



# FOOTNOTES

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**The Reverend  
Peter Bastien,  
Pastor**



Dear Friends in Christ,

The last two years at CTS have been tough on us all. We have seen so much sickness, death, and dear friends moving away. You can only take so much of this before it starts to take a real toll—spiritually and physically. We began 2005 with Dikka Rice's funeral and ended the year with Doris Mohn's—two of our parish matriarchs, who will be sorely missed.

So how do we deal with all of this? "Time, like an ever-rolling stream/Soon bears us all away;/We fly forgotten, as a dream/Dies at the op'ning day." Life is constant movement and change, nothing stays put, all our arrangements are temporary. For me, it is essential that we face these truths, that we not delude ourselves. Christianity teaches us to live in the knowledge that we have here no continuing city. We do have city, our city, and should be thankful for it, but we must not imagine that it will stay put. Christianity teaches us so to number our days that we may have wise hearts. Christianity asks us to give up security, embrace our vulnerability, and find our hope in the power of love.

Listen to this poem by St. John of the Cross:

I am not moved, my God, to love you  
By the heaven you have promised me.  
Neither does hell, so feared, move me  
To keep me from offending you.

You move me, Lord, I am moved seeing you  
Scoffed at and nailed on a cross.  
I am moved seeing your body so wounded.  
Your injuries and your death move me.

It is your love that moves me, and in such a way  
That even though there were no heaven,  
I would love you;  
And even though there were no hell,

I would fear you.  
You do not have to give me anything  
So that I love you,  
For even if I didn't hope for what I hope,  
As I love you now, so would I love you.

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## **Prayer Concerns**

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Jane Carpinello  
Margaret Condon  
Debbie Dahl  
Connie Dispenza  
Bruce Falls  
Shelley Flores  
Ann Foge  
Millie Garvey  
Dave Gearing  
Kathleen Geisen  
Nick Geisen  
Dorothy Gerald  
Harry and Ann  
Lauren Goldberger  
Stephen Goldman  
Emery Gonda  
Pat Guss  
Delia Harman  
Ben Harris  
Lauren Heilborn  
Jan Henson  
Debbie Himes  
Mark Hinckley  
Fred Jaeger  
Karin Johnson  
Bobby Jones  
Amy & Jonathan Kale  
Austin Kent  
Khan Family  
Dawn Kurilla  
David Lashof  
Betty Leech  
Zachary Magrum  
Lauren Sue Masoero  
Subayi M'byaya  
George Mohn  
Pr. John Muller  
Nagel family  
Irene Paar  
Joyce Pacheli  
Ron Pacheli  
Ida Paknik  
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St. John looks upon Christ in his utmost vulnerability and sorrow and he finds in that moment the secret of the Christian Gospel. We are not saved by making ourselves secure (which cannot be done), but by loving one another in the midst of life's constant, uncertain, bewildering, scary insecurity. The crowd that gathered for Doris' funeral, the group that took Carol Kohl for brunch, the Briscoe Women in their ministrations during Doris' final days, those who give up time to work for Gaithersburg Help or McKenna's Wagon, my wife's ministry of note cards, the folks who give rides to people who need to go to the doctor, the teens who help out Dave, and countless other examples—these are the acts of love, flowing from Jesus on the cross, that move us out of sadness and into affirmation of life.

The radicality of Christianity is the Cross. I said this last month. I'll probably say it next month. Even if I don't use the actual word, everything I do and say tries to be cruciform. Invulnerability and security cannot save us. Oliver Wendell Holmes—wrong about so many things, in my estimation—was right when he said that the need to be certain and secure has proven itself to be a bloody need, responsible for so much prejudice, intolerance, persecution. No, we are saved by vulnerability, by becoming vulnerable for each other. In my weakness, you are there; in your weakness, I am there. That's the formula.

I hope 2006 will be less traumatic for us (and for the world) than recent years have been. We could use a breather. But it would only be a breather. Life's pain will be back and back again. In that pain, what we will have is the love of Christ, mediated now by each other. The gift Christ gives us is each other.

*Yours in Christ,  
—Pastor Bastien*

## **FLOWERS—2006—\$35.00**

The cost of Altar Flowers did not go up in 2006, as anticipated. The cost remains the same as in 2005—\$35. There are lots of openings on the 2006 Flower Chart in the hallway. If two families have an event to celebrate/commemorate during the year, both families are encouraged to sign up for the same date and then they can share the cost. If the person/event that you want to honor doesn't fit in the space on the chart, leave a note for Wilma Garvey in the secretary's mail box in the office or send an email to her ([wccgarvey@comcast.net](mailto:wccgarvey@comcast.net)) to let her know what the celebration/commemoration is. When you pay for the flowers, make sure to indicate on the check that the money is for Altar Flowers or put the money in an envelope marked "Altar Flowers."  
—Wilma Garvey



### **Prayer Concerns** (cont.)

Renée Paknik  
Barb Penny  
Patrick Peters  
Bob Petersen  
Ingse Petersen  
Robin Peterson  
Maggie Rasnake  
Dottie Reitz  
Jane Rhine  
Wolf Schwill  
Dorothy Scott-Thomas  
Paul Shupp  
Tom Springer  
Jenny Stead  
Dana Swan  
Donald Thomas  
Orlando Vela  
Joe Wheeler  
Sybille Zerafa

### **Sunday Readings**

#### **February 5—Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany**

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-12, 21c (Psalm  
147:1-11, 20c NRSV)  
*The LORD heals the  
brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)*  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

#### **February 12—Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany**

2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
*My God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to  
health. (Ps. 30:2)*  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27  
Mark 1:40-45

#### **February 19—Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany**

Isaiah 43:18-25  
Psalm 41  
*Heal me, for I have sinned  
against you. (Ps. 41:4)*  
2 Corinthians 1:18-22  
Mark 2:1-12

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## **Council Meeting Summary**

**January 9, 2006**

### **Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Council**

*(Please see the complete version posted on the CTS hall bulletin board.)*

- ♦ To support the 2006 operating budget, there are 68 pledges, including 16 from youth. CTS ended the year with a positive balance of over \$7,000. Council approved distributing \$2,000 to the 2006 budget, just under \$1,000 to balance negative 2005 accounts, and the remaining \$4,000 to the capital reserve.
- ♦ Pastor Kersey has resigned to accept a call at Grace Lutheran in Washington D.C. The Congregation will celebrate his service to CTS with a Congregational celebration following the 11:00 a.m. service on January 29.
- ♦ Council approved the CTS Membership Review as submitted. Membership as of December 31, 2005, is 161 baptized and confirmed members and 30 baptized children for a total membership of 191. This is a decrease of one confirmed and 6 child members from the membership at the end of 2004.
- ♦ The Council acknowledges the extensive commitment of Steve and Wilma Garvey to many, many aspects of weekly church operations, especially since the death of Doris Mohn. Ministry areas will work with the Garveys to address areas with which they would appreciate assistance.
- ♦ Council accepted the Sanctuary Beautification Committee's recommendation to accept Mike Mayer's offer to hand-craft a prie dieu for the Sanctuary by Ash Wednesday.

—Joyce Backus CTS Council Secretary

### **SOUPer Bowl Sunday**

You don't have to like football to participate in SOUPer Bowl Sunday. On Super Bowl Sunday, we will be collecting cans of soup to benefit Gaithersburg HELP. We would especially appreciate donations of **40 oz. cans of beef stew** rather than soup this year. In lieu of stew or soup, a financial contribution would be welcome. Last year, Gaithersburg HELP provided more than 2,500 food packages to needy families in the Gaithersburg area. This is an easy way to support their mission—so don't forget your contribution on Souper Bowl Sunday!



**February 26—The Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6

*Out of Zion, perfect in beauty,  
God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)*

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

**Other Readings**

**February 2—The Presentation of Our Lord**

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalms 84 or Psalm 24:7-10

*How dear to me is your dwelling,  
O LORD. (Ps. 84:1)*  
*- or - Lift up your heads, O gates,  
and the King of glory shall come in. (Ps. 24:7)*

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

**February 24—St. Matthias, Apostle**

Isaiah 66:1-2

Psalms 56

*I am bound by the vow I made to you,  
O God. (Ps. 56:11)*

Acts 1:15-26

Luke 6:12-16



**Please Put Your Name on the Shelter List!  
New Volunteers Needed + You Loyal Ones**

By the time you read this, Shelter Week will be getting close. We will be providing food for breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Rockville Shelter from **February 12–18**. Please help out if you can by signing up on any empty lines on the signup sheets in the hall. If you can provide food but can't get it to Rockville, transportation can be arranged for the food.

A big thank you in advance to those of you who have already signed up. Plan on serving 35 people for each meal. A more exact count will be provided a few days before. If you run into any problem at the shelter, need to make any changes in plans, or have any questions, please call Hope Walker at work (301 721-5701) or home (301 926-4614).

Prepared dinners need to be set up by 6:30, and lunches need to be delivered the night before your assigned day.

DIRECTIONS TO COMMUNITY BASED SHELTER, 12250 WILKINS AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD (Phone: 301-770-2413)

**Via I-270** (south)—Take Montrose Road Exit (East). Cross over Route 355. Left on Parklawn Drive. Left on Wilkins Avenue. Shelter is on left.

**Via Rt. 355** (south)—Left on Twinbrook Parkway. Right on Parklawn Drive. Right on Wilkins Avenue. Shelter is on right.

—Hope Walker

**Gapfiller Notes**

Since January 29 is Butch's Official Last Day and Reception, we have rescheduled our date at Crusader Lutheran Church for February 5. The Gapfillers will be responsible for pretty much all the music, from Prelude to Postlude. Crusader is also in Setting 5 in WOV, so if any of our CTS groupies (and, more importantly, roadies) would like to come with us, you'll feel right at home. Crusader's service is at 10:30, so you'll be home in plenty of time to catch the Super Bowl Pregame Show (yay!!). We are very excited to have this opportunity to share our music with a sister Lutheran congregation. More later.

And finally, thanks to all who helped out with our U2 music on January 15. I really appreciate your hard work and good natured indulgence of my rock dreams, and special thanks to Bob "Bono" McMichael for getting those high notes. We are so blessed at CTS to have such talented, hardworking, easygoing musicians, who are willing to try anything (well, almost) that Anne and I can conceive. Also, thanks to Jo for her stunning arrangement of *We Shall Overcome*.

—Tom Lipe



## **Footnotes Goes Electronic!**

**—Choose Your Delivery Option—**

Beginning with the **March** issue, CTS's monthly newsletter, *Footnotes*, is changing format. In an effort to be better stewards of paper and postage, the newsletter will now be delivered to most members and friends via e-mail. *Footnotes* will continue to be available from our website, [www.cts-lutheran.org](http://www.cts-lutheran.org).

Here are the newsletter delivery options, beginning with the next—**March**—issue:

- ♦ If you receive the Weekly Communiqués, **you do not need to do anything**. You will receive notification of the the next *Footnotes* electronically or as an electronic (PDF) copy.
- ♦ If you are a member and have not given us an e-mail address, you will receive the newsletter by **first-class mail**.
- ♦ If you are **NOT** a CTS member, you may access *Footnotes* from the website, [www.cts-lutheran.org](http://www.cts-lutheran.org).
- ♦ For changes or corrections to your e-mail address, send an e-mail to [admin@cts-lutheran.org](mailto:admin@cts-lutheran.org).

If you have any concerns about these changes, please contact anyone on the Council or *Footnotes* staff, send an e-mail to [admin@cts-lutheran.org](mailto:admin@cts-lutheran.org), or leave a note for us in the Business Administration box in the church office.

## Parish Life

**Potluck Lunch to Honor Butch and Kathy Kersey**—Following the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, January 29, we will honor and say goodbye (thankfully, they will still be within our midst) with a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish or dessert to share. Parish Life will provide the drinks.

**CTS Pictorial Directory**—The remaining date for taking the pictures for the CTS Pictorial Directory is Thursday, February 16, from 3:00 to 9:30 p.m. Please sign up for a time slot before or after any service if you have not already done so. Anyone with group pictures of CTS activities is asked to let Mary Ann know so these pictures can possibly be used in the front of the directory.

**Family Fun Night**—Family Fun Night is on Saturday, February 25, at 6:30 p.m. The theme for this fun night will be celebrating our Cultural Diversity as a Uniting Force. The night will include multi-cultural music and performance and ethnic food. Please see Dave Larrabee or Jo Johnson if you would like to participate or cook for this event.

—Dave Larrabee



**The Happiest of Birthdays to:**

- Patsy Huson..... 2/1
- Aaron Eastlack ..... 2/9
- Valerie Mayer ..... 2/13
- Bob Petersen ..... 2/13
- Kevin Kelley ..... 2/15
- Erin Lashof ..... 2/15
- Heather Welter ..... 2/16
- Gabriella Hammer ..... 2/24

**Happy Anniversary to:**

- Peter & Pat
- Bastien ..... 2/20
- Butch & Kathy
- Kersey ..... 2/28



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# Service Ministry

**Thank you—**

- ❑ **Stamps**—Thanks for the baskets full of canceled postage stamps for the National Lutheran Home stamp project! It is an ongoing collection so you may bring them anytime.
- ❑ **Feeding the homeless**—Thanks to **six volunteers** who distributed food from **McKenna's Wagon** mobile soup kitchen to homeless men and women on New Year's Eve! What a meaningful way to end one year and start another.
- ❑ **Gifts of Hope**—Thanks to everyone who participated in the Gifts of Hope alternative Christmas gift program. CTS contributed \$2,051 for local and global ministries, including \$240 for the Hurricane Katrina Relief efforts at **Hosanna Lutheran Church** in Mandeville, LA.

**"First Sunday,"** February 5—

- ❑ **Equal Exchange** sale of drip grind and whole bean coffees, organic green tea, organic cocoa, and milk chocolate, dark chocolate with almonds and very dark chocolate bars.
- ❑ Collection for the **Upcounty Interfaith Clothing Center** of used but good clothing and household items. Our special emphasis for February is disposable diapers. Please bring them to the large green collection box in the narthex.
- ❑ Help stock the shelves at the **Gaithersburg HELP** emergency food pantry with your food offerings each week. Shop the "two for" sales at your grocery store, a simple yet deeply meaningful way to share our bounty with those in need.

- ❑ canned fruit
- ❑ cereal
- ❑ instant potatoes
- ❑ rice
- ❑ beef stew
- ❑ peanut butter
- ❑ canned spaghetti sauce with meat

- ❑ **Thanksgiving in February**—Join a group from CTS to dine together on **Tuesday, February 7**, at one of the many restaurants participating in Thanksgiving in February, a program to benefit organizations helping those in need, such as **Gaithersburg HELP**, Manna Food Center, and The Shepherd's Table. The restaurants donate at least 10% of their gross receipts to local social services organizations. Pick up a brown and white flier from church more for information. Mark the day and look for details about time and place on the CTS web site at [www.cts-lutheran.org](http://www.cts-lutheran.org) or in a Parish Life communiqué.

—Connie Graf

## Music Notes



At the December congregational meeting, it was noted that the number of pages in the Footnotes may need to be reduced in order to cut costs. In the spirit of the bottom line, I've decided to focus on only one service this month, rather than trying to include something from all the services.

So it's February, and we start on February 2 with the Presentation of Christ. This is where Jesus comes out of the Temple and, if he sees his shadow, we're in for six more weeks of winter. Or am I the only one who thinks that someone long ago thought putting the Presentation on Groundhog Day would be a fine joke?

This month I'll focus on the music for Transfiguration Sunday. The Entrance Hymn for Transfiguration is *Arise, Your Light Has Come*, with text by Ruth Duck and tune by William H. Walter. Ruth Duck was born in 1947. She holds the B. A. degree in Christian Education from Rhodes College, in Memphis, TN, the M. Div from Chicago Theological Seminary, and M. A from Notre Dame. She received her doctoral degree in Divinity from Boston University in 1980. A prolific writer, she has published numerous collections of hymn texts, and has written extensively on liturgy and worship. She is presently professor of worship at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, where she served as Dean of the Chapel. A member of the North American Academy of Liturgy since 1989, she was recently nominated as an officer of the Academy. The music for Duck's text is "Festal Song" by William H. Walter. He was born in 1825 and died in 1893 and had a very full and rewarding life, although I can't find any details of it.

The Hymn of the Day for Transfiguration Sunday is *Light of Christ* from **Gather**. The tune is by Marty Haugen, and I invite you to see the January Music Notes for a biography of Marty. (You **DO** save the Music notes from month to month, **DON'T YOU?**) The text is based on a prayer by James Dillet Freeman. Freeman

describes himself as the "Poet Laureate of Unity" and has been called "Poet Laureate to the Moon." He has been associated with the Unity School for more than fifty years, and he presently serves as an Emeritus member of the school. He is an ordained Unity minister. He devotes most of his time now to speaking and writing, and is described as a modern-day transcendentalist in the tradition of Emerson, Thoreau, and Whitman. His poem "I Am There" was featured on the 1995 NBC television show "Angels II: Beyond the Light." As a personal aside, reading a few of his short poems takes me back the glory days of progressive rock, where the lyrics sounded cool and could mean just about whatever you wanted them to. Anyway, this hymn is from Freeman's work *Exsulet* and centers on the theme of God as light ("All the earth is ablaze with the glory of God, for the Light has come to burn away the darkness.") For a similar theme, check out *Awaken* from Yes's 1976 release "Going for the One."

Finally, the Sending Hymn is *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*, by Herbert F. Brokering. I have been unable to find a biography of Brokering, save that he wrote a commentary on Luther, wrote several hymn texts, including *Earth and All Stars* with its interesting line about "Loud boiling test tubes," and a book called "Cat Psalms—Prayers My Cats Have Taught Me." On the other hand, the tune for this hymn is by Carl Schalk. Schalk was born in Chicago in 1929, and earned degrees in education and music. He is a Fellow of the Hymn Society of the U. S. and Canada. Schalk is presently Distinguished Professor of Music Emeritus at Concordia University. He has been Director of Music at Zion Lutheran Church in Wassau, WI, and director of music for the International Lutheran Hour. He served on the board which brought us the LBW and has written over 50 hymn tunes and carols.

Finally, we go back to the beginning. Ron and Michelle Backus will offer a trombone duet for the Prelude this morning. Title to be announced later.

—Tom Lipe

## Paul's Story

My grandfather immigrated to the United States in 1919, just after the end of World War I. A couple years later, my grandmother also left behind all that was familiar, and after three weeks in the overcrowded steerage compartment of an ocean liner, joined him in this strange country. He was attracted by the promise of steady work in the anthracite coal mines of northeastern Pennsylvania. It wasn't until years later that it occurred to him that one of the consequences of his pursuit of the American Dream was that, for most of his adult life, he saw daylight only one day a week. That was Sunday.

I should mention that I was raised by my grandparents. This meant that most of my early social contacts consisted of furrowed old immigrants—mostly Italian—who were related to me in ways no one bothered to explain. (To me, they all looked mean when I first met them; yet they invariably turned out to be among the most gentle and affectionate people I've ever met.)

While all the other kids I knew in the 1970s were learning how to play real instruments like drums and electric guitars, it was decided that I would instead become skilled at lugging around a 30 pound accordion half my height and twice my width. Every month or so, a performance would be arranged in the home of one of the obscure relatives. The enthusiastic appreciation these folks demonstrated for my accordion playing was almost worth the embarrassment I had to endure from my peers as a result of it. My memories of these immigrant homes is becoming vague now, except for one thing: the living room in each of them was centered around various artifacts depicting Jesus, the



pope, and the Kennedys—a sort of Holy Trinity, by my reckoning.

Despite the fact that we were poor, we ate well. Actually, many of us ate too well. "In America, even the poor are fat!" was a double-edged saying I heard more than once. We ate our share of meat. But mostly we ate ethnic peasant food: a seemingly ad hoc blend of potatoes, beans, flour, corn meal, and (often stale) bread.

(The fact that polenta has, in the 1990s, somehow emerged as one of the newfound gourmet foods of the restaurant class, is one of the great mysteries of my life. After eating it three times a week for over fifteen years, polenta holds a much more humble distinction for me than the trendy connoisseurs allow.) We drank wine at an early age. Homemade wine was a staple that my grandfather refused to sacrifice even during Prohibition—a custom that got him into a bit of a quandary from time to time.

Naturally, we were Roman Catholic. It wasn't until almost high school that I even realized that there even existed any other legitimate denomination besides Roman Catholicism. In our little town of 10,000 there were nine Catholic churches—all regularly attended. No one knew the name of each church. That wasn't important. What was important was the ethnicity of each: there was the Polish Church, the Lithuanian Church, the Russian Church, the Irish Church, etc. We belonged to the Italian Church. Which meant that we were Italian—or so I thought. What confused me was that my grandparents would alternately admit to and deny being Italian, depending on the situation. Initially, I assumed that these denials were their way of trying to take a stand as good "melting pot" Americans. Eventually I discovered that the truth was that

they considered themselves to be “Tyrolean” rather than Italian.

Tyrol only existed as an autonomous nation for a relatively short time. Ethnically, most of the people in the Tyrol were of German descent, though many were also Italian. As a bounty for agreeing to intervene in the war on behalf of the allies, most of it was awarded to Italy following the defeat of Austria-Hungary in World War I. Then, when Mussolini allied himself with Hitler in World War II, the two fascist dictators planned to ethnically purify the region by forcibly “repatriating” all of the Germanic people in the Tyrol to the Third Reich, while exporting all of Hitler’s Italians to Mussolini. Fortunately, the war ended before they had the opportunity to fulfill their mission, and only a few thousand relocations actually took place.

A few years ago, I visited my grandmother’s childhood home in *Trentino-Alto Adige*. It is still there. Perched on the edge of a commanding 10,000-foot peak in the Alps, it is tempting to look down into the winding valley with a trace of condescension. But one only has to turn around and take a look out the other window instead—at the magnificent row of dramatic 12,000-foot peaks towering further yet—to be properly humbled again. My grandparents’ loyalty to an extinct country always seemed pretty bizarre. But it seems less so as the years go on. After more time has passed, I may someday be able to say I found it charming that my grandfather sometimes wore the funny hat with the feather and I played Tyrolean songs on my accordion. For now, I consider myself to be of Italian decent. It requires much less explanation that way.

—Paul Bender

## About Parish Care

This year is the first year of the Parish Care Ministry. Jo Johnson is the first to serve on Council charged with the responsibility for overseeing this ministry area. Parish Care is primarily responsible for coordinating food and transportation for parishioners in need as well as providing community referrals for such things as energy assistance, social services, and monthly food supplementation, and advocating in the community for parishioners, where appropriate. The Parish Care Ministry is also responsible for ensuring that our church, worship services, music and CTS activities reflect the multi-cultural diversity of our congregation. Parish Care works closely with Service, Outreach, Learning and other ministries as appropriate to ensure CTS parishioners’ needs are met. The Parish Care Ministry also is responsible for the nursery.

Please, if you know of someone in our parish who needs food, transportation or referrals, or if you are in need yourself, be sure to notify either Pastor Bastien or Jo Johnson FIRST before endeavoring to coordinate or provide for parishioner needs on your own. This will ensure efficient, orderly coordination and provision of services without gaps or doubling of services. If you



# CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

## February 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	2 7:30 PM Presentation of Our Lord (Candlemas) Holy Eucharist	3	4
5 8:30 AM Holy Communion 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion  <b>5th Sunday after Epiphany</b>	6	7 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups  <b>Thanksgiving in February</b>	8 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	9 6:45 PM -8:30 PM Girl scouts 8:00 PM Christian Tradition	10	11 10:00 AM Seminar 10:30 AM Youth music Rehearsal 5:30 Family Koinonia
12 8:30 AM Matins 9:30 AM Christian Educaton 11:00 AM Holy Communion "Souper" Bowl Sunday 5:30 PM Film Buffs  <b>6th Sunday after Epiphany</b>	13 8:00 PM Parish Council	14 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study  5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups  <b>Valentine's Day</b>	15 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	16 3:00-9:00 PM Picture Directory Photos Taken 6:45 PM -8:30 PM Girl scouts 8:00 PM Christian Tradition	17	18
<b>SHELTER WEEK</b>						
19 8:30 AM Matins 9:30 AM Christian Educaton (Adult Forum-Presentation by Hurricane Relief Team) 11:00 AM Holv Communion  <b>7th Sunday after Epiphany</b>  Footnotes Deadline	20 <b>President's Day</b>	21 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study  5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups  8:00 PM Worship Committee	22 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	23 4:30 PM-7 PM CTS Youth at HELP Pantry 6:45 PM -8:30 PM Girl scouts 8:00 PM Christian Tradition 8:00 PM Outreach Committee	24 7:00 PM Briscoe Women	25 11:00 AM Installatoin of Pr. Kersey at Grace Lutheran
26 8:30 AM Holy Communion 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM High Mass 1:00 PM "Cross-Eyed Sheep" 7:00 PM Theology Club  <b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>	27	28 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study  11:30 AM lunch bunch  5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups  6:00 PM Pancake Supper				

Footnotes deadline is third Sunday of each month.

## FOUR KEYS TO NURTURING FAITH IN FEBRUARY

~ Love ~

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

### 1. CARING CONVERSATION

- A. What does the word “love” mean to you?
- B. I feel loved when ....
- C. We all need to love and be loved because ....

### 2. DEVOTIONS IN THE HOME

- A. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. Share your thoughts on the following:
  - i. Is it easy to love?
  - ii. Why is it important to introduce love into a family?
  - iii. This passage is often read at weddings. Why do you think that is? How hard/easy is it to live/love this way?
- B. Close with a prayer, asking God to help us to love.

### 3. SERVICE

- A. To show love within your family, let each family member make a special Valentine's gift/card for another family member. Assign a rotate
- B. To show love outside your family, work together as a family to make a special gift/card for someone you have little or no relationship with currently.

### 4. TRADITIONS AND RITUALS

- A. Many people share Valentine's Day cards at this time of year. What rituals does your family do to express their love for each other? Is there a story behind how they started?
- B. Consider expanding any current traditions to include gifts of love to others in your family.

- Eric Kabemba and Mike Mayer

## FOUR KEYS TO NURTURING FAITH IN FEBRUARY

~ Healing ~

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

Many of the Gospel lessons in February talk about healing, physically and spiritually.

### 1. CARING CONVERSATION

- A. The last time I was sick was ....
- B. When I get sick, I ....
- C. When someone close to me is sick, I ...

### 2. DEVOTIONS IN THE HOME

Jesus cared about the sick and the hurting and healed many of them. Read Mark 1: 21-28, 29-34, 40-45; 2:1-11 and finish with Mark 2:17. Share your thoughts on the following:

- A. Which or what of these stories caught your attention? Why?
- B. Is healing different from curing? How / why?
- C. In The Message, Mark 2:17 says: *Jesus, overhearing, shot back, "Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick? I'm here inviting the sin-sick, not the spiritually-fit."* What do you think Jesus meant by the 'sin-sick'? How are we 'sin-sick'?
- D. Close with prayer, asking God to heal us all.

### 3. SERVICE

- A. Make / send caring cards to anyone you know who might need to be reminded that s/he is in your thoughts and prayers.
- B. Visit with someone who is sick (if it is appropriate) or who lives in a nursing home. Consider making visits on a regular basis.
- C. Talk about the ways God has gifted healthcare workers and ways you can thank those that have cared for your family.

### 4. TRADITIONS AND RITUALS

- A. What happens in your family when someone gets sick? Do you have a special way of caring for him/her? Is there a special food (like chicken soup or tea with honey) that s/he likes? What are some of the 'caring for the sick' traditions in your family?
- B. CTS has a special service of healing once a month. Why do you think we do this? Have you ever participated in it? Why/why not?

**Faith Talk: Confirmation at Home:** We continue with The Ten Commandments, the topic for our Spring Confirmation retreat in April, moving on to the Third and Fourth Commandments: *Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy; Honor your father and mother.* My holy times with God are ...; My favorite Sabbath activity (the most relaxing thing I do) is ...; The things I like best about my mother/father are ...; The hardest part of my relationship with my mother/father is ...; Something I won't do (or thought I wouldn't do) as a parent is ... because ...; Three things that would make every parent in the world a better parent are ...

**Tithe Fund:** Whenever we hold a YM fundraiser, we tithe from the proceeds. For 2005, we have \$700 to share and have decided on the following: Camp Noah (<http://www.elca.org/dcs/disaster/campnoah.html>), Camp Safe Haven Maryland (<http://www.lssna.org/prod05.htm>), aid for the drought and food crisis in Niger through LWR (<http://www.lwr.org/emergencies/05/Niger/index.asp>), and a to-be-decided peace initiative.

**February Activities**

**ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza**

**Wed, Feb 1 - Tues, Feb 7 / Phoenix, AZ**

Tony and I will be attending the Extravaganza, a conference for adults working in youth ministry, which provides numerous opportunities for continuing education, networking, support, spiritual growth, and meeting colleagues.

**Thanksgiving in February**

**Tues, Feb 7**

Join fellow CTS members and youth as we enjoy an evening of food and fellowship in support of this annual event. Watch the website / listen for details....

**Koinonia in February**

-- Confirmation Koinonia

**Thurs, Feb 9, 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

-- Senior High Koinonia / Agape Supper

**Tues, Feb 14, 6:30 - 9:00 PM**

Because of various conflicts this month (Extravaganza, CTS directory pictures, Gettysburg, Shrove Tuesday) there aren't many free evenings for our Koinonia meetings...so I hope these work for you! Come enjoy an evening of fellowship as we spend time together over dinner.

**Souper Bowl Sunday**

**Rehearsal: Sat, Feb 11, 4:00 - 6:00 PM; Service: Sun, Feb 12 @ 11:00 AM**

(Yes, I know it's a week late, but Tony and I will be at the YMNetwork Extravaganza on Feb 5th). Everyone is invited to bring cans of soup or stew (preferred) and/or cash for Gaithersburg Help. Youth will be collecting your donations in soup pots during both services and the Roaring Sheep will provide music during the 11:00 AM service (don't miss rehearsal Saturday!)

**Community-Based Overflow Shelter Dinner**

**Sun, Feb 12, 5:00 PM**

This is one of our annual service projects and we need everyone's help to prepare and serve dinner at the shelter. We'll kick off the week for CTS with our famous Taco Salad. We'll meet at CTS about 5:00 to travel to Rockville where we will finish preparing the meal, and then share it with the residents.

**Film Night**

**Fri, Feb 17, 7:00 PM / H-K**

Suggestions??? I was thinking maybe "October Sky," a movie about living into your dreams.

**Gaithersburg Help**

**Thurs, Feb 23, 4:30 - 7:00 PM**

Volunteers for February are Grace, Eric and (still need a volunteer). Let Beth or know if you can help.

**CTS Fun Night**

**Sat, Feb 25 / CTS**

THE place to be tonight! Watch the website and the bulletin board for signs / listen for announcements regarding details....

**"Cross-Eyed Sheep" (2006 ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting)**

**Sun, Feb 26, 1:00 - 3:00 PM / CTS**

Note the date change from January *Footnotes!* Lunch provided by the Clagetts. And watch this space for details of a challenge by the youth....

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

**Tues, Feb 28, 6:00 - 8:00 PM / CTS**

We need ALL Jr and Sr High youth (and some parents!) to help with this event - set-up, cooking, serving, clean-up. We also need pancake griddles - let me know if you have one we can borrow. We will begin setting up about 5:00, cook and serve from 6:00 to 8:00, and will be finished with cleanup by 9:00. This is an important Youth Ministry event - we need everyone's help to make it a success!

**Upcoming Activities**

**Shekinah 2005**

**Fri, Mar 10 - Sun, Mar 12**

Metro DC Synod's annual Youth Ministry event for 7th and 8th graders. Registration fees (\$55, payable to CTS) and forms are due by Sun, Feb 12.

**Gaithersburg Help**

**Tues, Mar 21**

Volunteers for March are Nansi, Kirsten, and (still need a third!)

**"Cross-Eyed Sheep"**

**Sun, Mar 26; Sun, Apr 30**

**Spring Confirmation Retreat**

**Fri, Apr 21 - Sun, Apr 23**

The Ten Commandments at Mar-Lu Ridge with parents!! Because of Palm Sunday and Easter, the Pre-Retreat session will take place on Sun, Apr 2 - please put the dates on your calendars now!

**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](mailto:bharner@comcast.net).

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

# Servants' Lists for February 2006

**February 2, 2006**  
**Presentation of Our Lord**  
**(Candlemas)**

Celebrant/Preacher.....The Rev. Peter E. Bastien

**7:30 p.m. Holy Communion**

Altar Preparation..... Barbara Harner  
Communion Asst ..... Chuck Eater  
Lector ..... Bob Andersen  
Prayer Leader ..... Pat Andersen

**February 5, 2006**  
**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Celebrant/Preacher.....The Rev. Peter E. Bastien

**8:30 a.m. Holy Communion**

Acolytes .....Vernon Toelle, TBD  
Altar Preparation ..... Beth Lashof  
Communion Assts ..... Dave Larrabee, Connie Graf  
Communion Bread.....Jackie Severynse  
Prayer Leader ..... Frank Foge  
Lector ..... Nathan Meyer  
Usher ..... Doreen Foge  
Greeter ..... Connie Graf

**11:00 a.m. Holy Communion**

Acolytes ..... Mike Mayer, Paul Mayer  
Altar Preparation ..... Joann Eastlack  
Communion Assts ..... Pat Andersen, Dick Walker  
Communion Bread.....The Andersens  
Lector ..... Dave Larrabee  
Prayer Leader ..... Roger Rasnake  
Usher ..... Roger Rasnake  
Greeter ..... Pat Huson  
Hospitality..... Pat Bastien  
Flowers given today by ..... Dave Larrabee

**February 12, 2006**  
**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Celebrant/Preacher.....The Rev. Peter E. Bastien

**8:30 a.m. Matins**

Acolyte ..... Frank Foge  
Lector ..... Vernon Toelle  
Usher ..... Vernon Toelle  
Greeter ..... Dorothy Scott-Thomas

**11:00 a.m. Holy Communion**

Acolytes ..... Tom Eastlack, Heidi Petersen  
Altar Preparation ..... Beth Lashof  
Communion Assts ..... Mike Mayer, Paul Bender  
Communion Bread.....Melanie McMichael  
Lector ..... Roger Rasnake  
Prayer Leader ..... Polly Bergtold  
Usher ..... Dave Larrabee  
Greeter ..... Dave Larrabee  
Hospitality..... Inge Harman & Family  
Flowers given today by ..... The Lashofs

**February 19, 2006**  
**Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

Celebrant/Preacher.....The Rev. Michael Kuchinsky

**8:30 a.m. Matins**

Acolyte ..... Melissa Foge  
Lector ..... Joyce Backus  
Usher ..... Steve Garvey  
Greeter ..... Barbara Holzapfel

**11:00 a.m. Holy Communion**

Acolytes ..... Mike Mayer, TBD  
Altar Preparation ..... Joanne Eater  
Communion Assts .... Chuck Eater, Barbara Harner  
Communion Bread ..... Dave Larrabee  
Lector ..... Polly Bergtold  
Prayer Leader ..... Joanne Eater  
Usher ..... Dick Walker  
Greeter ..... TBD  
Hospitality ..... Arlene Alfano  
Flowers given today by ..... Phil Henrich

**February 26, 2006**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Celebrant/Preacher.....The Rev. Peter E. Bastien

**8:30 a.m. Holy Communion**

Acolytes ..... Steve Garvey, Wilma Garvey  
Altar Preparation ..... Wilma Garvey  
Communion Assts ..... Joyce Backus  
(Vest) Sarah Kuchinsky  
Communion Bread ..... Connie Graf  
Prayer Leader ..... Ernie Graf  
Lector ..... Dave Larrabee  
Usher ..... Ernie Graf  
Greeter ..... Frank Foge

**11:00 a.m. Holy Communion**

Acolytes ..... Thurifer ..... Albert Ticona  
Crucifer ..... Roger Rasnake  
Bookbearer ..... Maggie Rasnake  
Bannerbearer ..... Dave Larrabee  
Altar Preparation ..... Barbara Harner  
Altar Preparation ..... Barbara Harner  
Communion Assts ..... Pat Andersen  
(Vest/Process) Dave Larrabee  
Communion Bread ..... Barbara Harner  
Lector ..... Barbara Harner  
Prayer Leader ..... Dave Larrabee  
Usher ..... TBD  
Greeter ..... TBD  
Hospitality ..... Mary Ann Jasper  
Flowers given today by ..... The Garveys

*Launder Altar Linens in February ..... Pat Andersen*