

'Come as you are' worship

Gone on Sunday? Worship on Saturday

As summer approaches and you look forward to outside activities on the weekend, there's a worship option if you'll be gone on Sunday.

For six years, Galilee has been offering a "come as you are" casual dress, informal, contemporary service starting at 4:30 pm Saturday.

Living Water Worship includes the same Scriptures, sermon, prayers and creed as in the Sunday service. Communion is celebrated every other weekend.

Songs are from Christian contemporary music, supported by Celebration Sound, our praise band of instrumentalist and singers.

Members who normally attend one of the Sunday services have used the "Saturday option" to be faithful in their worship when they have plans for Sunday mornings, especially in the summer.

It's an option to keep in mind!

Ascension Sunday
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Ascension and Pentecost to celebrate risen Savior

Easter Season worship climaxes in the next two weekends as we celebrate Jesus' Ascension and the giving of the Holy Spirit, as promised by the risen Savior, at Pentecost. We then move into looking at Jesus' life as reported by St. Mark in his Gospel. Details are:

☞ **"Gone, but (Definitely) Not Forgotten"** is the worship theme for May 19/20, based on Luke 24:44-53. We move the celebration of Jesus' Ascension from Thursday, May 17 (40 days after Easter) to the following weekend. As Jesus talks to his disciples immediately before he ascends, he tells them (and us) what we do after he is gone. The blessing he leaves as he ascends continues to touch our lives.

Six youth confirmands plan to affirm their baptismal faith at the 10:45 am service Sunday, May 20.

☞ **"He's Got Your Back"** is the sermon theme for May 26/27, based on John 15:26-27 and 16:4b-15. As we celebrate Pentecost, we hear Jesus using a word to describe the Holy Spirit that encourages us in our Christian living.

Military veterans and active duty personnel will be recognized and prayed for in our Memorial Day weekend services.

☞ **"Here I Am, Send Me, Send Me!"** is the sermon theme for June 2/3, Trinity Sunday weekend, based on John 3:1-17. As we begin the second half of the church year, focusing on the Christian life, we consider how to respond to God's call to each of us to serve Him, one another and those whose lives we can touch.

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Unexpected opportunities

Each day can include unexpected opportunities to act as followers of Jesus. I was reminded of that fact twice on a recent morning.

One opportunity for living out everyday Christianity came when the phone rang as I was getting ready to leave home for church. Our neighbor, calling from her office at the University of Maryland, asked me to check on her mother in their apartment across the hall. The mom was having trouble breathing.

I OFFERED to stay with her mother until help arrived. Until that happened, I talked, read a psalm and prayed with her. That was an unexpected opportunity to act in Jesus' name because I was a neighbor.

A few hours later, a Galilee couple updated me on their friend who is dying. They didn't start visiting because they had an evangelism card from Galilee. Their friend was simply very sick and appreciated visits.

THAT WAS an act of everyday Christianity. While visiting him, an opening came to talk about Jesus. When they did, their friend said he believed in Jesus as his Savior. They read Scripture and prayed for comfort and hope.

That was another example of everyday Christianity. Part of following Jesus every day is that we watch for unexpected opportunities to act on our faith. Those can happen with friends, neighbors, co-workers and family members.

Unexpected opportunities to live as followers of Jesus usually are not big nor dramatic. But if we are alert, we can use these openings to live out the love of our risen Savior.

Pastor Hawk

Worship *(continued from page 1)*

☞ **“Welcome to the Family”** is the worship theme for June 9/10, based on Mark 3:20-35. We think about what it means that Jesus makes us a faith family, as we hear about how his flesh-and-blood family reacted to His early ministry.

We also give thanks for and recognize graduates on this weekend.

☞ **“The Awesome Power of A Mustard Seed”** is the sermon theme for June 16/17, based on Mark 4:35-41. It's easy to think that our efforts to serve Jesus are small and insignificant in a world of six billion people. But Jesus' parable (teaching story) in our Gospel shows that the Savior has other ideas... and work for us to do..

Wear red to Pentecost worship!

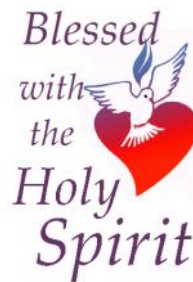
On Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27, we will celebrate the festival of Pentecost, marking the coming of the Holy Spirit as promised by the risen Jesus.

We'll deck the chancel in red (the color of the Holy Spirit).

We'll hear the story of the first Christian Pentecost read in four languages other than English at each service, to remind us that the message of the Risen Savior is for all people around the world.

As is our custom, you're invited to wear something red to worship to join in the celebration!

Show your colors as we rejoice in being Spirit-ed believers.



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Growing in God's Word

Sundays

✦ **Sunday School** (classes for three-year-olds through high school students) gather in the upstairs preschool classroom at 9:15 am. Middle school and high school classes meet in the modular classrooms.

✦ **“Witness, Mercy, Life Together,”** five-week course exploring a new thematic emphasis for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (our national church body). Spring Short Course, Tim Merritt, south class area, Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am.

Sunday Morning Studies participants, normally led by George Smith, are participating in this short-term class.

✦ **“Today’s Headlines,”** weekly discussing current news from a Bible viewpoint, Headlines Class, Ken Gast, Music/Multi-Purpose Room.

Monday

✦ **“Creation,”** learning why Lutherans believe God created everything – and what that means for life. Monday Night Bible Class, Gene Sanders, Sanders’ home (8439 Alvin Road, 410-360-8551), 7:30 pm.

Tuesday

✦ **“1 Peter: Stand Strong,”** exploring the first letter by the leader of Jesus’ apostles to Christians feeling the stress and strain of discipleship, Tuesday Women’s Class, Vicky Eden, Eden home (419 Virginia Avenue, 410-360-2572), 7 pm.

Wednesday, June 6

✦ **“More Than Conquerors: How?”** various ways found in Scripture for a Christian to view and handle suffering. Monthly Brown Bag Bible Class, Pastor Hank, Fellowship Hall, noon (bring your own lunch if you want).

Fridays, May 17 & June 1

✦ ***Eli*,** supper and Christian fellowship, followed by listening to the novel *Eli* on tape, prayer and dessert. The novel asks what would happen if Jesus had come today, instead of 2,000 years ago. Galilee Dinner & Book Club, Marty Reville, Reville home (410-255-4684 for directions), 6:30 pm.

Saturday, May 26

✦ **“Men and Relationships,”** a new study on finding strength and direction for daily living in the Scripture, beginning with the topic, *“Who Am I in Relationship to God?”* Study guide provided or a personal copy can be purchased for \$10. Monthly Barnabas Breakfast Class for men, Pastor Hank, Golden Corral, off Ordnance Road, Glen Burnie, 8 am.



Sunday Schoolers will hop to fight malaria in Africa

BY SARA THOMAS

Education Ministry Team Coordinator

One child in Africa dies every 60 seconds from malaria. In a single 24-hour period — one day — 1,440 people in Africa will succumb to this disease.

The Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI) is a partnership of Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to mobilize U.S. Lutherans in the global effort to eliminate malaria deaths in Africa by 2015. LMI is made possible through support from the United Nations Foundation.

As part of this initiative, Galilee’s Sunday School is having a “Hop-a-thon” from 9:15 am until 10:30 am Sunday, June 24 to raise money to buy mosquito nets to help wipe out malaria in Africa. Each net costs \$10 and can save a child’s life.

Please sponsor a Sunday School child for minutes spent hopping by signing up on the donation sheets, either with a Sunday School child or on the information table in the narthex (lobby). You can also buy a net by donating \$10 for each net.

All money raised will be sent to Lutheran World Relief for LMI. For more information, contact Mary Poling (410 437-1045).

Hand sanitizers available in sanctuary

Hand sanitizer stands now are available on either side of the sanctuary.

You’re invited to use them following the sharing of greetings or any other time you feel is appropriate.

Obtaining this tool to encourage fellowship and reflect health concerns was a project of the Human Care Ministry Team.

Saturday, June 9

✦ **“Elisha, the Ups and Downs of Discipleship,”** verse-by-verse study on a great Old Testament prophet, continuing in 2 Kings 13. Monthly Men’s Bible Breakfast, Pastor Hank, Fellowship Hall, 8 am.

✦ **“Up Close and Personal,”** looking at how encountering Jesus changed people in Bible times... and can change us. Discussion over a light breakfast, monthly Women’s Saturday Class, Mary Poling, library, 8 am.

Veteran, active duty military will be thanked May 26, 27

Our congregation will observe Armed Forces Sunday in worship on Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27 – Memorial Day weekend.

This will be a time to thank God for the serving of current members and friends of our congregation in our nation's military, past or present.



WE WILL mention them by name in prayer in worship at the service they plan to attend.

Since there may be veterans of whom we are unaware, please help us by providing the following to the church office no later than noon Monday, May 21.

- ◆ Name of person, military branch and years served.
- ◆ Loan of a photo of the person in uniform, to be part of a pre-service presentation on the projection screens.

Please phone the church office (410-255-8236) or e-mail us at office@galileelutheranchurch.org with the information. Thanks!

Information, photos asked for grad recognition June 9 & 10

We will recognize our graduates and give thanks for them in worship on Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10.

We need information on members and friends of Galilee graduating from eighth grade, high school, community college, technical school, college or grad school.

Please contact the church office (410-255-8236) with this information: name, school and studies or degree completed and plans for future.

We also would appreciate your loaning a current photo, which is planned to be printed in that weekend's bulletin. The photo will be returned.

Deadline for submitting this information and the photo to the church office is noon Friday, June 1.



Recognizing Our Graduates

May is 'bittersweet' For preschool staff

BY JANET GALLO

Galilee Lutheran Preschool Director

May is always a bittersweet time of year for the staff at Galilee Lutheran Preschool. We are always ready for the summer break, but sad to see the children who we have taught for a few years leave us.

The children grow and mature so much in the time that we have them at Galilee. They blossom into their own little persons right before our eyes.

The three-day children's classes (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) will have their graduation on Wednesday morning, May 23. You are welcome to come watch the ceremony and enjoy the carnival celebration afterwards.

A special thanks to Pastor Hank for the time he spends with the children weekly with Chapel time.

Thanks to all of you who have donated money to the Preschool Tuition Assistance this year. Our love goes out to you for your help.

Men of Galilee set May 26 pit beef, pit turkey benefit sale

Men of Galilee will sell pit beef and pit turkey sandwiches from 10 am to 1 pm Saturday, May 26 to support the purchase of new Chancel Choir robes.

Cost of these tasty sandwiches is \$7.

As always, the congregation's support is warmly appreciated. – *Ken Wilde, Men of Galilee president*

Plenty of room available at confirmation service

If you normally attend the 10:45 am service but are wondering about space because of the May 20 youth confirmation service, please know that we expect plenty of room to be available in the pews.

If you still prefer to leave room for confirmation guests, the 4:30 pm Saturday or the 8 am Sunday worship services are two other worship options.

June 16 scrapbook day will benefit Members Emergency Need Fund

BY ZINDA WIENKE

Human Care Ministry Team

Scrapbook Day at Galilee is Saturday, June 16 from 10 am–9 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Beginner and seasoned scrappers are welcome to join us in a Christian setting — Christian music, devotion and fellowship.

Fee of \$25 per person must be paid by Sunday, June 10 to insure enough goodies/prizes.

Proceeds benefit our Members Emergency Need Fund, administered by our Human Care Ministry Team.

Seats are limited. Call Zinda Wienke (410-439-0601) to reserve your seat today!

Principal presents seminar

High Point Elementary School principal and Galilee member Tim Merritt presented a 90-minute seminar with a question-and-answer time for parents and adults on schoolhouse and cyber-bullying on May 9.

This seminar was sponsored by the Education Ministry Team.

He defined bullying and cyberbullying, presented characteristics of both bullies and victims, and gave parents practical tips and advice so that parents can help their children feel safe at school and properly deal with a bullying situation.

Ten parents and adult caregivers attended.

Due to the importance of this topic to the community, Tim offered to present his seminar again in the Autumn. More information will be forthcoming. — *Sara Thomas, Education Ministry Team*

Family, friends hosted

The Sunday School hosted "Friends and Family Sunday" on May 6.

About 40 family members and friends spent the Sunday School hour with the children.

Prizes were given in different categories (who came the farthest, youngest, oldest, etc.). Everyone gathered in the Fellowship Hall after classes for homemade cookies and juice.

The Education Ministry Team thanks everyone who helped to make this day memorable - our superintendent, our teachers, our bakers and our volunteers. — *Sara Thomas, EMT*

Sunday School helps kids in Guatemala and Uganda

BY MARY POLING

Education Ministry Team

We did it! Thanks to our living Savior and Galilee's Sunday School children and the adults of our congregation, we have met our yearly goal of child support for the Children's Christian Concern Society and Child fund International, with money left over for next year!



Sandra Patricia Cárcamo Ramirez is completing the fourth grade at Christ the Savior Lutheran School in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala.

Although all Sunday School classes and the congregation contributed, three classes – first-second grades, third-fourth grades and fifth-sixth graders were outstanding in their support.

Two children in the first-second grade class showed a generosity of spirit and concern for others that mirrors the poor widow's offering as recorded in Luke 21:2. Lily and Louis Clausen emptied their piggy banks to help our children in Guatemala and Uganda.

Our Sunday School helps to support two children, Sandra Ramirez in Guatemala and Husein Sije in Uganda. This support costs \$40 per month and continues even when Sunday School is not in session.

Thank you to all the children, parents, teachers and adults who made surpassing our goal possible. To God be the glory!

Youth news

BY JEAN HASE, Youth Ministry

Youth enjoy mini-golfing

Several Galilee Youth and friends met at Pasadena Golf Center on May 6 for mini-golf.

Fun was had by all with prizes awarded to the best golfers along with several smaller prizes for "fun" awards like the "goofiest golfer."

Pampered Chef fundraiser continues

Galilee Youth are taking orders for Pampered Chef to raise funds to support upcoming youth trips.

Orders can be made with your favorite youth at the table in the narthex (lobby) or on-line at (www.pamperedchef.biz/erinbrandt).

Once there, just click the "shop online" button and enter "Galilee" in the first search field and "Youth" in the second, then click search and choose "Galilee Youth." Then, start shopping!

Members, leaders review Strategic Ministry Planning fourth year, prep for fifth

Ministry team leaders and members of Galilee looked back and ahead at an all-church Strategic Ministry Planning (SMP) session on Tuesday, May 8.

Church Council members had set aside their regular monthly meeting and invited all members of the congregation to help develop action plans for ministry from June 2012 through May 2013.

Participants began by reviewing the basics of the SMP process. SMP began at Galilee in early 2008 as a way to intentionally strategize for outreach to the community.

That reaching out is based on 10 tactics on which ministry teams are working:

1. Develop an intentional **outreach**/evangelism program
2. Develop an effective **prayer** ministry
3. Develop and expand our **human care** & community needs ministry
4. Develop an effective public relations/**communication** plan
5. Develop an effective Biblical **stewardship** program
6. Become an active **community** partner, offering varied social and fellowship activities and opening our facilities to the community
7. Expand our **facilities** to include multi-purpose space
8. Develop a **staffing** plan based on ministry needs
9. Expand **educational** opportunities
10. Offer enhanced **worship** ministry opportunities

Participants divided into groups which reviewed the actions for these tactics. "Actions achieved" lists were developed. Participants then moved into making plans for the coming 12 months.

Both the report on the past 12 months and plan for the coming SMP "year" will go to the June 12 Church Council meeting for approval. A report then will be prepared for the congregation, which is intended to be available in July.

Youth picnic set for June 3

Galilee Youth Picnic will begin at 6 pm Sunday, June 3.

All Youth families and friends are invited. Bring a side dish, salad or picnic dessert to share. Youth Ministry Team will supply burgers, hot dogs, supplies and games.

In addition, we need a couple dads to cook. If you can do so, let Ms. Jean know (410-336-6822). Please sign up on the Youth Board (by the Fellowship Hall entrance) so we know how many burgers and dogs to get.

Come eat, play and hang out with other Galilee Youth families. - Jean Hase, Youth Ministry Team Coordinator

Forward in Faith

Some measures of how we have invested for our Lord through April 30

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Year to date average weekend attendance	255	258
Offerings	\$126,452	\$118,968
Expenses	\$121,041	\$118,000
Balance	\$ 5,411	(\$ 968)

New members received

We welcome these new members received in April:

Karen Capps
Profession of Faith

Paula Ellison
Affirmation of Baptism

Gary North
Transfer

Jo Ellen Soesbee
Affirmation of Baptism

Linda Springfield
Leah
Affirmation of Baptism

Jane Strong
Affirmation of Baptism

Sue Summers
Gabrielle, Bryan
Transfer

Janice Thompson
Affirmation of Baptism

Cindy Ward
William
Affirmation of Baptism

Deadlines for bulletin, Gazette

Deadline for the June 23/24 edition of this newsletter is Sunday, June 10 to the church office. That edition will cover June 23 through July 20.

Deadline for the weekly bulletin is the preceding Monday noon.

June 2012

Friday – June 1

6:30 pm Dinner & Book Club

Saturday – June 2

4:30 pm Living Water Worship

Sunday – June 3

8:00 am Classic Praise HC
 9:15 am Sunday School
 9:30 am Sunday AM Studies
 9:30 am Today's Headline Class
 10:45 am Sunday Joy Worship

Tuesday – June 5

6:00 pm Galilee Ringers
 7:15 pm Women's BC

Wednesday – June 6

Noon Brown Bag Bible class
 2:30 pm Glen Square Worship

Thursday – June 7

7:00 pm Education Ministry Team

Saturday – June 9

8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast
 8:00 am Women's BC
 4:30 pm Living Water HC

Sunday – June 10

8:00 am Classic Praise Worship
 9:15 am Sunday School
 9:30 am Sunday AM Studies
 9:30 am Today's Headline Class
 10:45 am Sunday Joy HC

Tuesday – June 12

7:15 pm Women's BC

Wednesday – June 13

2:30 pm Glen Square Worship

Saturday – June 16

All Day Scrapbooking
 4:30 pm Living Water Worship

Sunday – June 17

8:00 am Classic Praise HC
 9:15 am Sunday School
 9:30 am Sunday AM Studies
 9:30 am Today's Headlines Class
 10:45 am Sunday Joy Worship

Tuesday – June 19

7:00 pm Men of Galilee
 7:15 pm Women's BC

Wednesday – June 20

2:30 pm Glen Square Worship

Thursday – June 21

6:45 pm Lutheran Women's
 Missionary League

Saturday – June 23

8:00 am Barnabas Bible Class
 10:00 am Galilee Men's Pit Beef
 4:30 pm Living Water HC

Sunday – June 24

8:00 am Classic Praise Worship
 9:30 am Sunday AM Studies
 9:30 am Today's Headline Class
 10:45 am Sunday Joy HC

Tuesday – June 26

7:15 pm Women's BC

Wednesday – June 27

2:30 pm Glen Square Worship

Thursday – June 28

9:00 am Lutheran Mission
 Society Clothes Sorting

Saturday – June 30

4:30 pm Living Water HC

Abbreviation guide

BC = Bible Class
 HC = Holy Communion
 HCMT = Human Care Ministry Team
 LMS = Lutheran Mission Society
 LWML = Lutheran Women's
 Missionary League

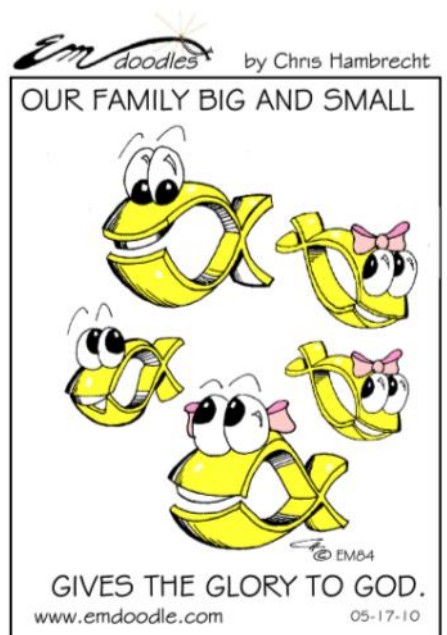
For meetings of ministry teams not noted on this calendar, please contact the ministry team coordinator.

This calendar only reflects the activities of the church. To reference an event using church facilities, please refer to the master calendar in the church office.

Sunday Schoolers honor moms with song!

Sunday School students sang during the 10:45 am service Mother's Day for their moms and all of the other special people in their lives. They truly praised God with their sweet voices

Thanks to Jean Hase for teaching them the songs and providing flowers for the children to distribute – Sara Thomas, Education Ministry Team



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**Choose your
option for worship:**

- ◆ **4:30 p.m. Living Water Worship**
“come as you are” informal
- ◆ **8 a.m. Sunday Classic Praise**
sung traditional, liturgical worship
- ◆ **10:45 a.m. Sunday Joy**
spoken liturgical worship with
a variety of musical styles

Registrations coming in quickly for July 30-Aug. 3 Vacation Bible School

BY KRISSY ANDERSON

Vacation Bible School Director

Vacation Bible School registration has opened... and several dozen registrations already have come in.

Theme for the sessions from 9 am to noon Monday, July 30 through Friday, Aug. 3 is “Sonrise National Park.” Students ages three-years-old through 11 will learn about Jesus and why we need him in our lives. Three-year-olds must be toilet trained to attend.

The burst of registrations indicates that the popularity of this educational outreach is growing. Space is limited.

Classes for three and four-year-olds fill up the quickest, so you are encouraged to register your child early.

Adults or youth (middle school and high school) who would like to help can get volunteer forms from the

information table in the narthex (lobby).

For more information contact Krissy Anderson, (410-360-4121 or keajaa@verizon.net), VBS director, or Patty Santos (410-766-3327 or psantos.2000@yahoo.com), VBS associate director.

