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Worship
Service

10:00 AM

Prayer
Time
Monday's
5:00 PM

The Galilean

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A Pastoral Note



Dear friends in Christ,
November is upon us already. It is hard to believe that soon there will be Christmas carols on the radio and decorations in all of the stores. We as Christians need to remember not to “jump the gun” when it comes to holiday plans. We have a lot to celebrate and remember yet before Christmas comes. The month of November brings us All Saints Sunday, a time to remember loved ones who have passed on to their eternal reward. There is also Christ the King Sunday and of course Thanksgiving. Let us live in the moment of the church calendar with joy, hope and anticipation of what is to come.

In Christ's Peace, Pastor Martha

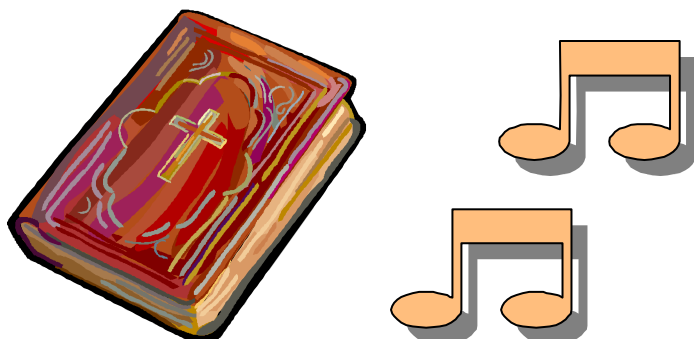
A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, so often times, as any other day
When we sit down to our meal and pray
We hurry along and make fast the blessing
Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing
We're slaves to the olfactory overload
We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold
But Lord, I'd like to take a few minute more
To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for
For my family, my health, a nice soft bed
My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head
I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those
Whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know
Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me beyond measure
Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest treasure
That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place
And I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace
So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You've provided
And bless each and every person invited
Amen!

--Scott Wesemann



Worship and Music



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

Music is the art of the prophets and the gift of God. Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.

Martin Luther

Social Ministry

We are no longer collecting box tops for education from General Mills or the labels for education from Campbell products.

Items for the homeless are still 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.

We are also still collecting diapers, etc. for those newborn babies. The playpen is still sitting waiting for your donations.

Thanksgiving baskets are just around the corner also. We have lots of needy families in Lake County and the baskets are really appreciated.

Stewardship

Stewardship Month (Year)

Hi Everyone,

We have officially been at this for one year. I have been trying to keep "Stewardship" in front of us and have us be mindful of how we use the time, talent and treasure that God gives us. Sunday when I spoke, I challenged all of us to look at our annual income and make the effort to tithe.

We need to have an idea of what our annual income will be so we can prepare a budget. The main thing we want in the budget is to have Pastor Martha full time.

Thank you for your patience with me and my ramblings about stewardship. I love each and every one of you. God provides for our every need. My father said, "You can't out-give God". Don't be afraid. Step out in Faith!

Humbly submitted,
Laisné Hamilton

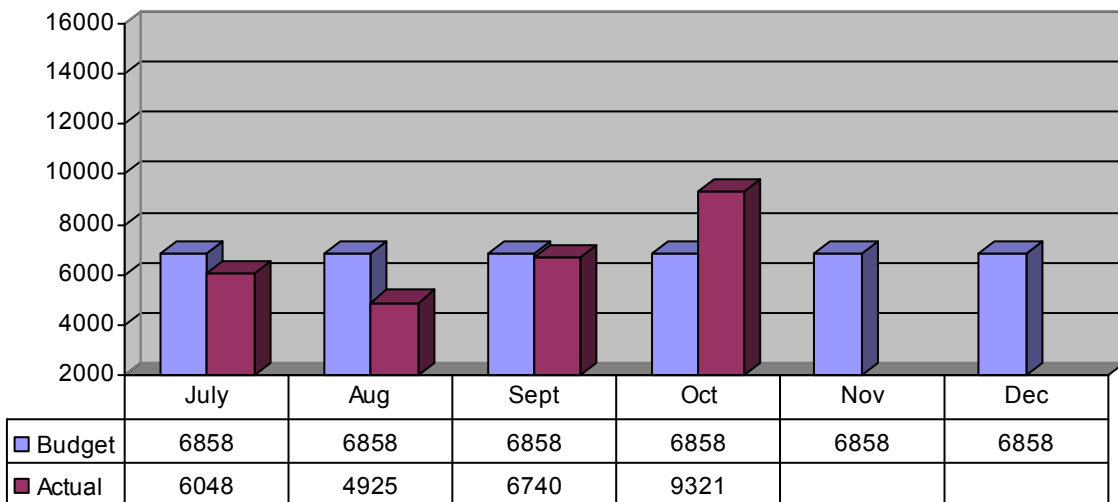
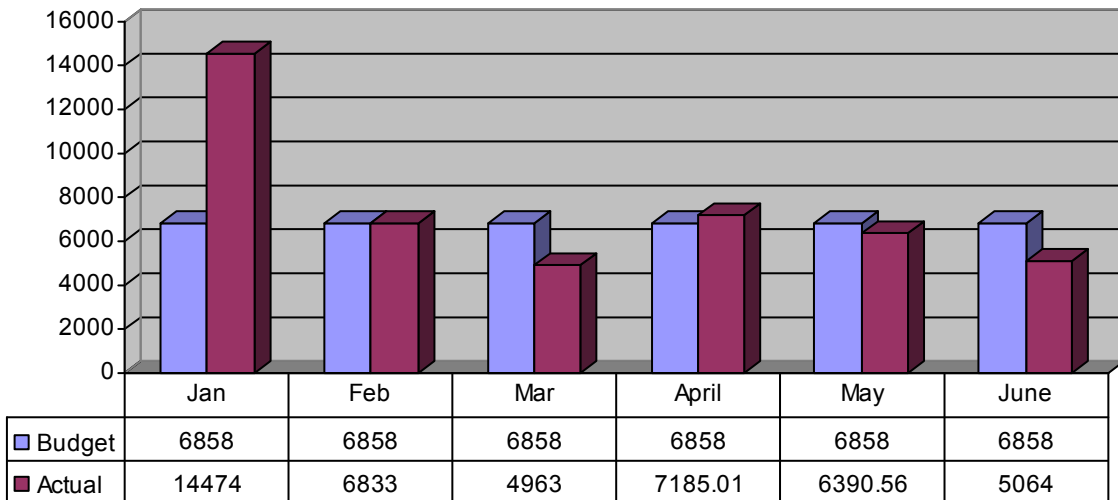
Windsor High School Choir



Marie Schrader (far left) brought her Windsor High School choir to perform at Galilee Lutheran Church Sunday, October 3. They sang four pieces, one of them a sing-along round of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"/"This Train"/"When the Saints Go Marching In."

Their annual visit is a welcome addition to Galilee's Sunday service, as well as the choir's first public performance of the year. The performance brought tears and joy to the faces of the congregation.

Giving 2010



\$6858 is needed each month to meet the yearly budget.

We have fallen short each month except January, April and October. In October \$840 was a special donation to finish paying the Snite fund back

January had two donations that we normally don't have. They were used to repay the Snite fund part of the money borrowed in 2008.

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 \$385.



Volunteer Needed

A volunteer is needed to coordinate the collection of old CELL PHONES, CAMERAS, and USED INK CARTRAGES.

This could be a great fund raiser for our congregation.

Some of these are worth \$100.

If you are interested in volunteering some time please contact Howard Allmon at 277-7442 for more information.

Pledge Cards

If you haven't picked up your pledge card for 2011 please pick up one. We need these to plan the budget for 2011.



November Birthdays

No birthdays to report for November!

November Anniversaries

23 - Pastor Martha & Paul Stum

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

Joke of the Month

During "Kid Talk" at St. John Lutheran Church, Glendale, Arizona, the pastor asked about the types of angels and their jobs. Having already talked about herald and warrior angels, he was trying to get them to identify arch-angels. He asked, "What do you suppose arch-angels do?" Laura, 9, confidently answered, "Ride along with Noah."

Church Bulletin Bloopers

"The Grace Lutheran Church Women are planning an "English Tea Party," inviting the women of area Lutheran churches. All women are asked to wear hats and gloves; no slacks please."

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 November 15 in order to have time to put everything together.

Thank you for your cooperation

Galilee Worker Bees for October

November 7

Ushers: Marvin & Lillie

Hanson

Lector: Kris Andre

Counters: Mike Roederer &

Communion Assistant: Kris Andre

Cleaners: Marvin, Lillie & Bob

Hanson



November 14

Ushers: Howard & Marilyn Allmond

Lector: Joan Worster

Counters: Eva Johnson & Janis Andre

Communion assistant: Mike Roederer

Cleaners: Howard & Marilyn Allmond

November 21

Ushers: Pete & Jenny Johnson

Lector: Carl Ingvaldstad

Counters: Sharon Schmidt & Kris Andre

Communion assistant: Carl Ingvaldstad

Cleaners: Pam & Mike Roederer

November 28

Ushers: Marvin & Lillie Hanson

Lector: Laisne Hamilton

Counters: Joan Worster & Eva Johnson

Communion assistant: Laisne Hamilton

Cleaners: Kris & Janis Andre

Dare to Be 100

There will be no meeting in November or December due to the passing of Gunhild. We will all miss her.

Many of the members would like to keep this going in memory of Gunhild. Watch the newsletter for updates on the progress.

Have you checked the Galilee Blog? It's available from the home page on the website or:

www.galileekelseyville.blogspot.com/

Labyrinth Walk

Twelve of us gathered on Saturday afternoon for the first of what we hope are many monthly labyrinth walks. The weather was great, there was a little feel of fall in the air as we walked and meditated or prayed in the labyrinth.

We will be doing this at 4:00 p.m. on the 3rd Saturday of every month. When the weather does not allow for outdoor walking we will be inside with paper labyrinths and guided meditations.

Come join us for a few minutes with God

Great Poem by a Lutheran Pastor Who Shall I Vote for?

Who shall I vote for, who will get my nod?
I ask for guidance, "Hear me O my God
We need leaders who will help restore and heal our land.
Build it on firm foundation, not on shifting sand.
Leaders with a heart for the people, those who truly care.
Who will give of themselves, their leadership gifts fully share.
We hear their rhetoric, their promises and boast
But what should we look for in a leader. What matters most?"
Look for character, integrity, honesty, who and what they are.
Not only on the political stage but when with the struggles of life they spar.
How do they relate to others, are they consistent, caring and true?
Or do they blow with the winds of favor as a tumbleweed would do?
Their family life, is it marked with faithfulness and trust?
Is their speech unpolluted or hidden in a cloud of dust?
Their faith life - Are they reliant on, committed to the Lord?
Or do they waver with the crowd, a chameleon for the hoard.
Competency is a chord worthy to pursue.
What they promise us, are they truly able to do?
Not are they great debaters, or fervent shaker of hands.
But will they function effectively in the face of all the demands.
It's not a matter of intelligence, or bloopers here and there.

But for their duties day by day, will they well prepare.

Have they a source of strength beyond themselves upon whom they call?

Will they inspire the people to follow, both great and small?

Observe the causes they promote, will they build up our land?

Do they portray the vital values upon which we stand?

Will they benefit the people, youth and seniors as well?

Quality education and health care, reality or political sell.

Equal rights or special rights favoring the select few.

Protecting the rights of our convictions, what we think and do.

Is the cause just or just a cause to win over the voters?

Promises to be kept or empty rhetoric to please paying supporters.

Challenges of great magnitude will surely come to pass.

Will they face the crises head on or conveniently bypass?

Do they have inner strength, vitality and verve
To encourage, enable and lead the people they would serve?

Will they surround themselves with advisors truly wise and just,

Whose judgment birthed in integrity and experience are worthy of trust? Note their commitment level, their passion for the cause.

Have they a heart to truly serve or merely bask in applause?

What is their commitment vision, what do they desire our future to be?

Will they simply focus on our pleasure, bathe in our prosperity?

Or do they see a world in need, many struggling just to survive

Whom we can help with our resources, their hopes to revive.

A commitment to build a better nation & world working for genuine peace

Through strength of arms and arms of service, bring conflicts to cease.

Voting guide written by Rev. Alan E. Ericksen

Former Reverend of Grace Lutheran Church, Bowie Maryland

Andy Rooney and Prayer

Andy Rooney says:

"I don't believe in Santa Claus, but I'm not going to sue somebody for singing a Ho-Ho-Ho song in December. I don't agree with Darwin, but I didn't go out and hire a lawyer when my high school teacher taught his theory of evolution. Life, liberty or your pursuit of happiness will not be endangered in any way because someone says a 30-second prayer before a football game. So what's the big deal?"

It's not like somebody is up there reading the entire Book of Acts. They're just talking to a God they believe in and asking him to grant safety to the players on the field and the fans going home from the game. But it's a Christian prayer, some will argue. Yes, and this is the United States of America, and Canada, countries founded on Christian principles. According to our very own phone book, Christian churches outnumber all others better than 200-to-1. So what would you expect -- somebody chanting Hare Krishna?

If I went to a football game in Jerusalem, I would expect to hear a Jewish prayer. If I went to a soccer game in Baghdad, I would expect to hear a Muslim prayer. If I went to a ping pong match in China, I would expect to hear someone pray to Buddha. And I wouldn't be offended. It wouldn't bother me one bit. When in Rome.....

But what about the atheists? Is another argument. What about them? Nobody is asking them to be baptized. We're not going to pass the collection plate. Just humor us for 30 seconds. If that's asking too much, bring a Walkman or a pair of ear plugs. Go to the bathroom. Visit the concession stand. Call your lawyer! Or, just exercise their right to leave this country! Unfortunately, one or two will call their lawyer. One or two will tell thousands what they can and cannot do. I don't think a short prayer at a football game is going to shake the world's foundations.

Christians are just sick and tired of turning the other cheek while our courts strip us of all our rights. Our parents and grandparents taught us to pray before eating, to pray before we go to sleep. Our Bible tells us to pray with-

out ceasing. Now a handful of people and their lawyers are telling us to cease praying. God, help us. And if that last sentence offends you, well, just sue me.

The silent majority has been silent too long. It's time we tell that one or two who scream loud enough to be heard that the vast majority doesn't care what they want! It is time that the majority rules! It's time we tell them, "You don't have to pray; you don't have to say the Pledge of Allegiance; you don't have to believe in God or attend services that honor Him. That is your right, and we will honor your right; but by golly, you are no longer going to take our rights away. We are fighting back, and we WILL WIN!"

God bless us one and all...Especially those who denounce Him, God bless America and Canada, despite all our faults, we are still the greatest nations of all. God bless our service men who are fighting to protect our right to pray and worship God.

Let's make 2010 the year the silent majority is heard and we put God back as the foundation of our families and institutions. And our military forces come home from all the wars. Keep looking up."

Work Party

It's work party time. There are a lot of walnuts that need to be picked up (safety concerns) along with a lot of raking. With the rain there are a lot of leaves and pine needles on the property. To lure you Saturday morning sleepers out of bed Pastor Martha will cook us all breakfast before we start the day. Cheese omelets, sausage and potato's, what more could you ask for? So come join us on Saturday November 6 at 8:00AM for breakfast then we will start our clean up at 9:00AM. Call Vale at 928-1060 and get your reservations in for breakfast seating. What's the old line; "cook and they shall come" Pastor's cooking so you better show up!



While you gather for thanksgiving dinner....

Please, take a moment to remember. Somewhere, there is someone who cannot gather with their family because they will be arrested or killed.

Somewhere there is someone who cannot afford food for the day because they were robbed by some government official.

Somewhere, there is a child crying in the street because their parents were killed for worshipping the wrong God.

So as you sit with your family and friends. Remember that somewhere there is a group of men and women who think that it is completely messed up that people cannot gather safely. There are men and women who stand against the oppression and persecution of innocent people.

As you say your thanksgiving prayers. Remember the men and women who are not there because they are fighting to ensure your freedoms to gather. Your freedoms to not live in fear because of your religion.

Remember that it was not the priest who gave us freedom of religion, nor the reporter who gave us freedom of the press. It was not the politician who handed us the freedom to vote, and it was not the protestor who gave us the right to gather.

It was your brother, your daughter. That kid next to you in math class. Those 18 to 22 year old souls who gave up their freedoms to fight for yours.

So as you sit at the dinner table, remember that young man and that young woman who is sitting in a crowded shack waiting for some dry turkey, or that soldier who is sitting in their

hum-v waiting for dinner to be over so they can return to the relative safety of the FOB and see if there are any leftovers.

And as you remember those who have been gone for the past thanksgiving or two, remember also, those who won't be returning home to their families. Those who were taken to never be given back. So gather with your families and celebrate the holidays. But never NEVER forget those who are not present or will never be present again.

Famous Lutherans

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) German composer and church musician. An early model of J.S. Bach, his many compositions include cantatas, chorale pieces, canons, fugues, and preludes. Today he is especially known for his Canon in D (often simply referred to as *Pachelbel's Canon*).

Dana Carvey (b.1952) comedian and actor known especially for his gift of mimicry. Former member of *Saturday Night Live* (1986-1993), where he created many numerous characters, including "The Church Lady." His film credits include the mega-hit *Wayne's World* and its sequel.

John Woo - Hollywood director. Recently directed "Wind Talkers" starring Nicholas Cage.

KEYS

We are still trying to account for the keys to the church, community center, etc. If you have keys and have not notified Vale Hanzel please let him know at 928-1060 or e-mail at v.hanzel@mchsi.com.

Congregational Meeting

November 21, will be our annual meeting to go over the 2011 budget. This will be followed by a potluck lunch in the Community Center. More information to come.