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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

Easter reminds us of the bigger picture, whereas daily life usually keeps us focused on the smaller picture: cooking, cleaning, organizing, and the ten thousand other familiar tasks of our lives. But Easter addresses squarely the questions: "What is it all about?" "Where are we going?" "How do we get there?"

It is a pity that most of us get so distracted by the tasks of daily life, and by our efforts at entertainment and recreation, that Easter and the big picture often seems irrelevant and disconnected from our regular experience of life. I sometimes wish that each of us could have one of those experiences that are often reported by people in emergency rooms who, when unconscious, witness the room's activities from above, at ceiling level—a so called "out of the body" experience—and get a glimpse, a hint of the bigger picture.

Our Palm Sunday to Good Friday story is all about the small, diminished, limited picture of humanity in its daily struggles. It pictures us as blinded by our egos and fears, It shows us weak and power hungry and trying to control others around us. It shows us lost and confused and mired in guilt and shame and

anger. And all this melodrama in spinning around Jesus who steadfastly is trying to love people and awaken them to their dilemma, with little success. They feel they need to desert him or kill him because he has come too close to showing them the big picture, a picture that would change their lives—and who really wants to (and is ready to) change their lives?!

Then Easter happens and we are able to see the larger context for our lives and our deaths: life is larger and longer and more wonderful than we could ever have hoped for. The big picture is that the love we participate in is glorious—and without end. This changes how we treat ourselves, each other, and our planet. It changes how we live our ordinary daily lives.

Pastor Denis



Easter Celebration

Thursday April 1st **Maundy Thursday “Service of Shadows”**

7:00 PM

Friday April 2nd **Good Friday Service** followed by stripping of the alter

7:00 PM

Easter Sunday April 4

Sunrise Service at Clear Lake State Park

6:00 AM

Easter breakfast in the Community Center and egg hunt for the children

8:30-9:45 AM

Traditional Easter Service

10:00 AM

Dates of Easter

Next ten years

2011	April 24	2012	April 8
2013	March 31	2014	April 20
2015	April 15	2016	March 27
2017	April 16	2018	April 1
2019	April 21	2020	April 12

2010 Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly

The 2010 Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly will be held at the Silver Legacy Hotel in Reno, Nevada on May 6-8. The Assembly theme will be “Vital Congregations, Just Communities.”

Online registration will be available beginning February 15th at www.spselca.org. If you are unable to register online, e-mail info@spselca.org or telephone the Synod Office at 510-430-0500.

Hotel rooms may be reserved online by going to the Synod website www.spselca.org and clicking on the hotel link for the Silver Legacy Hotel in Reno, Nevada, Nevada. Hotel reservations close on April 19th. You should enter “ELCA10” in the group name to receive the special rate which has been arranged for those attending the Assembly.

Call Committee Update

Dear Galilee Congregation,

I wanted to give you all a brief update on where we are in the Call process. The Call Committee has been working diligently with Nancy Nelson (Bishop’s Associate) from the synod office in our search for a new pastor. We completed our Congregational profile in January and have since received communication from the synod office that our profile is currently being reviewed by prospective candidates. These prospective candidates will take a few weeks to review our congregational profile and decide if they would like to know more about our church and will notify the synod office if they would like to be considered as a possible pastoral candidate for Galilee.

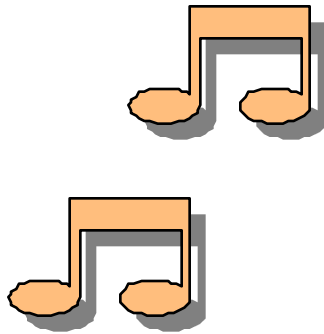
Once the possible candidates have been selected then a representative from the synod office will personally come to Galilee to meet with the Call Committee. We have also been informed that Nancy will no longer be our synod representative for this process. Pastor Jim Goldsmith has recently joined the synod and he will be joining us in our search for a new pastor as our synod representative. Pastor Goldsmith has a long standing relationship with Galilee and his knowledge of our congregational needs and many years of experience will be a great asset to us in this process.

We thank you for your patience in this process and we will keep you posted as we progress through this journey of finding a new pastor for Galilee. As always please feel free to contact anyone of the Call Committee members with any questions and concerns you may have regarding this process. We will bring your questions and concerns to attention at our following meeting, and address them during the meeting so they will be incorporated into the call process.

Carrie Maldonado



Worship and Music



The most important season of the church year is upon us! As the Apostle Paul said, If Christ was not resurrected from the dead, then we are the saddest and most foolish of all people on earth. All of our faith is in vain.

As we approach Easter Sunday, we have had weekly Wednesday night Lenten services focused on the theme of "prayer." Meditative prayer, Scripture-based prayer, praying through song...we have just scratched the surface so far.

We have also celebrated two Sundays with lay leadership as Pastor Denis is in Italy. The first was led by the clown ministry teaching about the discipleship of all believers. Last Sunday Jim Coomes delivered the message, "Our Path to Glory," which also taught discipleship, this time from a practical point of view. A highlight of the service was Shaun Brice leading the congregation in "The Prayers of the People of God."

Our Natural Church Development goals over the past two years were "Empowered Lay Leadership" and "Passionate Spirituality." We are definitely on the right track, as the last few weeks have shown.

March 28, Palm Sunday, leads off Holy Week. Maundy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper with the "Service of Shadows" at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. But first, at 6:00, we'll be meeting in the Community Center to practice discipleship by packing Easter baskets under the able leadership of Vale and Chris Hanzel. And on Good Friday, we'll have the tradi-

tional service at 7:00 pm, followed by the Stripping of the Altar.

Easter Sunday we'll meet at the beach at Clear Lake State Park at 6:00 am for our sunrise service. Breakfast in the Community Center will follow from 8:30-9:45, prepared by our inspired volunteer corps. At 10:00 is the Festival Service in the sanctuary.

Don't miss out on any of these inspirational services! We walk with Christ through the bad times as well as the good. As Jesus said to his original disciples, so does he say to us...

"Couldn't you stay awake for just one hour?"

A reminder...the Worship and Music Ministry is looking for a couple of people to join us in planning future services. If you are called by God to participate, say "yes." See Bob or Laisné Hamilton for more information.

Submitted by Bob Hamilton

Stewardship

Dear Friends,

While searching for something to share with you this month, I came across the newsletter from the Synod. In it was a message from Jim Goldsmith. I have borrowed from his letter.

"I wish we had known these words of Corrie Ten Boom at that time: "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." The day came, though, when we decided to step out in faith and become tithers. It was scary, but more and more we came to understand that we were stewards of abundance, not scarcity, and that God would sustain us.

What a joy this journey became for us! Did we still struggle financially at times? Of course. But our commitment to first fruits, proportional giving to God's work actually freed us from a lot of the worry and concern that we had experienced. God gave us enough, and sometimes more than enough, to carry us through."

Thank you Jim for your words of encouragement. Thank you God for taking of our every need.

Laisné Hamilton

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.

A NOTE FROM YOUR WEBMASTER

Check the web site often. I receive and/or update the web site on a continuing basis. The latest update is: a scroller has been added to the home page due to the page becoming crowded with information, check the scroller and if there is an item that interests you, click the yellow hi-light on that item for more information. In addition, the calendar has returned to the calendar page. The calendar will contain the monthly events... I am always receptive for any new ideas. God bless our congregation.

Submitted by Marvin Hanson

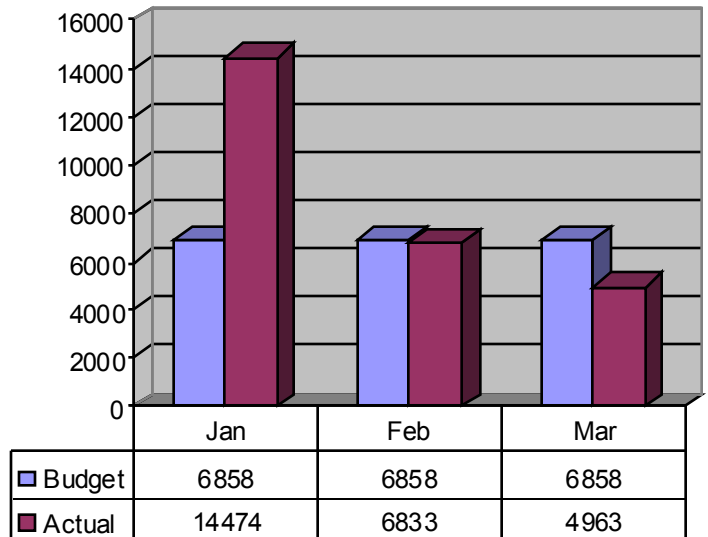
Special Prayer Request

Let's all remember Pete & Jenny Johnson and all the others in our congregation that are suffering from an illness or injury in our prayers.

Grant that I may not pray alone with the mouth; help me that I may pray from the depths of my heart.

Martin Luther

Giving 2010



\$6858 is needed each month to meet the yearly budget. We were way above that amount in Jan. due to a couple of generous donations from our members. We were able to catch up on our mortgage and repay some of the money that had to be borrowed from the Snite fund in 2008.

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 "*I walked today where Jesus walked*" March 28th was enjoyed by all especially me. I had never heard the song before and really appreciate all the work they did to make it possible.



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

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.



April Birthdays
 1- Chris Hanzel
 4- Jim Coomes
 24- Pam Roederer
 26- Mike Salter
 28- Sharon Lewis



April Anniversaries
 8- June & Mike Salter

Have a great day!

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**

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

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.

Work Party



Put on your gloves and overalls and meet at the church for

our cleanup day 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

Potluck

Congregational potluck dinner Saturday April 17 4:00-7:00 PM Bring your favorite dish and enjoy an evening of fellowship with your fellow members at Galilee.

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

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

Galilee Worker Bees for April

April 4 Easter Sunday

Ushers: Steve & Kim Brice
 Lector: Carl Ingvaldstad
 Counters: Mike Roederer
 Communion Assistant: Carl Ingvaldstad
 Cleaners: Carl & Mary Beth Ingvaldstad

April 11

Ushers: Vale & Chris Hanzel
 Lector: Craig Waters
 Counters: Eva Johnson & Janis Andre
 Communion assistant: Craig Waters
 Cleaners: Vale & Chris Hanzel

April 18

Ushers: Corky & Sharon Schmidt
 Lector: Laisne Hamilton
 Counters: Sharon Schmidt & Kris Andre
 Communion assistant: Laisne Hamilton
 Cleaners: Craig Waters

April 25

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

Thank you to all our worker bees.!



Recipe for the Month

This appetizer recipe won my sister Sharon Mobley of Austin, Texas one of the 100 top entries in the Pillsbury Bakeoff that will be held in Orlando, Florida April 11-13. I'll let you know if she places in the finals. She is very excited just to be one of the 100.



Razzle-Dazzle Beef Bites

Prep Time: 20 Min
 Total Time: 40 Min
 Makes: 16 appetizers

INGREDIENTS

1 can (8 oz) Pillsbury® Place 'N Bake® refrigerated crescent rounds (8 rounds) or 1 can (8 oz) Pillsbury® refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
 1 package (3 oz) cream cheese, softened
 ½ teaspoon lemon-pepper seasoning
 ½ cup Smucker's® Red Raspberry Preserves
 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish
 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
 3 oz shaved cooked roast beef (from deli)
 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 375°F. If using crescent rounds, remove from package, but do not separate rounds. If using crescent rolls, remove from package, but do not unroll. Using serrated knife, cut roll evenly into 16 rounds; carefully separate rounds. Place 1 round in bottom of each of 16 ungreased regular-size muffin cups. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Immediately press back of rounded teaspoon into center of each baked round to make indentation. Remove rounds from muffin cups to cooling rack; cool 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, mix cream cheese and lemon-pepper seasoning. In another small bowl, mix preserves, horseradish and mustard. Spread 1 teaspoon cream cheese mixture into each round; top with 1/2 teaspoon preserves mixture. Divide beef evenly among rounds; top each with 1 rounded teaspoon preserves mixture. Sprinkle with parsley.

Joke for the month

How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb?
 None, Lutherans don't believe in change.
 Why do we pass the peace when secretly we feel that bugging our neighbor is too intimate?
 Why do we volunteer endlessly when we believe we're saved by grace alone?
 Why do we consider the new hymnbook a mid-life crisis?
 Why do we firmly believe that if it's never been done why do it now?
 Why do we believe that coffee and potlucks are nearly as important as the service itself?

This is an e-mail I received and thought it was worth sharing.

The Tablecloth

The brand new pastor and his wife, newly assigned to their first ministry, to reopen a church in suburban Brooklyn, arrived in early October excited about their opportunities. When they saw their church, it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve.

They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting, etc, and on December 18 were ahead of schedule and just about finished.

On December 19 a terrible tempest - a driving rainstorm hit the area and lasted for two days. On the 21st, the pastor went over to the church. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster about 20 feet by 8 feet to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit, beginning about head high.

The pastor cleaned up the mess on the floor, and not knowing what else to do but postpone the Christmas Eve service, headed home. On the way he noticed that a local business was having a flea market type sale for charity, so he stopped in. One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, ivory colored, crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work, fine colors and a Cross embroidered right in the center. It was just the right size to cover the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church.

By this time it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus. She missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus 45 minutes later.

She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder, hangers, etc., to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered up the entire problem area.

Then he noticed the woman walking down the center aisle. Her face was like a sheet. "Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that ta-

blecloth?" The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials, EBG were crocheted into it there. They were. These were the initials of the woman, and she had made this tablecloth 35 years before, in Austria.

The woman could hardly believe it as the pastor told how he had just gotten "The Tablecloth". The woman explained that before the war she and her husband were well-to-do people in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her the next week. He was captured, sent to prison and she never saw her husband or her home again.

The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth; but she made the pastor keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home. That was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of Staten Island and was only in Brooklyn for the day for a housecleaning job.

What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full. The music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many said that they would return.

One older man, whom the pastor recognized from the neighborhood continued to sit in one of the pews and stare, and the pastor wondered why he wasn't leaving.

The man asked him where he got the tablecloth on the front wall because it was identical to one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria before the war and how could there be two tablecloths so much alike?

He told the pastor how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to flee for her safety and he was supposed to follow her, but he was arrested and put in a prison. He never saw his wife or his home again all the 35 years between.

The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island and to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier.

He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment, knocked on the door and he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.

Submitted by Pastor Rob Reid who says God does work in mysterious ways.