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PASTOR
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**Outdoor
Morning worship
9:00 AM**

**Prayer
Monday's
5:00 PM**

**Prayer
Saturday's
10:00 AM**

The Galilean

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A Pastoral Note

Every seminary student dreams about their first congregation. What will it be like? Of course we all dream of a beautiful worship space, the best view outside our office window and loving and caring people in the congregation. Sadly most do not find the reality of the first call to be at all in line with the dreams. I am one of the lucky few. By the grace of God, I have landed in the most beautiful setting with the greatest congregation around. Paul and I cannot thank you enough for everything you have done for us since we have arrived. We have been given places to stay, food for our pantry, and help unloading our "stuff". Then on top of it all we have been treated to smiles and hugs that are filled with so much love.

Galilee Lutheran is a caring, loving and hospitable congregation. That has been apparent since my first encounter with the call committee. What we need to do now is work together so that all of Lake County knows about the wonderful community that is here at Galilee. Working together we can make Galilee known for something other than being "that nice little church on Soda Bay

Rd." I will be calling the members of the congregation to set up an appointment for me to come and visit. I want to get to know each of you but I also want to know what each of you values about Galilee. And I want to know what you would change if you could. Together we can all work out a plan and a direction for our congregation.

Keep Galilee and its community in your prayers.

Peace,

Pastor Martha Neff Stum



President's Report

Church Council organization changes

The council is charged with managing the day to day operations of the church. Normally we have 6 to 7 members that meet the second Sunday after church. Meetings last about two hours and are open to the congregation.

Mike Roederer resigned from the council to pursue other interests and make way for some newer members to participate in church leadership. Mike has made many years of contributions on the council and provided us with valuable leadership skills. He will be missed.

I asked Vale Hanzel to take Mike's Vice President position. Vale comes to the job with years of leadership experience. Kris Andre continues as Secretary, Laisne Hamilton and Howard Almon as Council members.

Please consider and pray about a term on the Council. It is a chance to work with some very talented people and use your gifts to help Galilee.

Please call me for more information
707-489-6366

Yours in Christ
Pete

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.



New Chapter in Galilee's book

The call committee has finished their work, thank you. The Galilee congregation extends a very special thank you to Carrie Maldonado for her committee leadership. Martha Neff Stum started July 17th as our new Pastor. Denis has moved on to pursue other interests, and we thank him for his work. This is an exciting time for our congregation.

One thing Denis shared with our NCD team at the last meeting was Galilee should focus on Jesus' Great Commission to his Disciples. I am asking you to read *Matthew 28 16:20*.

Now ask yourself what can you do in response to Jesus' Great Commission?
NOW DO IT!

Yours in Christ
Pete



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

Who has skill in the art of music is of good temperament and fitted for all things.

Next to theology I give music the highest place of honor.

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

Worship and Music



Galilee's Worship and Music Ministry (Eva, Mary Beth, Jim, Laisné and Bob) met with Pastor Martha for the first time and discussed a wide variety of topics, ranging from the routine (bulletins, liturgy, schedules) to the exotic (blessing of animals). The minutes are posted in the hallway in the church building. We are energized and excited by the possibilities that God puts before us, and hope that we have the courage and the vision to grasp them as they appear.

We'd like to thank Eva and Jim for their temple talks on stewardship ("time" and "talent"), and look forward to Craig's talk on "treasure."

We look forward especially to Pastor Martha's upcoming ordination in Arizona (August 21) and installation here at Galilee (date and time to be announced later).

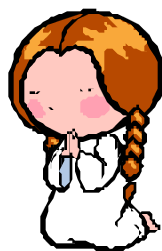
Invite your friends and neighbors to worship with us! Evangelism is the responsibility of the whole village!

Submitted by Bob Hamilton

Prayer Time

Don't forget prayer time Monday at 5:00 PM and Saturday at 10:00 AM.

For where two or three are gathered together unto my name, there am I in the midst of them.



Stewardship

What is Stewardship?

I have been thinking about this question and have come to realization that it isn't all about money (although that is a part). We are called to be good stewards of the Earth and all of our possessions. Remember the parable where the master gives the three "stewards" different amounts while he goes away? Remember how the stewards deal with their sums of money? The first two invested it and made it grow, and were rewarded for their stewardship of their master's money. The third one buried it, in fear of losing it and being punished. He indeed was punished, but not for losing his master's money, but for not even taking a chance with it.

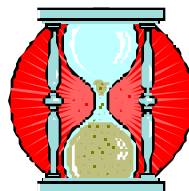
We are called to use what we have, and to invest in the work of the Kingdom. The Bible says we are to give "gladly," even "joyfully."

Stewardship is an attitude of gratitude. Everything in the world and universe belongs to God and He lets us use it for a short time. If we go through the day thinking of all the things we are thankful for, we will have a brighter outlook. We will share what we have, knowing that God will take care of us. We need to make wise choices and be thankful.

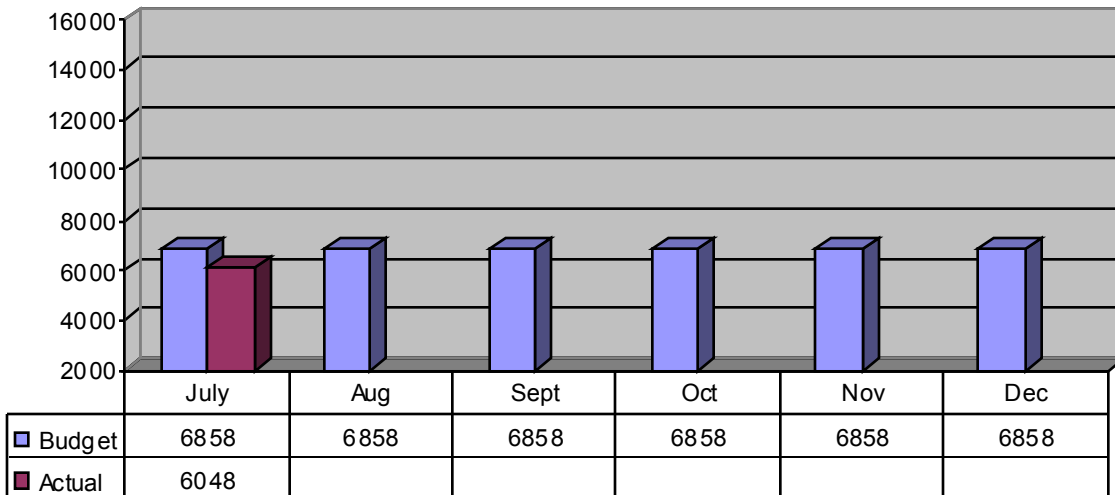
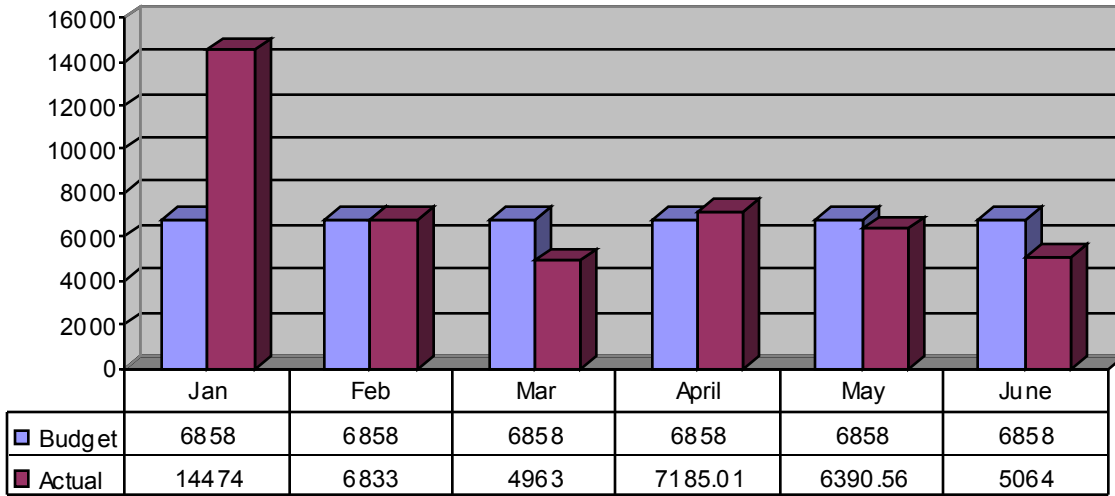
In June, Eva spoke about stewardship of time. In July, Jim spoke to talent. In August, Craig will speak about tithing of our treasure. It takes a huge leap of faith to start giving 1/10 of your income, but it is well worth it. My Dad always told me, "You can't out-give God." No matter how much you give, God will always replace it, even "ten-fold." I'm thankful for that lesson from my Dad.

Which one of the stewards from the parable will you be?

Submitted by Laisne Hamilton



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 most of the money that had to be borrowed from the Snite fund in 2008.

We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be.
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, oh Lord from Thee. Amen

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 \$274.



You know you are a steadfast Lutheran if...

You don't think Martin Luther actually wanted to start a new religion, but he just got fed up and couldn't take it any more so he started scribbling and pounding like a stubborn German would, and got carried away and one thing led to another and you recognize the feeling and pretty soon he was standing out in front of the church pounding up his 95 theses and shouting "Here I stand!", with a black and blue fingernail to boot, and life has never the same. Taken from you Know You are a Lutheran if..by Janet Letnes Martin & Suzann (Johnson) Nelson

Galilee Worker Bees for August



August Birthdays

- 3 - Mary Beth Ingvaldstad
- 3 - Kitty Williams
- 7 - Marvin Hanson
- 17 - Janice Hubbell
- 22 - Betty Andre
- 27 - Eva Johnson

August Anniversaries

- 30 - Barbara & Mike McCauley
- 31 - Bob & Laisne Hamilton

Have a great day!

Joke the Month

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: Take only ONE . God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, 'Take all you want.. God is watching the apples.'

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

August 1

Ushers: Steve & Kim Brice
 Lector: Kris Andre
 Counters: Mike Roederer &
 Communion Assistant: Kris Andre
 Cleaners: Steve & Kim Brice



August 8

Ushers: Howard & Marilyn Allmon
 Lector: Joan Worster
 Counters: Eva Johnson & Janis Andre
 Communion assistant: Mike Roederer
 Cleaners: Howard & Marilyn Allmon



August 15

Ushers: Pete & Jenny Johnson
 Lector: Laisne Hamilton
 Counters: Sharon Schmidt & Kris Andre
 Communion assistant: Laisne Hamilton
 Cleaners: Mike & Pam Rhoederer

August 22

Ushers: Marvin & Lillie Hanson
 Lector: Craig Waters
 Counters: Joan Worster & Eva Johnson
 Communion assistant: Craig Waters
 Cleaners: Kris & Janis Andre

August 29

Ushers: Vale & Chris Hanzel
 Lector: Kris Andre
 Counters: Laisne Hamilton &
 Communion assistant: Kris Andre
 Cleaners: Carl & Mary Beth Ingvaldstad

Thanks to all our worker bees!

Dare to Be 100

Meetings held the first Thursday of the month at noon in the Galilee Community Center

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**

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 August 23, 2010 at Galilee's Community Center.

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems:

1. Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening

Ultrasound evaluation of the carotid arteries that screens for buildup of fatty plaque—the leading cause of strokes.

2. Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation)

A quick and easy test using EKG electrodes placed on the arms and legs to identify the presence or absence of an irregular heartbeat at the time of the screening.

3. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Ultrasound is used to screen for the presence of an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery.

4. Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

Evaluates for peripheral arterial disease (plaque buildup) in the lower extremities. It is 4-5 times more likely you will die from heart disease if you have peripheral arterial disease.

5. Osteoporosis Screening

An ultrasound measurement of the heel bone to determine abnormal bone mass density. Osteoporosis is painless and silent in its early stages.

Stroke, Vascular Disease & Heart Rhythm Package; all 4 tests for only \$149.

Add an osteoporosis screening for \$10 more; all 5 tests for \$159 (\$86 savings!)

Pre-registration is required.

Call: 1-800-324-1851

Famous Lutherans

1. Martin Luther (1483-1546) German Doctor of the Church; pastor; professor, the University of Wittenberg; prolific author; hymn writer; Bible translator; Biblical scholar; hero of the faith. His *95 Theses*, nailed on the front door of the Castle Church at the University of Wittenberg on October 31, 1517 caused a firestorm which resulted in The Reformation. His importance in the history of Western Christianity and Western Civilization is immense. In the opinion of many, one the greatest theologian of all time.

2. Dr. Albert Schweitzer - Born the son of a Lutheran pastor, he was ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry and served as Pastor of St. Nikolai's Church in Strasbourg. He later gave up the ministry in favor of medicine and devoted the rest of his life to helping the poor and sick. He is also well known as an accomplished organist and his arrangements of the works of J.S. Bach (some of which were done along with Charles M. Widor) are still in print and enjoyed to this day

3. Ethel Merman - According to her story on the A&E program "Biography" aired April 22, 2000, she was born Ethel Zimmeman to Lutheran parents in New York. Trained as a stenographer, she took an interest in singing at a young age and eventually used Ethel Merman (dropping the "Zim" from her name) as a stage name to hide her singing jobs from her parents.

4. Kris Kristofferson (b.1936) singer-songwriter, actor, Rhodes Scholar, country music icon, and former professor at West Point. Along with Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, and Waylon Jennings, Kris formed the classic group The Highwaymen. His many film credits include *A Star Is Born* (with Barbara Streisand) and *The Sailor Who Fell From Grace with the Sea*. Thankfully, God's grace is boundless.

5. Norman Schwarzkopf, U.S. Army general; leader of the famed "Operation Desert Shield/ Storm."

An e-mail worth sharing

The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder.

I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being.. She said, 'Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?'

I laughed and enthusiastically responded, 'Of course you may!' and she gave me a giant squeeze..

'Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?' I asked.

She jokingly replied, 'I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, and have a couple of kids...'

'No seriously,' I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age.

'I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!' she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake.

We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this 'time machine' as she shared her wisdom and experience with me..

Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up.

At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor.

Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, 'I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know.'

As we laughed she cleared her throat and began, 'We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing'.

There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die.

We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it!

There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up.

If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight.

Anybody! Can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change. Have no regrets.

The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets..'

She concluded her speech by courageously singing 'The Rose.'

She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives. At the year's end Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those months ago.

One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep.

Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be.

These words have been passed along in loving memory of ROSE.

REMEMBER, GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL. We make a Living by what we get. We make a Life by what we give.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage. If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

