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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

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A Pastoral Note

On Valentine's Day Sunday I asked folks to write on the paper hearts that I passed around: on one side answer the question "Love is.....", and the other side "Love does.....?" What follows below is a nearly complete list of the responses. My point was to visit once again what I have been proclaiming since I came here in July: being a Christian is to practice daily holding Jesus up as our plumb-line, and aligning our lives with his. But this time I asked the question: which Jesus?!

The Christian religion seems to have a confusing array of ideas about who Jesus was--- This often makes my sweetheart Betty say, "poor Jesus!" So on Valentine's Day I made the case (from the Bible) that Jesus was the Lord of Love. And I think these responses fill out that idea very well.

What Love Does

Calms me	Renews us
Comforts me	Keeps us sane
Keeps us humble	Cares for others
Gives what is right	Gives us peace
Warms our hearts	Heals our hurts
Helps a neighbor	Forgiveness
Tries to understand	Shows concern
Gives hope	Shows feelings
Enlightens	Embraces
Makes us whole	Remembers
Works miracles	Smiles

Accepts	Sacrifices
Teaches values	Love shares a kiss
Listens	Centers us
Does kind things	Works hard
Gives us strength	Purifies
Offers the beautiful	
Makes me feel secure	
Glues us together	
Helps the animals too	
Gives with an open heart	
Makes us reach out	
Honors and respects	
Feeds and clothes people	
Helps when it is needed	
Looks for the positive	
Creates laughter and joy	
Forgives imperfections	
Life forever for everyone	
Keeps the family together	
Looks for the positive	
Keeps the world together	
Open the way to a good life	
Makes us feel good in every sense	
It covers us with perfectness	
Makes me feel wanted and needed	
Keeps us on the right track	
Makes a life without violent conflict	
Love of God makes our life complete	
Reveals God to us in a tangible way	
Expresses compassion to every living soul	
Holds people when they are hurting	
Moves me to give back to other's the love of God	
Keeps the whole world turning with hope	

Love Is

Unconditional	A verb
An open heart	A joyful spirit
Pure and true	Patient
Healing	A way of life
A choice	Unselfish
Fulfillment	Comfortable
Grandmother's	Friendship
Thinking of others	Gratefulness
A glimpse of God	The essence of life
My wife, my family	Gentle and caring
Worshiping	Continue support
Wonderful	Thoughtfulness
Doing for others	Not judgmental
God	Indescribable
Faith and faithfulness	
A strong unconditional bond	
Sharing and listening	
Never feeling lonely	
Giving whatever it takes	
Actions that fill your heart with joy	
Sweetness and toughness	
Enjoyment of all things	
Honoring and accepting	
Feeding and growing	
Looking into someone's eyes and seeing the person	
My worth and purpose	
The beauty of the earth	
The answer to my problems	
Giving your whole heart	
The morning sunshine	
The joy of seeing a child	
An amazing blessing	
The way, the truth, the life	
Compassion and kindness	
A connection to my soul	
Teaching and encouraging	
Rev. Denis Eucalyptus	

Baylee McKenney



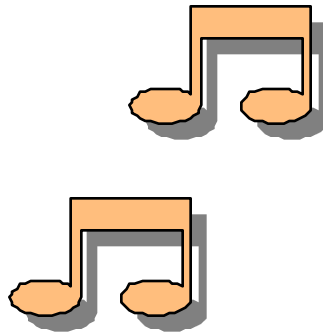
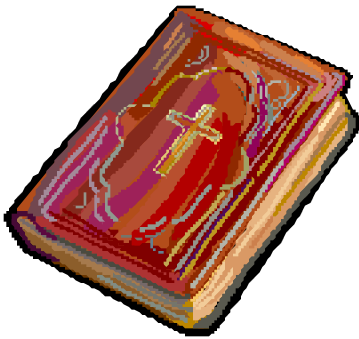
Family, friends and Galilee's congregation joined in celebrating the baptism of Baylee McKenney on February 7th during the morning service. Baylee has been a wonderful addition to our children's group.

In the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, water and God's promises connect the one who is baptized with the death and resurrection of **Jesus Christ**. This sacrament is an outward sign of our salvation and God's unbreakable promise to us of forgiveness and new life in Jesus Christ. Holy Baptism marks the entrance into the Christian community, **the Church**, and gathers the community together as children of God joined by their connection to Christ. Baptism is once and for all, and it is for people of any age.

Baptism is "so great, gracious, and full of comfort, we should diligently see to it that we ceaselessly, joyfully, and from the heart thank, praise, and honor God for it." **Martin Luther**



Worship and Music



One of the unsung ministries of the church is the Altar Guild. These faithful servants prepare the communion elements, arrange the altar, and change the paraments (the cloth things) on the altar, the lectern and the pulpit according to the liturgical seasons. This being Lent, the color of the season is purple, the color of penitence and preparation (also the royal color). Lent lasts for forty days (not counting Sundays), from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday, and is meant as a time when we bring ourselves closer to God and celebrate the path Jesus took on His way to the cross. Traditionally, a person gives something up during Lent, a sacrifice. In a more contemporary fashion, you might consider adding something to your life instead. Daily prayer or devotions or some form of community service are examples. Of course, in our busy lives, when we add something for God, we pretty much have to give something else up—television, complaining, taking blessings for granted. The forty days of Lent remind us, of course, of the forty days Jesus spent being tempted in the wilderness, the forty days and forty nights of rain when Noah was in the ark, and the forty days the Apostle Paul spent alone seeking God's will for his life after his conversion on the road to Damascus.

We'd like to welcome new Altar Guild members Susan Francis, Kim Brice and Sandy Legget. They are taking over from long-time worker bees Jenny Johnson and Marilyn Allmon.

Thanks to all of them!

On a more mundane note, a training session was held for ushers/greeters, lectors, com-

munion assistants, and altar guild members after church on February 21st. Thanks to Mary-Beth, Pete, Mike, Pastor Denis, and all those who participated. If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, let us know. It is truly a spiritually enriching experience to serve during the services.

Submitted by Bob Hamilton

Stewardship

Dear Wonderful Congregation,

Your giving in January was wonderful. We were able to meet our obligations and catch up on a payment to Mission Investment for our mortgage. The council agreed to tithe on the envelope and loose offering for January and commit to 5% on the envelope and loose offering for the rest of the year. I know this is a dry and not so pleasant topic, but it is fun to see how God will bless us as we fulfill our commitment to giving. Please keep this in your prayers.

Bob and I have been tithing for many years and when we made the decision and stuck to it we were amazed how God provided. The financial health of our congregation will help attract the right person for a pastor. We have many other ways we can give. Vale has suggested several projects that will be ongoing. 1. We will be collecting Box tops 4 Education and Labels for Education. 2. We will be collecting socks and toiletries for the homeless. 3. We will be collecting items for teen and new mothers. "God Loves a Cheerful Giver, give it all you got!" I think that's from a song.

We also have many committees in the church that need our help. If you look around and don't see what you would like, you could talk to the council and start a new group, ie. cooking, sewing, crocheting, knitting, gardening, etc. We have many talents in our congregation. Let's keep connected and growing.

Yours is Christ,
Laisné Hamilton

Natural Church Development

- Do you have some extra time on your hands?
- Are those soap operas getting boring?
- Do you want to get involved in an activity that makes you feel good inside?
- Do you want to become a member of the Natural Church Development Team?

We need more people, we need more input as to how we can make Galilee a bigger and better church. We need to fill the pews on Sunday. We need to be more active in our community; we need to take care of those who cannot take care of themselves.

Come out and join our team, sit down with us once a month and brainstorm ideas that will help Galilee and the community around us.

At our last meeting we discussed Labels for Education, clothing/cleaning the homeless and the down trodden and helping the new mothers who don't know where to turn for help.

This is a powerful team and with your input we can make Galilee the biggest and best church this side of the Mississippi.

Submitted by Vale Hanzel

Giving

Offering February 1st -
through the 21st:
\$6308.00

Needed to meet the budget:
\$6856.00



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—277-9095**

Property

Thank you to all the people that have been helping out around the property, cleaning the church and the community center, spraying for weeds, repairing faucets and cabinet doors. It seems like there is always something.

People are coming and going using the church and the community center for the small groups, meetings and fellowship, as it should be. It shows we are an active congregation.

Just a reminder, please check that the doors are closed and locked, lights and heater/air conditioner are turned off, garbage is taken out and all stoves are tuned off. Take just an extra minute and look to see if anything is out of place.

WALK AROUND / LOOK AROUND.

If you have any questions please call
Mike Roederer --- 928-4326

THANKS AGAIN AND KEEP THE FAITH
Mike

Galilee Choir



Choir meets each Sunday at 9:00 AM. Bring your voice. We'll find a place for it.

The choir's beautiful music about The Ten Commandments on February 21 was enjoyed by all.

"Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."

Martin Luther



Life Line Screening

Galilee Lutheran Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings on 4/27/2010. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441 for more information or to pre-register.



Birthdays
March

- 11 Mike Roederer 3 Howard & Marilyn Allmon
- 18 Katherine Harris 5 James & Florence Soper
- 27 Joan Worster

Have a great day!



Anniversaries

Joke for the month

The strongman at a circus squeezed the juice from a lemon between his hands. He then said to the audience, "I will offer \$200 to anyone in the audience who can squeeze another drop from this lemon. A thin scholarly looking woman came forward, picked up the lemon, strained hard and managed to get a drop. The strongman was amazed. He paid the woman and asked, "What is the secret of your strength?" "Practice," the woman answered. "I was the treasurer of a Lutheran Church for thirty-two years!"

A NOTE FROM YOUR WEBMASTER

Ok I guess I have used up the line, wow already another month gone since we had our last newsletter. Yep I used it again and I suppose it does fit. After all we are now coming up on March 2010.

There have been so many wonderful things happen to Lillie and me since we joined Galilee. We have made so many wonderful friends. We both enjoy contributing our small part to help our church and family members.

Thanks to Vale on letting Lillie and me know about channel eight in Clearlake. Lillie will be getting some thing in next Wednesday, February 17. Let us know if you know of any other methods of advertising our church, Galilee. Submitted by Marvin Hanson

Work Party



Put on your gloves and overalls and meet at the church for our cleanup days March

20th and April 3rd from 9:00 AM until noon.. Let's make everything beautiful for Easter. Come and join the gang and help keep our church and grounds the beautiful place it is.



Pastor Denis cleaning up the road

Don't forget prayer time with Pam is at 5:00 PM every Monday and with Pastor Denis every Saturday at 10:00 AM.



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

EASTER FOOD BASKETS



We need the following items:

Canned Ham

Large cans of Yams

Small Can Pineapple Slices

Canned Green Beans

Small bag of small Marshmallows

Dinner Rolls

Apple or Cherry Pies

Dozen Eggs with egg dye for the kids

Peeps

Please bring these items to the community center after Maundy services on Thursday April 1st. We will package them at that time and then deliver them on the following Saturday to the families that have been identified as being in need of food. Feel free to call Chris or Vale, 928-1060 for any questions you may have.

Social Ministry

Don't forget to save your box tops for education from all General Mills products and labels for education from all the products from the Campbell's family. Schools can spend these points to purchase items from a catalog. Some of the items available are microscopes, calculators, various learning toys for kindergarten kids, and some musical instruments just to list a few. There are a whole lot of learning tools our children so desperately need and the schools can't afford in these hard financial times.

Items for the homeless are also needed. A pair of new socks, small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, etc. Also something to munch on, hard candy like peppermints is good. These are things we take for granted, but to a homeless person it will mean a lot.

Also, for the newboms whose mothers don't have much to speak of, we need a care package. When you are shopping and see baby items on sale, buy something. Bring in a box of diapers, baby powder, Desenex, clothes, booties, blankets anything you want that is geared for a newborn. These new mother's will greatly appreciate having the things they need for their special gift from God.

There is a place in the Narthex for all your contributions.

Galilee Worker Bees for March

March 7

Ushers: Pete & Jenny Johnson

Lector: Laisne Hamilton

Counters: Mike Roederer

Communion Assistant: Laisne Hamilton

Cleaners: Pete & Jenny Johnson

March 14

Ushers: Howard & Marilyn Allmon

Lector: Craig Waters

Counters: Eva Johnson & Janis Andre

Communion assistant: Craig Waters

Cleaners: Howard & Marilyn Allmon

March 21

Ushers: Vale & Chris Hanzel

Lector: Kris Andre

Counters: Sharon Schmidt & Kris Andre

Communion assistant: Kris Andre

Cleaners: Vale & Chris Hanzel

March 28 Palm Sunday

Ushers: Marvin & Lillie Hanson

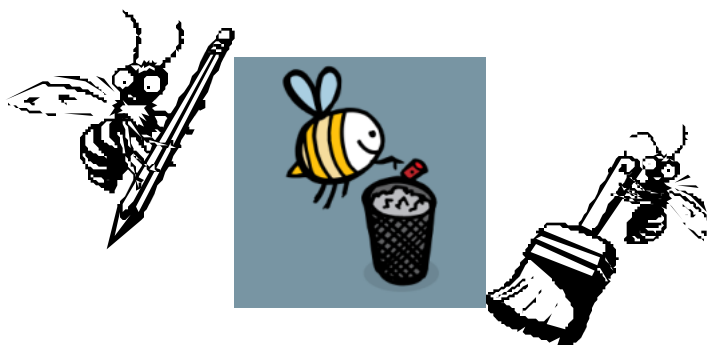
Lector: Joan Worster

Counters: Joan Worster & Eva Johnson

Communion assistant: Mike Roederer

Cleaners: Kris & Janis Andre

Thank you to all our worker bees.!



My brother is a minister of a Methodist church in New Jersey. This is an e-mail I received from him after his trip to the Holy Land.

HOLY LAND TRIP

"I Walked today Where Jesus Walked"

The night before our final Day in the Holy Land, we had gone from Jerusalem to Caesarea to Megiddo to Nazareth to Cana and finally ended up in Tiberius on the Sea of Galilee.

It was from there that we were to cross the Lake to the other shore and finish our Pilgrimage on Monday.

I was tired and hungry and, after going through four individuals at the Hotel dining room to get a diet Pepsi to drink, I was more than a little frustrated. I was also grieving the end of the trip which had been so spiritually uplifting. After my dinner partner left me to finish alone, three nice folks said, "Come over and finish with us."

I did and then planned to then go immediately to bed, skipping the lecture that was scheduled for 7:30. However, One of the ladies said she would like to attend the lecture but was afraid she would fall asleep. So, I offered to go along and help her stay awake.

I am rejoicing that I didn't fall asleep without the most memorable experience on the trip. The lecturer was going over the ministry of Jesus in Galilee and his depth of knowledge was exceptional. However, much of what he said was a review from Seminary and it was only his gracious manner that held my interest and kept my heavy eyes open.

He spoke for about an hour and then without any sort of accompaniment he became to sing in the most beautiful and moving way -

I walked today where Jesus walked, in days of long ago.

I wandered down each path He knew, with reverent step and slow.

Those little lanes, they have not changed, a sweet peace fills the air.

I walked today where Jesus walked, and felt

Him close to me.

My pathway led through Bethlehem, a memory ever sweet.

The little hills of Galilee, that knew His childish feet.

The Mount of Olives, hallowed scenes, that Jesus knew before.

I saw the mighty Jordan row, as in the days of yore.

I knelt today where Jesus knelt, where all alone he prayed.

The Garden of Gethsemane, my heart felt unafraid.

I picked my heavy burden up, and with Him at my side,

I climbed the Hill of Calvary, I climbed the Hill of Calvary, I climbed the Hill of Calvary, where on the Cross He Died!

I walked today where Jesus walked, and felt Him close to me.

I felt tears well up in my eyes and as I looked around, I could see I was not alone. I think, we understood for the first time that night that we had been doing just that and now we could return to our churches, families, and friends and knowing that we had walked where Jesus walked - and continue to walk everyday with Him.

And, following the instructions of Psalm 48 that I shared with my tour group in a morning devotional on Friday the 29th, "Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers, consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever".

