



FOOTNOTES

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The Reverend
Peter Bastien,
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Dear Friends in Christ,

When you receive this pastoral letter, we will be getting ready to celebrate the various and sometimes intricate liturgies of Holy Week and Easter, including the procession of palms and the Passion Play, Stations of the Cross, Tenebrae, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and, of course, the most fabulous liturgy of them all—the Great Vigil of Easter. So, let's get this straight—grown-ups come to a building for a solid week and play act, act out—over and over again—a story that happened 2,000 years ago? One of us (me) even gets to dress up in gaudy purple and white costumes. We have special effects, including the original theatrical smoke machine (incense). We ring bells and light candles and play with other props and stuff. What the heck is going on here?

The medievalist historian, Johann Huizinga, wrote a book about this called HOMO LUDENS. Humans are mammals who love to play act. In play, we leave “ordinary life” behind and “are bound by ties other than those of logic and causality.” But this play is a very serious business. We are using things like “dream, enchantment, ecstasy, laughter” to imagine new worlds. We leave literal reality behind in order to engage reality at a deeper level. Religion, like art or poetry, is a touching of the emotional need for a world that works. It tells us stories about our heroes and our personal human demons. It confronts spiritual truths located beneath the banalities of literal truth. Here we meet saviors, deaths that can redeem the suffering, the eternal possibility of death to an old life and resurrection to a new one.

In sermons and classes we then reflect on all this religious activity and try to understand somewhat what it says to us about the meaning of our lives, but a lot will remain indecipherable. We are mysteries even to ourselves. We Christians are content to say that all this ritual play has to do with our faith that God is love. Human life can be redeemed only by love. Law is necessary too, but only as the procedural of love. Ritual is acting love out—if it degenerates into a sterile ritualism (i.e., ritual with the play-function subtracted), then we get lost. We need reformation.

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Please notify church office to add/remove names. Names are removed after a six-week period if not updated.

So, I wish you a playful Holy Week and Easter. Jesus urges us to come to church like little children ("unless you become as a child you cannot enter the Kingdom of God") and enter into the glorious hope of a world made new by redemptive love. Have a most blessed Holy Week and a truly joyful Easter.



Yours in Christ,

—Pastor Bastien



Dear Friends,

Pat and I wish to express our deep thanks to all of you at CTS for the wonderful 25th Anniversary reception and luncheon that you surprised us with. We were deeply touched. When you surprised me with a 60th birthday party the year before last, I blamed my surgery for the fact that you pulled off such a surprise, but this time I have no such excuse, only grateful feelings. All parishes use the rhetoric of "family in Christ," but at CTS it is not rhetoric, not even theology; it is fact. We love you dearly. Thank you.

—Pastor Bastien



News from the Gaithersburg HELP Board of Directors

HELP really appreciates how well member congregations have responded to their needs. Lots of the requested food items have been donated—this helps them reduce money needed to purchase food.

Current most needed items:

- 16 oz. canned fruits (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail)
- Cereal
- 1 and 2 lb. bags of rice
- Boxed rice
- Instant potatoes
- Spaghetti sauce with meat
- 18 oz. peanut butter
- Jelly



—Joanne Eater

Sunday Readings

April 2—Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-13 (Psalm 51:1-12 NRSV) or Psalm 119:9-16
Create in me a clean heart, O God. (Ps. 51:11) or I treasure your promise in my heart. (Ps. 119:11)
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

April 9—Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday, Procession With Palms

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. (Ps. 118:26)

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1—15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]

April 16—THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

April 23—Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)
1 John 1:1—2:2
John 20:19-31

April 30—Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19

Council Meeting Summary

March 13, 2006

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Council

(The complete version is posted on the CTS hall bulletin board.)

- ◆ Financial—Beth Lashof reported and Chuck Eater confirmed that February was not a good income month. Low offerings on two Sundays resulted in expenses exceeding income by \$1,818.62. We still have a positive balance for the year of \$2,276.
- ◆ Beth Lashof announced that she will resign as Financial Secretary after ten years of serving in that position.
- ◆ Leadership of the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF), including President Keith Silliman, attended the CTS Council meeting to express their strong commitment to create and support a SHARP program for Watkins Mill High School students. After co-signing a contract with a parent, the program provides a place for students suspended for non-violent offenses to keep up on their schoolwork. With CTS Council support, the MVF will work with the County Council representative for our area to request Montgomery County funding to begin SHARP at CTS in September. CTS would provide space for up to eight students Monday through Thursday and space for a desk and file cabinet for the full-time director. Volunteer adults staff the program. Council unanimously agreed that this program would be positive community outreach and agreed that Barbara Harner would be the CTS liaison.
- ◆ There will be five council positions to fill at the May congregational meeting as well as a Financial Secretary.
- ◆ Council commended and thanked Mike Mayer for creating the beautiful prie dieu which was blessed at the beginning of the Ash Wednesday service.

Respectfully submitted,

—Joyce Backus CTS Council Secretary



Easter Lily Fund



Donations are requested to purchase Easter Lilies to place around the altar during Easter services. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please place your donation in an Easter Lily Fund envelope (on the Usher's Table), complete the requested information and place the envelope in the offering basket with your donation.

Thank you.

—Worship Committee



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Psalm 4
The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Other Readings

April 10—Monday in Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 36:5-11
Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings. (Ps. 36:7)
Hebrews 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

April 11—Tuesday in Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 71:1-14
From my mother's womb you have been my strength. (Ps. 71:6)
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 12:20-36

April 12—Wednesday in Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 70
Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. (Ps. 70:1)
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

April 13—Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
Psalm 116:1, 10-17 (Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 NRSV)
I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:11)
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 14—Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm 22
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Ps. 22:1)
Hebrews 10:16-25 or
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

Service Ministry

April 1 **MS Walk** along the Canal
April 2 **First Sunday**—Equal Exchange sale
Collection of household items, clothes, diapers for UICC
April 6 **Deliver soap** to LWR warehouse in New Windsor
April 21–23 .. **Gulf relief** collection at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
April 29 **Rebuilding Together** 8:00 a.m.
McKenna's Wagon 4:00–7:30 p.m.

Bar soap collection for Lutheran World Relief continues through the month of March. If you'd like to take a field trip on Thursday, April 6, to deliver the soap to the LWR warehouse in New Windsor, MD, and browse the fair trade crafts at A Greater Gift Shop, contact Connie Graf.

MS Walk on April 1—Join a group from CTS to raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and walk along the C&O Canal to historic Glen Echo Park. Enjoy the beauty of the Potomac River Valley in springtime on this eight-mile hike. Lunch will be served at the finish line. You may also register online at www.msandyou.org—specify team name "CTS." Pick up a pledge form from the bulletin board, and start signing up sponsors with donations before the walk. If you are not walking, find a CTS member who is and sign his/her pledge sheet. Walkers will meet at the church at 7:30 a.m. and carpool to Montgomery Mall to check in and catch a bus to the Canal. Please contact Polly Bergtold for more information.

Gulf relief collection—Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Gaithersburg is collecting items to truck down to the Blessing Place, a disaster relief warehouse in Pascagoula/Moss Point, MS. They will visit with representatives from Lutheran Disaster Response as well as volunteers at the Blessing Place, to determine what kind of help is needed for future work trips. Needed items:

- ❑ Small appliances (window a/c, fans, lamps with shades, toasters, irons, microwaves, mini-fridges, etc.—in good working order, gently used or new);
- ❑ housewares (kitchen utensils and supplies, tableware, bath scales, folding card tables and folding chairs, etc.);
- ❑ new sheets, bedspreads, lightweight blankets, towels;
- ❑ non-perishable food (boxed or canned only, no glass);
- ❑ complete computer systems (cables, monitor, keyboard, CPU, and printer) with current software and in good working order.

April 15—The Resurrection of Our Lord, Vigil of Easter

New Testament Reading:

Romans 6:3-11

Response: Psalm 114

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord. (Ps. 114:7)

Gospel
Mark 16:1-8

April 25—St. Mark, Evangelist

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 57

I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD. (Ps. 57:9)

2 Timothy 4:6-11, 18

Mark 1:1-15



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Either bring your donations to church by Easter Sunday or take them directly to Good Shepherd on Friday, April 21 (2–8 p.m.); Saturday, April 22 (10 a.m.–2 p.m.); or Sunday, April 23 (9:00 a.m.–2 p.m.). Search your home, ask friends and coworkers to do likewise, and gather items together by the donation weekend. Contact Steve Garvey or Connie Graf for more information.

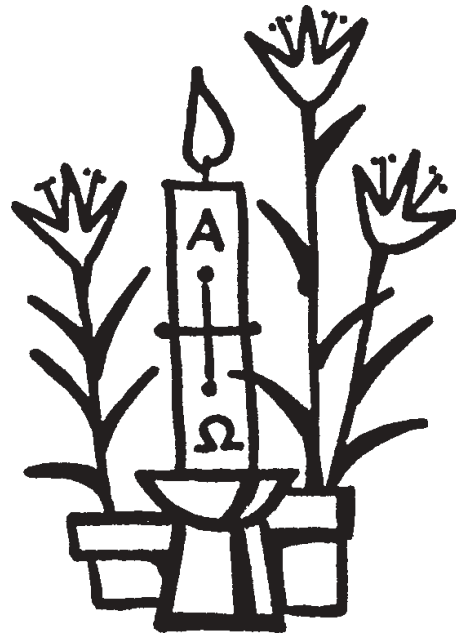
Rebuilding Together—Saturday, April 29—*(formerly Christmas in April)* is a one-day project to fix up homes of low-income elderly or disabled people. No experience necessary, but you must be at least 14 years old. We'll need to meet at the church at 7:30 a.m. to be onsite at 8:00 a.m. and work until early afternoon. Lunch will be provided. Contact Connie Graf for details.

McKenna's Wagon—Saturday, April 29, 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., is our next date to deliver food from McKenna's Wagon, a mobile soup kitchen from Martha's Table, to homeless people in Washington, DC. We need four volunteers to distribute soup, sandwiches, desserts and drinks at two parks where the homeless gather. Please contact Dave Larrabee or Connie Graf.

—Connie Graf

The Happiest of Birthdays to:

- John Severynse 4/1
- Julia Rasnake 4/1
- Adam Eastlack 4/2
- Eric Kabemba 4/3
- Paula Rosasco 4/4
- David Hammer 4/6
- Sarah Greenstein 4/7
- Delores Petzold 4/7
- Dan Caggiano 4/10
- Nansi Kabonge 4/10
- Dorothy Scott-Thomas 4/11
- Bob Schulte 4/11
- Ed Gabriele 4/15
- Michelle Austin 4/15
- Marie Umali 4/16
- Toni Kellinger 4/19
- Chuck Nilsen 4/21
- Dotty Lucas 4/23
- April Brody 4/23
- Natascha Larrabee 4/23
- Jonathan Lessen 4/25
- Barbara Holzapfel 4/29



Happy Anniversary to:

- Frank & Doreen Foge 4/4
- Bob & Melanie
- McMichael 4/24
- Mike & Cathy
- Kuchinsky 4/28



UGANDA

Once Called a Pearl of Africa



Location, Climate, Language, Religion, Flag, Capital

The Republic of Uganda is a land-locked equatorial country in East Africa, bordered by Sudan to the north, Zaire to the west, Kenya to the east and Rwanda, Tanzania and Lake Victoria to the south. The climate is tropical, with temperatures, moderated by the altitude of the country, varying between 75 and 85 degrees. The official language is English and there are many local languages, the most important of which is Luganda. More than 60% of the population follows Christian beliefs, while about 10% are Muslims. The national flag (proportions 3 by 2) has six horizontal strips: black, gold, red, black, gold, and red. In the center is a white disc containing a crested crane. The capital is Kampala.

Political History Summary

Formerly a British protectorate, Uganda became an independent member of the Commonwealth on October 9, 1962. The name Uganda came from the name Buganda which is the largest region for the Baganda tribe. After independence, Uganda became a republic, with Sir Edward Muteesa II, Kabaka (King) of Buganda, Leader of Kabaka Yeka (KY) party elected as the first President. Dr. Milton Obote, the leader of Uganda People's Congress (UPC) party became the Prime Minister. The country comprised of four regions, Northern, Eastern, Western, and central which was the kingdom of Buganda, which had federal status. Executive power remained with the Cabinet. In May 1966 Dr. Obote, the Prime Minister, led a successful coup against Sir Edward Muteesa, the President and Kabaka of Buganda, using his Army Major General Idi Amin, and Dr. Obote became executive President. This is when the instability, turmoil, and killings started.

A lot of people were killed, mostly from the Baganda tribe, and I remember hearing guns shooting for several days. We couldn't go to school for several days, many buildings were destroyed, businesses and schools were closed. When the schools reopened, I heard a lot of stories, especially from the students whose loved ones were killed.

In September 1967 a new Constitution was introduced, establishing a unitary republic, and Buganda was brought under the control of the central government. After an assassination attempt on President Obote, in December 1969, all opposition parties were banned.

President Obote was overthrown in January 1971 by his army commander Major-General (later Field Marshal) Idi Amin Dada, who assumed full executive powers and suspended political activity. The National Assembly was dissolved in February, when Amin declared himself Head of State, took over legislative powers and suspended parts of the 1967 Constitution. Obote took refuge in Tanzania. In August 1972 Amin, proclaiming an "economic war" to free Uganda from foreign domination, undertook a mass expulsion of non-citizen Asians (who comprised the majority of the resident Asian population) and burned most religious and non-profit organizations, thereby incurring widespread international condemnation.

Amin's regime was characterized by the ruthless elimination of suspected opponents, mass flights of refugees to neighboring countries, and periodic purges of the army (which, in turn, perpetrated numerous atrocities).

I left Uganda in 1973 for my safety. In February 1977 the Anglican Archbishop of Uganda and two government ministers were murdered, arousing further world-wide indignation. Relations within the East African Community, comprising Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania, deteriorated during the 1970s. In early 1979 an invasion force consisting of Tanzanian troops and Uganda exiles, gained

control of the southern region of Uganda, fighting to overthrow Idi Amin. Amin's forces capitulated, in spite of military aid and reinforcements from Libya, and in April 1979 a Tanzanian assault force entered Kampala. The remaining pro-Amin troops were defeated in June. Amin fled initially to Libya, and in 1980 found refuge in Saudi Arabia where he died about two years ago.

A provisional government, the National Executive Council (NEC), was established in April 1979; a former vice-chancellor of Makerere University, Mr. Lule, was appointed as President. When Lule attempted to reshuffle the NEC in June, opposition from within NEC forced his resignation. Lule was succeeded by Godfrey Binaisa (a former Attorney-General), who was, in turn, overthrown by the Military Commission. The Military Commission set up an election in December 1980 which was contested by four parties and won by the UPC, with Obote the first prime minister and again the first dictator, still the UPC's leader, becoming President for the second time. The defeated parties complained of gross electoral malpractice by UPC supporters.

From February 1981 the Obote government was subject to constant attack from guerrilla groups operating inside the country. Hundreds of President Obote's opponents were subsequently detained, including Democratic Party (DP) members of the National Assembly, and several newspapers were banned. Following the withdrawal of Tanzanian troops in June, there were reports from the West Nile Region of further atrocities by Ugandan soldiers. In January 1982 the Uganda Popular Front was formed to coordinate, from abroad, the activities of the main opposition groups in exile, aiming to overthrow the Obote

Government. These groups were the Uganda Freedom Movement (UFM), the Uganda National Rescue Front, and the National Resistance Movement (NRM), led by Lule and his former Defense Minister, Yoweri Museveni. The NRM had a military wing, the National Resistance Army (NRA), which was led by Museveni. (Lule died in 1985 whereupon Museveni became sole leader of the NRM and NRA.) During this period, Lorna's mother was killed and Lorna left Uganda with three of her brothers.

In July 1985 President Obote was overthrown in a military coup, led by Brig. (later Lt-Gen.) Basilio Okello. Obote was subsequently granted political asylum by Zambia and died in 2005. In June 1985 a report by the human rights organization, Amnesty International, had alleged that the security forces had been responsible for the torture and murder of thousands of civilians under the Obote Government.

In January 1986 NRM led by Yoweri Museveni overthrew Brig. General Okello's government, and on 29 January 1986 Museveni was sworn in as President of Republic of Uganda. Mr. Museveni has ruled Uganda for twenty years, and his party (NRM) won the election last in February 2006 which gives him another five years in power.

Mr. Museveni has been credited for several things, including fighting HIV, security in some parties of Uganda, and restoration of the monarchies for Buganda, Busoga, Bunyoro and Toro. Some of the things he has been discredited for are: corruption, not restoring the Monarchy for Ankole, which is his home area, a twenty-year war in northern Uganda, and changing the 1995 constitution to remove the term limit to be a president.

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CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:30 AM MS Walk 5:30 PM Family Koinonia April Fools Day
2 8:30 AM Holy Communion 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion 5:00 PM Confirmation Pre-Retreat Session 5th Sunday in Lent	3 8:30 AM Staff Meeting 8:00 PM Parish Council	4 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study 7:00 PM Multicultural Summer Camp Meeting 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	5 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 6:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper 7:30 PM Lenten Vespers	6 6:55 PM Girl Scouts	7	8 10:00 AM Seminar 3:00 PM Luganda Academy 4:00 PM Seder
9 8:30 AM Holy Communion 11:00 AM Holy Communion Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)	10 10:00 AM Matins 7:30 PM Way of the Cross	11 10:00 AM Matins 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 7:30 PM Tenebrae	12 10:00 AM Matins 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 7:30 PM Spy Wednesday	13 10:00 AM Matins 7:30 PM Holy Communion Maundy Thursday 24 Hr Youth Prayer Retreat	14 12:00 PM Prayer/Confession 7:30 PM Venerations of the Holy Cross Good Friday	15 10:00 AM Rehearsals for Easter Sunday services 7:30 PM Easter Vigil
16 8:30 AM Holy Communion 9:50 AM Easter Morning Brunch 11:00 AM Solemn High Mass RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD <i>Footnotes Deadline</i>	17	18 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 8:00 PM Worship Committee	19 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	20 6:55 PM Girl Scouts	21 7:00 PM Magdalenes Confirmation Retreat	22 3:00 PM Luganda Academy 5:00 PM After Easter Feast
23 8:30 AM Matins 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion Confirmation Retreat concludes 7:00 PM Theology Club 2nd Sunday of Easter	24	25 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' Bible Study 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 7:30 PM St Mark's day Eucharist	26 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	27 6:55 PM Girl Scouts 8:00 PM Outreach Committee	28 7:00 PM Griffith Drive Women's Grp	29 7:30 AM Rebuilding Together 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM McKenna's Wagon
30 8:30 AM Matins 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion 1:00 PM Cross-eyed Sheep 5:30 PM Film Buffs 3rd Sunday of Easter	Footnotes deadline is third Sunday of each month.					

FOUR KEYS TO NURTURING FAITH IN APRIL

~ Visions ~

Devotion to use with family or with those like family this month.

1. CARING CONVERSATION

- A. Have you ever had a vision?
- B. What does it take to convert a vision to reality?
- C. Who can you share your vision with – parent, friend, mentor?
- D. Can the shared vision of a few influence people around them? How?

2. DEVOTIONS IN THE HOME

- A. Read Proverbs 29:18 (KJV) and Joel2:28.
- B. Discuss the concept of visions and what this means to each person. It may be revealing.
- C. Close with prayer, asking God to help us bring our visions into reality.

3. SERVICE

- A. In 1968, the faith community of Gaithersburg recognized that emergencies happen quickly and government assistance takes time. To meet these immediate needs, congregations of churches and synagogues formed Gaithersburg HELP to provide short-term assistance in a coordinated fashion. You can help to support the vision of those people in 1968 by becoming a HELP volunteer. For information, talk to Steve and Wilma Garvey, Joanne and Chuck Eater, Marjorie McClain, or Beth Lashof – to name just a few!
- B. Each month Connie Graf or others in the congregation request people to provide time, talent and funds to support the many projects CTS sponsors. Volunteer!

4. TRADITIONS AND RITUALS

- A. Our geographic area is rich in institutions which honor visions and the men and women who bring them to life. Visit the Air and Space Museum, one of the many art galleries or the National Achieves or the halls of Congress to name just a few. We are a nation of visions realized and yet to be inspired.

- Jonathon Clagett and Steve Garvey

FOUR KEYS TO NURTURING FAITH IN APRIL

~ He is Risen! ~

Devotion to use with family or with those like family this month.

1. CARING CONVERSATION

- A. My favorite thing about Easter is ... because ...
- B. When I think of Easter, the first word that comes to mind is...
- C. My favorite Easter candy is... because...

2. DEVOTIONS IN THE HOME

All of the Gospels tell of Jesus' resurrection, but each story is slightly different. Read Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12 and John 20:1-18. Then share your thoughts about the following....

- A. What are some of the similarities among the stories? What are some of the differences?
- B. Which story do you prefer? Why?
- C. Which story is the most different?
- D. Why do you think all four stories aren't exactly alike?
- E. Close with prayer, thanking God for the life, death and resurrection of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

3. SERVICE

- A. Put together a small spring basket of flowers to share with someone.
- B. Find out about someone in your community who lives alone or in a care facility and are unable to go to church on Easter Sunday. Plan to visit him/her during the week before or after Easter and take along an Easter gift – maybe a card you make or an Easter plant or a small Easter basket.

4. TRADITIONS AND RITUALS

- A. Share / start an Easter tradition: When two people meet, the first says, "Christ is risen!" the second replies, "Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!" Use this as a greeting on Easter morning.
- B. Is one of your Easter traditions to get new clothes? Talk about how the tradition of wearing new clothes at Easter started: In the early church, new Christians were baptized at Easter. After they were baptized, they were given a new, white robe to symbolize their new life in Christ.
- C. And don't forget about dying Easter Eggs and having an Easter egg hunt!

Faith Talk: Confirmation at Home: We continue with The Ten Commandments, the topic for our Spring Confirmation retreat this month, moving on to the Seventh and Eighth Commandments: *You shall not steal* – “Some say stealing includes shoplifting, copying test answers, finding something someone else lost and keeping it, burning a copy of someone else’s CD. I think...”; “When something is taken from me, I feel...”; and *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor* – “When somebody tells lies or hurtful things about me, I feel...”; “I think we slander and lie about others because...”

Souper Bowl Totals: \$76 and 77 cans of stew/soup were collected for Gaithersburg Help! Thank you for your assistance with this! And please continue to bring in needed food items – you can check out the Gaithersburg Help website – gaithersburghelp.org – for their greatest needs.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Total raised was \$316! Again, thank you for your support!!

April Activities

Senior High and Confirmation Koinonia are postponed until May

Confirmation Pre-retreat Session **Sun, Apr 2, 5:00 – 8:00 PM / CTS**

Because of Palm Sunday and Easter, the Pre-Retreat session will take place on Sun, Apr 2 – a few weeks before the retreat. All confirmands and their parents are expected. We’ll start with a potluck supper – if someone wants to volunteer to coordinate so that we don’t end up with all desserts, let me know! I’ll bring the drinks and the paper/plastic products. We will be viewing and discussing the movie “Weapons of the Spirit” as we begin our preparation for the Spring Retreat.

Weekly Lenten Vespers **Wed, Apr 5 / CTS**

We are issuing a special invitation for youth and their parents (especially confirmands) to come to Wednesday evening vespers during Lent. Pastor will be preaching on the Luther’s Catechism - especially appropriate for the confirmands! Come for supper (6:30) and stay for vespers (7:30). (For youth with transportation concerns: if you can get to church, Barbara and Tony will be sure you get home.)

Holy Week Lock-In **Thurs, Apr 13 – Fri, Apr 14 / CTS**

Beginning with the Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 through Friday evening’s service, we will spend some 25 hours together – some time in silence, some time in conversation, some time in activity, some time in contemplation, some time inside, some time outdoors, and maybe even some time in sleep. Sign up sheet on youth bulletin board.

Gaithersburg Help **Fri, Apr 21 - Sun, Apr 23**
No date for April – so please bring in boxes of cereal and 16-oz cans of fruit.

Spring Confirmation Retreat **Fri, Apr 21 - Sun, Apr 23**
The Ten Commandments at Mar-Lu Ridge with parents!! We will meet at CTS at 6:30 PM to carpool to Mar-Lu Ridge and expect to return on Sunday by 4:30 PM.

"Cross-Eyed Sheep" **Sun, Apr 30, 1:00-3:00 PM / CTS**
Lunch provided by the Harmon/Rasnake and the Kabonge families.

Upcoming Activities

Koinonia
Senior High **Tues, May 2**
Confirmation **Tues, May 16**

Faithtrip - Montgomery Conference Lutheran Youth Roadtrip **Sat, May 13, 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM**
We’ll start out at CTS with morning devotions and a get-acquainted activity, and then travel to Prince of Peace, Trinity, St. John’s and St. Luke for activities that include service, food, fun, fellowship and worship.

Gaithersburg Help **Wed, May 17**
Watch your email for future dates and let Beth know if you are available to help.

Sheepdogs **Thurs, May 18, 8:00 - 9:30 PM / H-K**
Support group for parents of Youth in grades 7-12. Please join us as we share with and encourage each other in our ministry to our children. Proposed topic: Internet safety and MySpace.

"Cross-Eyed Sheep" **May date / time TBD at April Meeting**

Pentecost **Sun, Jun 4, 9:30 AM**

Check your email 1-2 times per week for reminders and updates!
For information about current/future CTS Youth Ministry Activities, contact Barbara at (301) 963-6236 or by email at bharner@comcast.net.

(H-K: activities at the Harner-Kerlavage home; CTS: activities at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church)

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 15, 2006
The Vigil of Easter
7:30 p.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes... Crucifer Roger Rasnake
 Bookbearer TBD
 Thurifer TBD
 Torches Polly Bergtold, TBD
 Banner TBD
 Altar Preparation Joanne Eater
 Communion Assts Pat Andersen
 (Vest & Process) Barbara Harner
 Communion Bread Polly Bergtold
 Lectors Chuck Eater, Bob Andersen
 Polly Bergtold, Barbara Harner
 Tony Kerlavage, Marjorie McClain
 Prayer Leader Tony Kerlavage
 Usher Tony Kerlavage

April 16, 2006
Easter Sunday
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes Wilma Garvey, Steve Garvey
 Altar Preparation Sandy D'Angelo
 Communion Assts Dave Larrabee
 (Vest) TBD
 Communion Bread Connie Graf
 Lector Chuck Eater
 Prayer Leader Ernie Graf
 Usher TBD
 Greeter José Vela

11:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass

Acolytes... Crucifer TBD
 Bookbearer TBD
 Thurifer TBD
 Torches TBD
 Banner TBD
 Altar Preparation Barbara Harner
 Communion Assts Chuck Eater
 (Vest & Process) Roger Rasnake
 Communion Bread Sandy D'Angelo
 Lector Dave Larrabee
 Prayer Leader Pat Andersen
 Usher Dick Walker
 Greeter Dave Larrabee
 Flowers The Kabonges

Hospitality *Easter Brunch between services*

April 23, 2006
Second Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. Matins

Acolyte Frank Foge
 Lector Dave Larrabee
 Usher Doreen Foge
 Greeter Barbara Holzapfel

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes Roger Rasnake, TBD
 Altar Preparation Beth Lashof
 Communion Assts Mike Mayer
 Paul Bender
 Communion Bread The Mayers
 Lector Pat Andersen
 Prayer Leader Polly Bergtold
 Usher Robin Peterson
 Greeter TBD
 Hospitality Pam Shewmaker
 Flowers Dave Larrabee

April 25, 2006
St. Mark, Evangelist
7:30 p.m. Holy Communion

Altar Preparation TBD
 Communion Asst TBD
 Lector Bob Andersen
 Prayer Leader TBD

April 30, 2006
Third Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. Matins

Acolyte Melissa Foge
 Lector Nathan Meyer
 Usher Vernon Toelle
 Greeter Joyce Backus

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes James Alfano, TBD
 Altar Preparation The Eastlacks
 Communion Assts Dave Larrabee
 Dick Walker
 Communion Bread Tom Lipe
 Lector Polly Bergtold
 Prayer Leader Barbara Harner
 Usher Beth Lashof
 Greeter TBD
 Hospitality The McMichaels
 Flowers Polly Bergtold

Launder Altar Linens in April Barbara Harner