



# Galilean Lutheran Church

*Our Mission:*

*To engage our community with the amazing love*

*and grace of*

*God so that all may become committed followers of Christ.*

December 11, 2011

# Annual Report to the Congregation 2011

Galilean Lutheran Church  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
December 11, 2011

1. Opening Prayer
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings (December 12, 2010)
3. Report of the Nominating Committee  
(Nominations accepted from the floor)

President	(2 yrs.)	Donna Shurley
Vice President	(1 yr.)	Debbie Simank
Secretary	(2 yrs.)	Pat Clark
Treasurer	(1 yr.)	Jeanette Zamzow
Internal Team Leader	(1 yr.)	Rhonda Schulze
External Team Leader	(2 yrs.)	Chris Bennett
Strategic Team Leader 1	(1 yr.)	Laura Hilker
Strategic Team Leader 2	(2 yrs.)	Lorie Garcia

4. Election of Leadership Council for 2012
5. Election of Synod Assembly Voting Members for 2012
6. Election of Nominating Committee for 2012  
    Ron Boyd            Diane Jackson        Steve Osterloh  
    Dan Owen            Marcus Sorenson      Phyllis Vaughn

7. Pastor's Report
8. Receive 2011 Reports
9. Audit by Darwin Dieringer
10. Proposed 2012 Budget
11. Installation of Newly Elected Leadership Council
12. Adjournment

# Galilean Lutheran Church – 2011 Council

President	Donna Shurley
Vice President	Debbie Simank
Treasurer	Jeanette Zamzow
Secretary	Pat Clark
Education	Rhonda Schulze
Outreach	Chris Bennett
Property	Ron Boyd
Finance	Steve Osterloh
Social Ministry	Phyllis Vaughn
Music & Worship	Diane Jackson
Congregation Care	Dan Owen
Youth	Marcus Sorenson

## Statistics January – November 2011

### Member Statistics

4	Deaths
8	Transferred to other congregations
16	Baptisms (including 5 adults and 2 baptisms scheduled in December 2011)
6	Confirmed
4	Marriages
1	Quinceanera
4	Military & families
25	New members (include 2 associate members)
11	Members placed on inactive list
25	Members out of town – adults & children ( <i>stay on our active membership list for two years or until they find a new church home</i> )
139	Households
157	Average Worship Attendance (Jan. – Nov.)

**Baptized: December 31, 2010 - 307 Confirmed: December 31, 2010 – 245**  
**November 30, 2011 - 318 November 30, 2011 - 252**

### Children and Youth

74	Baptized children and youth from age 0 thru high school
14	Total out-of-town children and youth
17	Total in town children ages 0 thru 4 years
54	Total in town children and youth (age 3 thru high school)
22 of 29	Children attending Faith Generations from age 3 thru 5 <sup>th</sup> grade
10 of 24	Youth attending SURF Class from 6 <sup>th</sup> and high school

Galilean Lutheran Church  
Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 am by President Donna Shurley; with 57 voting members present. Pastor Mark Behrendt offered the opening prayer.

The minutes from the December 13, 2009 meeting were presented. Leroy DeHaven moved to accept the minutes as written, Karl Schuler seconded, the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes of the March 17, 2010 were presented. Elaine Brundrett moved to accept the minutes as written, John Owen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of nominees:

2 year terms:

Vice President:	Debbie Simank
Treasurer:	Jeannette Zamzow
Education:	Rhonda Schulze
Social Ministries:	Phyllis Vaughn
Property:	Ron Boyd
Youth:	Marcus Sorenson

There were no nominations from the floor. Elaine Brundrett made the motion to accept the slate of nominees by acclamation. Second by Lorie Garcia, motion passed unanimously.

The nominees for Synod Assembly voting members for 2011 were presented, Edward and Lorie Garcia. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to accept the slate by acclamation was made by Karl Schuler, second by Sue Swanson. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominees for the 2011 Nominating Committee were presented: Lorie Garcia, Beth Terry, Jerry Hilker, Lynn Corby, Sue Halsey and Janie Anderson. A motion was made to accept the slate by acclamation by Ken Corby, seconded by Michael Boyd. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote to ratify the Constitution and By Laws without change. Phyllis Vaughn moved to ratify the Constitution and By Laws without changes, seconded by Ken Corby. Vote requires 2/3 majority, aye: 57, opposed: 0, motion passed. The Constitution will go to Synod Council for ratification

Pastor Mark commented on the celebrations of the congregation throughout the past year, 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, new sanctuary seating, ratification of Constitutional changes and moving to a new structure, changes that may result in increased ministry and service opportunities. Congratulations also to the congregation for efforts in reducing the debt to about \$100,000. Pastor challenged the congregation with 3 things for 2011: Innovative Outreach, Rest and Be and Evaluate.

Committee Reports, Elaine Brundrett noted a typographical error in the Education Report. Leroy Dehaven made the motion to accept the Committee Reports with the correction, Seconded by Lorie Garcia, approved unanimously.

Proposed 2011 Budget: Lorie Garcia made the motion to accept the proposed 2011 budget as presented. Seconded by Karl Schuler. After discussion regarding spreading out the insurance and windstorm payments over 10 months instead of lump sum once a year. Windstorm must be paid as a lump sum. Phyllis Vaughn called for the question, motion was passed unanimously.

Donna Shurley thanked the outgoing council members and expressed her excitement to work with the council in a year of learning.

The Installation of the 2011 Congregational Council took place, the members pledging to serve the congregation and the congregation pledging to support the council.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Adjourned at 12:00

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia Clark  
Council Secretary

## PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2011

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. . . . <sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:1, 13-14

Thank you! Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the mission and ministry of Christ Jesus through Galilean Lutheran Church. Thank you for your support of this fellowship of believers in Corpus Christi through your financial gifts and for your care for others outside this ministry with money given to food banks to malaria prevention in other lands. Thank you for the joy you bring to worship as you praise, glorify and give thanks to God. Thank you for the welcome you give to all who come through our doors. For all who volunteer their time and talents for the work of the congregation, a huge thanks to you!

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve the ELCA: as a voting member in August 2011, as a planning team member for the Tri-Synodical Leadership Conference the last two years, and as Co-chair of the 2012 Synod Assembly that will take place here in Corpus Christi.

Recently I was asked if we (Galilean Lutheran Church) had the opportunity to "Rest and Be" yet? That was a reference to my 2010 Pastor's report. As I have had a chance to look over the last year the answer would be "**Be** yes, **rest** no." A simple glance at the statistics from this past year tells one part of the story. The reports in this book and the other activities not mentioned have kept us all busy. Throughout the year this congregation continued to be who we are, who we "be".

As we walk into a new year we do so stably while there is change. There is the change from our capital campaign appeal known as the "Pay it Forward" back to a building fund. The treasurer's report will show that we will soon be able to pay off our debt even as we maintain a reserve. The building fund will remain intact for some time with the possible objectives of being a capital repair/maintenance fund, wind storm insurance fund, emergency reserve, and facility vision fund after all debt is paid.

Changes have happened as we evaluated and then returned to a previous way of being on Sunday morning. New opportunities have formed with gatherings such as a "Super Bowl" party and the new "Women's Retreat", as well as smaller opportunities throughout the year. Changes in our congregational structure will take effect with this new election of the Congregation Leadership Council and into the New Year as the budget is restructured to match the organizational structure. (More on this during my presentation)

There are questions ahead of us for 2012 and beyond.

- ✦ Is it time to take the initial thoughts of a coffee house concept off the shelf and look into making it a reality?
- ✦ Is it time to bring Kevin Ford or a member of the Transforming Church staff for our next round of strategic planning?
- ✦ Is time to look at adding a staff member to our ministry team? Perhaps this would be a Parish Nurse position that would serve the whole fellowship of believers and beyond?
- ✦ What does success look like for Galilean Lutheran Church? If success includes growth in numbers, what does that success mean for our current site plan or future site development?
- ✦ Are we who are currently here willing and wanting to grow or are we comfortable where we are?

The theme for the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly was “Freed in Christ to Serve”. Galatians was the main theme text for the whole of the assembly. At the assembly I saw a new church ready to be a church engaged in the world, welcoming others, living out faith in Jesus, welcoming others and wrapped in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Through all the turmoil throughout the life of the ELCA there is now a renewed church already sharing Christ throughout the entire world.

We are free in Christ! We gather together at the foot of the cross and go out to the world from the freedom of the empty tomb. We go out freed to serve neighbor, community, stranger and even enemy in the name of Jesus, filled with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, as children of God. We serve not because we have to for God’s grace to take effect but because through that grace we want to serve as Christ bearers, as people of living grace.

May we continue to be that people of Jesus who serve. May we continue to live out our mission:

*“To engage our community with the amazing love and grace of God, that all may become committed followers of Christ.”*

In closing I take time to thank Lisa, my wife and one who calms me down, and is often home alone while I am at meetings or for other ministry needs. A huge thank you goes to Donna Boyd for all her tireless work for this congregation and myself and as a great gatekeeper at the right times. Thank you to Michael Mullins for his great gift of music for this congregation. For all the unsung volunteers: our teachers, guides, youth help, youth, and particularly for Sunday morning volunteers of Ken, Jim, and Diane who add so much to our worship. To all the off going council and everyone who has done so many great things in and through this congregation, thank you!

Peace and Joy+

Mark Behrendt  
Pastor

## President's Annual Report

### “GOD’S WORK...OUR HANDS”

Our ELCA motto is *alive* and *active* in the life of Galilean Lutheran Church!

Trusting in the Spirit, our Council members are passionate about doing God’s work as we provide leadership for Galileans to engage our community with the amazing love and grace of God. At the beginning of each Council meeting, we join together in Luther’s Prayer for Guidance.

As business items are addressed, the Council members frequently ask, “Will our decisions *fit* within our stated Galilean values: ***Growing and Caring Together...Mission Beyond Self...Youth - Our Present and Future***. So...how are we doing?

#### **GOD’S WORK...OUR HANDS: “GROWING AND CARING TOGETHER”**

Galilean’s monthly newsletter gives an in-depth accounting of our *in-house* ministries. On Sunday mornings, our worship services and Faith Generations provide the opportunity for all ages to grow in faith. During the week, we gather as a faith community for adult choir, women’s groups, J.O.Y., and Men in Mission. In addition, new small group gatherings, such as Faith, Fellowship & Fermentation and Bunko Game Day, celebrate our life together as Galileans. Plus, special events, such as our Women’s Retreat and the Men In Mission Over 70’s Luncheon, strengthen our connections to one another and to God. Of course, our very active prayer network keeps us in touch with the special needs of our families and friends.

Yes...all of these documented ministries are vital to the life of Galilean. The list grows and grows! However, it’s the *undocumented* individual ministries that truly make Galilean...well, *Galilean!* Only God knows of the many prayers, the phone calls, the hospital visits, the kind words of compassion, the hugs and the joys that we share with one another. We truly *care* for each other. **Thanks be to God!**

#### **GOD’S WORK...OUR HANDS: “MISSION BEYOND SELF”**

Throughout the year, we Galileans intentionally engage our community with the amazing love and grace of God, so that all may become committed followers of Christ. How do we do that?

We reach out through ministries such as: Peace by Piece Quilters, our Soap Drive, our Rally Against Hunger, the Malaria Project, the Blood Drive, Loaves & Fishes, the Crop Hunger Walk, Disaster Relief, School Kits, Bokenkamp Benefit, Salvation Army Truck & clothing drives...just to list a few. United with other faithful in the Gulf Coast Conference, the Southwestern Texas Synod, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we’re able to reach out to the world. (Do you know that...some of our Peace by Piece quilts were sent to tornado victims in Joplin, Missouri...our donations helped to provide disaster relief in Japan...our financial support assisted victims of the Bastrop wildfires...our SOAP found its way to the needy around the world? Amazing!)

AND...in reaching out to our neighbors, we continue to open our hearts and doors to community groups as they use our facilities. Scouts, fitness classes, the Bird Club & other groups appreciate a place that they can call home. **“Welcome to Christ’s Church!”**

### **GOD’S WORK...OUR HANDS: “YOUTH – OUR PRESENT AND FUTURE”**

Isn’t it exciting to watch *all* those eager youngsters hurry to the front for the Children’s Sermon? Or...how great is it when the youth read the lessons, serve as acolytes, or assist as ushers?

YES! Galilean’s children and youth experience and share God’s love first hand through active participation. Through our Faith Generations education ministry, *children of all ages* (yes...we’re *all* God’s children!) join together to learn more about God’s love in Christ.

How about children/youth ministries? Well, there’s SURF Club, the Angel Choir, Confirmation Classes, Camp Chrysalis, Youth Gathering, Summer Day Camp, Playground Story Time on Fridays, Rally Day, Faith Gen Picnic & Talent Show...to name just a few.

That’s not all! Families are invited to strengthen family ties through daily devotions call “Faith Five in the Home”. Parents and children join together to share God’s amazing grace!

Thanks to our Young Family Design Planning Team, Galilean continues to be transformed into a “kid friendly” church...inside and out! Be sure to take time to appreciate all the inviting “kid areas” from the updated playground...to the nursery...to the SPAM room...to the SURF room...to the worship center. **We Galileans love our children and youth!**

### **LIVING INTO THE FUTURE TOGETHER**

Annually, as we pause to review our mission and ministries and to plan for the year ahead, we ask, “Are we truly focused on doing **God’s Work** in our congregation, our community, and our world?” “Are **Our Hands** being used as the hands of Christ?”

*OUR HANDS!* Yes...Pastor Mark’s energetic pastoral leadership inspires us and our Council’s dedicated leadership provides direction. However, it takes **ALL** of us to do God’s work. God works through us as a faith community.

Trusting in the Holy Spirit, we are being asked to step outside of our comfort zones as we implement our new Leadership Council Structure as adopted by our congregation. As we grow in faith and work together, we will continue to carry out God’s mission at Galilean, in our community and throughout the world.

### **TOGETHER...WE ARE CHRIST’S CHURCH!**

In Christ’s name,  
Donna Shurley, President

## **CONGREGATION CARE COMMITTEE**

Galilean Lutheran Church began the year with the Moravian Love Feast during worship. Everyone brought their favorite Christmas treat to share during worship. Galilean started the Bunko Game day, which met once a month in the Fellowship Room. In February we had a Super Bowl Party and everyone enjoyed watching the game on the Big Screen!

The Lenten Suppers were provided by the Dorcas Circle, G.A.L.S., Men In Mission, SURF and SPAM Youth, and the J.O.Y. group. Thank you!!!

The Women of Galilean had their first annual Women's Retreat on Saturday, September 10 with Celia Whitler as their guest and it was held at the Mustang Island Conference Center in Port Aransas. The women had such an awesome experience; they are planning another retreat for the fall of 2012. Celia Whitler joined us for worship on Sunday, September 11, and performed a wonderful concert that evening at the church. It was truly a great weekend.

The Education Committee held an end of the year hamburger and hotdog lunch in May and then a family potluck lunch for the beginning of Faith Generations in September. The Education Committee is also are having a luncheon following the Christmas program on December 18 with the main dish provided while everyone brings a side dish or dessert to share.

Thank you to all the ladies who provided food and to those who helped clean up after the memorial services and funeral services held this year.

Submitted by Dan Owen  
Committee Chair

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

In 2011 the Finance Committee met throughout the year to review the financial status of Galilean Lutheran Church. Commitments made under the "Pay it Forward" campaign; which began in the spring of 2008, continued to be received in 2011. The original pledges were made for either a two or three year time frame with the expiration of the campaign to occur in the spring of 2011. On January 1, 2011 the church notes started out with a balance of \$135,701.95 and as of October 31, 2011 the debt balance was \$85,633.93. The debt reduction of \$50,068.02 was accomplished through a combination of scheduled payments totaling \$35,068.02 and extra unscheduled principal payment totaling \$15,000. A special thank you to all that have made pledges and continue to support the campaign with the ultimate goal of retiring all church debt so other ministries can grow within the church.

Our Stewardship campaign is called "Stewardship: Our Duty & Delight". Stewardship Sunday is December 4, 2011. We continue our journey as "Faith Givers" returning to God as God has first given all things to us.

The support of the ministries of Galilean Lutheran Church is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Steve Osterloh  
Committee Chair

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Team has had an amazing year! The inter-generational education program Faith Generations is in its third year and continues to be tailored to fit the needs of Galilean. The presence of class grandparents has become a more regular occurrence during the FaithGen program as the children continue to benefit from a relationship with their grandparents and vice versa.

2010 has been an exciting and vigorous year for the Education/Faith Formation Committee. We have adjusted to changes and continued to make new ones, but throughout, the dedication of many volunteers and the desire to help our congregation grow in Christian love and faith has remained.

At the completion of the 2010-2011 education year, the congregation was treated to a picnic and a children and youth-led talent show courtesy of the Education team. Another of the team's accomplishments included the highly successful Day Camp in June/July led by Cross Trails Ministry counselors. Galilean spread the word of God's love to 28 children that week!

Galilean decided to change the worship and education times effective at the start of the 2011 –2012 education year. Between the worship services, FaithGen has seen an increase in attendance of children who usually attend the early worship service. All the children of Galilean through 8<sup>th</sup> grade have their education time between the worship services, while the high school youth meet following the late service (10:30am). SPAM is involved with the younger children at least once a month.

For two services in August, the children's sermon was taught by the FaithGen children. What a wonderful way to allow the children to feel important in the congregation....to be teachers and not just students. And to also share with the congregation what they have learned. Plans are underway for a children's Christmas program to remember as well as a fun and fulfilling completion to the 2011-2012 education year.

Special thanks and recognition goes to Marcus and Shannon Sorenson, Liz Ferguson, Leslie Sowles, Laurie Scherger, Lorie Garcia, Shelley White, Nancy Schkade, Kandy Wheeler, Lisa Behrendt, and all Class Grandparents and Prayer Support as well as any other Education Team members for a fantastic year!

Joyfully Submitted by Rhonda Schulze  
Committee Chair

Faith Five

1. SHARE highs & lows of the day
2. READ and highlight a verse of Scripture in your Bible
3. TALK about how the verse relates to your highs & lows
4. PRAY for your highs & lows, for your family, and for the world
5. BLESS one another

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

**Committee Members:** Chris Bennett (Committee Chair) and Kristen Bennett, Lynn Corby, Chris and Sue Swanson, and Phyllis Vaughn

**Festival of Light:** An outreach event to celebrate Epiphany with the community and church members. We will be holding the Festival of Light this year on January 7, 2012.

**Greeter Teams:** We have four teams to greet visitors and members before the 10:30 a.m. service.

**Mug Delivery:** Deliver mugs weekly to new visitors. (Thanks Chris and Sue Swanson)

**Newcomer Classes:** Pastor Mark led classes in the spring and fall for new comers joining the church.

**Publicity:** Continued weekly/special announcements in the Caller-Times, some media coverage, ad in the phone book and the website/Facebook page.

**Photo Directory:** The photo directories put together by Olan Mills were passed out earlier this year.

Submitted by Chris Bennett  
Outreach Committee Chair

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The property committee maintained the following projects:

- Purchased six fire extinguishers which are inspected yearly.
- Repaired A/C in Education Center and all other A/C checked. Replaced filters twice a year.
- Repaired and replaced outside Lighted Sign locks
- Replaced light fixtures and bulbs as needed.
  
- Weatherized glass doors in Foyer by replacing door sweeps and adjusting weather stripping.
- Repaired roof by Southwest Waterproofing including treating rotten wood.
- Sprayed weeds in parking lot.
- Replaced, primed and painted the Entrance Beam to the Worship Center.
- Repaired Sprinkler System by Fox Irrigation
- Repaired the leak on the east Exit Sanctuary door by Chris Swanson.
  
- Kept church yard and adjacent lot mowed. Thanks to the Mowing Teams and to Eddie with Affordable Mowing.
- Maintained all the lawn equipment. (replaced battery, transmission belt, and mowing deck)
- Kept church stocked with kitchen, restroom, and cleaning supplies.
- Cleaned carpet in the Nursery, Conference Room, back of Sanctuary and Church Offices.
  
- Organized a Church Yard work day in April. (all trees were trimmed, removed a tree, new plants were purchased and planted. Brick edging was added around flower beds and red mulch was laid. Termite stakes were replaced around the Playground area. All dead plants were removed. Thanks to everyone who helped! Thank you to the Girl Scout Troop who planted the flowers.)
- Sprayed church for insects.
- Replaced rotten wood in the window sill in Sanctuary , added a shelf to the media area and built doors for the shelving in the God Squad room all done by (firefighter) Mike Werbiski. Cleaned and treated A/C ducts in the Sanctuary, offices, narthex, restrooms, kitchen, and sacristy by EMD Services.
- Watered trees during drought months by Edward Garcia and Ron Boyd.
- Garbage and Recycle Bins are taken out to the curb each week by Chris Swanson.

Items to be considered for repair and replacement in the near future are:

- Replace Carpet in Sanctuary
- Replace Lawnmower
- Resurface the Church Parking Lot
- Replace Air Conditioner in the Narthex and Sanctuary
- Rebuff floors
- Finish painting shed trim

Submitted by Ron Boyd  
Committee Chair

## **SOCIAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE**

Committee members:      Leroy DeHaven  
   Lorie Garcia  
   Elaine Brundrett  
   Phyllis Vaughn, Chair

In January the year was kicked off with a drive to collect coats, blankets, gloves, socks, etc. to be donated to the Salvation Army. Then on Jan. 18 & 19, food was provided and distributed on the Salvation Army truck.

April 3 was our Rally Against Hunger. Members of Galilean went door collecting for the Food Bank. Including the matching funds from Thrivent Financial For Lutherans we were able to present the Food Bank with a check for \$2034.10 as well as 502 pounds of food. We had 65 households participate in some form for this event.

The Bloodmobile arrived at Galilean on May 22. Twenty-two units of blood we donated.

The Peace By Piece quilters were very busy this year. Two quilts were sent to Clifton House for their fund raiser. The Women's Shelter received 6 adult and 5 baby quilts. They donated a large quilt to the Synod Assembly to be auctioned off. The Joplin tornado victims were sent 25 baby and 40 adult quilts. After the fires in Bastrop they sent 25 youth and 15 adult quilts as well as two hand made Teddy Bears and 3 pillows with books in each for toddlers. They also sent 63 quilts to Lutheran World Relief.

Galilean provided 2,327 lbs. of soap and 359 school kits to Lutheran World Relief.

In June members participated in the annual Beach Cleanup.

Galilean volunteers to serve a meal every Tuesday at Loaves and Fishes. We have 4 wonderful teams plus alternates who help with this important ministry. Thank you!! The congregation answered the call for help in a big way when we said we were going to provide dessert one night at Loaves and Fishes. On July 26 Leroy delivered 63 dozen homemade cookies.

On Oct. 30 we had the annual Trunk or Treat providing goodies and fun for 92 children.

The last function of the year was the Crop Walk on Nov. 13. We had 32 walkers and raised \$1730. 25 with a percent of which goes to the Food Bank Kid's Café.

As per usual, the members of Galilean were very busy this year doing GOD'S WORK WITH OUR HANDS.

Submitted by Phyllis Vaughn  
Committee Chair

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

2011—where did it go? We hope that worship and music at Galilean is an inspiring and meaningful experience for all who attend. The Worship and Music Committee didn't have many official meetings during the year, but overall things have gone well. The biggest change has been to our worship and Christian Education times beginning in September. An on-line survey was conducted and the congregation was in favor of returning to the previous format with Christian Education between the two worship services. This change is still very new, but seems to be going well. The audio/visual equipment in the worship center is in working order and has been well received by visitors and visiting clergy. We are still investigating ways to record and copy our services for use on our website and for members that are unable to attend worship at the church. We have made necessary adjustments in the liturgy and the order of the service (esp. at 8:30) as needed to coordinate with the new worship schedule. Currently everything seems to be running smoothly.

### Notable items for 2011:

#### Worship and Music:

- Worship times changed to 8:30 and 10:30, with Christian Education at 9:30. SURF meets following the 10:30 worship service.
- Pastor Mark—where would worship be without you? Thank you for leading us, inspiring us, challenging us, teaching us, making us laugh, making us cry, making us coffee, bringing us donuts, throwing things at us last minute! You are an amazing Pastor and we are lucky to have you!
- We are very grateful to have Michael Mullins as our pianist/musician. He does an awesome job! Michael works well with a wide variety of musicians: young and old, experienced and not, and is open to all kinds of musical styles. Michael continues to help lead the choir. Thank you Michael!
- Thanks go out to Diane Jackson and Gertie Johnson for picking hymns throughout the year, what a great team!
- Diane Jackson generates the power point slides for Sunday worship, special services, and the announcements. She truly appreciates anyone and everyone that has been willing to help out with running the power point. (esp. Lisa Behrendt--you rock!) We really need a team of people to perform this relatively simple task--volunteers, anyone? Thanks to the Jackson family for proof reading!
- We had another summer of incredible special music, and choir enjoys the break. A special shout out to Glen Schulze (and the band) for your many wonderful musical contributions throughout the year--AWESOME! Thanks to everyone who has volunteered--Galilean has talent!

- Thank you Marcus Sorenson and crew for leading the Angel Choir, we really look forward to their performance on the last Sunday each month. The adult choir enjoyed performing with the Angel Choir last Christmas and Easter and plans to do more this year. We have purchased a hand-bell set and look forward to hearing those soon too.
- As always, thanks to all who help in front of and behind the scenes each Sunday to help worship run smoothly! Ushers, Altar Guild, Readers, Communion Assistants, Acolytes, Flower donations, Bread makers, banner changers, fellowship hosts etc. You are appreciated more than you know. Thank you Sarah Smith (and Brenda) for being in our nursery. Thank you DONNA BOYD for coordinating all of these people—we could NOT do it without you!
- Choir meets every Wednesday to socialize and prepare music for worship. We have a lot of fun. Thank you to our many very dedicated choir members and to those of you that come when you can. We would love to have more voices in our choir-- please join! While we truly appreciate choir members that are willing to attend both services—it is not mandatory.
- Thanks to Ken Jackson, Jim Haley, Craig Schkade, Kyle Threatt, and Price Tuley, and many more, for providing additional instrumentation to our worship services--it adds so much! We would love to know if anyone else out there plays an instrument--don't be shy!
- We will have our third annual Thanksgiving Eve Service followed by pie and fellowship. Back by popular demand the worship area will be decorated for Advent/Christmas during worship--Fa- la- la- la- la, la- la- la- la!

It's been a privilege serving as your Music/Worship Chairperson for the past 4 years. I plan to continue doing what I do at Galilean, but I won't say that I'll miss the meetings! 2011 has been an amazing year, at an amazing church, full of wonderful and amazing people, who do wonderful and amazing things! Galilean Lutheran Church is bound for bigger and better things in the future..... you can just feel it! .

Submitted by Diane Jackson  
Committee Chair

## YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Youth Committee continues to work closely with the Education Committee in keeping with our core value to "...recognize and nurture youth by supporting their activities and lifelong relationship with God and others."

Aside from their usual Sunday activities with Faith Generations and Sunday school classes, the Youth have been focused on serving others both inside and out of the church. Within the church, they have been more involved with Sunday services by participating in reading, assisting in communion and ushering on the fifth Sunday of every month.

Other activities enjoyed by our youth:

- Italian Valentine Dinner Fundraiser
- Souper Bowl of Caring Fundraiser for the Food Bank
- Crop Hunger Walk in November
- Hosted Easter Breakfast as a Fundraiser
- Provided Lenten Supper during Lent
- Helped serve the meal at the MIM 70 and Over Luncheon
- Fun Surfing at the beach
- Roller Skating
- Kidnapping at Gatti town
- Several Movie Nights

This upcoming year will bring more opportunities for our youth to continue serving the church and their community. The high school will be preparing for the 2012 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Submitted by Marcus Sorenson  
Committee Chair

## **GALILEAN LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN IN MISSION ANNUAL REPORT**

The Men in Mission at Galilean Lutheran Church has been involved in many activities this past year. Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30PM. The average attendance is 5. Many men have helped with projects through the year. All men of all ages are invited Bible study and fellowship are the staples of our meetings. Projects helped with and funding for others are as follows.

- Make available \$200 scholarships to all graduating H.S. Seniors each year.
- Held our 5<sup>th</sup> annual luncheon celebrating congregational members 70 and over.
- Conducted a coat and sock drive for the Salvation Army. They were distributed when staffing the Canteen Truck. Volunteers and confirmation kids worked making sandwiches and staffing the Salvation Army Canteen. In the cool weather the coats & socks were greatly appreciated by those less fortunate.
- Sponsored a Lenten supper.
- Loaded and delivered donated soap and school kits, for LWR, to the Southwestern Texas collection site in Seguin.
- Sponsored a beach clean up at the National Seashore. One ton of trash was collected. We plan to make it an annual event.
- Contributed 10% of all funds raised to the Synod Men in Mission.
- Contributed to the Men in Mission Century Club for hungry children.
- Participated in the spring property clean up.
- Helped with the shed painting
- Continued the program of collecting eyeglasses and cell phones (for the women's shelter).
- Donated items to the Bokenkamp fall fashion show fundraiser.
- Raised almost \$4,800.00 from our garage sale. Again a successful event and many thanks to all who donated items and to all who helped set up and price items. It couldn't have been done without you.
- Donations were made for LWR school kits, Cross Trails and Bastrop.
- Purchased and delivered a refrigerator for a family in need.
- Plus many other chores in and around Galilean.

All men of our church are encouraged to become involved in Men in Mission. We welcome input from all members of the congregation. We are not alone in any of our projects, so we thank all the men and women and kids who have worked with us to make all our projects, big and small, successful.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Swanson President

**Galilean Lutheran Church  
Special Contributions  
2011**

Synod Assembly Offering (Malaria)	\$3673.87
Lutheran World Relief school kits	\$ 285.00
Lutheran World Relief Soap	\$2120.00
High School Easter Breakfast	\$ 243.00
High School Italian Dinner	\$1387.00
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 290.64
Food Bank (Rally Against Hunger)	\$1550.84
ELCA Disaster Relief (storms)	\$1612.00
Disaster Relief (Wildfires)	\$1921.10
Thanksgiving Eve offering (for Food Bank)	\$ 453.13
Total	\$13,536.58

*(Report of Audit and Budget are not included.)*