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**Pastor  
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**Worship  
Service  
10:00 AM**

**Sunday School  
9:00 AM**

**Prayer  
Time**

**First  
Monday  
Of each  
month  
5:00 PM**

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

# The Galilean

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## A Pastoral Note

Lent is over, we have passed Easter Sunday and now it seems right that we should all start gearing down for the long lazy summer. That may be a nice dream but...

After the resurrection Jesus gave the disciples the charge, the mandate to go out and spread the good news. They were to baptize the people in the name of the father and the son and the Holy Spirit. This does not sound to me like gearing down and taking things easy.

If the disciples had to get to work, so do we. We are in possession of the greatest story ever told! There is the beauty of the Christmas story. But for us as Easter people we have the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus died for our sins. Jesus broke the bonds of death and was resurrected. Our sins are forgiven! We will never have to face the darkness of death. Because of Jesus we know that death is only the beginning of a new life.

Let us all spend our summers, our winters, our springs and falls telling the story of Jesus and what his life has meant to each and every one of us.



Start making plans to join us for summer worship in our outdoor sanctuary. We will be moving our worship outside starting June 19. There will be a new time this year. **Service will begin at 8:30 a.m.**

## President's Message

As I sit here in the Fellowship Hall waiting for the next family to pick up their Easter Food Basket I am gazing out the windows and looking toward the lake. The squirrels' are playing in the trees, the deer are grazing across the road and the birds are singing a happy tune; they must know tomorrow is Easter. What a glorious day. I am also reflecting back a few months; I have noticed that our pews are filling up and our numbers have been averaging in the mid to high 50's. As we grow so does our Sunday offering. We have been pretty close in reaching our monthly goal as far as total contributions versus expenditures. We are still ahead of the game more then we have ever been however, as of May 1<sup>st</sup> our monthly mortgage will increase to \$2490 a month and Pastor Martha will go ¾ time. As it sits now if we don't have any major expenses we should be OK. Our monthly contributions during the summer tend to dip a bit so what I am doing is going over our finances and seeing where we can save money. One idea is to look at our insurance coverage's. I will get with Church Mutual Insurance who we had some years back and see if we can get the same coverage at a lesser premium. We had to drop them as we had a day care program which they would not cover. I am also looking at our PG&E bill to see if and where we can save money. Our water rates will remain the same. Since we are not governed by a State Water Board (our water does not come from a state reservoir or aqueduct) we won't see any decrease in our water bill. Yes the drought is over but we will still pay the same rates. I guess what I am getting to is we need to dig a little deeper, I know times are tight but what I am looking for is for everyone to give 10% more weekly so that we can make our financial commitments and still have a cushion to fall back on IF needed. This will make Pastor Martha's full time goal a little easier for all of us. It may be a struggle but with God's grace and some heartfelt prayers we can make it. I believe in the Galilee family and I know we can do it.

In Christ's Love

Vale Hanzel

## Worship and Music



The Worship and Music Ministry would like to thank everyone who made Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday such a beautiful experience. Knowing that we'll forget someone, let's just say "You know who you are." And especially to Pastor Martha who weathered her first on-her-own Easter with grace and aplomb, even in the misty dawn outdoors.

This year marked our 25th or so outdoor Easter sunrise service, but the first one which took place on the Galilee grounds. We missed the State Park, but circumstances dictated the change in venue, and made the breakfast more accessible to early worshippers.

Now, as we move into the Easter season, approaching Pentecost, let's celebrate weekly the Risen Savior and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Worship and Music meetings continue to take place the first Sunday of each month after the morning worship. All are welcome to attend!

Submitted by Bob Hamilton

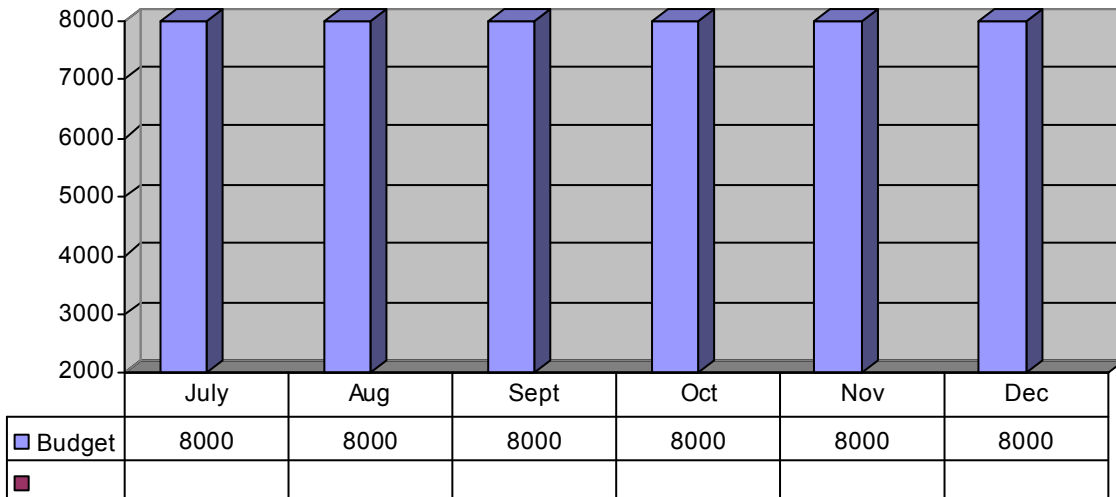
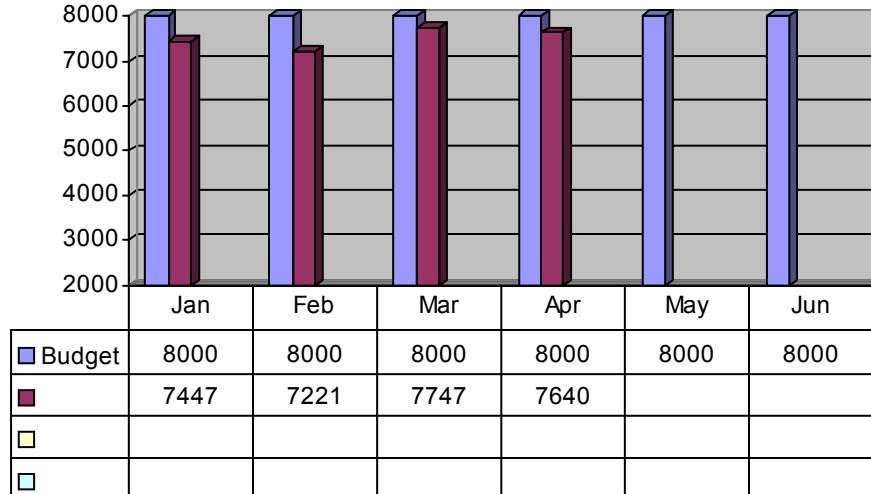
## Special Thanks!

A special thanks to everyone that has kept him in your prayers during the past months comes from Pete Johnson. Prayer does work and we are all glad Pete is improving.

## Prayer Time

Monday night prayer time with Pam has been changed from each Monday evening to the first Monday of the month at 5:00 PM.

# Giving 2011



\$8000 is needed each month to meet the yearly budget for 2011. We fell short \$360 this month.

## Stewardship

Happy May!

Can you believe we are in the 5<sup>th</sup> month of 2011? One third of the year is behind us. How have you been doing on your resolutions? Are you staying faithful to your pledge at church?

I was reminded in church today that I need to get out of the way and let God do His work. Sometimes I think I know what is best and I try to do things my way. It is always humbling to realize that God doesn't need me to accomplish His work. I need Him to accomplish my job here on Earth. He needs me to listen with an open heart and to take care of the poor, ill, and forgotten. Perhaps that's what the humility lesson is. I can learn to be grateful for everything God has pro-

vided for me.

My pledge to Galilee is only a fraction of the love I feel for God and appreciation for what He has done for me. I hope you can take a moment and ponder all the wonderful things God has done for you and respond with a thankful heart. Part of our task here is to take care of each other, the "Church".

As of today we have Pastor Martha 3/4 time. We need to keep up on our pledges and increase our giving a little if possible. Pastor Martha has been a wonderful addition to our congregation. We need to support our church out of thankfulness.

Humbly yours,  
Laisné Hamilton

## Bake Sale

This years total donations from the bake sale \$62.



### May Birthdays

- 5 Barbara McCauley
- 10 Laisne Hamilton
- 16 Helena Soiland
- 17 Martha Neff Stum
- 18 Thelma Dangel
- 30 Jenny Johnson

### May Anniversaries

No Anniversaries to report for May!



Mike and June Salter  
Renew vows for 50th Wedding  
Anniversary

## Galilee Worker Bees for April



May 1  
 Ushers: Salters  
 Lector: Juana  
 Counters: Mike Roederer  
 Communion Assistant: Juana

May 8  
 Ushers: Schmidts  
 Lector: Jerrod  
 Counters: Eva & Janis  
 Communion assistant: Jerrod

May 15  
 Ushers: Allmons  
 Lector: Debra  
 Counters: Sharon S. & Kris  
 Communion assistant: Debra



May 22  
 Ushers: Johnsons  
 Lector: Kris  
 Counters: Eva & Joan  
 Communion assistant: Kris

May 29  
 Ushers: Hanzels  
 Lector: Craig  
 Counters: Laisne  
 Communion assistant: Craig

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

## Dare to Be 100

Meetings held the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm in the 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

## No Love like a Mother's Love

There is no love, like a mother's love,  
no stronger bond on earth...  
like the precious bond that comes from God,  
to a mother, when she gives birth.

A mother's love is forever strong,  
never changing for all time...  
and when her children need her most,  
a mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers,  
God bless them every one...  
for all the tears and heartache,  
and for the special work they've done.

When her days on earth are over,  
a mother's love lives on...  
through many generations,  
with God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,  
for they love with a higher love...

## Before the child is born

A mother's love begins  
Before the child is born  
And lasts through time  
And difficulties  
And differences  
And many wounds  
And days of joy  
And days of sorrow  
Winding, wearing  
Weeping, sharing  
Changing  
Until, at the end  
What remains  
Is that solid core  
That began as love  
Before the child was born.

## WORK PARTY SATURDAYS

Don't forget the first Saturday of the month is our breakfast and work party. Now that spring has sprung there is a lot of work to be done. Trees need trimming, pine needles need to be raked, and we need to plant flowers around the perimeter of the church. We need to get the outdoor service area ready. My wish list is to have the benches power washed and perhaps the altar area repainted.



## The Lord is my Shepherd

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible; Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse.

Little Bobby was excited about the task. But, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Bobby was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly,

"The Lord is my shepherd and that's all I need to know!"



*Happy Mothers Day to all our Mothers*

## The Quilt Holes

As I faced my Maker at the last judgment, I knelt before the Lord along with all the other souls.

Before each of us laid our lives like the squares of a quilt in many piles; an angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that is our life.

But as my angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares was. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in every day life. I saw hardships that I endured, which were the largest holes of all.

I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich color and the bright hues of worldly fortune. I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened.

My angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty, like binding air.

Finally the time came when each life was to be displayed, held up to the light, the scrutiny of truth. The others rose; each in turn, holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been. My angel looked upon me and nodded for me to rise.

My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I hadn't had all the earthly fortunes. I had love in my life and laughter. But there had also been trials of illness and wealth, and false accusations that took from me my world, as I knew it. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the strength to pick up and begin again. I spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully, each time offering it up to the Father in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgmental gaze of those who unfairly judged me.

And now, I had to face the truth.. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what

it was.

I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light.

An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with wide eyes.

Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded the many holes, creating an image, the face of Christ. Then our Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, 'Every time you gave over your life to Me, it became My life, My hardships, and My struggles.

Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let Me shine through, until there was more of Me than there was of you.'

May all our quilts be threadbare and worn, allowing Christ to shine through!

## A Little Humor

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

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There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news.

The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

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A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... "

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Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about.

The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt"

## I am a Christian

When I say that 'I am a Christian', I am not shouting that 'I am clean living. I'm whispering 'I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven.'

When I say 'I am a Christian' I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not holier than thou, I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!

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## Grandchildren

She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye....

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A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods."

The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

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My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

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When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

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My Grandparents are funny, when they bend over, you hear gas leaks and they blame their dog.

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**If you have an article or something you would like in the newsletter please let me know. [lhanson38@att.net](mailto:lhanson38@att.net) I need the information by May 15 in order to have time to put everything together. Thank you for your cooperation.**