



FOOTNOTES

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The Reverend
Peter Bastien,
Pastor



Dear Friends in Christ,

The ancient Greek historian, Xenophon, once wrote: "...the earth willingly teaches righteousness to those who can learn; for the better she is served, the more good things she gives in return." This is a comforting assertion. Unfortunately, its opposite is also true. The worse she is served, the more she becomes a curse in return. But this is not fair to Mother Nature. She is not the curse on our planet and its health; we are. A writer in the *Post* recently observed that we Americans are so focused on the war on Terror that we have failed to notice another war, our war on the environment, on our own habitat, that will probably have far more disastrous results for the future of the human race on this planet than all the terrorists put together.

At CTS, we insist on taking seriously the ELCA's designation of congregations as centers for moral deliberation in their communities. It is not our job to play fiddles (or is it harps? or organs?) while Rome burns. We must not allow ourselves to be relegated to being places of facile comfort or escape from a difficult world. It is fundamental to our ministry to raise the great issues of both personal and social morality in our time. This does not mean that we have all the answers. I surely do not. I have a point of view, one, I hope, that has been formed by my discipleship to Jesus, but also one that needs to be tested by other points of view. The important thing is that an honest and open conversation occur in which we can all—one hopes—be led to some serious ways of engaging serious problems.

As a Christian, I believe that greed, selfishness, human arrogance are the mega-problems beneath our environmental crisis. (They are the mega-problems beneath almost every human crisis.) Humans have been sadly ineffective in dealing with these big three. We could also add ignorance and anger to the equation, but Jesus, I'm pretty sure, would see ignorance and hatred as sub-categories arising out of our primal selfishness.

But—and this is Jesus' equally inextinguishable optimism, his refusal to give up on us—we are also beings created in the image of God,

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i.e., beings with a capacity for love, for goodness, for wisdom, for self-sacrifice for the sake of the common good. Our task as church is not merely to berate people for their failures and derelictions, but also to empower them to face and surmount our human problems and crises, the environmental crisis, but also the greed that fuels it. Love can heal our broken hearts.

The problems facing the world today are so overwhelming that there is a real temptation to despair. Despair can be almost comforting at times, it relieves us of the need to try to rebuild our world. But this is faithlessness and we must not give in to it. People know that our world is broken. They need today a faith that what we do for good can matter. We need to be congregations of hope in a hopeless world. The task is huge. We need to see it as a great adventure of the Spirit towards the repairing of the world. God will not do this for us, but he will do it through us. We must not lose heart. We must proclaim Good News. We are not bereft. With the gifts of faith, hope, and love we can do a new thing.

Yours in Christ,
—Pastor Bastien

A Letter from Jonathan Lessen

Dear CTS Family,

Greetings from North Carolina!!! My name is Jonathan Lessen and for those of you who might not know me, I grew up within the CTS family. I was confirmed and was active in the Youth Group during my “oh so wonderful” adolescent years. I have recently relocated to North Carolina due to a job and I love it down here. I have made an effort to once again become active in the community much like our Youth Group was during my involvement.

In the last few months I have become involved with an organization under the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society called Team in Training.



Team in Training prepares and trains participants to compete in endurance events such as marathons, triathlons, century bike rides, etc., and in return, we fundraise for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This coming April, I will be running in the Nashville Country Music Marathon. For a quick recap, a marathon is 26.2 miles and very few people can complete one without the proper conditioning, commitment, and general hard work (plus a slight desire in pain and discomfort).

However, none of my pain and steadfast hard work can compare to those who suffer and live with any of the blood cancers. We have all

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Sunday Readings

February 4—Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)
Psalm 138 (Ps. 138:2)
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

February 11—Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1 (Ps. 1:3)
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

February 18—

Transfiguration of Our Lord, Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99 (Ps. 99:9)
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

February 25—First Sunday In Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (Ps.
91:11)
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

Other Readings

February 2—Presentation of Our Lord

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 84 (Ps. 84:1) or Psalm
24:7-10 (Ps. 24:7)
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

February 21—Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah
58:1-12
Psalm 51:1-17 (Ps. 51:1)
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Council Meeting Summary

January 8, 2007

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Council

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

- Financial—Chuck Eater reported that we ended the year with a surplus due to higher December income. Once we balance the accounts, council approved moving the remaining funds, likely to be just over \$4,000 into the capital reserve.
- Council will have a retreat to discuss member feedback from the Fall EMR campaign on January 13.

Respectfully submitted,

—Joyce Backus, CTS Council Secretary

About Worship

On Christian Worship: Sunday, the Day of the Lord



Sunday is the original festival, the weekly celebration of Christ's holy Resurrection.

Sunday is the day of the Eucharist, the day of the Church's joy, the day of beginning again in the grace of him who says, "Behold, I make all things new" (Revelation 21:5). The festivity of Sunday worship overflows into all of life. The absolute priority given to Sunday worship is an irreplaceable witness to the Kingdom of God.

The beauty of Sunday worship is an offering to God and a healing for the soul. The singing of pastor, choir, cantor, and people; sometimes the use of incense and lights; the sacred movement of bodies in worship; vesture in the appointed liturgical colors; the clear sound of the bells; the flowers that delight the eye and perfume the air—all these good things proclaim the splendor of the mystery of faith, each in its own particular way.

—From Sourcebook for Sundays and
Seasons by Mark Daniel Kirby, revised for
Lutheran use by Pastor Bastien

Gaithersburg HELP's Current Pantry Needs

- Canned fruits
- Cereal
- Instant potatoes
- Boxed rice mixes
- Spaghetti sauce with meat (26.5oz can)
- Canned beef stew
- Canned chicken
- Canned tuna
- Peanut butter
- Large paper grocery bags

**"Souper" Bowl
Sunday Collection
Benefits HELP**

February 11 at CTS*

Join us as we participate in the annual **Souper Bowl of Caring**, a national movement to fight hunger and poverty.

Bring can of **beef stew** (*preferred*), can of soup, or a \$1 contribution. This benefits Gaithersburg HELP, our local food pantry assisting our neighbors in need.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement to help fight hunger and poverty. It was started by a single youth group in South Carolina in 1990. Over 11,000 congregations participated last year, raising over \$4 million.

*That's one week after the Football "Super" Bowl!

Service Ministry



Meals for the Homeless Shelter

February 11–17

This is your chance to feed the hungry. CTS is providing meals for the residents of the Community Based Shelter in Rockville for this one week of the year. This includes breakfast supplies, pre-packed lunch bags, and a cooked, served dinner. For dinner, it's usually a good idea for two families or a group to work together on the cooking and serving. Please check out the sign up sheet on the main bulletin board and see where you can help out. If you would like to provide some of the food but have trouble getting it to Rockville, we will figure out a way to get it there for you. Donations to help with the cost of breakfast and other supplies are also appreciated—indicate Shelter on your check to CTS. If you have questions, please call Connie or Ernie Graf at 301-253-5180 or email cqgraf@yahoo.com.

—Connie Graf

Thanksgiving in February

On **Tuesday, February 6**, more than 100 restaurants will donate 10 percent of their proceeds to help feed the hungry in Montgomery County for the 20th straight year. A group from Christ the Servant will be meeting at Zio's Italian Restaurant in Gaithersburg, at 6:30 p.m. to participate in the event. It's fun to get together, and it's for a very good cause. If you are able to join us, please contact Melanie McMichael or Paul Bender so that we can have a headcount to send the restaurant in advance. If you would prefer checking out a different restaurant instead, please contact Melanie for the complete list of participating restaurants or go to this website, www.gaithersburghelp.org/pubs/ThanksgivinginFebruary.pdf. (Note: Adobe Reader is needed to view the file.) Thank you!

—Paul Bender



If You Love The Person You're Married To... You'll Love A Marriage Encounter Experience!

Lutheran Marriage Encounter is time where married couples can focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Lutheran Marriage Encounter experience can make! The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter will take place at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Fairfax, VA in four

sessions: Sunday March 4, 1 to 7 PM, Monday March 5, 7:00 to 9:30 PM, Thursday March 8, 7:00 to 9:30 PM, and Sunday March 11, 1 to 7 PM. For more information or to register, call Inge Harman or Roger Rasnake at 301-838-0360, or visit the Lutheran Marriage Encounter Website at <http://ilmeone.org>.

—Roger Rasnake

The Happiest of Birthdays to:

- Patsy Huson..... 2/1
- Aaron Eastlack 2/9
- Valerie Mayer 2/13
- Bob Petersen 2/13
- 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

Upcoming Retreats and Quiet Days

Offered and Led by The Reverend Linda Harrison

Plan to attend!

- **Saturday, February 24, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**
- March 3
- March 24
- Plus dates in April, May, and June

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Ethnic Recipes

Another in our series this year

Buzz submitted this recipe to reflect Linda's Irish heritage.



Irish Soda Bread

- 3½ cups flour
- 2½ Tbs sugar
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 Tbs caraway seeds
- 2½ tsp yeast
- 1-1/3 cups . buttermilk
- 3 Tbs butter



Mix well. Knead. Separate into two loaves (or one large loaf). Place into greased pan(s). Cover and let rise for an hour. Then remove the covering and bake.

Bake in greased loaf pans for about 1 hour at 350 degrees. Makes 2 loaves.

Notes:

- I usually double the caraway seeds, but I like caraway.
- The original recipe also called for ½ cup of raisins. The womenfolk here do not like raisins, so I've never tried it with raisins.

—Buzz Corsello

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known or have had some connection to someone who has had a blood cancer in our own personal lives and in the CTS family.

This is why I ask if you would help me complete my goals by donating to Team in Training and continue to support the fight against cancer.

Please visit my website, www.active.com/donate/tntenc/jlessen, for more details on how to donate or just to learn more about Team in Training and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns. In addition, donations are tax-deductible.

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Rule Changes Alter Receipt Policies for Charities

The Pension Reform Act of 2006 will have an impact on how congregations respond to gifts according to the Association of Lutheran Development Executives (ALDE) as forwarded by our own Alice Benson, Executive Director of the Metro D.C. Lutheran Planned Giving Consortium. The legislation provides that all cash contributions to charities, regardless of amount, be substantiated by a "bank record or a written communication from the donee showing the name of the donee organization, the date of the contribution, and the amount of the contribution" if the donor wants to deduct the amount of the contribution. Thus, a donor can keep a cancelled check or may ask the charity for a receipt. "Now, even a cash donation of \$1 in a Salvation Army kettle outside a grocery store cannot be deducted without some form or receipt," according to a Dec. 20 "ALDE-Gram" legislative alert. Additionally, new U.S. Postal Service rules require receipts can only be sent using first-class postage instead of a standard nonprofit rate. The same "ALDE-Gram" suggested receipts of gift histories be mailed at a first-class rate. If being mailed at a nonprofit rate, the form should be of a thank-you letter and not of a receipt. (*ALDE-Gram*, 12/20/06)

Synod Ministry Audit Process Moves Forward

Kevin Anderson, member of the Synod Council and chairperson of the Synod Ministry Audit process, has provided the following information to keep us all updated on the steps put into motion by the 2006 Synod Assembly in preparation for the synod electing a new bishop in 2007. Anderson writes:

At the 2006 Synod Assembly, the Synod Council was authorized and directed to

conduct a Synod Ministry Audit ("the Review"), in preparation for the election of a new bishop by the 2007 Synod Assembly. The purpose of the Review is to ascertain the views and priorities of a cross section of the Synod and to inform the voting members of the Synod Assembly of these perspectives prior to the election of the next bishop. The Review will be conducted with assistance from the ELCA Office of Research and Evaluation and Office of Synodical Relations. Representatives of those Offices will be present in the Metro D.C. Synod territory for three days beginning Thursday, February 15. During this period, the representatives will be conducting a series of interviews with lay leaders and clergy, with representatives of individual congregations, and with others who express a desire to be interviewed. Further information regarding how interested persons may sign up for interviews and the time and places for them will be provided after final arrangements have been made. Following these interviews, the ELCA representatives will synthesize the information obtained and prepare a report to the Synod Council on or before April 1. After being reviewed by the Council, copies will be provided to each congregation in the Synod and to each voting member of the Synod Assembly.

For additional information about this process, review the intentions expressed in the resolution adopted by the 2006 Synod Assembly at www.metrodcelca.org/synod_assembly_2006.htm or contact Kevin Anderson at kevin.d.anderson@comcast.net.

You are Invited to a Birthday Party

Extraordinaire!

Family Fun Night

Saturday, February 17th 2007

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Everyone loves a party!

R.S.V.P. by Sunday, February 11th

To Valerie Mayer at 301-869-7127 or valerie@vmwishes.com or sign-up on the board

Cake and Ice Cream

Please bring a cake decorating item.

Games

Games and activities for all ages!

Presents

We will be assembling layettes for LWR's Layette Project. Each layette must have (and only have) the items listed below. Please bring what you can as your gift.

- 2 shirts or onesies (up to size 24 months)
- 2 gowns/sleepers (with or without feet; up to size 24 months)
- 2 receiving blankets
- 4 flat folded cloth diapers
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt (up to size 24 months)
- 2 washcloths
- 1 bath-size bar of gentle soap (4-5 oz)
- 2 diaper pins



Music Notes

It's February, which means that Florida beach property is looking better and better, March Madness is only a month away, and Lent is here. So we go from the joyous Christmas and Epiphany seasons into a somber Lenten journey, somehow reflecting the somber winter journey into spring.

Some highlights of February music:

On February 11, the Hymn of the Day will be *Canticle of the Turning* (ELW 723), with text by Rory Cooney (based on the Magnificat), sung to the (possibly) Irish folk tune "Star of the County Down." Born in 1952, Rory Cooney is presently the director of music and liturgy at the Saint Anne Catholic Community in Barrington, IL. His Mass of Saint Aidan won the Unity Award from the United Catholic Music and Video Association for Sacramental Song of the Year in 2006. To our knowledge, "Star of the County Down" first appears in *Musick for Allan Ramsay's Collection of Scots Songs (Tea Table Miscellany)*, published by Alexander Stuart in 1726, as the tune "Gilderoy." It has also appeared in *Thomas D'Urfey's Pills to Purge the Melancholy III* (1707), and has been used as the tune for *Divers and Lazarus*, *The Murder of Maria Martin*, and *Claudy Banks*. The best arrangement I've heard is by Bela Fleck and the Flecktones on their *Flight of the Cosmic Hippo* recording.

For Transfiguration, we'll use another ELW selection, *Holy God, Holy and Glorious*, (ELW 317), with text by Susan R. Briehl, and tune by Robert Bucklee Farlee. Susan Briehl is a Lutheran pastor, and is an associate with the Valparaiso Project on Education and Formation on People in Faith. She has served as Executive Director of Holden Village, and campus pastor at Pacific Lutheran University. She has written several devotional works and has collaborated with Marty Haugen and Tom

Witt (not the Tom Witt at the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures in Paris). Robert Bucklee Farlee is Associate Pastor and Music Director of Christ Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN. He has written a great deal of music, and you can get his profile and reviews of Chanticleer's *American Journey* CD (he likes it) at Amazon.com.



And finally, for the start of our Lenten journey **on Ash Wednesday**, the choir will present *Miserere mei Domine*, based on Psalm 51, by Orlando de Lasso (or Orlandus Lassus, Orlando di Lasso, Roland de

Lassus, Roland Delattre). De Lasso (or whatever) was a Franco-Flemish composer, born in 1532 (or maybe 1530), and, along with Palestrina is the prime example of the polyphonic style of the Franco-Flemish School of the late Renaissance. De Lasso was born in Mons in today's Belgium, was apparently kidnapped several times because of his beautiful singing voice, and ended up in Milano in 1547. He worked as a singer and composer in Naples in the early 1550s, then in Rome where he had a plum appointment with Cosimo I de' Medici, Grand Duke of Tuscany, and preceded Palestrina as the Maestro di Cappella of the Basilica di San Giovanni. In 1556 he joined the court of Duke Albrecht V of Bavaria in Munich. He was knighted by the Emperor Maximilian in 1570, Pope Gregory XII in 1571, and Charles IX of France in 1573. He died in Munich on June 14, 1594. De Lasso wrote in all over 2000 pieces, of which *Miserere mei Domine* is one, as well as parody masses, and brief masses (*missae breves*, used on days when Duke Albrecht wanted to go hunting and didn't want to waste time with hours-long masses). He also wrote much secular music in four languages (possibly a record for his time), and like many of his contemporaries, integrated secular French chansons (such as the obscene *Entre vous filles de quinze ans* by Clemens non Papa) into his

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sacred works (in this case his 1581 *Missa entrou vous filles*). As an aside, I think *Dust in the Wind* is perfect for Ash Wednesday, but as it's one of the most overused guitar songs ever, I think we'll pass on it. Instead, just because I think Kansas with Kerry Livgren was a great band, I'll try to find a place for *Carry On My Wayward Son* sometime later in the year.

My, it's amazing what you can find in Wikipedia!

Our February Saturday worship service will be the CTS Jazz Vespers, on February 10, at 6:00 in the evening. Please come support the CTS music program, and bring as many friends, family, or passersby as you can.

—Anne and Tom Lipe

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 20

6–8 PM

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Pancakes

(Buttermilk, Applesauce-Raisin-Walnut, Pumpkin, Blueberry, and Chocolate Chip)

Sausage

Applesauce

Juice, Milk, Coffee

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**Donations will support
Youth Ministry at CTS**

CTS Youth Quilt for LWR —

— and invite you to help us!

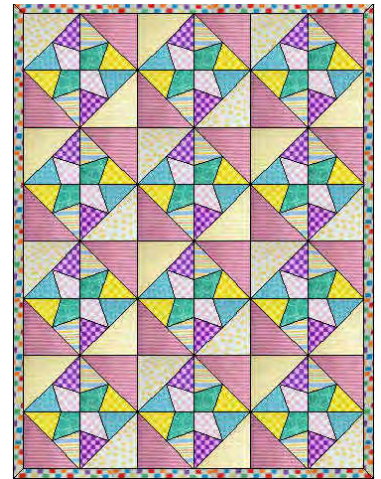
At the ELCA National Youth Gathering this past July, we spent an afternoon making simple quilts the LWR (Lutheran World Relief)-way.

On February 10, we will be participating in the 30-Hour Famine and during that time we will be learning about hunger and poverty. To help keep our hands busy and our minds off of how hungry we are, we will be quilting on Saturday—and we invite you to help us.

We'll supply the clips, needles and thread—but there are two things we need your help with:

1. You can help by donating sheets which we will use in making the quilts. Finished quilts should be 60" wide by 80" long—so flat twin-size sheets and both flat and fitted double, queen and king size sheets will work. If you have any of these that are in good shape and that you no longer use, please donate them to our project! It takes 3 pieces / quilt. If you have flannel sheets or thin blankets, we can use those for the middle layer.
2. You can help—literally! Come join us Saturday afternoon, February 10. Anyone can do this—all you need to be able to do is tie a knot, so there is no excuse!

If you would like more information on the LWR Quilt project, check out the website—<http://lwr.org/parish/quilts.asp>. If you have any useable sheets to donate (clean, no stains, no tears), bring them to CTS and give them to any one of the youth. And come sew with us—you'll be glad you did!!



Faith Talk: Confirmation at Home: This spring, our retreat topic will focus on sacraments and rites. In preparation, have some family discussion this month about Holy Communion. What do you remember about preparing for the first time you took communion? How have your thoughts, feelings, understanding about Holy Communion changed as you've gotten older? What do you like about the way we participate in Holy Communion at CTS? What would you change? And for all questions - Why?

2006 ELCA Youth Gathering - Cruzando: Journey with Jesus – Each month, you'll hear from one of the youth who attended the Gathering this past summer. Listen to their reflections...and ask them to share their experience with you. *"The Youth Gathering was indeed an eye opening experience for me, being with Lutherans from all over the world was not only amazingly loud and exciting, but it was really nice to be with people who have the same beliefs as I do. The music was phenomenal, San Antonio was amazing but one thing is for sure, spiritually it opened me up as well. They kept repeating a video clip of this woman, who had nothing, and she always sang this song to help her through her struggles, and although the song got kind of annoying each time I heard it, each time I got something out of it. Here goes a woman who has it rough and she still smiles everyday knowing that she is alive and well because she believed that God has kept her that well all her life. What I learned from that woman was Vaya con Dios "Go with God" to pray everyday even the worst circumstances because God will definitely hear your prayers and answer them. Although I learned some things in San Antonio it was fun as well. Walking through out San Antonio having fun with my fellow peers, doing projects and different activities everyday and I definitely got a lot closer with the other teens in my youth group. I am so glad I went I would definitely do it all over again."* Grace Kabemba

February Activities

ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza

Wed, Jan 31 - Tues, Feb 6 / Tampa, FL

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.

Gaithersburg Help

Thurs, Feb 1, 4:30 - 7:00 PM

Volunteers for February are Grace, Sarah (possibly) and (still need one more volunteer). Let Beth or know if you can help.

Thirty Hour Famine

Fri, Feb 9 (begin after lunch on your own) – Sat, Feb 10

This is the first time we will participate in this worldwide hunger awareness program where we will go without food for 30 hours to get a taste of true hunger. We will start our fast individually on Friday after lunch and then come together that night at CTS beginning at 6 PM. Bring your sleeping bags and pillows, pajamas and clothing for Saturday, and toiletries. We have lots of things planned for the overnight – we will learn about hunger and homelessness, prepare for Souper Bowl Sunday, prepare for serving dinner at the CBOS Sunday evening, participate in a service project – and grow closer as a youth group. We will break our fast with a simple dinner after Jazz Vespers Saturday evening.

LWR Quilting

Sat, Feb 10, 2:00 – 5:00 PM / CTS

Come sew with us! If you can tie a knot, you can help us quilt! We'll be making quilts for the LWR as one of our service projects during our 30 Hour Famine – and we'd love your help. We'll provide the supplies (clips, needles and thread), but could use some help with the material - if you have clean, gently used sheets you can donate, please bring them in and give them to any of the youth.

Souper Bowl Sunday

Rehearsal: Sat, Feb 10, 10:00 – 11:30 AM; Service: Sun, Feb 11 @ 11:00 AM

(Yes, I know it's a week late, but Tony and I will be at the YMNetwork Extravaganza on Feb 4th). 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 (rehearsal Saturday morning!)

Community-Based Overflow Shelter Dinner

Sun, Feb 11, 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.

CTS Fun Night

Sat, Feb 17 / CTS

THE place to be tonight! Come party with everyone as we celebrate birthdays – yours, mine, and ours! We'll play games, decorate (and eat!) birthday cakes, participate in a service project – in general, have FUN! Watch the bulletin board for signs / listen for announcements regarding details.....

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tues, Feb 20, 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!

Ash Wednesday Service

Wed, Feb 21, 7:30 PM / CTS

Weekly Lenten Vespers

Wed, Feb 28 / CTS

We are issuing a special invitation to 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.)

Upcoming Activities

Lamb Center

Watch email for date (Either Mar 17 or Mar 31)

Weekly Lenten Vespers

Wed, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28 / CTS

Senior High and Confirmation Koinonia are postponed during Lent

Come join us for the Soup Suppers before Vespers on Wednesdays.

Shekinah 2007

Fri, Mar 9 - Sun, Mar 11

Metro DC Synod's annual Youth Ministry event for 7th and 8th graders. Registration fees (\$60, payable to CTS) and forms are due by Sun, Feb 11.

"The Gathering in the East"

Fri, Mar 23 – Sun, Mar 25

Tony and Barbara will be attending this regional ELCA YMNetwork conference for adults involved in youth ministry.

Gaithersburg Help

Tues, Mar 27

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

Spring Confirmation Retreat

Fri, Apr 27 - Sun, Apr 29

We're all set for Camp Merryelande where we'll take a look at the Sacraments and Sacramental Rites. The Pre-Retreat session will take place on Sunday, April 22 - 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 bharnet@comcast.net.

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

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2007

As of January 8, 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Presentation of Our Lord	3 3:00 PM -5:00 PM Luganda class
4 8:30 AM Holy Communion 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion <i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i>	5	6 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	7 12:00 PM -1:30 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	8	9	10 10:00 AM Youth Rehearsal 6:00 PM Jazz Vespers
11 8:30 AM Matins 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion <i>Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</i> <i>Souper Bowl Sunday</i>	12 8:00 PM Parish Council	13 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	14 12:00 PM -1:30 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	15	16	17 10:00 AM seminar 6:30 PM Family Fun Night
Shelter Week						
18 8:30 AM Holy Communion 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM High Mass 5:30 PM Film Buffs <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i>	19	20 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 6:00 PM -8:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	21 12:00 PM -1:30 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 7:30 PM Holy Communion and disposition of ashes <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	22	23	24 9:00 AM Lenten Quiet Day <i>Saint Matthias, Apostle</i>
25 8:30 AM Matins 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion 7:00 PM CTS Book Club <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	26	27 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	28 12:00 PM -1:30 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 6:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper 7:30 PM Lenten Vespers	SHARP Mon - Thurs 6:30 am - 2:30 pm ESOL Mon and Thurs 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Brownies and Girl Scouts Thurs 6:45 - 8:45 pm Footnotes deadline is third Sunday of each month		

