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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**

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A Pastoral Note

It is a brand new year. It is a time when a lot of people make New Year's Resolutions. This year I will lose X pounds. This year I will not let my desk at work be declared a disaster area. This year I will... For most people New Year's Resolutions are in indication of things we do not like about ourselves and want to change. The challenge is actually trying to follow our "plan for improvement." If you are like most people, you tend to give up these plans within days or weeks of the New Year. Some of you might even last a month or two. When we give up our plan there is often disappointment in ourselves that we could not make "one simple change" to improve our life/health/working environment.

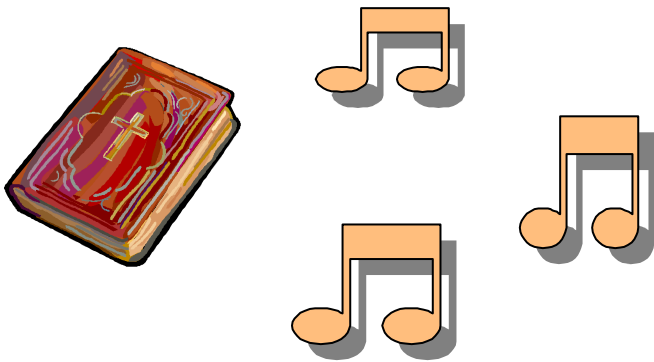
Instead of beating ourselves up for not having the staying power to accomplish our resolutions, maybe we need to reevaluate our resolutions. Instead of focusing on the negative things we are going to stop doing or focusing on things we really don't want to do, how about focusing on the positive things that we do or enjoy. Make your resolutions things that are realistic and doable. You will feel better about yourself for accomplishing your goals.

What we all need to remember, though, is that whether or not we keep our New Year's Resolutions God LOVES us. God is there for us. God wants us to be happy and succeed. Include God in your "self improvement plans." You will find them easier to accomplish because you will not be doing them alone. God was, is and always will be there for you. Maybe the best resolution to make for this year is to allow God into your everyday lives.

May you all find the strength you need through a closer relationship with God.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
Pastor Martha

Worship and Music



Galilee Worship Ministry

The Worship Ministry consists of the coordinators for all of the various aspects of worship: ushers/greeters, acolytes, Altar Guild, special music, assistants and lectors, etc. We meet after the service on the second Sunday of each month. We'd like to thank everyone involved in the services, especially during the Advent and Christmas seasons, with their special services and demands. We are currently entering the Epiphany season, on our way to the 40 days of Lent. Watch for changes that mark the changing seasons in the liturgical year.

Galilee Music Ministry

The Music Ministry meets after the service on the first Sunday of each month to plan the hymn selections and liturgy for the coming weeks. If you have favorites hymns you would like to hear, contact Bob or Laisne Hamilton, Marcie Reil, or Pastor Martha. Thank you!

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.



Message from Finance Chairman

Finance Committee report.

As I told you at the annual meeting in November we are looking for a new loan here at Galilee. Our existing loan with ELCA Mission Investment is for \$133,900 with a payment of \$2490 per month. There will also be a rather large balloon payment May 2015 to close the loan. We are having trouble meeting the \$2490 monthly payment and to save money to repay a large \$30,000 balloon payment is out of the question.

Doug Andre did some research and found that Thrivent for Lutherans also makes church real estate loans. With the Council's approval we are in the process of making the application, now with the hope of closing by April 1st.

Our objective is get a longer term loan that is more affordable and use some of the rest of the savings, to put Pastor Martha on full time, as we promised in our original contract last year. If we have an exceptional offering month or somehow come into some extra money we can pay extra on the loan.

I will have more information for you at the annual Congregational meeting January 22

Yours in Christ
Pete Johnson

Service Assistant Coordinators

All Service Assistant Coordinators please get an updated schedule to Pastor Martha as soon as possible. The updates will be on the website, but I didn't get them in time to put them in the newsletter.



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.

Saturday Breakfast & Work Party

Saturday's work party and breakfast will be January 7th. The Christmas tree needs removed and ornaments put away. Bring small garden shovels and gloves to remove weeds that have come up in the flower gardens,

Breakfast at 8:30 and work will begin afterwards. Please let Vale or pastor know if you are planning to be there for breakfast.

Vale: V.hanzel@mchsi.com or 928-1060.



There comes a point in your life when you realize:

Who matters,
Who never did,
Who won't anymore...
And who always will.

So, don't worry about people from your past,
There's a reason why they didn't make it to your future.

A New Year's Carol

AH! Dearest Jesus, Holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefil'd,
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 cradle 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 as printed in *The Book of Christmas* by Hamilton Wright Mabie 1909

Thank You Message From

The Christmas season is soon coming to an end. It is time to put away the decorations and take down the tree. It is also a time to reflect on the joys of the season.

Paul and I were blessed this year with our son coming home from Iraq in one piece and reasonably healthy. Thank you all for your prayers for him and for all who serve. Your prayers make a difference and I thank you for including our son in your prayers.

This year I was also blessed with a card from the congregation which contained several pieces of green paper with pictures of dead presidents on them. Your gift meant a lot. Because of the prayer crafters, I have been doing a lot of knitting lately and there were some knitting "toys" I wanted and was able to get thanks to your generosity. I also have a new very small refrigerator in my office to keep my coca-cola cold thanks to all of you.

To the families who invited us to share their Christmas dinners with them, I thank you. This year not being able to spend Christmas with any of our kids would have been harder if not for your kind invitations and inclusion into your families.

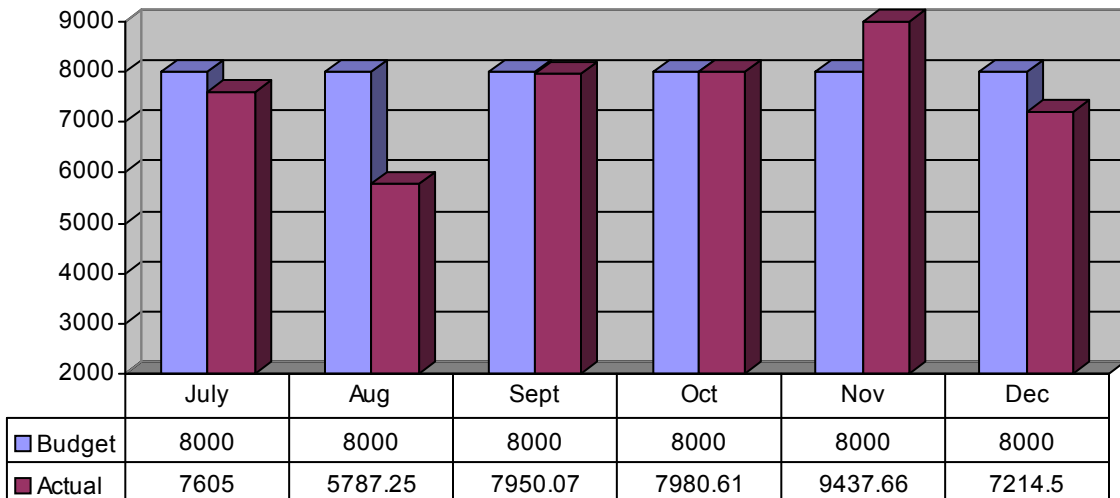
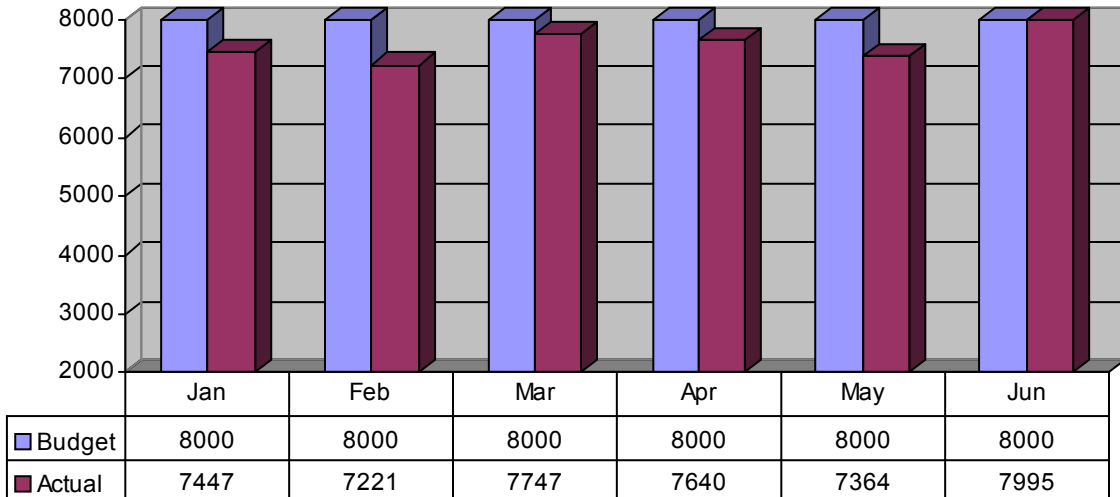
I owe a special thanks to the Christmas Elf who came over to our house the day of the open house to help us clean and decorate. Your gift of time was appreciated.

To those who took care of Moses and our cats so we could go to Arizona after Christmas to see our kids, thank you is not enough. We would not have been able to go without your kindness in caring for our 4 legged children.

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



Giving 2011



\$8000 is needed each month to meet the yearly budget for 2011. December was short \$785.50.

Stewardship

Some people say, "Give till it hurts." But God recommends that we give until it feels good. God loves a cheerful giver!

Brian Kluth, author

We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill, former British prime minister

Not he who has much is rich, but he who gives much.

Erich Fromm, philosopher

Give to God what's right—not what's left.

Anonymous

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.cfm?c=50463>



January Birthdays

20—Mark Loeb

January Anniversaries

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

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

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

Famous New Year's Babies in History

- 1431 - Pope Alexander VI
- 1735 - Paul Revere, American patriot
- 1860 - George Washington Carver, American educator
- 1874 - Gustave Whitehead, German-born inventor
- 1881 - Vajiravudh, King of Thailand
- 1887 - Wilhelm Canaris, German admiral
- 1894 - Satyendra Nath Bose, Indian mathematician
- 1895 - J. Edgar Hoover, American FBI director

Famous Modern New Year's Babies

- 1909 - Barry M. Goldwater, American politician
- 1919 - J. D. Salinger, American novelist
- 1922 - Rocky Graziano, American boxer
- 1942 - Martin Frost, American politician
- 1942 - Gennadi Sarafanov, Soviet cosmonaut
- 1943 - Don Novello, American actor
- 1964 - Dedee Pfeiffer, American actress

Galilee on Facebook

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

Service Assistants for December

January 1

- Ushers: Pete & Jenny Johnson
- Acolyte:
- Lector:
- Worship Assistant:
- Altar Guild: Susan Francis & Bonnie Domini
- Counters: Joan Worster & Wilma Hallenbeck

January 8

- Ushers: Mike & June Salter
- Acolyte:
- Lector:
- Worship Assistant:
- Altar Guild: Susan Francis & Bonnie Domini
- Counters: Eva Johnson & Janis Andre

January 15

- Ushers: Howard & Marylyn Allmon
- Acolyte:
- Lector:
- Worship Assistant:
- Altar Guild: Susan Francis & Bonnie Domini
- Counters: Laisne Hamilton



January 22

- Ushers: Corky & Sharon Schmidt
- Alter Guild: Susan Francis & Bonnie Domini
- Counters: Sharon Schmidt & Kris Andre

January 29

- Ushers: Vale & Chris Hanzel
- Alter Guild: Susan Francis & Bonnie Domini
- Counters: Laisne Hamilton

Thanks to all of the service assistants

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



Angels Explained By Children

I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold. Gregory, age 5

Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it. Olive, age 9

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to Heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes. Matthew, age 9

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. Mitchell, age 7

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science. Henry, age 8

Angels don't eat, but they do drink milk from Holy Cows. Jack, age 6

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead. Daniel, age 9

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath again, somewhere there's a tornado. Reagan, age 10

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son, who's a very good carpenter. Jared, age 8

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. Antonio, age 9

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth. Ashley ~ age 9

New Year's Resolutions

I will not bore my boss by with the same excuse for taking leaves. I will think of some more excuses.

I will do less laundry and use more deodorant.

I will avoid taking a bath whenever possible and conserve more water

I will spend less than one hour a day on the Internet. This, of course, will be hard to estimate since I'm not a clock watcher.

I will read the manual... just as soon as I can find it

I will stop considering other people's feelings when they so obviously don't consider mine - if that unwashed fellow sits next to me again, I'll tell him he stinks!

I will be more imaginative.

Council Members

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

Committee Chairmen

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