

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

# The Galilean

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February 2012

## A Pastoral Note

In January I was once again attending a meeting of First Call Pastors in Sacramento. At his meeting I talked about our Lay Lead Worship service. The other pastors were shocked when I told them I had no input in the worship service. I was told that none of them “would have had the courage” to completely turn the worship over to the members. I understood what they were saying and also what they were not saying.

They were saying that they feel the need to “control” to a certain extent the worship in their congregations. What they were not saying was that they were not sure that their lay leaders could provide a meaningful worship service with all of the “Lutheran elements”. I realized that it is a matter of trust. I trust that the Holy Spirit will guide others as he guides me.

Our Lay Service was wonderful! It was full of music, praise to God and an acknowledgement of God’s call to each of us to be partners in ministry. This congregation is a true blessing to me. Together we do the work of the church. Together we plan and execute worship. Together we plan outreach opportunities for everyone. Together we love and serve God. I thank God for allowing me to serve with a congregation that is so together!

### Simple Soup Suppers

Join us for soup, salad and bread before the Lenten services on Wednesday nights during Lent. The first supper will be February 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Please bring your own bowls and table settings.

### Jury Summons

Greetings!

You have been called to serve on the jury in the trial of “The People vs Judas Iscariot, The Punishment Phase”. Court (worship) will convene on Wednesday February 29 at 7:00 P.M. The trial will continue each Wednesday night during Lent. Your attendance and participation is greatly appreciated.

Cordially,  
The Lenten District Court of Galilee Lutheran Church

## Liturgy 101

This is the first of a series of articles about the liturgy of the Lutheran church. Many of our members do not understand why we do some of the things we do during worship. The goal of these articles is to deepen your understanding of “The Work of the People” (liturgy).

### Passing of the Peace

In worship we pass the peace of God to one another after the Prayers of the People and before the Offering. The placement is intentional as is the purpose. Passing of the Peace is a *symbolic* gesture between Christians. Up to this point in the service we are being fed by the Word of God. We have been reminded of our shortcomings and have prayed for ourselves and the world. The Passing of the Peace is our symbolic way of making ourselves right with each other before we come to the altar to receive God’s promise of the forgiveness of our sin through the body and blood of Jesus Christ. It is a time to pass the peace God has filled you with to another person.

Too often in churches the Passing of the Peace has become “The 7<sup>th</sup> Inning Stretch.” People move around and talk about what has happened this last week or what will happen this week. It becomes a social time that gets interrupted by the offering. Instead of Passing the Peace people are Spreading the Gossip.

This month during worship I challenge you to think about what Passing the Peace means and strive put the proper meaning behind the gesture.

### Saturday Work Party

Saturday’s work party will be February 4th. Bring rakes and gloves. There will be leaves to rake and weeds to dig up. Work will begin at 9:00 AM. Come and help keep our grounds looking nice. Pastor Martha will be busy that day so there will be no breakfast served this week.



## Presidents Message

Last week we elected two new members to our Council, Jared Bjerga and Janice Hubbel and today we inducted them to serve their three year term. Per Synod guidelines, also referred to as the Constitution, church council should have between 7 – 9 members; we have seven (7). I would really like one more member to take that step and join us. Your church council is busy unit overseeing the direction of the church, the finances and committee structure, among other tasks. All our committees along with council are here to make the church better for you, to serve you in the best way possible. However, we have a few committees’ who only have one member and a committee cannot function as it should with one member. We need you; we need you and your talents. Here is what I ask of you, think about what you can do to help your church, what talents or skills do you have? Think it over and then come February or March read over the “Work We Do” booklet that will be ready for distribution and see if there is a committee that you would be interested in being a part of...we need you. So please think about it and take that step trust me, you won’t regret it.

In Christ love,

Vale Hanzel

## Wanted

Your old cell phones, cameras, and empty ink cartridges.



Howard Allmon is sending these things in to be recycled and Galilee gets cash for them.



Del ink cartridges can not be recycled, but all others can.

There is a basket on the table where the bulletins are to place them in.



## My Master is There

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side.'

Very quietly, the doctor said, 'I don't know.'

'You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?'

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, 'did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, And when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing... I know my Master is there and that is enough.'

## Prayer Chain Members

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|------------------|------------------|
| 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.

## Prayer Chain Meeting

There will be a meeting of the prayer chain members February 12th at 4:00 PM at Johanna VanHatem's office. For more information please call Johanna at 279-4737

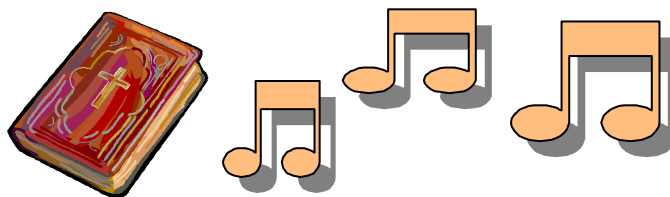
## Newsletter Articles

If you have anything you would like in the newsletter please e-mail it to me at

[lhanson38@att.net](mailto:lhanson38@att.net)

Your input would be greatly appreciated.

## Worship and Music



In the New Testament, there are approximately 400 directions for "how to be a good Christian." In contrast, there is only one requirement for Pastors: that of "equipping the saints" for service. This means encouraging/teaching/training/exhorting the lay people in the church to fulfill their roles as Followers of the Way. One pastor we know went so far as to take the "Pastor's Office" sign off his door and replace it with an old gym sign he found that said "Equipment Room."

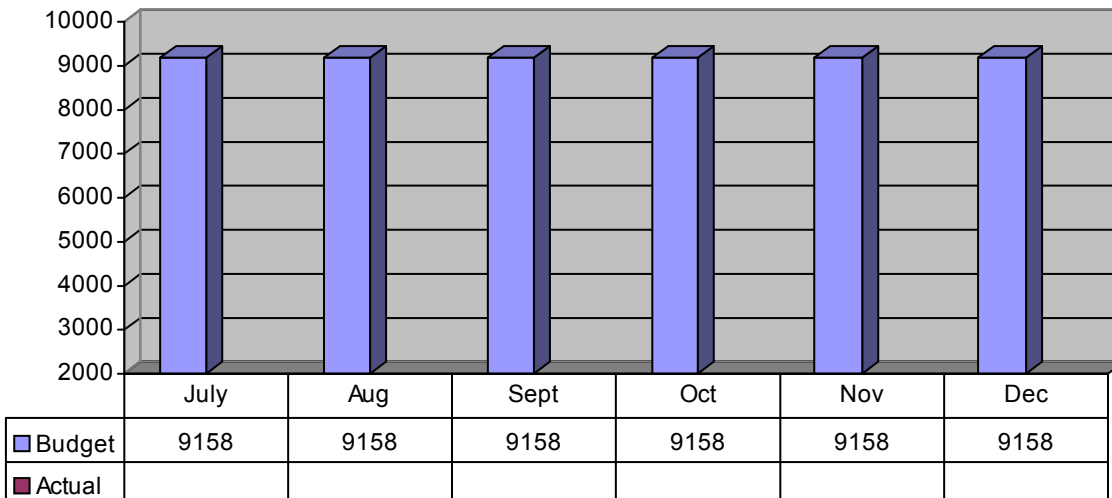
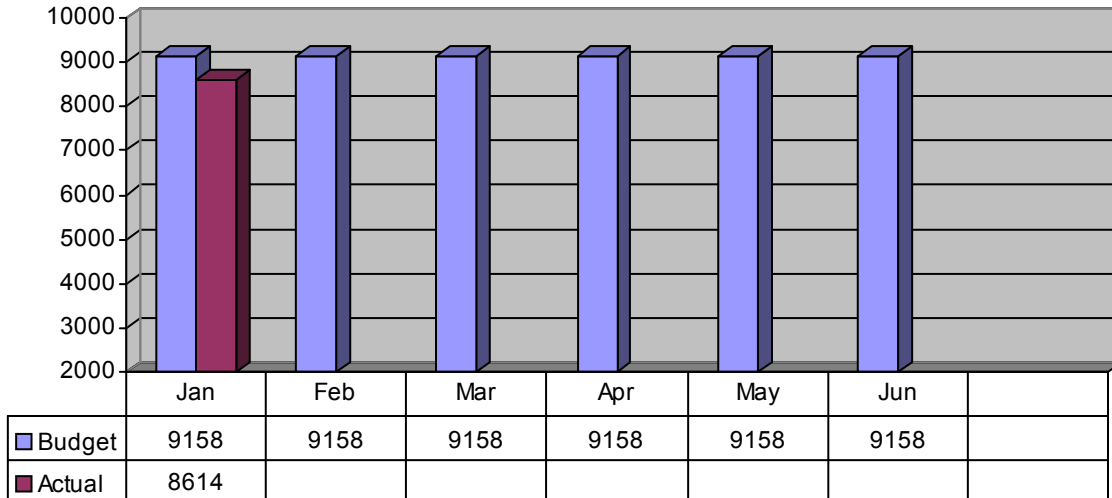
By the time you read this, we will have held our first "Fifth Sunday Lay Service" at Galilee. This is promising to be a regularly scheduled quarterly service here. Lay people will share their own experiences on their daily walks. The more we share with each other, the easier it will be to share our faith walk with unchurched friends and family. We have certainly done our share of lay services before, so it's not completely unknown territory.

I'm sure there will be bumps in this road, pot-holes and black ice and loose gravel that make for nervous moments and even brief times of panic. But the end result promises to be worthwhile. Stay tuned! And be prepared to say "Here I Am, Lord," when asked to participate.

We also are looking for additional members to assist with the Altar Guild and other aspects of our services. The Natural Church Development team is putting together a "Work We Do" document to help you to find a particular area of service for you. You'll be seeing this shortly. Look it over and consider the ministry that fits you. Step up to the plate!

Bob Hamilton  
Worship Ministry Chair

# Giving 2012



\$9158 is needed each month to meet the yearly budget for 2012. January was short \$694.

## Giving Statements

Giving Statements for 2012 are available for pick-up after church. Those that aren't picked up after February 5 will be mailed.

## Stewardship

2nd Corinthians 9: 6&7 "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

### Pledge Cards

It is not too late to turn in your pledge cards. If you don't have one please see Laisne Hamilton. The cards may be turned to any council member. These pledges help Galilee plan for the new year.

## 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.cgive.com/welcome/lp1/index.cfm?c=50463>



**February Birthdays**

11—Eric Andre  
25—Jason Cormier

**February Anniversaries**

16—Bob & Carol Crider

If your birthday or anniversary does not show up please let me know at [lhanson38@att.net](mailto:lhanson38@att.net).

The first Sunday is birthday & anniversary Sunday. We will celebrate all the birthdays and anniversaries for the month.

**Church Bulletin Bloopers**

The agenda was adopted...the minutes were approved... the financial secretary gave a grief report.

Barbara C. remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

The 'Over 60s Choir' will be disbanded for the summer with the thanks of the entire church

The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

The newsletter from Grace Lutheran Church, Rochester, Pennsylvania, described a Valentine's Day service that would include renewal of vows for couples:

"...those married 70 years or more will come forward; those who have been married 50 years or more will come forward; then all married couples who wish to have their marriage vows removed may follow."

**Galilee on Facebook**

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

**Service Assistants for February**

February 5

Ushers: Marvin & Lillie Hanson  
Acolyte: Baylee McKenny  
Lector: Jason Cormier  
Worship Assistant: Juana Lopez  
Altar Guild:  
Counters: Joan Worster & Wilma Hallenbeck

February 12

Ushers: Mike & June Salter  
Acolyte: Baylee McKenny  
Lector: Jason Cormier  
Worship Assistant: Juana Lopez  
Altar Guild:  
Counters: Eva Johnson & Janis Andre

February 19

Ushers: Howard & Marylyn Allmon  
Acolyte: Jennifer Brown  
Lector: Jared Bjerga  
Worship Assistant: Kris Andre  
Altar Guild:  
Counters: Laisne' Hamilton & Sharon Lewis



February 26

Ushers: Corky & Sharon Schmidt  
Acolyte: Shawn Brice  
Lector: Debra Blum  
Worship Assistant: Jared Bjerga  
Alter Guild:  
Counters: Sharon Schmidt & Kris Andre

**Ushers for Lent**

February 22

Mike & June Salter

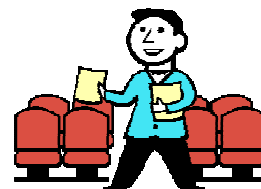
February 29

Pete & Jenny Johnson



**Thanks to all of the service assistants**

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



## Homeless Food Pantry

| ITEMS               | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Peanut Butter       | 25  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Jelly/Goober        | 12  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Baked Beans         | 12  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Apple sauce - small | 15  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Fruit - small cans  | 76  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Canned pasta        | 31  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Chili               | 8   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Soup -chunky        | 20  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Tuna                | 39  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Saltines - big box  | 7   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Bottled water       | yes |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Canned meats        | 16  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Can openers         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

Items in red are needed

## Why Do We Love Children?

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. 'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked. 'It sure is,' I replied.

Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, 'What'd he do?'

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!'

## Council Members

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Vale Hanzel      | President      |
|                  | Vice President |
| Craig Waters     | Secretary      |
| Janice Hubbel    | Member         |
| Doug Andre       | Member         |
| Carl Ingvaldstad | Member         |
| Jared Bjerga     | Member         |

## Committee Chairmen

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Evangelism          |              |
| Social Ministry     |              |
| Christian Education | Chris Hanzel |
| Finance Committee   | Pete Johnson |
| Stewardship         |              |
| Worship & Music     | Bob Hamilton |
| Property            |              |
| Community           |              |
| Ushers              | Mike Salter  |