

Galilee Lutheran Church

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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 5:00 PM

Prayer with

Pastor Denis

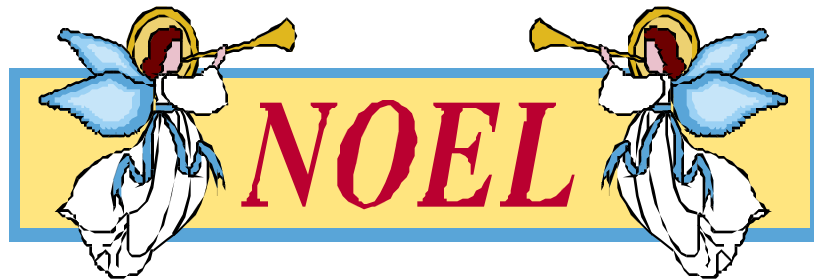
Saturday

10:00 AM

# The Galilean

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## From the Desk of Pastor Denis

The season of Advent encourages a heightened sense of expectation—not unlike pregnancy—something wonderful is coming! God is going to set things right.

I suppose that just waiting for it to come, looking for it to come, praying for it to come and looking forward with open hands is not a bad stance to take. But their passive approach is not Jesus' approach, and it is not his teaching for those who would follow him. Jesus invites us into a new kind of life, gifted by God's loving presence, the Holy Spirit. We are challenged to open these gifts and to use them now, while we are waiting with expectation. Hence, our advent theme: **"Open Before Christmas"**.

There is a tradition that certain Christmas gifts are to be opened before Christmas because these gifts are meant to enhance these holy days. Likewise, during these four weeks of Advent we will look upon four gifts meant to be opened now: Kindness, Hospitality, Service and Love.

How seriously you take this encouragement is up to you. I know it does take courage to resolutely take up new ways of being in this world, and to let go of our fears, anxiety, habitual reactions, defensiveness, negativity and old wounds. But it is possible, very possible, by just inviting the Christ Spirit to abide in us daily, and by opening and using the Spirit's gifts.

So come on, open them up, Merry Advent will then truly lead to a Merry Christmas—and it will create a love centered fellowship here at Galilee.

Your interim pastor.....Denis



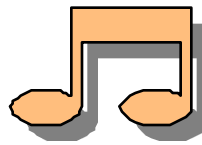
# Worship and Music



The Chinese character for “change” is made of two other characters: “opportunity” and “danger.” In this time of change and transition at Galilee, the Worship and Music Ministry is trying to walk a very thin line. We are taking the “opportunity” to try some new things, and working to avoid the “danger” of losing those aspects of worship which we do well, and

which have made us uniquely “Galilee.” We would also like to emphasize that this IS a time of transition, and that everything we do may be only temporary. When we complete the call process for a new minister, things may well change all over again.

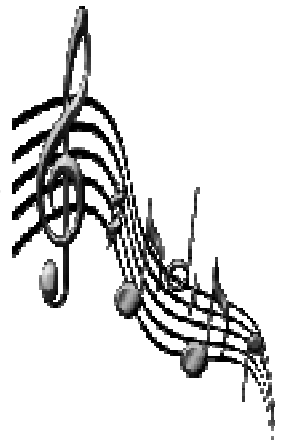
Instead of ordering pre-printed bulletins, for example, we are experimenting with designing our own. This will save us money, and will allow us to use up piles of old bulletin covers which have been sitting in the church office for years. We are also trying to design a service format which will remain consistent from one



Sunday to the next, and make the service more “user-friendly” for visitors.

The Worship and Music Ministry meets at the church on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm, and more often as necessary. We do appreciate feedback from the congregation. If you have suggestions or comments, please email me at [laisne@jps.net](mailto:laisne@jps.net) or see me at church. The other hard-working members of the Worship and Music Ministry are Mary Beth Ingvaldstad, Laisné Hamilton, Eva Johnson, Jim Coomes, and of course, Pastor Denis.

Submitted by Bob Hamilton



## Natural Church Development

NCD announces the addition of the Hanzel's to the team and wish to thank Howard and Marilyn Allmon for all their contributions to the project from it's beginning.

**January annual meeting** is scheduled for the 3rd Sunday in January, which will be January 17, 2010 after the church service. More information in January.

## Notes from the congregational meeting

The 2010 budget was approved during the November congregational meeting.

Vale Hanzel was voted in as the newest member of the church council.



## Thanks!!!!

A special thanks to Vale and Chris Hanzel and anyone else who helped for all the work they did on the Thanksgiving baskets. Thanks also to all who brought food for the baskets.

Because of your combined effort baskets were delivered to eleven needy families.

Vale and Chris will do this again for Christmas. They will be collecting items on Saturday Dec 19th in the Community Center from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

## Thanks!!!

To Eva Johnson for her outstanding idea "Bizarre Bazaar". We raised \$510 from it. Combined with what has been raised from bake sales, walnut sales, and the Easter breakfast we have raised enough for the \$1000 match from Trident Financial.



## A Time for Prayer

Prayer time with Pam Monday at 5:00 PM and with Pastor Denis Saturday at 10: AM. A great time of fellowship and prayer

## Family Night

December's family night will be Monday December 14 hosted by the Church Choir with Christmas caroling. Everyone is welcome!!

## Open House at Pastor Dennis'

Date: Dec. 14, 2009  
Time: 1:00 PM—7:00 PM  
Address: 13001 Anderson Road (Jago Bay)  
Directions: Take Point Lakeview Dr. This road runs from Hwy 29 (just a mile or two north of Lower Lake) to Soda Bay Rd. (just a few blocks from Riviera Market) Turn on Anderson Rd. (Jago Bay area) and drive about 1/3 mile. The house is on the right side where Anderson forks with Cliff St. Look for the sign: Raven's Rapture.  
Lost? Home phone 707-994-8109



## Advent Tea

Saturday Dec. 5 at 12:00 PM  
Please join us for refreshments, entertainment and Christmas Carols.

Contact June Gloege  
279-1366

## 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

707-277-9095



## A NOTE FROM YOUR WEBMASTER

As you know, Galilee Lutheran Church is on the internet. We are working to get the word out about our wonderful church and people. Advertising costs are high, but there are alternatives. Some ways are contacting neighbors via e-mail, letters and in person. We presently list Galilee Web Site on all search engines, our weekly message in the Record Bee, Lake County News and American Towns – Kelseyville. If you know of any other free advertising entities e-mail me at [mlhanson@att.net](mailto:mlhanson@att.net).

Submitted by Marv in Hanson

## What We Believe

Our faith tradition is based on a life-transforming story. The ELCA 's story is both ancient and timely. It 's a story of a powerful and patient God who has boundless love for all people of the world, who brings justice for the oppressed. It 's a story of Jesus Christ, changing lives. It 's a story that brings comfort and strength to people who today live in modern, often unsettling times. Learn more about our beliefs—and become a part of our story.

Taken from ELCA 's website

## A PRAYER ANSWERED

This is an e-mail I received from my cousin in Fairfield.

“I will tell you my little story. My Hyundai has served me well since 2000, but my knees are pretty well shot, so I was telling God I needed a new car I can get in and out of without pain, so time passes, I resist spending money for anything for some strange reason, and finally I go see about a car that is advertised in the throw-away advertiser. I expect a piece of junk, but it turns out to be a beautiful Mercedes in excellent condition, Not hot, not a rebuilt wreck, but being sold by a woman about my age who bought it after her husband died and planned to learn to drive, but never did. Now her mother had just died, and she had no money, no job, just too young to draw social security, so the money for the car would keep her going and pay her Mother's funeral expenses. Then the girl who was helping her with the paperwork turned out to be unemployed, afoot, and she wants to buy my Hyundai. After I scraped together every cent I could lay my hands on I had just enough to pay for the car and the expense of transferring it. It's a good thing I didn't buy some of the things I wanted but resisted, because I wouldn't have had enough.

I might as well tell you about the Hyundai, I was afoot, but borrowed Robin's husbands car the Hyundai for something. I liked it, asked her how much he wanted for it, She said \$1200.00 I think, I drove to a friend's house in Suisun, left on one of those one way streets with cars parked on each side, as I was passing, a guy pulled out from the left side of me into the side of me, forcing me to scrape against a truck parked on my right hand side. Fortunately, he stopped before I scraped against anything but the tire on this truck, but the Insurance company decided it wasn't worth fixing, gave Robin a check for 1200.00 And Robin gave the car to me.

Have a happy thanksgiving, I certainly will driving my new Mercedes! Love Marj.” Robin is her daughter

## December Birthdays



- 9 Tom Scott
  - 13 Pete Johnson
  - 23 Armando Maldonado
  - 29 Gene Hill
- Happy Birthday!!!

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

This month was a fast one, but I will try to do better next month.

Thank you for your cooperation

## SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

DEC. 13th , 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM in the Community Center. Come and enjoy this fun event.