



FOOTNOTES

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Dear Friends,

How quickly we have moved from last month's "Soon-To-Be-Friends," to "Friends." I want to continue to learn your names and more about you. I tell my students that they can help me learn their names by wearing the same clothes and sitting in the same seat for the first four class sessions. Since there are more of you, I promise to learn all your names by Holy Week if you will all wear the same clothes and sit in the front row every Wednesday and Sunday service. If you wait until Easter Sunday to show up, you'll have to settle for "Hey you."

Lent is preparation for, our journey to, Easter – from Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, through key moments in his ministry, to death on Good Friday and resurrection on Easter Sunday. Liberation theologians say that middle and upper class Christians worry about life after death, while poor people worry about achieving a fullness of life before death. There's a startling truth in what they say, but finally, it's not an either-or. We all die and are confident that at death we will rest in the arms of a loving god. At the same time, we work to extend the quality of life to those less fortunate so their lives can also be blessed before death and enjoy life while living.

The term "less fortunate" feels patronizing to me, but it suggests something important. Most of the goodness we enjoy is a matter of luck. Randy Pausch begins *The Last Lecture*, a book about his pancreatic cancer and his view of life during his terminal months with "I won the parent lottery." Life is a series of lotteries and choices. Thus, Horatio Alger's book *Luck and Pluck* and philosopher Bernard Williams' *Moral Luck*.

We do not choose our race, gender, core level of intelligence, core level of ability or disability. You probably are not an undiscovered Bach, but then Bach wouldn't have known how to drive a car or turn on the TV. You and I are recipients of so many gifts from the past, and from people who share our era, that we could spend full time just giving thanks for grace-filled lives

Unfortunately, many people who win the lotteries of life take too much credit for their success. "It's mine. I earned it." Ads play on our vanity, "You deserve it." We deserve a reasonable amount of credit for good choices and hard work to achieve them. But, Lent is a season for humility about our accomplishments, no matter how hard we have worked. Lent is when we meditate on choices, and especially the choice to help bring life where death would otherwise prevail – the spirit of resurrection life.

You are a blessing to me and I pray that you will be blessed beyond your ability to give thanks while you continue choosing to work for the liberation of those oppressed by forces beyond their choice or control!

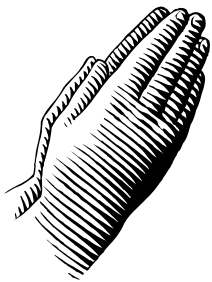
Pastor Hoehn



April Prayer Concerns

Bob Andersen
Jim Austin
Dale Barker
Jean Bonald
Donna Clagett
Margaret Condon
Sam Gates
Dave Gearing
Dorothy Gerald
Arturo Gomez
Mike Jacobson
Nancy Lang
Tim Larkin
David Lashof
Barbara Lashof
Margaret Lipe
Thomas Lipe
Richard Lurix
Lauren Sue Masoero
Pastor John Muller
Althea Nottingham
Joyce Pacheli
Ron Pacheli
Bob Petersen
Ingse Petersen
Lorna Pool
Jane Rhine
Jeane Sawe
Saul Stern
Paul Welborn
Bonnie Whipp
Ellen

Victims of war and violence
People of Japan
People of Haiti



CTS Council Meeting Summary March 14, 2011

Call Committee – After Council's consideration at two special meetings, a motion was made, seconded, and approved by a majority vote of Council that we elect Arlene Alfano, Joyce Backus, Paul Bender, Erin Dodge, Tom Eastlack, and Pat Huson to serve as the Call Committee. This committee will be presented to the congregation for affirmation at a special congregational meeting on March 20.

Farmers Market – Council voted to accept the letter of understanding from the Montgomery Village Foundation to establish the Farmers Market at CTS. We also discussed the question of gleanings from the market. We will continue to work with the Foundation to assure that Manna or another appropriate organization receive any gleanings that producers cannot otherwise use.

Upcoming Council Vacancies – The four Council members whose terms expire this year—Pat Andersen, Joanne Eater, Rob Palmer, and Roger Rasnake—all plan to leave Council. We will need candidates to replace these members. Nominations will be solicited beginning in mid-April.

Handicapped Parking – Rob Palmer reported that we have more members with handicap-parking permits attending our 11:00 service than we have available spaces. With our total number of spaces, regulations state that we should have four designated as handicapped. Rob will continue to pursue this.

Incense – The worship committee has agreed to limit the use of incense to non-Sunday services at least until the fall, when its use will be reevaluated. We agreed that the Call Committee should include incense use in the congregational profile.

Call Committee

The process for our getting a permanent pastor moved one significant step closer on Sunday, March 20, 2011 when the congregation affirmed a Call Committee of six individuals elected by the parish council.

Keep them and the mission of their call in your thoughts and prayers.

The members, left to right, Arlene Alfano, Joyce Backus, Paul Bender, Erin Dodge, Tom Eastlack and Pat Huson.



Readings for April

April 3

4th Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

April 10

5th Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

April 17

Sunday of the Passion

Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14—27:66

April 24

Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10



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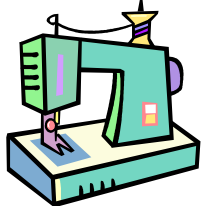
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Parish Care Needs

Storage space – The CTS basement floors need to be refurbished. We have items stored there for future use. Can you squeeze a few into your home until they are needed?



Sewing machine – One of our members would like a sewing machine if you have one to give or lend to her.

Thank you! Contact *Connie Graf*, cqgraf@yahoo.com or 301 253-5180



Getting to know Pastor Hoehn

At our April/May meetings, join your Koinonia Group, or whichever one fits in your schedule, to get to know Pastor Hoehn a bit better and for him to get to know us. This is a great opportunity to gather in our living rooms for fellowship and conversation. Here's the schedule. We hope to see you there.



- ❖ Saturday, April 9, 3 pm, at the Eater home (will resume evening schedule after this one)
- ❖ Monday, May 2, 7:30 pm, at the Backus home
- ❖ Friday, May 13, 8 pm at the Harner-Kerlavage home
- ❖ Saturday, May 21, 3 pm at the Eastlack home

Mark your calendar!

Parish Life Events

We will have our final **Lent Soup-Suppers** at 6:30pm prior to the Lent Vespers Services on April 6th and April 13th. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board

On **Easter Sunday, April 24th**, we will have our traditional **Easter Brunch** and fellowship in the Parlor between services. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Bring some food to share if you are able but more importantly, bring yourself

On **Saturday, April 30th at 5pm**, we will have an **After Easter Feast** as a way of breaking our Lenten fast and also to enjoy good food and good company. We will eat at Lebanese Taverna, 2641 Connecticut Ave. NW in Washington, DC. Check the bulletin board for more information.

Your brother in Christ, Dave Larrabee

National Lutheran Home Spring Festival

The Village at Rockville, 9701 Veirs Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

Enjoy home baked goodies, Grandma's Attic, a bounty of jewelry and treasures, a silent auction, plants, flowers, and more!

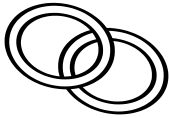


Happy April Birthdays to:

Julia Rasnake	4/1
John Severynse	4/1
Adam Eastlack	4/2
Eric Kabemba	4/3
Sarah Greenstein	4/7
Nansi Kabonge	4/10
Ed Gabriele	4/15
Michelle Austin	4/15
Natascha Larrabee	4/23
Jonathan Lessen	4/25
Barbara Holzapfel	4/29

April Anniversaries

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



On Saturday, June 4th 2011, The CTS: Roaring Sheep will be participating in the Susan G. Komen race for the cure walk.

We will walk for those of us who are no longer with us, for those of us who have cancer, and especially for the cure. We will be sending out more information soon.



changes, please come to the Vigil!) We also will continue to discuss the list of services in which incense is used and work to gain a greater sense of the parish's thoughts on this. We also recognize that our new permanent pastor, when that person is called, will no doubt have views on how incense is to be used in worship.

We hope that these changes will improve the worship experience for all. Please let members of Council or the Worship Committee know what you think.
Roger Rasnake, Worship Committee

Incense at CTS

CTS parishioners have brought up their concern about the use of incense in our services. A number of members have respiratory, allergy, or other problems with incense. These members have often chosen to attend the early service on those Sundays when incense is used, since it is never incorporated into the early service. On some occasions, however, a person may not have remembered, or they may wish to attend the late service for good reasons (such as a baptism or simply to be with friends) and must face the fact that incense is in use. We also know that, for many at CTS, the use of incense is an important part of the worship experience on festival days, and that it has a long tradition in the church through the centuries. So we recognize the quandary: that incense is an important element in our worship for many in our congregation, but we also need to be sensitive to the needs of all members and to show hospitality to visitors.

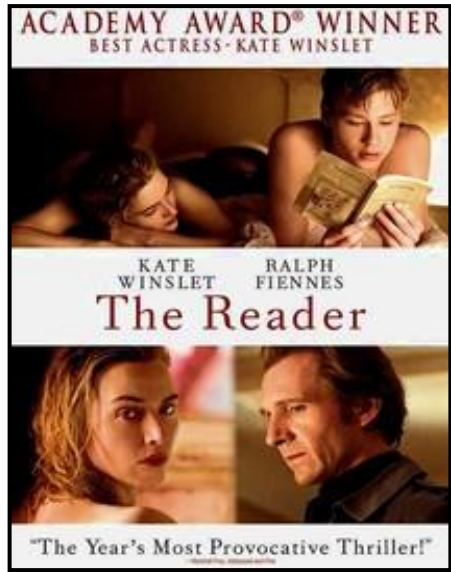
The Worship Committee has discussed a number of possible ways to improve the situation. We have learned that a particularly aggravating element has been the brand of self-lighting charcoal that we have been using; it contains a pungent and, to many, irritating chemical to ignite the charcoal. We also discussed that the amount of incense used and the variety of incense used are also factors in determining whether the incense may be troubling. In addition, the Committee reviewed a copy of the pastor's report from 1990-91 in which it was stated that incense would be used at evening prayer and at four other services: the midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve, Epiphany, the Easter Vigil, and at Pentecost when there are no confirmands. In 2010, we had incense at ten services: the four services listed, as well as the Baptism of Our Lord, Transfiguration, Easter (11:00 am service), Ascension Thursday, Reformation Sunday, and Christ the King.

The Worship Committee feels it is important to be responsive to members' needs and to try to find a middle path that preserves the use of incense but that makes it more comfortable for those who find incense problematic. No 11:00 am service will use incense for this year at least through the "Sundays after Pentecost" season. We did not use incense at Transfiguration this year, and we will not use it on Easter Sunday at 11:00 am. We are switching the charcoal to a non-self lighting type which emits essentially no odor; and we will use a new type of hypoallergenic incense at the next service with incense, the Easter Vigil. The Committee will recommend that the amount of incense used during services be kept to a minimum, and we will explore ways of improving ventilation during and after services with incense. (If you would like to see the effect of these

Forest Oaks Film Buffs Presents

Set in the present day as well as in post-World War II Germany, *The Reader* is an intensely emotional account of the brief and secretive relationship between a woman and the boy she recruits to read to her, and her sudden disappearance.

Based on the novel by Bernhard Schlink.



The Reader (2008)

Directed by: Stephen Daldry
Starring: Kate Winslet, Ralph
Fiennes, David Kross
(Academy Award Winner:
Best Actress)

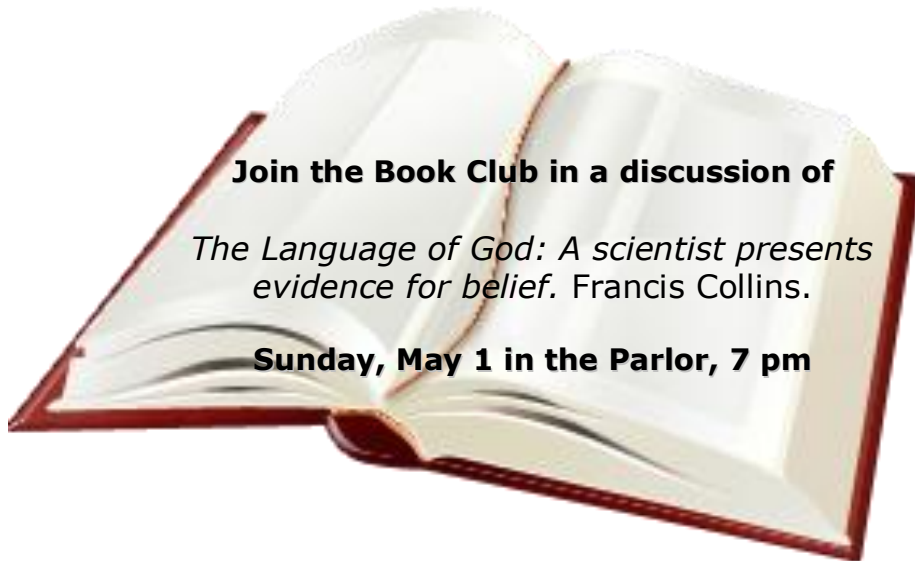
When: Sunday, April 10th,
5:30 p.m.

Where: CTS Parlor

Join the Book Club in a discussion of

*The Language of God: A scientist presents
evidence for belief.* Francis Collins.

Sunday, May 1 in the Parlor, 7 pm



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Faith Talk: Confirmation at Home: This spring we will be studying the Apostle's Creed. Last month we talked about the Second Article of the creed; this month, the Third Article, which begins: "I believe in the Holy Spirit..." What does this mean? Again, start by reading Luther's explanation in The Small Catechism (which can be found in the back of the ELW), and then talk about what this means for you. Use these as conversation starters: In Acts 2, the Holy Spirit is described as sounding like a mighty wind. What other descriptions do you have for the Holy Spirit – and why?; How would you define the Holy Spirit? What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit? Think about your average day....where are some places where the Holy Spirit might be active? How is God active in the word today? How does the Holy Spirit use you to help her do her work? And what does all this mean for us?!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Thank you...to everyone who participated in the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, whether you helped with setting up, preparing, serving, and clean up or you just came and ate! Your ongoing support of the Youth Ministry program at CTS is truly awesome! Thanks to a donation of the pancake-making ingredients, we collected \$371 in donations.

Shekinah: The Metro DC Synod retreat for Confirmation-age youth was held the weekend of March 18-20 and it was **AMAZING!** Well, that was the theme...but the weekend was pretty amazing, too! We learned about God's grace and how there is nothing we can do that will separate us from the love of God. If you get a chance, ask Sarah, Bridget, Beatrice, Joel, and Brenden to share their favorite parts of the weekend with you. MaryAnn, Barbara and Tony were also there for the event. And - during the offering Saturday evening at worship, we collected \$1,420 in support of Outdoor Ministry, specifically our 2 local Lutheran camps - Mar-Lu-Ridge and Caroline Furnace!

Mar-Lu Ridge & Caroline Furnace Summer Camp Information Looking for a summer camp experience at one of our local Lutheran camps? Check out the Information flyers on the table in the Narthex or websites - www.mar-lu-ridge.org and www.carolinefurnace.org. Both camps offer a wide variety of programs that provide growth experiences for people of all ages - including adults! Financial assistance is available also!

April Activities and Events

in addition to Christian Education every Sunday at 9:50 am

Soup Supper / Lenten Vespers

Wednesday evenings during Lent

Come for supper (6:30) and stay for vespers (7:30).

Spring Confirmation Retreat - Pre-Retreat Session

Sun, Apr 3; 1:00 - 4:00 PM / CTS

All confirmands and their parents are invited and expected! We'll start with lunch – please bring something to share; I'll take care of the drinks. In addition to Session #1, we will discuss details of the weekend and answer any questions.

Spring Confirmation Retreat

Fri, Apr 8 - Sun, Apr 10 / Summit Lake

Topic: Apostles Creed

More details at the Apr 3 meeting.

Holy Week Services

Mon, Apr 18 - Sat, Apr 23; 7:30 PM / CTS

Join us for worship Monday – Saturday evenings as we approach the end of our Lenten journey. A different service each night, each with a different focus, but all pointed to the cross.

Upcoming Activities

Add these dates to your calendars so you can join us!

Koinonia

Wed, May 4, 6:30 PM / H-K

Join us for an evening with Pr. Hoehn!

Young Adults Gathering

Tue, May 10, 6:30 PM / H-K

Let's gather for dinner and conversation! Let me know if this date works for you!

Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure

Sat, June 4, 8:00 - 10:00 AM / DC

We will meet at CTS at 6:15 AM to carpool to the Metro Station to take it to DC. Following the walk, we will return to CTS for a Roaring Sheep rehearsal for

De-Rally Sunday

Sun, June 5, 9:30 AM / CTS

Pentecost

Sun, June 12, 9:30 AM / CTS

Affirming their faith this year: Sarah Bender, Paul Mayer, Ellie McMichael

Chi Rho

Sun, July 10 - Sat, Jul 16

Metro DC Synod Servant Week for Sr. High Youth. Information and registration forms are posted on the YM bulletin board. Registration forms and payment are due April 10th!

April 20, 2011
Spy Wednesday
7:30 p.m. Service of the Word

Acolyte Polly Brody
 Lector TBD

April 21, 2011
Maundy Thursday
7:30 p.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes Tom Eastlack, TBD
 Altar Preparation Joann Eastlack
 Communion Assts Pat Andersen
 (Vest) Hunter Tjugum
 Lector Dave Larrabee
 Prayer Leader Roger Rasnake
 Usher Chuck Eater

April 22 2011
Good Friday
7:30 p.m. Veneration of the Cross

Acolytes . Crucifer TBD
 Torchbearers .. Melanie McMichael
 TBD
 Lector/Evangelist Barbara Harner
 Passion Story Readers
 Maid Bridget Duru
 Peter Amos Keller
 Guard Cristina Stern
 A Guard Joanne Eater
 Servant TBD
 Pilate Chuck Eater
 Priests TBD
 Soldiers Dave Larrabee

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 23, 2011
Holy Saturday
7:30 p.m. Vigil of Easter

Acolytes . Crucifer Roger Rasnake
 Bookbearer TBD
 Thurifer TBD
 Torchbearers ... Melanie McMichael
 Paul Mayer
 Altar Preparation Pat Andersen
 Communion Assts Barbara Harner
 (Vest & Process) Tony Kerlavage
 Communion Bread McMichael Family
 Lector Cristina Stern
 Old Testament Readers Roger Rasnake
 Barbara Harner
 Dave Larrabee
 Tony Kerlavage
 Inge Harman
 Chuck Eater
 Prayer Leader Inge Harman
 Usher Jim Austin

April 24, 2011
Easter Sunday
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolyte Joyce Backus
 Altar Preparation Wilma Garvey
 Communion Assts TBD
 (Vest) Steve Garvey
 Communion Bread Severynse Family
 Lector TBD
 Prayer Leader Ernie Graf
 Usher Will Severynse
 Welcomer Scott Kuester

11:00 a.m. High Mass

Acolytes . Crucifer Dave Larrabee
 Bookbearer TBD
 Torchbearers TBD
 TBD
 Bannerbearer TBD
 Altar Preparation Kasia Palmer
 Communion Assts Chuck Eater
 (Vest & Process) Pat Andersen
 Communion Bread Pat Andersen
 Lector Roger Rasnake
 Prayer Leader Tom Eastlack
 Usher Frank Ndumbalo
 Welcomer Edima Elinewinga
 Flowers Dave Larrabee
 Hospitality Easter Brunch
 between Services

April 25, 2011
Mark, Evangelist
7:30 p.m. Sung Vespers

Acolyte TBD
 Lector TBD

Launder Altar Linens in April ... Barbara Harner

Today		April 2011		Print Refresh		Day Week Month 4 Days Agenda	
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For the most up-to-date calendar, see the CTS web site at www.cts-lutheran.org