service on March 9th at 7:00 pm. Lenten services will be held on the following Tuesdays at 7:00, preceded by a soup dinner at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Martha will host the first week's supper (March 15th), followed by the Worship and Music Ministry on March 22nd, Galilee's Church Council on March 29th, and the Chancel Choir on April 5th. The April 12th supper is still to be determined. The service will follow the "Holden's Evening Prayer" format with lay leaders and Pastor Martha.

Holy Week services are still in the planning stages, but plan to attend on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and, of course, the Easter Sunday Festival service. Sunrise service on the beach at Clear Lake State Park is still an option.

Following Christ's footsteps through Lent and into Holy Week makes Easter Sunday more meaningful. Don't shortchange yourself! Go the whole nine yards!

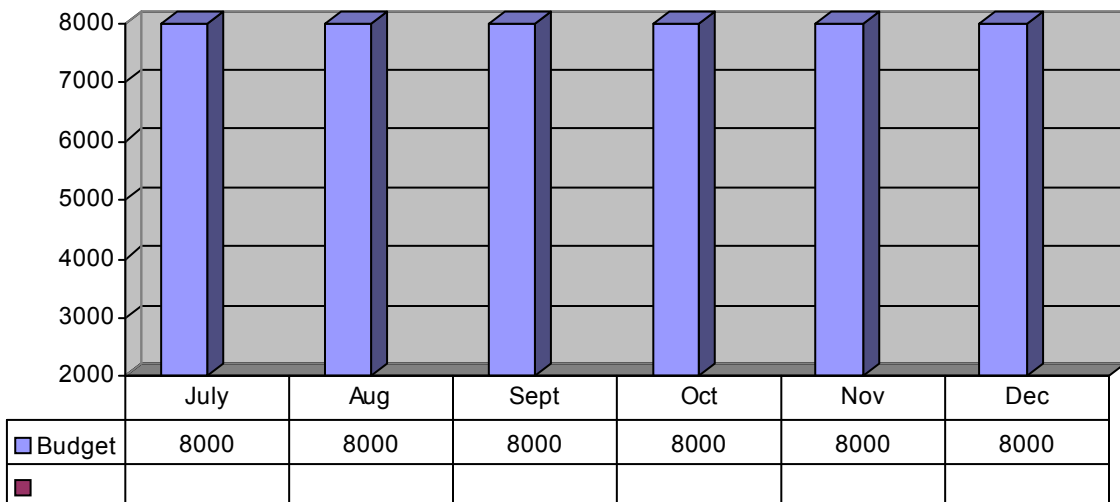
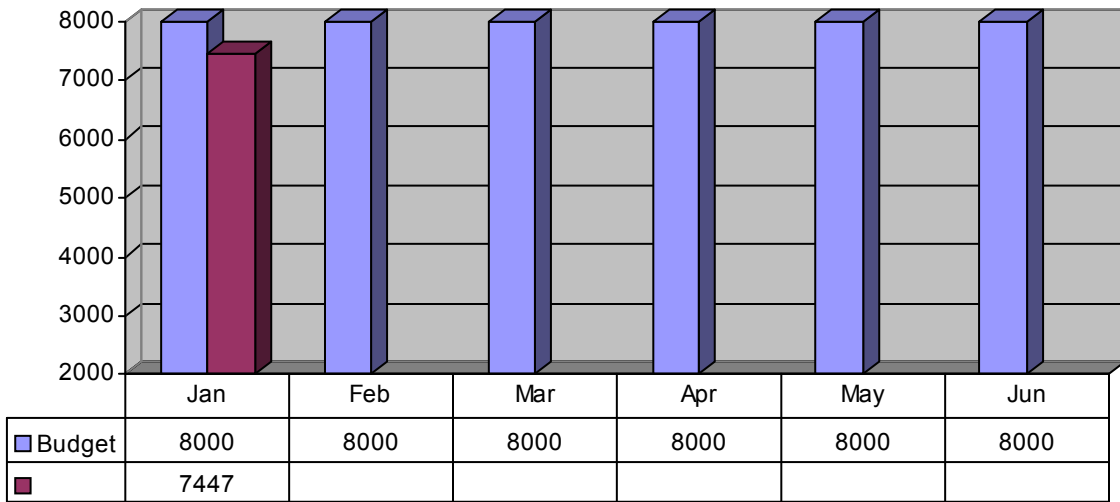
Submitted by Bob Hamilton

WANTED

Someone with some computer skills willing to learn how to type set the bulletin.

Pastor Martha will train you and provide all of the information to go into the bulletin. All you would have to do is format the information. Copying and collation is done each week by Bonnie Domini. If you are interested please contact Pastor Martha ASAP.

Giving 2011



Stewardship

Hopefully everyone has received their statement of giving for 2010. Craig has worked hard on this task and we all thank him. We need to continue to keep stewardship of our time, talent and treasure in the forefront. We have many ministries to the community that we want to continue. This won't happen without all of us pitching in.

Remember we want to offer Pastor Martha 3/4 time by June and full time by next fall. We are all in this together. I plan to ask the Council to up the percentage of giving to Synod from 5% to 6% for this year. We have a wonderful family here and I love all of you. Thank you for prayerfully considering your giving in each area: time, talent and treasure.
Laisné Hamilton

\$8000 is needed each month to meet the yearly budget for 2011. We fell short \$553 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 \$24.

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





February Birthdays

No birthdays to report for this month.

February Anniversaries

No anniversaries to report for this month.

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary please let me know.

New Members

January was a great month for Galilee. We welcomed ten new members to our family on the 16th: Sherri Adams, Doug and Diane Andre, Andy and Debra Blum, Jason Comier, Bob Hanson, Juana Lopez and Paul and Martha Stum.



Bob Hanson is missing from the picture.

New Officers for 2011

At the January 16th voters meeting new council officers were elected:
President: Vale Hanzel
Vice President: Kris Andre
Secretary: Craig Waters
Council member: Laisne Hamilton
We need more volunteers to serve on the council. If you are interested contact Vale Hanzel.

Galilee Worker Bees for December

February 6

Ushers: Corky & Sharon Schmidt
Lector: Carl Ingvoldstad
Counters: Mike Roederer &
Communion Assistant: Carl Ingvoldstad
Cleaners: Craig Waters

February 13

Ushers: Pete & Jenny Johnson
Lector: Joan Worster
Counters: Eva Johnson & Janis Andre
Communion assistant: Mike Roederer
Cleaners: Mike & Pam Roederer



February 20

Ushers: Howard & Marilyn Allmon
Lector: Kris Andre
Counters: Sharon Schmidt & Kris Andre
Communion assistant: Kris Andre
Cleaners: Howard & Marilyn Allmon

February 27

Ushers: Marvin & Lillie Hanson
Lector: Craig Waters
Counters: Joan Worster & Eva Johnson
Communion assistant: Craig Waters
Cleaners: Kris & Janis Andre



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

Potluck

The potluck after the voters meeting was enjoyed by all! Thanks to Marilyn and Jenny for all the cleanup they did!



Work Party

Put on your gloves and overalls and meet at the church for our cleanup day February 5th from 9:00 AM until noon.. Come and join the gang and help keep our church and grounds the beautiful place it is.



Beginning in February work day will be the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM with breakfast at 8:00 AM. Pastor Martha is the chief chef for this event. Contact Vale at 928-1060 or v.hanzel@mchsi.com if you plan on coming for breakfast.

Church Grounds to do list:

Clean up and set up outdoor service benches. This needs to be done as soon as possible. Our first outdoor wedding is in April

Rake up leaves especially in the area from the steps down to the outdoor service area
 Remove rocks and clean out the water fall
 Spray weed kill (BE CAREFUL WITH OVER SPRAY. AG DEPT SAYS THIS ALSO HARMED THE SHRUBS AROUND CHURCH)
 Fertilize labyrinth
 Prune some of the lower branches of walnut trees
 Remove gravel from the small border area near lower parking lot & labyrinth. Spread gravel out around border area of the labyrinth
 Fix/repair as needed the picnic benches – SPLINTERS
 Remove any dead shrubs near Peace Garden and walk ways
 Clean church windows in/out

If you have an article or something you would like in the newsletter please let me know.

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**I need the information by February 15 in order to have time to put everything together.
 Thank you for your cooperation**

Dare to Be 100

We will be restarting the Dare To Be 100 Meeting (in Gunhild Brown's memory) on February 3, Thursday at 1:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall. 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

From the mouth of a child!

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said the father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

Joke of the Month

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

Have you checked the Galilee Blog? It's available from the home page on the website or:

www.galileekelseyville.blogspot.com/

Church Bulletin Bloopers

Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and get a piece of paper.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?". Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Quotes Worth Sharing

When the restaurant next to the Lutheran Church put out a big sign with red letters that said, "Open Sundays," the church reciprocated with its own message: "We are open on Sundays, too."

"Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world."

A singing group called "The Resurrection" was scheduled to sing at a church.. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the pastor fixed the outside sign to read, "The Resurrection is postponed."

"Sign broken: Message inside this Sunday."

"Our arms are the only ones God has to hug His children."

"If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns."

"This is a ch__ch. What is missing?"

Famous Lutherans

Bruce Willis (b.1955) actor, recording artist, restaurant entrepreneur. Born on a military base in Germany (the heart of the Reformation!), the future movie star moved to Carney's Point New Jersey, where he attended (and was later confirmed at) Trinity Lutheran Church. Active in theater at New Jersey's own Montclair State College, Bruce's breakthrough role came in 1985 with the hit television show *Moonlighting*. Making an astonishingly successful transition to the silver screen, a full six of his films have grossed over \$100,000,000: *The Sixth Sense* (1999), *Armageddon* (1998), *Die Hard: With a Vengeance* (1995), *Pulp Fiction* (1994), *Die Hard 2: Die Harder* (1990), and *Look Who's Talking* (1989). As a recording artist, his 1986 album *The Return of Bruno* spawned the hit *Respect Yourself*, which hit number 5 in January of 1987. With fellow action-hero icons Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone, Bruce co-founded the famous restaurant chain *Planet Hollywood*. Although his current denominational affiliation is unknown, our confirmands can take comfort in this: even a world-famous action hero like Bruce Willis once had to learn *Luther's Small Catechism*.

Sally Struthers - Perhaps best known for her portrayal of Gloria on the popular sitcom "All in the Family". She is also known for her work for children's charities in impoverished areas.
Gary Larsen (b.1950) cartoonist and creator of the classic comic *The Far Side*.

David Soul (born David Richard Solberg, 1943) actor; director; producer; recording artist; starred in "Here Come the Brides" with teen heartthrob Bobby Sherman; played Detective Hutchinson in the television police drama "Starsky and Hutch" (1975-1979). David's father was Dr. Richard Solberg, who served as Senior Representative for Lutheran World Federation.

1] Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.

2] Do you know why a car's WINDSHIELD is so large & the rear view mirror is so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.

3] Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.

4] All; things in life are temporary. If going well enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong don't worry, they can't last long either.

5] Old friends are like Gold! New friends are Diamonds! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a base of Gold!

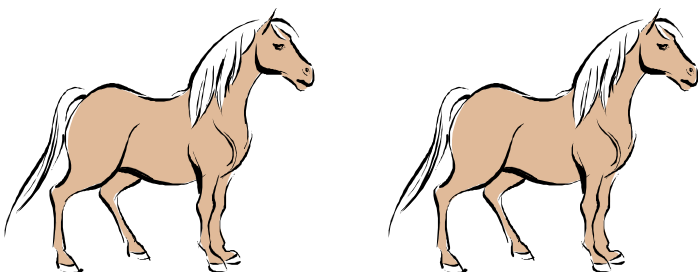
6] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"

7] When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.

8] A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision."

9] When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

10] WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES; it takes away today's PEACE.



Two Horses

Author Unknown

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing.... Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing.

If you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to the horse's halter is a small bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting that he will not be led astray.

When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, it stops occasionally and looks back, making sure that the blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need..

Sometimes we are the blind horse Being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way....

Good friends are like that... You may not always see them, but you know they are always there.. Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours.

And remember...

Be kinder than necessary- Everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly..... And leave the rest to God!

FOR WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT