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The Galilean

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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 the Fellowship Hall)

Prayer Time
first
Monday
of each month
4:30 PM

Prayer Crafters
second
Thursday
of each month
6:30 PM

Adult Forum
Every
Tuesday
7:00-8:30 PM

A Pastoral Note



On Sunday October 2, 2011 Galilee welcomed 9 new members into our family of faith. As they have been in the process of discernment many have asked, "Why should I join?" I have found no real good answer to the question. You see in some churches you must be a member to receive communion. You must be a member to participate in the life of the congregation. These are great reason to join a congregation. But here at Galilee, everyone is welcome at God's table for communion. Everyone is welcome to sing in the choir. Everyone is invited to our dinners and pot lucks. Everyone is welcome at Adult forum. So why should you become a member of our congregation?

Membership carries with it the sense of ownership. If you belong it is *your* church. You have a say in how it is run and what ministries you as a church will support. Membership also carries with it a sense of pride especially when your church is recognized in the community for doing wonderful things. But the biggest reason to join our congregation is just to belong to a group of individuals who want to work together in God's vineyard. Through baptism you are a member of the body of Christ. Through membership you choose what other members you want to work with in the vineyard.

Most of you reading this are already members of Galilee and are probably wondering why Pastor is rambling on about something that does not concern you. Membership, belonging and working together should concern each one of us. Many of us have forgotten why we joined the congregation. Many of us are sitting back and saying, "I did that years ago. It's time for someone else to do the work." The work in God's vineyard is never finished. There is always something for each of us to do. Fair or not, the world judges all of Christianity by our actions or our inactions. What will be your actions in this part of the body of Christ? Let us all "reactivate" and rejuvenate our commitment and energy to work together in Jesus' name.

New Members

Nine new members (Leah Adams, Eric Andre, Jared Bjerga, Steven Cobb, Carol Crider, Wilma Hollenbeck, Lori Johnson, John Reil, Marcie Reil) will be welcomed into the Galilee family during the worship service Sunday October 2nd.

We are growing!!!

Come help us welcome these new members.



Chancel Choir

After many, many years of service as choir director Eva Johnson has resigned. We all appreciate the hard work she has done and all the beautiful music that has come to us from the choir. Thank you Eva for your dedication!!!

Adult Forum

The Adult Forum will begin October 4 and continue every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30 PM through November 22nd. The topic will be "Christian Iconography". Come join in!!!

Reminder

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 feed the homeless.

Remember the Food Pantry

We need:

- Jelly
- Applesauce—small containers
- Chili—canned
- Baked beans—canned
- Saltine crackers—large box
- Beans—pinto—dry

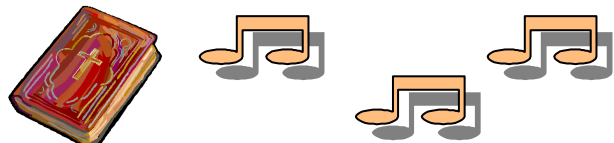


Pull top cans preferred:

Presidents Message

I will be out of state from October 12th through the 28th. During my absence please contact Kris Andre Council Vice President, for any questions or assistance needed from council.

Worship and Music



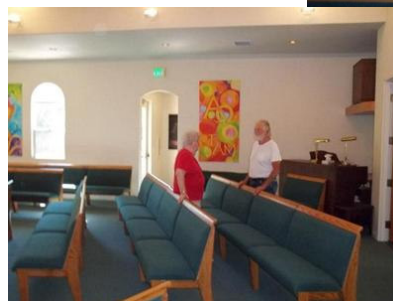
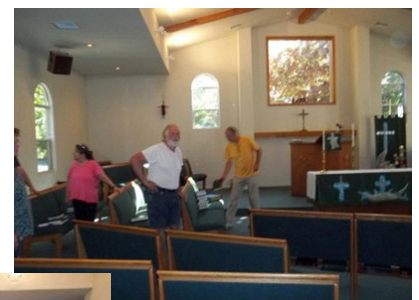
Stepping up to fill the vacancy of choir director is Marcie Reil, one of the new members being welcomed the 2nd of Oct. Thank you Marcie for volunteering to serve .

Saturday Breakfast & Work Party

Saturday's work party and breakfast will be October 1st. Breakfast at 8:30 AM and work at 9:00 AM. If you plan on coming for breakfast please e-mail Vale at v.hanzel@mchsi. Bring garden rakes to rake any pine needles , shovels for planting daffodils. We have a lot of flowers (bulbs) to plant and there is a large amount of pine needles that need to be picked up as they are a fire hazard. We will also be packing food bags for the homeless. So, come on out and join us.

A few pictures

From September Work day



Thank you Mike & Barbara

For sending the pictures



Budget Committee

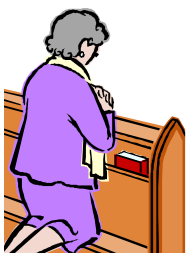
The budget committee has begun to work on the budget for next year. If anyone has any concerns, please see Pete Johnson, Joan Worcester, Eva Johnson, Craig Waters, or Lillie Hanson.

Peace Garden Re-dedicated

Sunday September 11 Galilee re-dedicated it's Peace Garden. This rededication to peace has taken place each year since 2001 and will continue each year until there is peace in the world.



Prayer with Pam



The first Monday of each month we join Pam for a special time of prayer. Everyone is welcome to join us. The prayer time is held in the sanctuary at 4:30 PM. We hope to see you there!

Message from Finance Chairman

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

I am writing to let you know Galilee is in financial trouble. During this past year we have been publishing a bar graph in this newsletter and weekly bulletins indicating the monthly budget amounts and the actual receipts. If you remember the budget meetings from last year we had no padding for extras but fortunately we started the year with some extra cash. The extra cash came from an interim loan modification with Mission Investment Fund late last year. With this modest surplus of cash we met our commitments so far this the year. I spoke to the congregation at the worship service early in September about the critical shortfall in receipts in August. Actual offerings in August were **\$5787** which is **\$2743** below budget. For the year so far we are **\$6394** below budget. Here is the problem we are facing. There is not enough money in reserve and expected receipts to meet our October commitments. We are working on another load modification with Mission Investment Fund but that will not fix all of the October shortfall.

What I am asking for is a one time special offering early in October. Maybe you have some money set aside for a rainy day or can hold off on a big purchase, only you know what you can do in your heart. I ask that you pray about this, sort through your budget and let's see if we can make up the \$6394 shortfall in receipt shortfall by October 15th. Please feel free to call me if you would like to talk about this or need more information.

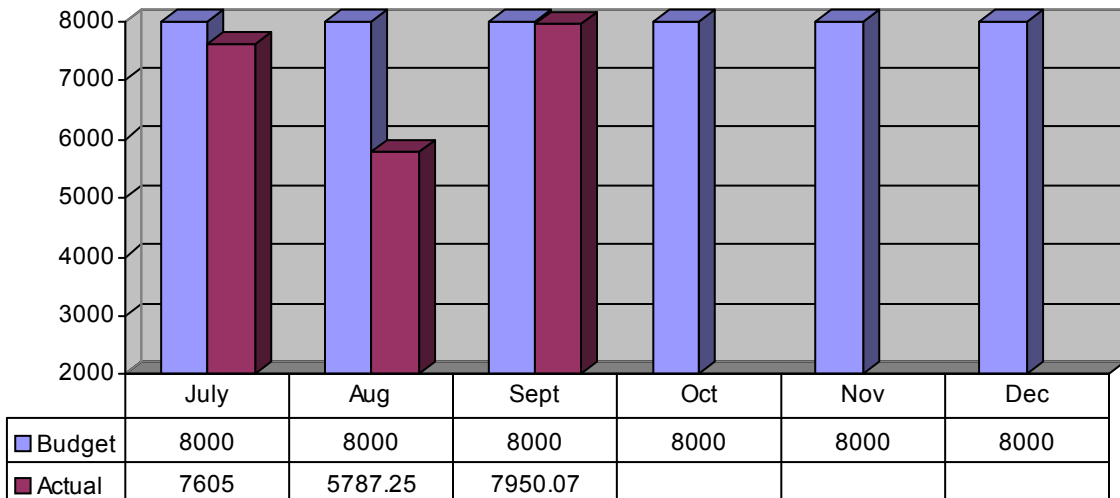
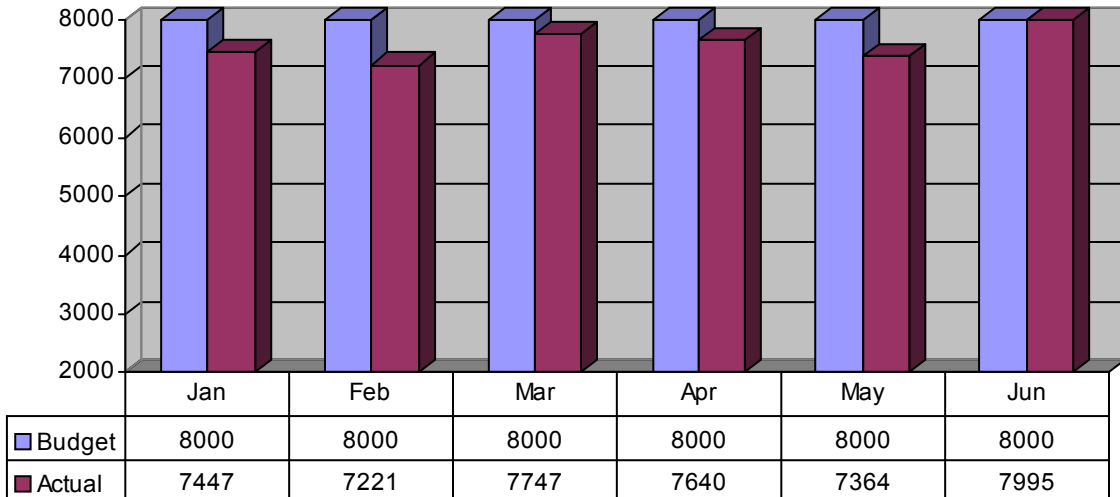
Yours in Christ

Pete Johnson, Finance Committee Chair

Why do we love children?

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before"?

Giving 2011



\$8000 is needed each month to meet the yearly budget for 2011. We were short **49.93** for the month of September. A great improvement over August..

Stewardship

Traditionally October has been Stewardship month. This is the time when we fill out our pledge cards and think about the coming year. It is a little before the beginning of the church year-Advent and several months before the beginning of the new calendar year.

I have tried to keep Stewardship in front of you all year. We need to remember always how God blesses us. It isn't always financial. He provides for our every need and even knows before we do just what we will need. He provides learning experiences and friends to share good times and help us through the rough times.

I encourage you to think hard about how God

is always beside us. Are we always here and supportive? Do we let "worldly" things get in the way? Can we afford \$10., \$20. Or \$50. more each month to help support the church?

Please pray and listen to God's call.

With great thanksgiving! Laisné

Bake Sale

Bake sale is held the second Sunday of the month. Please remember to bring your baked goods.

This years total donations from the bake sale \$102.

Thanks to all the ladies who provided the baked goods and all of



you who donated to the bake sale.



Service Assistants for October



October Birthdays

- 2 - Duncan MacInness
- 13 - Paul Stum
- 15 - Doug Andre
- 22 - Susan Francis
- 24 - Lee Woodberry
- 25 - Pat Winkler
- 26 - Martha Woodberry

October Anniversaries

No Anniversaries to report for October

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Starting October 2nd the first Sunday will be birthday & anniversary Sunday. We will celebrate all the birthdays and anniversaries for the month.

Grandchildren

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.

A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting." she said. "How do you make babies?"

"It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

October 2

- Ushers: Marvin & Lillie Hanson
- Acolyte: Baylee McKenny
- Lector: Debra Blum
- Worship Assistant: Laisne Hamilton
- Altar Guild: Jane Unger & Susan Francis
- Counters: Mike Roederer & ?

October 9

- Ushers: Vale & Chris Hanzel
- Acolyte: Summer Brown
- Lector: Carl Ingvaldstad
- Worship Assistant: Jared Bjerga
- Altar Guild: Jane Unger & Susan Francis
- Counters: Eva Johnson & Janis Andre



October 16

- Ushers: Corky & Sharon Schmidt
- Acolyte: Jennifer Brown
- Lector: Jason Cormier
- Worship Assistant: Debra Blum
- Altar Guild: Jane Unger & Susan Francis
- Counters: Sharon Schmidt & Kris Andre

October 23

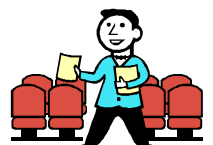
- Ushers: Howard & Marilyn Allmon
- Acolyte: Shawn Brice
- Lector: Craig Waters
- Worship Assistant: Kris Andre
- Altar Guild: Jane Unger & Susan Francis
- Counters: Eva Johnson & Joan Worster

October 30

- Ushers: Pete & Jenny Johnson
- Acolyte: Summer Brown
- Lector: Joan Worster
- Worship assistant: Craig Waters
- Counters: Laisne Hamilton & ?

Thanks to all of the service assistants

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



Dare to be 100

Dare to be 100 has been discontinued until further notice.

57 cents

A little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it was "too crowded."

"I can't go to Sunday School," she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by.

Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday school class. The child was so happy that they found room for her, and she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus.

Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings. Her parents called for the kindhearted pastor who had befriended their daughter to handle the final arrangements.

As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled red purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump.

Inside was found 57 cents and a note, scribbled in childish handwriting, which read: "This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday School."

For two years she had saved for this offering of love.

When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do. Carrying this note and the cracked, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion.

He challenged his deacons to get busy and raise enough money for the larger building.

But the story does not end there...

A newspaper learned of the story and published it. It was read by a wealthy realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands.

When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered to sell it to the little church for 57 cents.

Church members made large donations. Checks came from far and wide.

Within five years the little girl's gift had increased to \$250,000.00--a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century). Her unselfish love had paid large dividends.

When you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church, with a seating capacity of 3,300. And be sure to visit Temple University, where thousands of students are educated.

Have a look, too, at the Good Samaritan Hospital and at a Sunday School building which houses hundreds of beautiful children, built so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside during Sunday school time.

In one of the rooms of this building may be seen the picture of the sweet face of the little girl whose 57 cents, so sacrificially saved, made such remarkable history. Alongside of it is a portrait of her kind pastor, Dr. Russell H. Conwell, author of the book, "Acres of Diamonds".

This story is partially true

Council Members

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Doug Andre	Member
Carl Ingvaldstad	Member

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Finance Committee	Pete Johnson
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Worship & Music	Bob Hamilton
Property	Vale Hanzel
Community	Howard Allmon
Ushers	Mike Salter