



# FOOTNOTES

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Dear Friends in Christ,

"So at last she was come so far that she deemed she could look on her own life as from the uppermost step of a glen. Now did her road lead down into the darkling valley, but ere she took that road she had been given grace to understand that, in the loneliness of the cloister and at the gates of death, there waited for her one who had ever beheld the life of mankind as men's parishes look, seen from the mountain brow. He had seen the sin and sorrow, the love and hate, in the hearts of men, as one sees the rich manors and the humble cots, the teeming cornfields and the abandoned wastes, all borne on the bosom of the same country-side. And he had descended; his feet had trodden the peopled lands, and stood in palaces and in huts; he had gathered up the sorrows and the sins of the rich and poor, and lifted them aloft with him upon a cross. Not my happiness and my pride, but my sin and my sorrow, O my sweet Lord—She looked up where the crucifix stood, uplifted high over the triumphal arch."

This quote is from Sigrid Undset's great novel of the Middle Ages, KRISTIN LAVRANSDATTER: THE CROSS. It is about a woman's hard life in a hard world. So many things are different today than they were in Kristin's day, but life is still hard and the world is still a cold, difficult place. It is still a place of the Cross.

Christians say that the Cross is not merely the truth about life, it is also a way through life, a way to redeem life. Christianity believes in a radically different God than the world has ever seen before. This God sees our sorrows with a compassionate eye and he descends into our suffering, he gathers it all up "aloft with him upon a cross."

There are many versions of God in the world. Ancient mythology gives us capricious gods who play with human beings and their sufferings; fundamentalism gives us a righteous, angry God who punishes humans; Christianity gives us a merciful God who sees, who understands, who takes up, who loves. This God only desires our redemption. It is not God's will that any should perish.

Religion is a way to look at life and life can be understood in all of these three ways. Surely, a case can be made—as in ancient myth—for a capricious, hard, cold universe in which our sufferings

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## **Prayer Concerns**

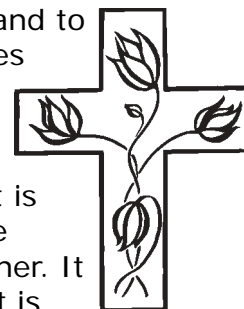
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do not concern the gods in the least. Life just happens. But one can also moralize the world so that humans are to blame for their own suffering and God's righteous anger will smite us. There is plenty that we are to blame for; humans do foolish, selfish and evil things all too often.

But for me, neither of these two ways helps much. Nihilism and moralism both leave us stranded in a dark and hopeless place. So I prefer—or, rather, my heart has been captured by—a redemptive vision, a redemptive path through this sad old world. I believe with Jesus Christ that life can be saved (salvaged) via love, forgiveness, kindness, and compassion. And I believe that these “spiritual” truths are also very pragmatic truths, they work and they need to be embodied in real life, including politics, economics, and all the other aspects of being an actual person.

Life will never stop being hard. There is no magic wand to wave. But there are ways of coping with life's realities that can help us through. Jesus, for me, is not a matter of pious and sentimental, but irrelevant, truths. Jesus is a down-to-earth, sleeves-rolled-up savior. His way is a very real way to live out a life. It is about mutual burden-bearing, it is about feeding the hungry and clothing the naked and forgiving the sinner. It is about non-judgmentalism and love for enemies. It is about treating each other as we would want to be treated. It is about a real cross with real blood. That cross is the essence of God. It is what we need to know if life is to be redeemed.



*Happy New Year,  
—Pastor Bastien*

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## **A Warm Summer Story On A Cold Winter Day**

Here is a heartwarming story that happened this summer at the Brave Dave Open, a charitable event named for one of our parishioners, Dave Gearing. One of the golfers, a nice fellow we'll call Bob, had recently suffered a family tragedy. His young adult son had suffered terrible disabling injuries in a rock climbing accident. Needless to say there were incredible financial pressures.

But the good Lord provided a special helping of luck on that hot summer day. Bob's tee shot on the 190-yard fourth hole at Blue Mash golf course landed on the green and then rolled into the hole. It just so happened that we had designated the fourth hole for the \$25,000 hole-in-one prize.

The CTS community has always contributed generously to the success of this event and all of us at the Brave Dave Open figured you could use a warm story on a cold day.

**Prayer Concerns** (cont.)

Dottie Reitz  
Jane Rhine  
Wolf Schwill  
Dorothy Scott-Thomas  
Paul Shupp  
Jenny Stead  
Benjamin Steinfeld  
Dana Swan  
Donald Thomas  
Orlando Vela  
Joe Wheeler  
Sybille Zerafa



**Sunday Readings**

**January 1—The Name of Jesus**

Numbers 6:22-27  
Psalm 8

*How exalted is your name in all the world. (Ps. 8:1)*

Galatians 4:4-7 or Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 2:15-21

**January 8—The Baptism of Our Lord**

**First Sunday After the Epiphany**

Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29

*The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)*

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

**January 15—Second Sunday After the Epiphany**

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]  
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 (Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 NRSV)

*You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)*

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

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# CTS Church Council Minutes

## December 5, 2005

*Present:* Pat Andersen, Joyce Backus, Pastor Bastien, Paul Bender, Chuck Eater, Connie Graf, Barbara Harner, Pastor Kersey, Sarah Kuchinsky, Dave Larrabee, Beth Lashof, Melanie McMichael, Mike Mayer, Roger Rasnake, and Dick Walker.

*Absent:* Phil Henrich, Jo Johnson, and Maggie Rasnake.

The President called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm and Pastor Bastien opened with a reading and prayer.

### Secretary's Report

November minutes accepted with the change of Liberia Committee to St. Matthew Committee.

### Financial Secretary's Report

Beth Lashof provided a written report for November and indicated that income was down by about \$2,400 under budgeted income. The \$500 in the Thanksgiving offering was designated for Hosanna Lutheran Church in Louisiana. For the Thanksgiving baskets, contributions totaled \$245. Beth also brought up the issue of overdue payments from the Calvary congregation which Dick Walker will clarify with Joann Eastlack to resolve.

### Treasurer's Report

Chuck Eater submitted a written November report and reported that expenses exceeded income by \$4914 for the month. He added that considering the prorated prepaid pledge income helps somewhat, but still leaves a negative balance of \$2,700 for November. We may still end the year with a positive balance because there were several annual or quarterly or one-time payments in November, but with only four Sundays in December, income that month is not likely to be higher than usual.

### Council Business

- † Pastoral Care—was discussed.
- † Calendar notes:
  - ◆ December 1, 15—Christian Tradition at 8 pm
  - ◆ January 1—One 11:00 am service
  - ◆ January 5, 12, 19—Girl Scouts
  - ◆ January 5 and 19, 8 pm—Christian Tradition
  - ◆ January 10—Alternate day for photo directory
  - ◆ January 14, 5:30 pm—Family Koinonia
  - ◆ January 10—Senior High Koinonia
  - ◆ January 13—Youth film night
  - ◆ January 17—Confirmation Koinonia
  - ◆ January 12, 8 pm—Outreach Committee
  - ◆ January 14—Seminar
  - ◆ January 24—No St. Timothy service
  - ◆ January 22—1:00 pm, Cross-Eyed Sheep (Youth Gathering participants)
  - ◆ May 17–21—Pastor Bastien on Continuing Education



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**January 22—Third Sunday  
After the Epiphany**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:6-14 (Psalm 62:5-12 NRSV)

*In God is my safety and my honor. (Ps. 62:8)*

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

**January 29—Fourth  
Sunday After the Epiphany**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. (Ps. 111:10)*

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

**Other Readings**

**January 6—The Epiphany  
Of Our Lord**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

*All kings shall bow down before him. (Ps. 72:11)*

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

**January 18—The  
Confession of St. Peter**

Acts 4:8-13

Psalm 18:1-7, 17-20 (Psalm 18:1-6, 16-19 NRSV)

*My God, my rock, you are worthy of praise. (Ps. 18:2)*

1 Corinthians 10:1-5

Matthew 16:13-19

**January 25—The  
Conversion of St. Paul**

Acts 9:1-22

Psalm 67

*Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)*

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 21:10-19

- † President's notes—(1) Pat reported that average attendance per Sunday is down slightly for 2005. (2) She brought up new member issues of a new member packet and council involvement. The Outreach Committee will look into providing a new member packet. (3) The outreach committee seeks a more active role in web site management, and Phil Henrich agreed to transfer the web committee responsibility to Outreach ministry. Following discussion by Council, they decided to leave web administration under Business Administration, with more active participation by the Outreach Committee and other interested ministry areas. (4) The Gapfillers performed at Waters House in Germantown last evening and the Gazette covered the event. (5) The Synod delegate candidates presented at the Congregational meeting will be Steve Garvey, Barbara Harner, and James Kabonge. (6) The Worship Committee proposed having Jazz Vespers on Saturday evenings and Council supported this proposal. Council referred further discussion, about possibly increasing the number of services, what shape they would take, etc., to Outreach and Worship for follow-up.

† Vice-President's notes—none.

† Youth Ministry—Written report submitted. Barbara sent draft guidelines for working with youth to the Council Executive Board for comment.

† Congregational meeting agenda—Discussed.

† Stewardship update—Pledges are now \$202,607 for 2006. Council discussed budget categories and priorities at length to create a balanced 2006 budget. Roger Rasnake moved and Dave Larrabee seconded to accept the proposed budget for presentation to the congregation on December 11. Council unanimously agreed.

† Property issues—There is \$4,014 remaining from the Thrivent Loan for property improvements. Dick Walker suggested bringing a proposal to the Congregation to use these remaining funds to maintain the landscaping, including removing several dead trees, and improve signage to the building. Dick Walker moved and Dave Larrabee seconded to bring the landscape and signage proposals to the Congregation on December 11. Council unanimously approved.

**Ministry Areas**

† Stewardship—Discussion noted above.

† Community Outreach—Written report submitted. Roger handed out flyers for council members to distribute in the community.

† Property—Discussion noted above.

† Parish Care—Written report submitted.

† Service—Written report submitted.

† Parish Life—Written report submitted.

† Learning—No report.

† Business Administration—No report.

† Worship—Written report submitted.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Joyce Backus, CTS Council Secretary*



**2005 Christmas Greeting from the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, ELCA Presiding Bishop**

Dear Friends,

We wait in darkness, fearing that the light will never come. We wait in silence, fearing that there will be no good news. We wait alone, fearing the isolation and separation that darkness brings. We attempt to illumine our own path, but find neither the way nor the truth.



Scripture brings words of promise to us:

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.  
We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.  
To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.  
In him is life, and the life was the light of all people.*



The song of the angels and the glory of the heavens pierce our darkness and fill our silence. Joy overcomes our terror, and we believe the wondrous good news that Jesus, Savior and Messiah, has been born. We rejoice, carrying the light of Christ as we tell the Good News to everyone.

This Christmas season, may you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the clarity of the angels, the joy of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the light and peace of the Christ child.



With you, we are living in God's amazing grace,

—Mark and Ione Hanson

**February Homeless Shelter Week**

**Goal: To Involve New Families**

Please put **February 12–18** on your calendar for the Homeless Shelter on Wilkins Ave in Rockville. For those of you who are not familiar with this activity, CTS provides food at the shelter for one week of the year. This includes breakfast supplies, pre-packed lunch bags, and a cooked, served dinner. Soon after the holidays, signup sheets will be on the board in the hallway, and we will need your help. Each meal is for about 30 people. For dinner, it's usually a good idea for 2 families to work together on the cooking and serving.

Thanks in advance to those of you who sign up every year. If you haven't volunteered before, please consider signing up this year, since it is a very important and rewarding activity. We really need new volunteers to replace families who have moved away. The residents and staff at the shelter are always extremely appreciative of our efforts. If you have questions, please call me at 301-926-4614 or [hopewalk04@hotmail.com](mailto:hopewalk04@hotmail.com). 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.



Watch for more details on the board and in the February Footnotes. Please volunteer—you'll be glad you did!

—Hope Walker

# Liberia



## A Brief History of Liberia

The birth of Liberia goes back to 1816 when a group of concerned Americans implemented the thoughts of sending back to Africa freed black slaves who were increasing by the numbers in the northern states. They formed the American Colonization Society and began the challenging task of transporting freed slaves to what was believed to be their original home. The Grain Coast, rather than the Slave Coast was found to be suitable for the goal of the Colonization Society. By 1822, a settlement was established on Providence Island. The settlers (ex-slaves) negotiated with the natives for land on mainland of what is now Monrovia. A sizeable portion of the mainland land was acquired by several means including purchasing and forced seizures. The settlement moved from Providence Island and by 1839 established a commonwealth. In 1847, the commonwealth declared itself an independent nation, named Liberia.

The nation's constitution and flag were patterned after that of the United States. The settlers, now leaders of the new nation, excluded the indigenous people of the area in which they had settled. In the one hundred thirty-three years following independence the natives were denied major roles in all aspects of the nation. Financial, educational, health, social benefits, and infrastructural development remained within the circle of the settlers. As the years passed Africans from other countries were given greater opportunities in the government and state-owned enterprises rather than the indigenous people. This social isolation did not discourage the spirits of the natives. Though denied basic rights, they utilized every chance to improve their status in the country.

The desire for full participation in the nation's decision process led to a civil unrest that ended with the overthrow of the "elected" government in April 1980. The desire to rule the country finally fell in the hands of the natives but to the worst group who had no knowledge on the inner workings of government. To add insult to injury, the military leaders who seized power were the least educated people in the country. To maintain power, stiff military rules were imposed on the citizenry thus leading to more civil unrest. On December 24, 1989, full scale rebel activities began in Nimba County. By June 1990, the country was plunged into civil war. The war ended temporarily in 1997 after seven years of peace-keeping activities by ECOWAS and the loss of 250,000 lives and scores of displaced people. The main rebel leader (warlord) became president. Two years later the country was again at war due to the ruthless and inhumane leadership of Mr. Charles Taylor. In 2003 Taylor was driven into exile and 15,000 United Nations peacekeepers were deployed around the country. An interim government was set up in October 2003 with the goal of getting the nation ready for

## Targeted HELP Food Drive

Gaithersburg HELP  
is asking us for  
these items right  
now:

- canned fruit
- cereal
- macaroni and  
cheese (boxed)
- 40 oz can beef  
stew
- 26.5 oz can  
spaghetti sauce  
with meat



CTS has been very generous over the years. Lets continue in this urgent time for them because of a shift in how the United Way pays its significant pledge. When you buy food for HELP, please consider buying just the items listed above. Thanks.

national elections in two years. During this interim period, Liberia and the world witnessed the most corrupt government to ever rule the country.

In October 2005 elections were held with twenty-two candidates running for the presidency. A runner-up election was held in November because no candidate got the fifty percent majority during the first round. Mrs. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf won the election by 59 percent and became the first African lady elected president of a country. She will be sworn into office on January 16, 2006. Liberia is on the path of reconstruction and recovery but needs the help of every concerned person around the world, not to mention Liberians in every walk of life. Ninety-nine percent of educated Liberians are in the diaspora.

The president-elect has made visits to her neighboring countries and is currently visiting the United States to meet with the Department of State and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and will also meet to discuss the reconstruction process of Liberia. The United States, through President George Bush, asked the warlord Charles Taylor to leave Liberia and indeed he did leave. Presently the United States is in the lead in asking for Taylor to be turned over to an international court for trial.

The president-elect and Liberians believe that foremost on the agenda for Liberia is the rehabilitation of the basic necessities for human existence. The Church played a major role in the peace process, especially the women. For two years they gathered in an open field praying, rain or shine, and asking God to send them the right leader. The Churches launched a door-to-door campaign to get out the vote.

Long Live Liberia's Happy Land, a land where children can live as children, where 21 year old adults will begin the process of learning how to read and write.

Thank you all and God Bless both United States and Liberia!



**The Happiest of Birthdays to:**

- Lucy Vela ..... 1/1
- Marcy Kabemba ..... 1/7
- Anne Lipe ..... 1/10
- Linda Backus ..... 1/10
- Matthew Alfano ..... 1/10
- Joyce Backus ..... 1/11
- Joanne Eater ..... 1/20
- Frank Foge ..... 1/21
- Ingse Petersen ..... 1/23
- Erica Adams ..... 1/26
- Halley Fehner ..... 1/27
- Becky Henrich ..... 1/29
- Tony Kerlavage ..... 1/30
- Greg Rosasco ..... 1/31

Please note that we have no January wedding anniversaries to celebrate.



**Outreach Committee’s Grass-roots Campaign!**

The Outreach Committee has met regularly since the summer to work on devising ways to make CTS more visible, both at the church building itself and in the community. The CTS community shares many things—such as close-knit relationships, an appreciation of the traditions of the church universal, and the opportunity to hear great preaching and participate in great teaching—that make CTS a very special place. Yet it’s been a challenge to us to make those who might be interested in who we are and what aware of us. And, of course, it’s not as if we have a huge budget at the ready to spend on media and advertising!

That said, we want to invite the CTS community to join in a kind of “grass-roots” campaign of communication with the community. You may remember Pastor Bastien’s sermon earlier this year in which he talked about how we might get our message out, using short, pithy, provocative messages. Well, that’s how we’ll start: each week we’ll be distributing a flyer with the bulletin—a small 3"x5" message that we want to get out to as many public places as possible. The idea is for us all to take it with us and to pass it on: post it wherever you can— at the library, at the supermarket, at restaurants, or give it to a friend. We’ll start with a series of messages in which Pastor Bastien has taken the lead, but soon we’ll be inviting you to propose new ones.

Along with getting these messages out, we want to emphasize the use of the CTS website, [www.cts-lutheran.org](http://www.cts-lutheran.org), as an important way for visitors and potential members to get to know us. We’ve added a Visitors Page to the website (click on “Visitors” in the navigation bar, underneath “Home”), and you can also now download the Footnotes there. Please check out the website changes; we’re anxious for your feedback!

And, finally, the Outreach Committee is always looking for new members. If you’d like to join us, please come to our next meeting or give Roger Rasnake a call, 301-838-0360.

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## Music Notes



It's January. It's cold, and, as most of you know it's not my favorite month. But the new church year is in full bloom and January brings us several festival services with special music. So curl up with Marty Haugen around *The Unforgettable Fire* and sit right back and you'll hear a tale...

January 1—Name of Jesus: At the Offertory, Arlene Alfano and our instrumentalists will share *Jesus, Name Above All Names*. This song is in a "Praise" style and contains a simple, repetitive text which celebrates some of the names by which Jesus is known. The text and music are by Naida Hearn, who seems to be pretty anonymous, since I've been unable to find a biography of her. But, the composer of the Entrance Hymn (*Holy Child Within the Manger*) is familiar to us all. Over the last quarter-century, Marty Haugen has become one of the greatest and most prolific (13 songs in *Renewing Worship* alone!) composers in contemporary Christian hymnody. Marty Haugen received the Master's Degree in Liturgy and Pastoral Studies from the University of Saint Thomas's Saint Paul School of Divinity in 1993. He has published 30 collections of music encompassing over 400 separate pieces. He is presently Composer-in-Residence at Mayflower United Church of Christ in Minneapolis, MN, and has contributed to the worship music of practically every denominational group. The tune for this piece is also known as *Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory* from Haugen's Holden Village vespers service.

January 6—Feast of Epiphany: The Prelude will feature the chant *Ecce Advenit* which is the Introit for Epiphany from the Gregorian Mass. The Latin text is translated "Behold, the Sovereign Lord is coming; kingship, government and power are in his hands. Endow the King with your judgment, O God, and the King's son with your righteousness."

The text comes from several passages of Scripture including Mal. 3:1; I Chron. 29:12 and Psalm 71:1, 10-11. At the Offertory, *The Magi Who to Bethlehem Did Go* from *Renewing Worship* will be introduced. Sung to a traditional Puerto Rican tune, the text by Manuel F. Juncos is in Spanish and English, and celebrates the gifts which the three wise men brought to Jesus. Maunel Fernández Juncos (1846-1928) was one of Puerto Rico's greatest journalists, poets, and humanitarians. He launched several newspapers and in 1887 founded the magazine "Revista Puertorricueña," the "Puerto Rican Magazine," with contributions from arts, sciences, and letters. Juncos became Puerto Rico's Secretary of State in 1898 after independence from Spain. He also founded the Puerto Rican Red Cross and composed *La Borinqueña*, the Puerto Rican National Anthem. The tune for this piece is a traditional Puerto Rican folk melody.

January 8—Baptism of Jesus: One of the communion hymns for this Sunday is the exceptionally appropriate *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*, written by George Croly and set to the tune of "Morecambe." George Croly was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1780 and studied at Trinity College in Dublin. He was appointed Rector of Saint Stephen's, Walbrook, where he developed a reputation as an exceptional preacher. Croly was a successful poet, theologian, and novelist, and his best-known novel, "Salathiel" (1829) founded the legend of "the wandering Jew." His most important contribution to theological studies was his writings on the apocalypse, and his "Three Cycles of Revelation" was published in 1834. The tune, *Morecambe*, was written by Frederick Cook Atkinson expressly for the hymn *Abide With Me*, but it never became popular with that text (which isn't unusual. More people know *I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing* as the Coke Song than as a song in its own right.) Atkinson was born on August 21, 1841, at Norwich, Norfolk, England, and graduated from Cambridge in

1867. He served as organist and choirmaster at Saint Luke's Church in Manningham, Norwich Cathedral, and Saint Mary's Parish in Lewisham.

January 15: Epiphany 2: Commemoration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Portions of the liturgy today are taken from *This Far by Faith*, the African-American resource for worship which was published by Augsburg Fortress in 1999. The hymn of the day will be *Holy God, you Raise up Prophets* composed by Harold T. Lewis. The hymn honors the life and sacrifice of Dr. King and reminds us that prophetic voices are not confined to Scripture, but are found in our own times as well. Harold T. Lewis was born in 1947 and ordained in 1971. He served as an overseas missionary in Honduras and Congo, and has served parishes in England, Washington, DC, New Haven CT, and his native Brooklyn. Dr. Lewis holds the B.A. from McGill University, the M.Div. from Yale and the Ph.D. from the University of Birmingham, England. He has received numerous honorary doctorates and is an honorary canon for the Diocese of Bukavu, Congo. He is currently an adjunct professor in church and society at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Carl Haywood is presently Professor of Music at Norfolk State University and is also organist and choirmaster at Grace Episcopal Church in Norfolk.

Okay, as you read the preamble to the Music Notes, you were probably asking yourself "Unforgettable Fire? What's that?" *Unforgettable Fire* is a fine recording from U2 released in 1990, and is in many ways a tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr., and other modern day prophets and martyrs. Our post-apocalyptic impromptu rock band (I don't know what that means but it sounds cool) will try to capture the spirit of the recording with *Pride: In the Name of Love* as the offertory. We'll also try *Yahweh* from their latest CD for the prelude. And I PROMISE that we'll keep the volume at a reasonable level (heh, heh!)

January 22: Epiphany 3: Reconciling in Christ Sunday: The Prelude today is *We are many parts*, with text and tune by Marty Haugen (see above). The text comes from I Corinthians 12 and 13, and emphasizes the unity which we share as members of the body of Christ. At the Gathering, we sing *All are Welcome*, also by Marty Haugen. This hymn was introduced at CTS last year, and draws upon the image of a house built on love to describe the church community. It emphasizes that community in Christ is a place where "ALL are welcome." At the Offertory, our musicians will offer Joe Wise's *Song of Gathering*. This text is based on Galatians 3:26-29 and also affirms the diversity within the unity which our community shares.

And just to prove that ALL are truly welcome and that our music ministry believes in diversity, the Children's Sermon for today will incorporate the tune from, uh, *Gilligan's Island* sung to Suzanne Toolan's text "Two Fishermen."

### Music Happenings

♪ January 4, 7:30 PM: An open invitation to all would-be singers and instrumentalists! This is your chance to see how you might fit into the CTS music ministry! Join us tonight to learn and practice the special music for the Epiphany service. Chimes and light percussion instruments will be provided!

### Gapfiller Notes

The Gapfillers have accepted an invitation to provide the music for the January 29 service at Crusader Lutheran Church in Rockville. According to Hugh Beckwith, Crusader's music director, CTS is becoming a Synod model for how a diverse music program should be, and, when he wanted to inject some spirit into their Sunday service, he thought of us. Pretty cool.

—Tom Lipe

# Service Ministry

**Thank you**—The Service Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped make the **Secret Santa** project a huge success! Thanks to your donations, each child received at least four major gifts and many extras—over 200 in all. And a big thank you to the elves who sorted, wrapped, last-minute shopped, and delivered the gifts. You brought Christmas to 24 happy children and their families! We offer a very special thank you to **Beth Lashof** whose devoted labor of love made it all happen.

## “First Sunday” Collections on January 8:

- ❑ 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 of used but good clothing, household items, children’s books, disposable diapers for the Upcounty Interfaith Clothing Center.

## Ongoing collections:

- ❑ *Stamps for NLH*—Tear off canceled postage stamps with a large margin of envelope for easy handling, and bring them to the basket in narthex for the stamp project at the National Lutheran Home in Rockville.
- ❑ *Eyeglass Recycling*—Bring your old eyeglasses to the collection box in the narthex for the Gift of Sight project overseas.
- ❑ *Lamb Center*—Pick up a Wish List for the Lamb Center daytime drop-in center for homeless persons in Fairfax, VA, and bring your items to the collection box in the narthex. Travel toiletries are always welcome.

—Connie Graf

## Notice to Readers Concerning *Footnotes*

Beginning soon, instead of arriving in your postal mailbox with catalogues and solicitations, *Footnotes* may be arriving in your email inbox! (The current issue can already be seen online at [www.cts-lutheran.org](http://www.cts-lutheran.org).) As discussed at the congregational meeting on December 11, budget constraints are forcing us to reduce the costs associated with producing and mailing *Footnotes*. In order to reduce costs, we will print fewer paper copies and mail only to those current members and others who have requested *Footnotes* or for whom we do not have e-mail addresses.

We would love to send an electronic version of *Footnotes* to interested non-members. Please send a message to [admin@cts-lutheran.org](mailto:admin@cts-lutheran.org) with your email address and a request to receive the electronic *Footnotes* and we will add you to our distribution list. Members who would prefer the electronic version to the printed version can also let us know at [admin@cts-lutheran.org](mailto:admin@cts-lutheran.org).

Because we want to reduce printing costs, this means that *Footnotes* is also being put on a diet. Cutting the size of anything is difficult and communication with our members is important! The Council will be monitoring *Footnotes* costs and communication issues very closely over the next few months as we transition to trying to give a larger role to paperless communications (such as our CTS Email Communiqués on Mondays).

Please make sure that our communications go two ways. If you have any concerns about these changes to *Footnotes* and weren’t at the congregational meeting on December 11 (or even if you were and thought of something after the meeting), please let us know of your concerns. You can talk to anyone on the Council or *Footnotes* staff, send us an email, or leave a note for us in Phil Henrich’s (Business Administration) box in the church office.



# CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

## January 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>11:00 AM Holy Communion 2:00 PM Ice Skating</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1st Sunday after Christmas</b></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:00 AM Parish Register Review 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:45 PM -8:30 PM Girl scouts 8:00 PM Christian Tradition</p>	<p>6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:30 PM Epiphany High Mass</b></p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 AM Holy Communion 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM High Mass 5:30 PM -8:30 PM Calvary Pent.Ministries</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Baptism of Our Lord</b></p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00 PM Parish Council</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 6:30 PM Sr High Koinonia alternate day for Photo directory</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:45 PM -8:30 PM Girl scouts 8:00 PM Outreach Committee</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Youth film night</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 AM seminar 5:30 PM Family Koinonia</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 AM Matins 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion 5:30 PM Film Buffs</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</b></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 6:30 PM Confirmation Koinonia</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:30 PM The Confession of St Peter Eucharist</b></p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:45 PM -8:30 PM Girl scouts 8:00 PM Christian Tradition</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 PM CTS Men's Support Group</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 AM Matins 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion 1:00 PM Cross Eyed Sheep 5:30 PM -8:30 PM Calvary Pent.Ministries 7:00 PM Theology Club</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</b></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saint Timothy, Pastor and Confessor</b></p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:30 PM The Conversion of St Paul Eucharist</b></p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:45 PM -8:30 PM Girl scouts</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:30 AM Matins 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4th Sunday after Epiphany</b></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study 11:30 AM lunch bunch 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 8:00 PM Worshio Committee</p>				

Footnotes deadline is third Sunday of each month.

## FOUR KEYS TO NURTURING FAITH IN JANUARY ~ GOALS FOR THE NEW YEAR ~

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

### 1. CARING CONVERSATION

- A. I am going to start this new year by ...
- B. My goals for the new year are ...
- C. Share what this season means to you.

### 2. DEVOTIONS IN THE HOME

- A. Read Matthew 7:13-14. Share your thoughts on the following:
  - i. Why do you think the road to life is more difficult for some and easier for others?
  - ii. What does the gate mean to you?
  - iii. Do you think you have entered the gate?
- B. Close with a prayer, and include a petition asking for God's blessing on this new year.

### 3. SERVICE

- A. As a family, create goals for the year that you believe you can achieve, both individually and together as a family.
- B. Choose a community service project in which the whole family can participate together.

### 4. TRADITIONS AND RITUALS

- A. Praise and reward family members when goals are achieved.
- B. Find a new way to bring God into the family, a new way to worship together as a family, a new way to pray together as a family.
- C. Promote new experiences in order to find new traditions.

- Kirsten Petersen and Arlene Alfano

## FOUR KEYS TO NURTURING FAITH IN JANUARY ~ WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ~

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

A worldwide observance, the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in the Episcopal Church in 1908, covering the days between the feast of St Peter (Jan 18) and the feast of St Paul (Jan 25).

### 1. CARING CONVERSATION

- A. Share a High and a Low for the day/week with each other.
- B. Some things that all Christians have in common include....
- C. Some things that are different among Christians are...

### 2. DEVOTIONS IN THE HOME

The 2006 theme for this week comes from Matthew 18:20 - "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The thinking behind this is to encourage and strengthen the fellowship of God's people in small communities as well as great gatherings, in daily life as well as in official, liturgical celebrations.

- A. How is the church strengthened when 2-3 gather in his name? How are each of us?
- B. How is the church strengthened when we share our faith in our daily life? How are each of us?
- C. Close with a prayer.

### 3. SERVICE

- A. To gather in the name of Jesus means to share in the love he brought on earth. Can you think of some new ways you can share that love with others this new year?
- B. Gaithersburg Help has an ongoing need for specific items – peanut butter, cereal, canned fruit, beef stew, canned chicken, and macaroni and cheese. Add one or two of these items to your weekly shopping list and bring them with you to church on Sunday.

### 4. TRADITIONS AND RITUALS

- A. As a family, worship together at a church of a different denomination one Sunday. Take note of what is similar to and what is different from worshipping at CTS and share your observations and reactions with each other afterwards.

**Faith Talk: Confirmation at Home:** This month we start The Ten Commandments, the topic for our Spring Confirmation retreat in April. Let's begin with the First and Second Commandments: *You shall have no other gods; You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.* "When I think of God, I...;" "I let other things come before God when...;" "I've felt closest to God when...;" "What names do you use for God?"; "I dishonor God's name when I ..."; "How is misusing God's name a form of identity theft?"

**Gifts-In-a-Jar / Chili Cook Off & Cornbread and Chocolate Bake Off / Koinonia Auction Baskets:** Thanks to your support of these three important YM fundraisers, we raised enough to send three youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2006! Thank you to everyone who ordered GIAJ/B- we appreciate your support!! And thank you to Cathy Kuchinsky for organizing this fundraiser. If you haven't returned your Feedback form, see the YM bulletin board - we are already looking for suggestions for next year's sale. And thanks to everyone who cooked/baked and voted - and congratulations to the 2005 winners: Chili - Mayers; Cornbread:- Inge Harman; Chocolate - Michelle Backus! Finally - we had 19 baskets (wow!) up for auction this year. For me, one of the highlights of this was seeing how many CTS 'degrees of connection' many of us have - some of us found ourselves contributing to 3 or 4 baskets! Thank you to everyone who contributed, who bid, and who bought! We'll see you all in February for the Pancake Supper!

**Tithe Fund:** Whenever we hold a YM fundraiser, we tithe from the proceeds. The *Footnotes* deadline came before our decision as to what to do with the money, but watch this space next month for an update!

### **January Activities**

#### **Senior High Koinonia / Agape Supper**

**Tues, Jan 10, 6:30 - 9:00 PM / H-K**

Open to all 10th-12th grade youth. Bring a can of soup (any flavor - just not one with a cream base) for the pot and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship with other Senior High youth.

#### **Film Night**

**Fri, Jan 13, 7:00 PM / H-K**

Many of the older youth have asked if we can view/talk about "Crash," so let's plan to do that this evening. Parents - this film is rated "R" for language, sexual content and some violence; please visit [www.crashfilm.com](http://www.crashfilm.com) for information about the film.

#### **Confirmation Koinonia**

**Tues, Jan 17, 6:30 - 8:30 PM / H-K**

All Confirmands are invited to an evening of food (pizza), fellowship and fun as we explore our faith together.

#### **Gaithersburg Help**

**Thurs, Jan 19, 4:30 - 7:00 PM**

Volunteers for January are Melissa, Albert and (still need a volunteer).

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

**Sun, Jan 22, 1:00 - 3:00 PM / CTS**

Lunch provided by Cathy Kuchinsky and Joyce Backus. We'll be starting our Cruzando curriculum.

#### **Sheepdogs**

**Thurs, Jan 26, 8:00 - 9:30 PM / H-K**

Parents of youth in grades 7-12 are welcome as we share with and encourage each other in our ministry to our children. The topic for this evening is "Riding in Cars with Boys (and Girls); suggestions for future topics welcome.

#### **Confirmation Youth / Adult Mentor**

**Sun, Jan 29, 6:00 - 8:00 PM / CTS**

It's time to get together again! Each youth-adult pair should bring a board game and we'll spend an evening in a round-robin tournament.

### **Upcoming 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**

Come join fellow CTS youth as we enjoy an evening of food and fellowship in support of this annual event. Watch for details.

#### **Souper Bowl Sunday**

**Rehearsal: Sat, Feb 11; Sun, Feb 12**

Yes, I know it's a week late, but we'll be at the YM Extravaganza Feb 6th.

#### **Community-Based Overflow Shelter Dinner**

**Sun, Feb 12**

#### **Film Night**

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

Suggestions???

#### **Gaithersburg Help**

**Thurs, Feb 23 and Tues, Mar 21**

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

**Sun, Feb 19; Sun, Mar 26; Sun, Apr 30**

#### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

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

#### **Shekinah 2005**

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

Metro DC Synod's annual Youth Ministry event for 7th and 8th graders - save the dates!

#### **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 [bharnet@comcast.net](mailto:bharnet@comcast.net).

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

# Servants' Lists for January 2006

**January 1, 2006**

**Name of Jesus**

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

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

Acolytes .....Tom Lipe, Polly Bergtold  
Altar Preparation ..... Tom Lipe  
Communion Assts ..... Dave Larrabee, Connie Graf  
Communion Bread ..... The Mayers  
Lector ..... Inge Harman  
Prayer Leader ..... Pat Andersen  
Usher ..... Steve Garvey  
Greeter ..... Lucy Vela  
Flowers given today by ..... Open

**January 6, 2006**

**Epiphany of Our Lord**

Celebrant.....The Rev. Clinton Kersey

Preacher.....The Rev. Peter Bastien

**7:30 p.m. High Mass**

Acolytes ..... Albert Ticona, Roger Rasnake  
Maggie Rasnake  
Altar Preparation ..... Sandy D'Angelo  
Communion Assts .. Barbara Harner, Dave Larrabee  
Communion Bread ..... The Mayers  
Lector ..... Bob Andersen  
Prayer Leader ..... Pat Andersen  
Usher ..... TBD

**January 8, 2006**

**Baptism of Our Lord**

Celebrant/Preacher.....The Rev. Clinton Kersey

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

Acolytes ..... Wilma Garvey, Steve Garvey  
Altar Preparation ..... Wilma Garvey  
Communion Assts ..... Joyce Backus, TBD  
Communion Bread ..... Connie Graf  
Prayer Leader ..... Frank Foge  
Lector ..... Nathan Meyer  
Usher ..... Vernon Toelle  
Greeter ..... Joyce Backus

**11:00 a.m. High Mass**

Acolytes ..... Tom Eastlack, Dave Larrabee, TBD  
Altar Preparation ..... Beth Lashof  
Communion Assts .. Roger Rasnake, Barbara Harner  
Communion Bread ..... Inge Harman  
Lector ..... Roger Rasnake  
Prayer Leader ..... James Kabonge  
Usher ..... James Kabonge  
Greeter ..... Inge Harman  
Hospitality ..... Dave Gearing  
Flowers given today by ..... Open

**January 15, 2006**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

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

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

Acolyte ..... Melissa Foge  
Lector ..... Ernie Graf  
Usher ..... Steve Garvey  
Greeter ..... Dorothy Scott-Thomas

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

Acolytes ..... Joanne Eater, TBD  
Altar Preparation ..... Pat Andersen  
Communion Assts ..... Mike Mayer, Paul Bender  
Communion Bread ..... The Lipes  
Lector ..... Kathy Kersey  
Prayer Leader ..... Tony Kerlavage  
Usher ..... Chuck Eater  
Greeter ..... Joann Eastlack  
Hospitality ..... Joyce Backus  
Flowers given today by ..... Open

**January 18, 2006**

**Confession Peter**

**(Beginning of the Week of**

**Prayer for Christian Unity)**

Celebrant/Preacher.....The Rev. Clinton Kersey

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

Altar Preparation ..... TBD  
Communion Asst ..... Pat Andersen  
Lector ..... Pat Andersen  
Prayer Leader ..... TBD

**January 22, 2006**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany,**

**(Reconciliation in Christ Sunday)**

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

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

Acolyte ..... TBD  
Lector ..... Dan Caggiano  
Usher ..... Doreen Foge  
Greeter ..... Barbara Holzapfel

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

Acolytes ..... Mike Mayer, Paul Mayer  
Altar Preparation ..... Sandy D'Angelo  
Communion Assts ..... Chuck Eater, Dave Larrabee  
Communion Bread ..... The Eastlacks  
Lector ..... Dave Larrabee  
Prayer Leader ..... Barbara Harner  
Usher ..... Arlene Alfano  
Greeter ..... Kathy Kersey  
Hospitality ..... Dave Larrabee  
Flowers given today by ..... Eater

**January 25, 2006**

**Conversion of Paul**

**(End of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)**

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

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

Altar Preparation ..... TBD  
Communion Asst ..... Barbara Harner  
Lector ..... Dave Larrabee  
Prayer Leader ..... Barbara Harner

**January 29, 2006**

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

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

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

Acolyte ..... Frank Foge  
Lector ..... Vernon Toelle  
Usher ..... Vernon Toelle  
Greeter ..... TBD

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

Acolytes ..... Grace Kabemba, Dobie Eliot  
Altar Preparation ..... Joanne Eater  
Communion Assts ..... Paul Bender, TBD  
Communion Bread ..... The Eaters  
Lector ..... Bob Andersen  
Prayer Leader ..... Roger Rasnake  
Usher ..... Dave Larrabee  
Greeter ..... TBD  
Hospitality ..... Mary Ann Jasper  
Flowers given today by ..... Harner/Kerlavage

*Launder Altar Linens in January ... Joann Eastlack*