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**Worship
Service
10:00 AM**

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

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

**Bible study
Tuesday 7:00– 8:30**

**Prayer Crafters
Thursday 6:00 PM**

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The Season of Lent

Lent is a forty-day season of preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. The season begins on Ash Wednesday, when pastors mark the foreheads of Christians with ashes as a reminder that we are created from dust and to dust we shall return.

During Lent we follow Jesus from his adult ministry through his suffering during Holy Week to his crucifixion and death on Good Friday. And we read the Psalms that foretold what happened during that week. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, also called the Sunday of the Passion, and continues through Holy Thursday (when Holy Communion was instituted at the Last Supper) and Good Friday, when Jesus was tried, crucified, and buried.

Because the Last Supper was celebrated during the Feast of the Passover, which is calculated on the phases of the moon, Easter is called a movable feast. Lent is scheduled backwards from Easter. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the full moon after the spring equinox. The forty days of fasting and penitence during Lent do not include Sundays. Christians always celebrate Sunday as the day Jesus rose from the dead, so it is never a day of fasting.

Many Northern Europeans celebrate the day before Ash Wednesday, mardi gras (French for Fat Tuesday, also called Shrove Tuesday), by eating up everything good in the house that medieval Christians believed was inappropriate to eat during Lent (eggs, butter, cream, meat). This celebration has expanded into all sorts of festivals all over the world, although most modern Christians do eat some - or all - of those foods during Lent.

Lent is a time of stripping down to essentials, as each Christian focuses on his or her individual relationship with God. It is a time when Christians remember our baptisms, when Jesus washed away our sins, giving us newness of life to celebrate in the triumph of Palm Sunday and the glory of Easter. Many early Christians were baptized on Easter Sunday, so Lent became a special time of study and prayer in preparation for their baptisms. Later the entire congregation joined in the study and prayer as they looked forward to the anniversary of their baptisms on Easter.

Because Lent is a time of letting go of the bondage of sin, it is also a time of celebrating the freedom from the bondage of slavery. At the Feast of the Passover, all Jews give thanks for their freedom from the captivity of the Egyptians.

We remember Moses, their leader, as we perform Out of Egypt. And Christians give thanks for the freedom of all slaves in every culture everywhere when we sing Go Down, Moses.

Contact Information for Pastor Martha

If you need to contact Pastor Martha please call the church, 707-279-4832, and leave a message if she is not in the office. She checks for messages often. You may also e-mail her at mstum@aol.com. She checks her e-mail regularly. Please use her cell phone number for emergencies only!!

Upcoming Events

March 9th Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 PM.

Starting Tuesday March 15th we will begin our Lenten Services each Tuesday evening.

A simple soup supper will be served at 6:00 pm followed by worship service at 7:00 PM. Please join us for these services.

Stewardship

I read this last night as part of my devotion time. It is from Christ in our Home for Saturday, Feb. 20.

"It is required of stewards that they should be found trustworthy." (v.2) I Corinthians 4:1-5

We as stewards, here at Galilee, need to be true to our word and promise. We shouldn't volunteer to do so many things that we get overwhelmed and burned out. Not only does the church need financial support, but it needs our "presence." We need to be in church to share fellowship with other members.

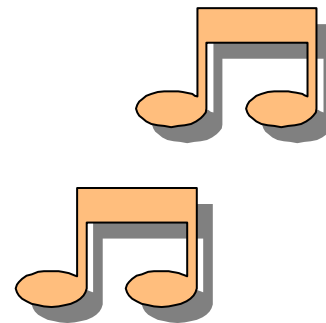
You will be in the right place at the right time for God to use you. Our most important question is, "God, what would you have me do today? How can I help you? I am here, show me what you want me to do, say or be." Most of all, we need to be trustworthy in who we are. Trust is a characteristic that if lost, is so hard to earn back.

Trust is like love; we can decide to love or trust each other with our minds, and our hearts will follow.

Let us be found "trustworthy."

Laisné Hamilton

Worship and Music



Two notable developments in the Galilee sanctuary sound system: Good news...The outdoor chimes are hooked up and able to play a call to worship each Sunday before the service.

Bad news...The amplifier seems to be non-operational on one channel. This means that, for now, the left speaker in the sanctuary works, and the right speaker does not. If you have trouble hearing, sit on the left-hand side and move forward.

We'll be working on these in the coming weeks.

A third development is a new sound system in the community center. Thanks to a kindly donation, we now have a cd player and amplifier in the cupboard behind the piano, along with two speakers. This may develop as we go along, but for now we can play music during weddings, etc. Please treat it nicely.

Submitted by Bob Hamilton

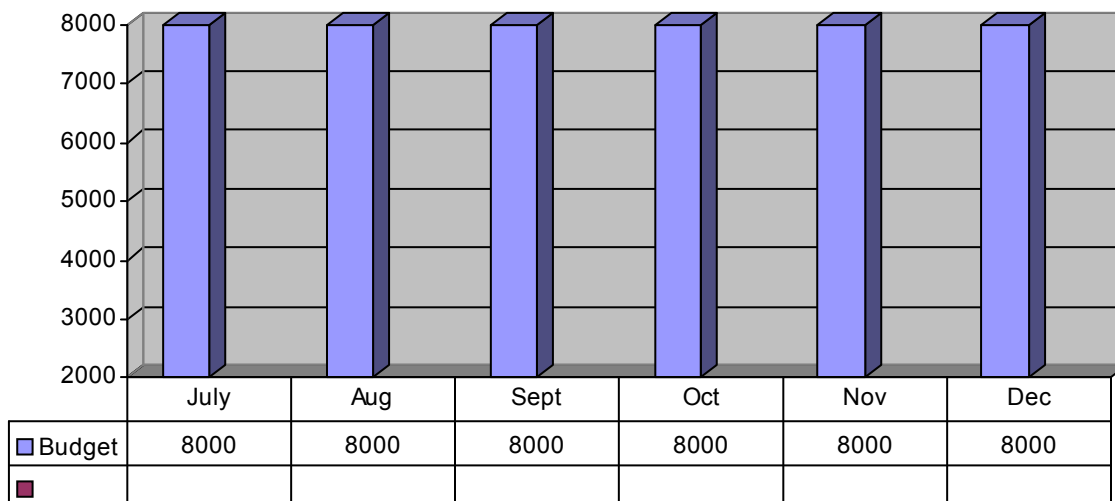
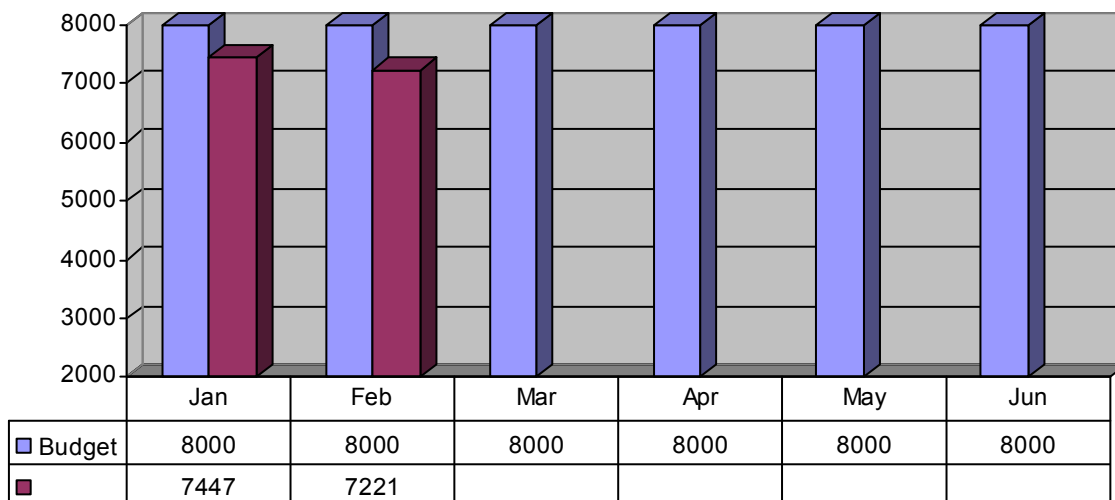
WANTED

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



Prayer Crafters Guild

Prayer Crafters Guild had to be cancelled in February due to the weather. The first meeting will be March 10th in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Our crafters have been busy making prayer shawls. There has been enough made to send the first bunch to the 1st Cavalry. Thanks to all our talented women for making this possible.

\$8000 is needed each month to meet the yearly budget for 2011. We fell short \$779 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.





March Birthdays

- 11 Mike Roederer
- 18 Katherine Harris
- 27 Joan Worster

March Anniversaries

- 3 Howard & Marilyn Allmon
- 5 James & Florence Soper

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

Work Party

Put on your gloves and overalls and meet at the church for our cleanup day March 19th from 9:00 AM until noon.. Come and join the gang and help keep our church and grounds the beautiful place it is.



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.

Dare to Be 100

Dare To Be 100 Meeting (in Gunhild Brown's memory) on March 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

Galilee Worker Bees for March

March 6

Ushers: Mike & June Salter
 Lector: Laisne Hamilton
 Counters: Mike Roederer &
 Communion Assistant: Laisne Hamilton



March 13

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

March 20

Ushers: Vale & Chris Hanzel
 Lector: Joan Worster
 Counters: Sharon Schmidt &
 Kris Andre



Communion assistant: Mike Roederer

March 27

Ushers: Corky & Sharon Schmidt
 Lector: Kris Andre
 Counters: Eva Johnson & Joan Worster
 Communion assistant: Kris Andre

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

From Laughing with Lutherans

I discussed with my young the events of Holy Week, including Palm Sunday and how the events of the week led to Jesus' crucifixion and the crowds jeering him. I also explained how we, as Christians, all take part in Jesus' death. My son thought for a moment and said, "But Mom, we're not Christians. We're Lutherans."

My husband and I have been trying to encourage our 3-year-old to stay in his bed through the night. We told him that even though Mommy and Daddy aren't always with him, Jesus is. Recently my son came into our bedroom, too early as usual. I told him to go back to bed, and he said he couldn't: "Jesus is sleeping in there and I don't want to wake him."

Substitute Organist

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

Enjoy the Season!

"Come on, James, let's go play in the snow!"

James looked up lethargically. His brother already had his snow bibs on and was energetically pulling boots over his feet.

"All right, I guess I'll go. But I do wish it wasn't so cold! I can't wait for summer," James grumbled.

For a brief moment, Eric felt tempted to complain about the cold too. But then the boys' father walked into the room and offered to go sledding with them. One look at his father's face wiped all thought of complaint from Eric's mind.

How could he complain when his father was with them? Besides, he also remembered how much he and his brother had longed for the cool weather last summer. He wasn't going to complain about the cold! He was going to enjoy the season!

"It will be summer again soon enough," he told James as they headed out the door. "Let's enjoy winter while it's here!"

Famous Lutherans

Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855) Danish philosopher; author and theologian.

Elke Sommer (born Elke Schletz in 1940) actress and painter who has appeared in over 90 motion pictures, including "The Prize" (1963) and "A Shot in the Dark" (1964). In 1959, 19-year old Elke won Italy's Miss Viarrego beauty pageant.

Steve Zahn (b.1968) Steve appeared as a member of the (fictional) pop band The Wonders in the Tom Hanks feature film *That Thing You Do!* (1996), and in the Ben Stiller feature *Reality Bites* (1994). Before embarking upon his acting career, Steve studied for a year at the ELCA's Gustavus Adolphus College in his home state of Minnesota

Liv Ullman (b.1939) Norwegian actress of international renown, especially noted for the nine films she made with Ingmar Bergman. Three-time winner Best actress, New York Film Critics (1972, 1974, 1976).

Ann-Margret (b.1941) actress, singer, and all around entertainer. Born in Valsjobyn, Sweden, she has twice been nominated for an Academy Award. Her many film credits include *Grumpy Old Men* (1993) and its sequel, *Viva Las Vegas* (1964) and *Bye Bye Birdie* (1963). She is also one of the very few Lutherans ever to have dated Elvis.

David Hasselhoff (b.1952) actor, producer, recording artist. Perhaps best known for his role as Mitch in "Baywatch" (once the world's most popular television program, with over one *billion* viewers a week!), David also starred as Michael Knight in the hit 1980's series *Knight Rider* (along with a really cool talking car) and in the soap opera *The Young and the Restless*.

Rudolf Bultmann (1884-1976) German lay theologian known for his contributions to Biblical criticism and resistance to Hitler.

Our Father who art in Heaven

“Our Father who art in Heaven...”
 “YES”
 “Don’t interrupt me. I’m praying...”
 “BUT YOU CALLED ME.”
 “Called you? I didn’t call you. I’m praying. Our Father who art in Heaven...”
 “THERE YOU DID IT AGAIN.”
 “Did what?”
 “CALLED ME. YOU SAID, “OUR FATER WHO ART IN HEAVEN...”. HERE AM I. WHAT’S ON YOUR MIND?”
 “But I didn’t mean anything by it. I was, you know, just saying my prayers for the day. I always say the Lord’s Prayer. Makes me feel good, kind of like getting my duty done.”
 “ALL RIGHT. GO ON.”
 “Hallowed by thy name.”
 “HOLD IT. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?”
 “By what?”
 “BY “HALLOWED BY THY NAME.”
 “It means...it means...good grief, I don’t know what it means. How should I know? Its just part of the prayer. By the way, what does it mean?”
 “IT MEANDS “HONORED”, “HOLY”, “WONDERFUL”.”
 “Hey, that makes sense. I never thought about what Hal-
 lowed meant before. Thy Kingdom come, thy will \be
 done on earth as it is in Heaven.”
 “DO YOU REALLY MEAN THAT?”
 “Sure, why not?”
 “WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?”
 “Doing? Nothing, I guess. I just think it would be neat if
 you got control of everything down here like you have up
 there.”
 “HAVE I GOT CONTROL OF YOU?”
 “Well, I go to church.”
 “THAT ISN’T WHAT I ASKED YOU. WHAT ABOUT
 THAT HABIT OF LUST YOU HAVE? AND YOUR BAD
 TEMPER? YOU’VE REALLY GOT A PROBLEM
 THERE, YOU KNOW. AND THEN THERE’S THE WAY
 YOU SPEND YOUR MONEY..ALL ON YOURSELF.
 AND WHAT ABOUT THE KIND OF BOOKS YOU
 READ?”
 “Stop picking on me! I’m just as good as some Of the
 rest of those phonies at the church.”
 “EXCUSE ME...I THOUGHT YOU WERE PRAYING FOR
 MY WILL TO BE DONE. IF THAT IS TO HAPPEN, IT
 WILL HAVE TO START THE ONED WHO ARE PRAY-
 ING FOR IT. LIKE YOU, FOR EXAMPLE.”
 “Oh, all right! I guess I do have some hang-ups. Now
 that you mention it, I could name some others.”
 “SO COULD I.”
 “I haven’t thought about it until now, but I really would like
 to cut out some of those things. I’d like to, you know, be
 really free.”
 GOOD, NOW WE’RE GETTING SOMEWHERE. WE’LL
 WORK TOGETHER...YOU AND ME. NOW, SOME VIC-
 TORIES CAN TRULY BE WON. I’m PROUD OF YOU.”
 “Look Lord, I need to finish up here. This is taking a lot

longer than it usually does.. Give us this day our daily
 bread.”
 “YOU NEED TO CUT DOWN ON THE BREAD
 TOO...YOU”RE OVERWEIGHT AS IT IS.”
 “Hey, wait a minute! What is this, “Criticize Me Day?”
 Here I was doing my religious duty, and all of a sudden
 you break in and remind me of all my hang-ups.”
 “PRAYING IS A DANGEROUDS THING. YOU COULD
 WIND UP CHANGED YOU KNOW. THAT’S WHAT I’m
 TRYING TO GET ACROSS TO YOU. YOU CALLED ME,
 AND HERE I AM. IT”S TOO LATE TO STOP NOW.
 KEEP ON PRAYING. I’M INTERESTED IN THE NEXT
 PART OF YOUR PRAYER. WELL, GO ON.
 “I’m scared to.”
 “SCARED? OF WHAT? I KNOW WHAT YOU”LL SAY.
 TRY ME AND SEE.”
 “forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against
 us.”
 “WHAT ABOUT JOE?”
 “See, I knew it! I knew you would bring him up! Why he’s
 told lies about me, cheated me out of money...He never
 paid back that debt he owes me. I’ve sworn to get even.”
 “BUT YOUR PRAYER..WHAT ABOUT YOUR PRAYER?”
 “I didn’t mean it.”
 “WELL, AT LEAST YOU’RE HONEST. BUT IT’S NOT
 MUCH FUN CARRYING THE LOAD OF BITTERNESS
 AROUND INSIDE, IS IT?”
 “No, but I’ll feel better ads soon as I get even. Boy, have I
 made some plans for ol” Joe. He’ll wish he never did me
 any harm.”
 “YOU WON”T FEEL ANY BETTER. YOU”LL FEEL
 WORSE. REVENGE ISN”T SWEET. THINK HOW UN-
 HAPPY YOU ARE ALREADY. BUT I CAN CHANGE ALL
 THAT.
 “You can? How?”
 “FORGIVE JOE. THEN I”LL FORGIVE YOU. THEN THE
 HATE AND SIN WILL BE JOE”S PROBLEM AND NOT
 YOURS...YOU MAY LOSE THE MONEY, BUT YOU WILL
 SETTLE YOUR HEART.”
 “But Lord, I can’t forgive Joe.”
 “THEN I CAN’T FORGIVE YOU.”
 “Oh, you’re right! You always are. And more than I want
 revenge on Joe, I want to be right with you.. All right! I
 forgive him. Help him to find the right road in life, Lord.
 He’s bound to be awfully miserable, now that I think about
 it. Some way, somehow, show him the right way.”
 “THERE NOW! HOW DO YOU FEEL?”
 “Hmmm...not bad. Not bad at all, in fact I feel pretty great.
 You know, I don’t think I’ll have to go to bed uptight tonight
 for the first time since I can’t remember. Maybe I won’t be
 so tired from now on because I’m not getting enough rest.”
 “YOU’RE NOT THROUGH WITH YOUR PRAYER..GO
 ON.”
 “Oh, all right...And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
 us from evil.”
 “GOOD...GOOD. I’LL DO THAT. JUST DON’T PUT
 YOURSELF IN A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN BE
 TEMPTED.”
 “What do you mean by that?”

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“QUIT HANGING AROUND THE WRONG PLACES, WATCHING INAPPROPRIATE MOVIES AND TELEVISION, LISTENING TO SINFUL CONVERSATIONS; HANGING AROUND THE PLACES WHERE PLAYBOY AND PLAYGIRLS ARE SOLD. CHANGE SOME OF YOUR FRIENDSHIPS. SOME OF YOUR SO-CALLED FRIENDS ARE BEGINNING TO GET TO YOU. THEY’LL HAVE YOU COMPLETELY INVOLVED IN WRONG THINGS BEFORE LONG. DON’T BE FOOLED. THEY ADVERTISE THEY’RE HAVING FUN, BUT FOR YOU IT WOULD BE RUIN. DON’T USE ME FOR AN ESCAPE HATCH.”

“I don’t understand.”

“SURE, YOU DO, YOU’VE DONE IT...LOTS OF TIME. YOU GET CAUGHT IN A BAD SITUATION, YOU GET INTO TROUBLE AND THEN YOU COME RUNNING TO ME. LORD, HELP ME OUT OF THIS MESS, AND I PROMISE YOU I’LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN. YOU REMEMBER SOME OF THOSE BARGAINS YOU TRIED TO MAKE WITH ME?”

“Yes, and I’m ashamed Lord. I really am.”

“WHICH BARGAINS ARE YOU REMEMBERING?”

“Well, when the guy next door saw me backing away from the neighborhood bar...I told my wife I was going to the store...I remember telling you, Lord, don’t let him tell her where I’ve been. I promise I’ll be in church every Sunday.”

“HE DIDN’T TELL YOUR WIFE, BUT YOU DIDN’T KEEP YOUR PROMISE, DID YOU?”

“I’m sorry Lord, I really am. Up until now I thought if I just prayed the Lord’s prayer every day, then I could do what I liked. I didn’t expect anything to happen like this.”

“GO AHEAD, FINISH YOUR PRAYER.”

“Oh yes...For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.”

“DO YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD BRING ME GLORY? WHAT WOULD MAKE ME REALLY HAPPY?”

“No, but I’d like to know. I want to please you. I can see what a mess I’ve made out of my life, and I can see how great it would be to really be one of your followers.”

“YOU JUST ANSWERED MY QUESTION.”

This was read by Bob and Laisne Hamilton in church one Sunday and was so impressive that when I stumbled across it I had to share it with any of you that might have missed their presentation.

Have you checked the Galilee Blog? It’s available from the home page on the website or: www.galileekelseville.blogspot.com/

If you have an article or something you would like in the newsletter please let me know. lhanson38@att.net

I need the information by March 15 in order to have time to put everything together.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Council Members

Vale Hanzel	President
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Laisne Hamilton	Member
Howard Allmon	Member
Doug Andre	Member
Carl Ingvaldstad	Member

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Congregational Meeting

A short congregational meeting was called Sunday Feb. 27 after church. Two new council members were elected and two people were elected to represent Galilee at the Synod Convention. New council members: Doug Andre and Carl Ingvaldstad. Representatives: Craig Waters and Kris Andre.

Isn’t it strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in Church?