

Galilee Lutheran  
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Interim Pastor  
Denis Eucalyptus

Morning  
worship  
10:00 AM

Sunday  
School  
and Adult  
Bible  
Study  
9:00 AM

Prayer  
with Pam  
Monday's  
5:00 PM

Prayer  
with  
Pastor  
Denis  
Saturday's  
10:00 AM

# The Galilean

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## *A Pastoral Note*

Well it has been a very rich half year - this first part of my interim work with you. I will spell this out in my report to our congregational meeting in January. But here I just want to say thank you for your love and support as I discover and learn (on-the-job-training) what it means to be an Interim Pastor.

In a small way I have gained an insight into the role Jesus played with his students. Although they called him "rabbi", he knew that he would not have a life-time to teach and guide his "congregation" like most rabbis who were settled in a small town for many years. He had a relatively short time to be with his flock, and then he would be gone. He had to trust that leadership and faithfulness and commitment to the way would emerge among them; and that the mission that God offered them would be enthusiastically taken up. I am proud of this congregation for not scattering during this transition; and neither has it self-destructed in internal conflict. But rather you have beautifully

practiced what you have learned of Christ, and you have let the Holy Spirit lead you.

So Happy New Year! You go into the new year stronger in many ways than before. Our primary task now is to lay a strong financial foundation to resume a much needed full-time ministry with a full time pastor. There is no doubt in my mind that you will do what it takes to meet this goal. This makes me want to "Go Tell It On The Mountain!" that Jesus Christ was born -- and is alive here at Galilee!.

Peace,  
Pastor Denis



## Worship and Music



We'd like to thank all who make our worship services meaningful. The musicians, assistants, readers, greeters, altar guild, bread bakers, flower growers, cleaners, bulletin copiers, helpers, coffee makers, choir, children, acolytes...the list goes on, and I'm sure to miss someone, for which I apologize in advance.

We have attempted to make each week's service as uniform as possible, and done the same with the bulletin. If you have any comments, criticisms or compliments, let me know. We'll be reviewing the service in January. Otherwise, we're looking ahead to the Lenten season and Easter. Invite a friend to church! It's the only proven effective evangelism! Keep the faith!

## Congregational Annual

### Meeting Jan. 24th

The annual congregational meeting will be held in the community center Sunday January 24th immediately following the morning service.

A potluck lunch will follow the meeting. Come and enjoy the fellowship and food!!!!

## Stewardship

During stewardship time we talked of practicing good stewardship all year long and not just talking about it one month of the year. Stewardship involves time, talent and treasure. Here we are at the beginning of 2010 making plans for the coming year. Do we make resolutions? Do we make <sup>3</sup>SMART<sup>2</sup> goals for ourselves? Do we dare to tithe on the income we receive? What happens if a bill comes that we weren't expecting?

Soon you will be receiving a list of jobs that need to be done in the church. Please pray about where your talents can be best used. Don't sign up for too many jobs. We have many people who might like to do small jobs that need doing, but may feel pushed out by others.

If we all work together, we can make it work. This is our church.

I propose that the council commits to tithing on the current income we receive as a church beginning with January 2010. God will provide. He takes good care of us. It is scary, but we need to trust.

I prayerfully encourage all of our members to tithe each month also. God has many surprises in store for us. We need to trust and have faith.

Stewardship chair,

Laisné Hamilton



## Thanks!!!!

Our thanks go out to the following members of our congregation who supported our efforts in providing food for the Christmas Baskets. We fed a total of 12 needy families in our community including one walk-in. Needless to say the Christmas Baskets were a success. A special thank you goes out to:

- Marilyn & Howard Allmon
- Kris Andre
- Steve & Kim Bryce
- Gunhild Brown
- Bob & Laisne Hamilton
- Marv & Lillie Hanson
- Vale & Chris Hanzel
- Carl & Mary Beth Ingvaldstad
- Eva Johnson
- Pete & Jenny Johnson
- Sharon Lewis
- Mike & Barbara McCauley
- Mike & June Salter
- Corky & Sharon Schmidt
- Jane Unger
- Craig Waters

Our apologies if we have missed anyone; the drop off list got misplaced in the hectic pace. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

As a result of some monetary contributions made by a few of our congregation Chris and I only spent \$15.00 of Galilee's money, great job everyone, great job.

Now get ready for Easter.

Submitted by Vale & Chris Hanzel



## Thanks to our Children!

We were honored with the appearance of Angels at our worship service December 20.

Thank you Carrie for all and all the time you spend with the children and thank you to all the children that made the Christmas program possible. It was enjoyed by everyone.



## Galilee Choir

Choir practice under the direction of Eva Johnson is held Sunday mornings at 9:00AM. New voices are always needed and welcome.



## Advent Tea

The Advent was enjoyed by all that attended. We were few, but where two or three are gathered together unto my name, there am I in the midst of them. Thanks Pam, Carrie & Jane for all the work you did to make this nice for everyone.



# Christmas Message 2009

Into this shadowed world light shines and joyous voices sing. Glad tidings cheer the heart and liberate hope. "A child has been born for us, a son given to us" (Isaiah 9:6). God our Savior has appeared!

God's saving goodness and loving kindness have arrived in Jesus, the Word made flesh. Though hidden in the humility of a manger, and later in the scandal of the cross, God's promise is being made good in plain sight for all to see, in a life of generous mercy, richly poured out for all.

"See, your salvation comes," the prophet wrote (Isaiah 62:11). God's faithfulness to God's promises calls us to a new hope, for the hope of eternal life is an inheritance that we can enjoy today in lives of generosity and compassion, joy and peace.

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson  
 Presiding Bishop  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



## January Birthdays

- 5 Raul Palomarez
- 19 Carrie Maldonado
- 20 Mark Loeb

## January Anniversaries

- 1 Janis Andre & John Everett
- 22 Helena Soiland & Paul Tumaine
- 23 Jane & John Unger
- 26 Marvin & Lillie Hanson

# A NOTE FROM YOUR WEBMASTER

Wow another year almost complete. Where does the time go? This year has been fruitful for Galilee. We have an interim pastor and notes from him on the web site. In addition we are posting each Sunday service in local newspapers and on the web. If you have an article you would like posted send me an e-mail. Check Galilee web site often. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Submitted by Marv in Hanson

# Work Party

Put on your gloves and overalls and meet at the church for our cleanup day January 16th from 9:00 AM until noon.. Come and join the gang and help keep our church and grounds the beautiful place it is.



# Dare to be 100

First Thursday of the month at noon  
It's all about

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

Join us for companionship, sharing interest, activities and encouragement. A group younger in one another's company. Age is no limit. All are welcome.

Call: Gunhild Brown

**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 January 15 in order to have time to put everything together.**