



FOOTNOTES

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Dear Friends,
When we say “Happy New Year,” what are we wishing for?

Research suggests that some people have a predisposition toward happiness, whether due to genes or early socialization (parent alert!), and that while sustainable income also contributes, in the United States increments above \$75,000 a year do not yield equivalent increments in happiness.

CNN asked five faith leaders “What makes people happy?” They answered “that happiness comes from meaning and purpose in life. It’s in your heart and soul and can come from helping others” (<http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2010/05/20/what-makes-people-happy/>). Two Christians said believing in Jesus leads to happiness. The other three respondents said: engaging relationships, good works, connection to loved ones and to humanity; to make other people happy; the fullest utilization of your talent, and knowing when you had made someone’s life better.

Aristotle suggested that the goal of life is happiness or well-being. The Greek word often translated as happiness is *eudaimonia*, literally *eu* = good + *daimon* = demon. The prefix *eu* is familiar in *eu*-logy (*eu*-logos), to speak good words and *eu*-thanasia (*eu*-thanatos), to have a good death. The Greek word *daimon* can be translated spirit, whether good or evil. We think of evil spirits when we use the word demon. But, in its Greek origin, it means a *deity*, *divinity*, or *spirit* that can be either good or evil.

Since we use the word happiness in such trivial (the movie made me feel happy) as well as deep ways, other words that might express it are “an active and ongoing sense of well-being” – recognizing that there are counter-moments when things are not going so well. A happy life is life in which a person is filled with a good spirit because they are actively actualizing their potential as an individual and as a member of a community, which includes relating to and helping others.

Being at CTS makes me happy. My wish for you is that being at CTS will contribute to your well-being in the New Year, as we actively sing, pray and contribute to the well-being of one another, as well as those who are not part of our gathered and worshipping community.

Pastor Hoehn

P.S. To learn more, read Thomas Nagel, “Who Is Happy and When?” and his review of Sisela Bok, *Exploring Happiness: From Aristotle to Brain Science*, and Derek Bok, *The Politics of Happiness: What Government Can Learn from the New Research on Well-Being*, in “The New York Review of Books,” Dec. 23, 2010, pp. 46-48. Or, read their books.



January Prayer Concerns

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Jean Bonald
Hazel Britton
Stanley Britton
Donna Clagett
Bob Clinger
Margaret Condon
Judy Dodge
Mary Fitzwater
Sam Gates
Dave Gearing
Dorothy Gerald
Ted Halverson
Denyce Hansch
Nancy Lang
Tim Larkin
David Lashof
Barbara Lashof
Margaret Lipe
Thomas Lipe
Lauren Sue Masoero
Pastor John Muller
Althea Nottingham
Joyce Pacheli
Ron Pacheli
Bob Petersen
Ingse Petersen
Lorna Pool
Annie Pressley
Jane Rhine
Nida Saavedra
Jane Schoch
John Springer
Nancy Springer
Alicia Tubman
Orlanda Vela
Betty Wilson
Mike
Caroline
Lezlie



December 2011 Council Meeting Summary

Financial Secretary's Report –Ernie Graf

Offering envelopes are now in the narthex for pickup. Income for November 2011 was \$467 over budget. 59 pledges have been received for a total of \$169,000.

Treasurer's Report – Chuck Eater

The year-to-date surplus is \$47,678 and we are expecting to end the year with a surplus of ~ \$50,000. Part of the surplus will go towards paying for the new shed.

2012 Budget - The draft 2012 budget was presented by Chuck Eater. Ron Backus moved and Joann Eastlack seconded a motion to approve the budget. The motion was approved.

Shed - The new shed will be delivered on December 17.

New Members - We will be receiving nine new members on December 11, at the late service: Benjamin Carr, John Dirks, the Evans family (Donald, Melissa and Jessie), and the Keller family (Esther, Marvina, Jerry and Beatrice).

Council meetings date change - Council meetings have been changed back to the 2nd Monday of the month at 8 p.m. beginning January 9, 2012.

January Adult Forum

All are welcome to join these discussions at 9:50 am in the Parlor. No session on January 1.

January 8: Tony Kerlavage will continue the discussion on the ELCA statement, "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility"

<http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Social-Statements/Genetics.aspx>



January 15: Russ Testa, Animator: Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation, Holy Name Province of the Franciscans – St. Francis: What does an 800 year old dead guy have to say to us now?

January 22: Phil Anderson, ELCA clergy, Representative of the Lutheran World Federation in the region from 1985-1990 and from 2008-2010. He served as the World Council of Churches representative in Guatemala negotiating the mass repatriation of Guatemalan refugees from Mexico and contributed to the peace process enabling dialogue between the government and insurgents. – Central America: From the Internal Armed Conflicts of the 1980's to the Drug War of Today.

January 29: Pastor Hoehn – The MDGs: Hunger and Poverty. Speakers and topics we're working on for February: microcredit, the ELCA Washington Office, Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, Lutheran World Relief, and more on the Millennium Development Goals.

Middle East Working Group

If you are interested in learning more about, or getting on the mailing list of, the Middle East Working Group of the ELCA, contact Paul Verduin, phverduin@gmail.com or call him at 301-518-5551.

Readings for January

January 1

1st Sunday of Christmas

Name of Jesus

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalms 8

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:15-21

January 6

Epiphany of our Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14 (11)

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

January 9

Baptism of our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29 (3)

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

January 15

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

January 18

Confession of Peter

Acts 4:8-13

Psalms 18:1-6, 16-19

1 Corinthians 10:1-5

Matthew 16:13-19

January 22

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

January 25

Conversion of Paul

Acts 9:1-22

Psalms 67

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 21:10-19

January 29

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 111 (10)

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

Christ the Servant Serving Those in Need

McKenna's Wagon

On Saturday, **December 31, 2011**, we will once again feed the homeless in Washington, D.C. through McKenna's Wagon. We will meet at Christ the Servant at 4:00 pm and carpool to Martha's Table at 2114 14th Street, NW where we will pick up a van loaded with soup, sandwiches, pastries and juice. From there, we will first drive to 19th and Pennsylvania Avenue across from the World Bank and then to McPherson Square near the White House where we will feed those in need. We need 5-6 volunteers for this event and we hope you can join us. This is an experience you will not soon forget and an awesome way to end the old year and start the new year.

The Lamb Center

As part of the Christ the Servant youth's 30 hour fast on February 3-5, 2012, the Lamb Center is pleased to welcome our youth on the morning of Saturday, February 4th. I know our guests, volunteers and staff will appreciate their servant's hearts and I pray this will be a transforming event for our youth.

February Homeless Shelter Week

Please mark February 5-11, 2012 on your calendar for the Community Based Homeless Shelter on Wilkins Ave in Rockville. During this important week of service, CTS is responsible for providing food for the shelter residents.

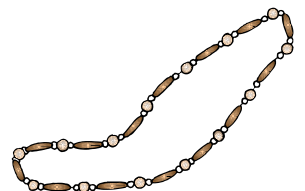
This includes breakfast supplies, pre-packed lunch bags, and a cooked, served dinner. In late December, signup sheets will be on the board in the hallway, and we will need your help. Each meal is for about 35 women. For dinner, it's usually a good idea for two or more individuals to work together on the cooking and serving.

I am grateful to all those who have signed up in years past and I encourage those who have not volunteered before to consider signing up this year with a veteran. I am certain you will find this to be a rewarding experience that you will look forward to repeating. The women, who have been through some difficult struggles, and staff at the shelter, are always extremely appreciative of our efforts.

If you have questions, please feel free to call me (Dave Larrabee) at 703-963-7496 or email me at larrabeev@comcast.net. 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, in the weekly communiqués and in the February Footnotes.

WOW!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Woman of Worth program in Uganda by shopping at the holiday fair trade sale in December. We raised \$510 at CTS, and, an additional \$223 at the Gaithersburg East Curves, for a total of \$733! Your purchases will help enrich the lives of woman and their families economically, socially and spiritually.



Happy January Birthdays

Lucy Vela	1/1
Hunter Tjugum	1/5
Marcy Kabemba	1/7
Anne Lipe	1/10
Linda Backus	1/10
Matthew Alfano	1/10
Joyce Backus	1/11
Frank Ndumbalo	1/14
Joanne Eater	1/20
Frank Foge	1/21
Ingse Petersen	1/23
Kara Cochran	1/24
Erica Adams	1/26
Halley Fehner	1/27
Tony Kerlavage	1/30



CTS Trivia – we have no wedding anniversaries in January

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Montgomery Village, MD

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Forest Oaks Film Buffs

Presents

Pray the Devil Back to Hell (2008)

Directed by: Gini Reticker

When: **Sunday, Jan 15, 5:30 p.m.**

Where: **CTS Parlor**



A documentary telling the story of thousands of Liberian women—Christian and Muslim—who used nonviolent protests to help end the bloody civil war in 2003 that killed over 200,000.

Two of the subjects of this film—Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, and Leymah Gbowee—shared the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize for the non-violent, peace-building work profiled in this film.

Summer Camp Information

It's not too soon to start thinking about spending a week at one of our local Lutheran camps! Both Mar-Lu-Ridge, Jefferson, MD, and Caroline Furnace, Fort Valley, VA are busy preparing for another great summer, offering camping opportunities for ages 6-17 and well as Adult Camp and Family Camp.

Open to people of all faiths, summer camp offers an experience of Christian community that changes lives, makes disciples, builds friendships, and encourages care of God's creation.

Mar-Lu-Ridge will host an Open House on March 25, April 29, May 13, and June 10, from 2-4 pm, offering visitors an opportunity for tours and a chance to meet the staff. Brochures are available in the narthex and all paperwork is available on line www.mar-lu-ridge.org. Registration opens January 1, there is a \$35 discount for registrations received prior to February 17, and full and partial campships are available for those in need. Information for Caroline Furnace can be found online at www.carolinefurnace.org; registration there opens January 12, 2012.



Other nearby Lutheran camp options in Pennsylvania (Nawakwa and Kirchenwald) can be found at www.lutherancamping.org.

Gifts In a Jar

Thank you to all who bought soup and cookie mixes and thus supported the Youth Group. This year we made 140 items for orders plus a few extras for a total of 153 items, resulting in a profit of over \$700. There will be new recipes next year as a few of the current recipes will be retired. Thank you too to the youths and parents who spent Saturday morning putting the jars & bags together. As always, everyone's support is greatly appreciated.
Valerie Mayer



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Faith Talk: Confirmation at Home: This Spring we will be studying The Ten Commandments. Let's begin with the First and Second Commandments: *I. You shall have no other gods; II. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.* Here are some conversation starters - 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?

Prayer: At Chrysalis in December, there was a Prayer Room set up with 16 different stations, each inviting us to pray and engage in a different prayer practice. You may have seen the wreath with the blue ribbons next to and the paper prayer chain on the Youth bulletin board. We brought these back from the event to share and to invite you to join us in prayer. Over the next few months, we will continue to learn about and engage in different prayer and devotional practices.

December Fundraiser Report: Thank you for your support of our three December fundraisers – GIAJ netted about \$715, the Chili, Cornbread and Chocolate (C3) totals were \$305 and the YMBA brought in \$766.50! Winners of C3 - Chili: James Alfano; Cornbread: Fehner family; Chocolate: Hope Walker! Ten percent off of the top will go into our Tithing Fund; proceeds from the rest will go into our YM Gathering Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated (food, baskets and by voting), ate, bid, and bought! We'll be back to feed you again in February at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!

January Activities and Events

In addition to Christian Education every Sunday at 9:50 AM

Youth Koinonia

Wed, Jan 4; 6:30 - 8:30 PM / H-K

Come and join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun – with a little faith work thrown in. We'll start with dinner and go from there.

cwts Meeting

Sun, Jan 8; 12:45 – 3:30 PM / CTS

We'll start with lunch - and then move into the prep materials for the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering! Assignment for this meeting: Complete your Individual Covenant (if you hadn't done so for December). Journal questions: As a result of your Gathering experience, how do you desire to become different and how do you desire to make a difference? Don't forget to bring your journals to the meeting!

Sheepdogs

Tue, Jan 10; 8:00 – 9:30 PM / CTS

Parents of youth in grades 7-12 are welcome as we share with and encourage each other in our ministry to our children. Topic: Dating

Mentor – Youth Afternoon

Sun, Jan 22; 12:45 – 3 / CTS

Confirmation youth and adult mentors will spend an afternoon getting acquainted / re-acquainted! We'll start with lunch and then move on to some get-to-know-you activities!

Gaithersburg Help

Wed, Jan 25; 5:00 – 6:30

Let Inge know if you can help at the pantry this evening!

Upcoming Activities

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

30-Hour Fast / Lamb Center

Fri, Feb 3; 6:00 PM - Sat, Feb 4; 6:00 PM

This is the sixth time we will participate in this hunger awareness program where we will go without food for 30 hours to get a taste of true hunger. We will gather on Fri evening at CTS, spend Saturday morning in service to others at the Lamb Center and Saturday afternoon rehearsing for Souper Bowl Sunday, and we'll break our fast together that evening.

Souper Bowl Sunday / Shelter Dinner

Sun, Feb 5 / CTS

We will start the day offering music during the 11:00 worship service and collecting cans of soup and donations for Gaithersburg Help at both services. In the afternoon, we will leave from CTS about 5:00 to travel to Rockville where we will share a meal with the residents.

Extravaganza (ELCA Youth Ministry Network conference)

Tue, Feb 7 – Sun, Feb 12 / New Orleans, LA

Barbara and Tony will be attending this annual national conference for adults working / volunteering in YM in the ELCA.

cwts Meeting

Sun, Feb 19; 12:45 – 3:30 PM / CTS

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tue, Feb 21 / CTS

Thanksgiving in February

Tue, Feb 28 / TBD

CTS youth and families will enjoy an evening of food and fellowship in support of this annual event. Watch your email / listen to announcements for details of place and time!

cwts Meeting

Sun, Mar 11; 12:45 – 3:30 PM / CTS

Shekinah: Metro DC Synod retreat for Confirmation youth.

Fri, Mar 16 - Sun, Mar 18 / Front Royal, VA

Watch for registration forms in January!

cwts Meeting

Sun, Apr 1; 12:45 – 3:30 PM / CTS

Spring Confirmation Retreat – Session 1

Sun, Apr 15; 12:45 – 3:30 PM / CTS

All confirmands and their parents are invited / expected as we review details of the retreat and cover the first session's material in preparation for the retreat.

Spring Confirmation Retreat: The Ten Commandments

Fri, Apr 20 - Sun, Apr 22 / Mar-Lu-Ridge

cwts Meeting

Sun, May 20; 12:45 – 3:30 PM / CTS

Pentecost / Affirmation of Baptism

Sun, May 27; 9:30 AM / CTS

