



FOOTNOTES

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**The Reverend
Peter Bastien,
Pastor**



Dear Friends in Christ,

The poet, Edna St. Vincent Millay, once wittily said, "Life must go on; I forget just why." I sometimes fear that she may have put her finger on the fundamental malaise of our time. Life does go on, but we no longer know why. Martin Luther said that we humans live by faith alone, so what happens to us, morally and spiritually, if we lose our capacity for faith?

This, in my opinion, is what religion is for. Most people seem to think that religion is about propositions about the existence or non-existence of this or that deity, but I agree with Henry David Thoreau that it is really about a more fundamental question: what is the meaning of my life? Deities, and propositions about deities, are spiritual and poetic answers to that fundamental question. When religion degenerates (as it always seems to do), the deities are about the deities and the propositions become absolutized so that they are no longer about the real question—and the word for that is idolatry.

Religions, in other words, are best when they are catalysts, helping people to find a way of being in the world that is rich, healthy; empowering us for authentic living. Religion is at its worst when it becomes an escape mechanism from life or when it finds it necessary to demonize people who answer spiritual questions differently.

Anyway, what I'm hoping you will notice is that Edna St. Vincent Millay is right. She has put her finger on the real crisis of our age. People live on, but they have no idea why. This aimlessness and lostness makes all our other problems so much worse—it compounds them. We cannot deal with specific social, economic, or moral questions if we have no general idea of what life is for and what we should be doing with it. Society becomes like sharks in a feeding frenzy, everyone just mindlessly grabbing for themselves with no thought for the morrow.

I am a Christian and a Lutheran pastor solely for the purpose of helping people have an idea of why life should go on, what we can do with our lives. Religion is like money—it is an instrument for

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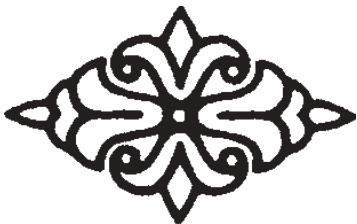


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living. Money becomes the root of all evil if we love it for itself. Religion, too. This is why, at CTS, we try to keep our theological lenses focused on the purposes for which churches need to be. We're trying to keep means and ends clearly in mind. We're trying to be a community of love for a world that increasingly says: Life goes on, but we don't know why. We're trying to help people find a workable "why" for their lives.

Have a great summer!
—Pastor Bastien



COMING SOON TO CHRIST THE SERVANT!

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Reflecting awareness of and attention to the differences that shape and enrich our worshipping assemblies in various contexts, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)* is becoming the new primary resource of the ELCA (and ELCIC). Borrowing from resources like *Libro de Liturgia y Cántico* and *This Far By Faith, Evangelical Lutheran Worship* seeks to reflect a cultural

diversity that reflects congregational life across the church.

Differences within particular communities of faith—cultural, ethnic, generational, economic, and theological—contribute to the diversity of worship practices. Differences from place to place bring even more riches to our church. The content of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* was developed collaboratively with the participation of people and congregations across North America. It draws on the various perspectives, experiences, and pieties that reflect the breadth of the church today.

The variety of hymns, songs, and liturgical settings will engage communities of faith in every corner of the church, contributing to a deeper sense of connection. Offering great flexibility for planning, this worship book enables assemblies in a wide variety of contexts to gather around the means of grace using a richly diverse yet common repertoire of prayer and song.

As voted on at the May Annual Congregational Meeting, CTS has ordered 115 pew editions of this core worship resource and it is my intention and that of the CTS Council that we will begin using it in our worship by Advent of this year. By ordering the pew editions before October 2, 2006, each book costs \$17.50, a savings of \$3.50 per book. Look for a display in the parlor for more information on this new worship resource.

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Sunday Readings

**July 2—Fourth Sunday
After Pentecost (Proper 8)**
Lamentations 3:22-33 or
Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15;
2:23-24
Psalm 30
*I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me
up.* (Ps. 30:1)
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

**July 9—Fifth Sunday After
Pentecost (Proper 9)**
Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
*Our eyes look to you, O God,
until you show us your mercy.*
(Ps. 123:3)
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

**July 16—Sixth Sunday
After Pentecost (Proper 10)**
Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
*I will listen to what the LORD
God is saying.* (Ps. 85:8)
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

**July 23—Seventh Sunday
After Pentecost (Proper 11)**
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
*The LORD is my shepherd; I
shall not be in want.* (Ps.
23:1)
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**July 30—Eighth Sunday
After Pentecost (Proper 12)**
2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-19 (Psalm
145:10-18 NRSV)
You open wide your hand and
satisfy the needs of every
living creature. (Ps. 145:17)
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

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Council Meeting Summary

June 5, 2006

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Council



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

- ◆ Financial—Beth Lashof submitted a written report that income for May was about \$1,000 under a monthly average for the year. Chuck Eater reported that expenses are pretty much in line with budgeted amounts with a year-to-date positive balance of \$1,446.
- ◆ Election of officers—For the coming year, the Council elected:
 - ◆ President—**Patricia Andersen**
 - ◆ Vice-President—**Michael Mayer**
 - ◆ Secretary—**Joyce Backus**

Respectfully submitted,
—Joyce Backus, CTS Council Secretary

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Until the end of 2006, we will be taking special offerings to help defray the “over budget” cost to the church for this purchase. We are asking each family to contribute to the purchase of one or two of the new hymnal/service books. But any amount you can offer to help with this purchase is welcomed.

You may designate your gift to be given “in memory of” or “in honor of” a person or event. Bookplates will be placed in the books with the appropriate inscription. Look for special offering envelopes on the usher’s table that you can use for your contribution.

Individuals who wish to purchase a pew edition of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship for personal use may do so at the introductory price of \$17.50 until October 2, 2006. You can order on-line directly from Augsburg Fortress (<http://www.augsburgfortress.org>) or fill in an order form and mail it to Augsburg Fortress. Order forms are available in the church office or on-line. Imprinting on the front cover is also available for individual orders.

In worship we receive God’s grace, freely given to us in Christ. In worship we respond with praise and thanksgiving to that freely given gift. As you prepare to support our church’s worship life through the gift of new worship resources, I invite you to respond with a grateful heart.

God be with you as you pray and meditate on the commitment you will make. Be bold!

—Pastor Bastien



Evangelical Lutheran
Worship

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**August 6—Ninth Sunday
After Pentecost (Proper 13)**

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalms 78:23-29

*The LORD rained down
manna upon them to eat.* (Ps.
78:24)

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

**August 13—Tenth Sunday
After Pentecost (Proper 14)**

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalms 34:1-8

*Taste and see that the LORD
is good.* (Ps. 34:8)

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

**August 20—Eleventh
Sunday After Pentecost
(Proper 15)**

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalms 34:9-14

*Those who seek the LORD
lack nothing that is good.* (Ps.
34:10)

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

**August 27—Twelfth Sunday
After Pentecost (Proper 16)**

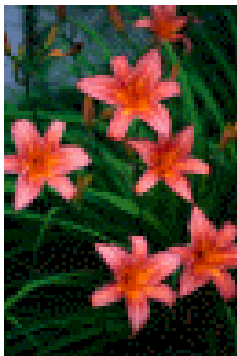
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalms 34:15-22

*The eyes of the LORD are
upon the righteous.* (Ps.
34:15)

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69



Stewardship for All

Hi, my name is Steve and I am responsible for the Stewardship program at Christ the Servant for this coming year. These past few years have been marked by stewardship successes under the leadership of Carol Kohl (with the aid of penguins, of all things) and Mike Mayer, master of the Power Point presentation. Now it is my turn and I too am striving for success.



As you probably know, I recently attended the Synod Assembly in Roanoke, VA as a CTS voting member. Stewardship in several forms was addressed at the assembly. Bishop Schneider reported that 2005 had been a very good year and that income exceeded the planned level. The Synod sent 55% of its income to the ELCA to support the mission and programs of the larger church. The assembly approved a resolution that challenges all congregations to aim for a benevolence contribution of 10% of their income. Lastly, the committee charged with studying and revising the way the Synod addresses compensation for pastors and other rostered leaders presented its report to the assembly who approved the new process with thanks and gratitude for a job well done. The newly approved compensation recommendations will be used later this year when the Stewardship Committee and the Council begin work on the 2007 budget.

And so, I got an early indoctrination into my stewardship ministry area. Since returning from Roanoke I have begun researching the subject looking for that magic phrase or slogan that would make this job a snap. I have come across saying such as stewardship is not about money. But, we know that it is. But I hope that we also know that stewardship is more than money and more than time and talent. Every Sunday after we present our gifts at the offering we say one of two prayers, "Merciful Father, we offer with joy..." or "Blessed are you, O Lord our God..." Most of us probably can recite these prayers by heart and they are part of the worship ritual. It should not be that easy. So, next Sunday, during the presentation of gifts part of the service please take time to really consider what these prayers mean not just on Sunday but on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday as well.

Yes, I am responsible for the stewardship program. You, all of you, are responsible for stewardship.

—Steve Garvey



The Happiest of Birthdays to:

Robin Peterson 7/3
 Thue Petersen 7/3
 Hope Walker 7/4
 Marilyn Shaw 7/5
 Cathy Kuchinsky 7/7
 Shirley Umali 7/8
 Will Severynse 7/8
 Vivion Diggs 7/10
 James Alfano 7/14
 Kwan Koehler 7/17
 David Lashof 7/17
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 Jonathon Clagett 7/22
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 Andrew McMichael ... 7/26
 Bob Adams 7/29
 Cinthya Hammer 7/30
 Connie Pawela 8/1
 Albert Ticona 8/1
 Michael Kellinger 8/3
 Dora Ticona 8/4
 Carol Kohl 8/6
 Jeff Schulte 8/7
 Alberto Ticona 8/7
 Jericho Martin 8/7
 Ryan Kellinger 8/9
 Ramona Lessen 8/11
 Pam Shewmaker 8/11
 Melanie McMichael ... 8/15
 Juanita Bropleh 8/15
 Pat Andersen 8/16
 Dave Gearing 8/20
 Melissa Foge 8/27
 Dick Petzold 8/28
 David Hayden 8/29

Happy Anniversary to:

Tony Kerlavage & Barbara Harner 7/3
 Rick & Shirley Umali 7/16
 Steve & Michele Bower 7/17
 Tom & Joann Eastlack 8/1
 Chuck & Joanne Eater 8/3
 Bob & Pam Shewmaker 8/7
 Ron & Joyce Backus 8/13
 Matthew & Arlene Alfano 8/15
 Bernard & Juanita Bropleh 8/18
 Mike & Valerie Mayer 8/19
 Bruce Johnson & Annette Harah... 8/29
 Thue & Ingse Petersen 8/31

Other Readings

July 22—St. Mary Magdalene

Ruth 1:6-18 or Exodus 2:1-10
 Psalm 73:23-29 (Psalm 73:23-28 NRSV)
I will speak of all your works in the gates of the city of Zion. (Ps. 73:29)
 Acts 13:26-33a
 John 20:1-2, 11-18

July 25—St. James the Elder, Apostle

1 Kings 19:9-18
 Psalm 7:1-11 (Psalm 7:1-10 NRSV)
God is my shield and defense. (Ps. 7:11)
 Acts 11:27—12:3a
 Mark 10:35-45

August 15—Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Isaiah 61:7-11
 Psalm 45:11-16 (Psalm 45:10-15 NRSV)

I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another. (Ps. 45:18)
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 1:46-55

August 24—St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Exodus 19:1-6
 Psalm 12
The words of the LORD are pure. (Ps. 12:6)
 1 Corinthians 12:27-31a
 John 1:43-51



CTS Church Directory

A new CTS Church Directory will be published in mid-September. If anyone has any additions, deletions, or other corrections to make to their name, home address, home or cell telephone number(s) or e-mail address(es), please contact Wilma Garvey. We like to include our college students in the directory, so please add/update their college addresses too.

—Wilma Garvey

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Footnotes is issued eleven times a year by Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, an ELCA congregation in the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod. Articles of interest to the congregation are solicited from members of the CTS community and are due to the editor by the third Sunday of each month. Articles for the July/August issue are due by the third Sunday of June.

Gaithersburg HELP's Current Panty Needs

- 16 oz. canned fruits (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail)
- Cereal
- 1 and 2 lb. bags of rice
- Boxed rice
- Instant potatoes
- Spaghetti sauce with meat
- 18 oz. peanut butter
- Jelly

—Joanne Eater

No boxed macaroni and cheese yet.



Help Wanted

HELP has a serious problem that will affect its ability to keep the pantry open five days a week for needy Gaithersburg residents. HELP does not have enough volunteers to staff the Food Coordinator position each weekday. The Food Coordinator handles the food client calls during the day and schedules them for pantry pick ups or deliveries. The position requires working from home one weekday a month, returning client phone calls and entering client records on HELP's laptop computer. For more information, please contact Joanne Eater.

If you are available during the day, please consider training to be a Food Coordinator. You'll need to make a minimum of a one year commitment due to the training effort.

On days that there is no Food Coordinator to schedule our clients, often they end up closing the Pantry even when Pantry Volunteer are scheduled, so this is truly a critical position. HELP has lost several food coordinators to moves or job changes and desperately need to fill those spots.

On a separate issue, one of our member congregations, Epworth United Methodist, is recruiting a paid Administrative Secretary. Here is the info if you or someone you know may be interested in the position. Please direct any questions to the contact below.



Job Announcement

Epworth United Methodist Church friends who are interested in a full time (40 hours per week) Administrative Secretary position in our church office are encouraged to send a resume to Deanna Duff at 19905 Collingdale Place, Montgomery Village, MD 20886, or at: deannajo@comcast.net. (The Staff Parish Relations Committee will consider a combination of two or three part time positions instead of one full time position). The position will require a highly organized person who has a strong desire to assist our pastor(s) and reduce pastoral administrative duties to enable them to better serve our congregation. Computer skills and proficiency in Word Perfect, Microsoft Word and Excel spreadsheets are necessary. The phone number at Epworth is 301-926-0424.



Faith Talk: Confirmation at Home: Here are some Caring Conversation starters for the summer to help you reconnect as family: What do you like most about summer? What are some of your favorite memories of summers past? What would a perfect summer day be like for you? What impresses you most about God's creation in the summer?

De-Rally Sunday: Thank you to everyone who helped with this service - musicians, singers, servants - you did a great job! See you all again in September for the Rally Day Service on September 10.

Confirmation Koinonia, Senior High Koinonia, and Sheepdog meetings and **Gaithersburg Help** are suspended until the fall.

July & August Activities

Cross-Eyed Sheep

Sun, Jul 2

Two things today - First, during the worship service we will have a Blessing of the Gathering Participants. The new CTS t-shirts will be here - we'll wear those for the service, so come prepared to change beforehand. Second, right after the service, we'll have our final prep meeting and we have a lot to do! We'll go over final details for travel, packing lists, answer any last-minute questions, and construct our banner....plus whatever else we need to do!

2006 ELCA Youth Gathering - *Cruzando: Journey with Jesus*

Tues, Jul 4 - Sun, July 9

And we're off! Seems like just yesterday we were starting this journey - and we're finally getting on the plane! We leave bright and early (8:40 AM) Tues morning from BWI. You can follow our journey through the CTS website - www.cts-lutheran.org - (click on 'Youth and Family Ministry' and then 'Cross-eyed Sheep Blogsite') or go directly to the blog at crosseyedsheep.blogspot.com. You can view photos and read daily postings about what we're doing and you'll be able to send comments to us via the site. Be sure to log on and 'journey with us!' If you'd like more information or would like to experience more of the Gathering up close and personal, log onto the Gathering website directly - www.elca.org/gathering. From the homepage, you can click on 'Video' and join us in the evenings (Wed-Sat) at 8:30 PM for the Mass Gatherings and mornings (Thurs-Sat) at 11:30 AM for Bible Study. Closing Eucharist will be Sunday morning at 10:30 AM. (Note: Times provided here are local for Maryland). We return Sunday evening, landing at BWI at 11:35 PM.

Chi Rho 2006

July 23-29

Metro DC Synod's annual work camp for Sr. High youth, returning this year to Neon, Kentucky. Michelle Backus and Barbara Harner will be joining the work crew this year! Please keep this servant event and its participants in your prayers this week.

CTS Youth Ministry First Annual Summer Reunion

Sun, July 30; Noon

Tony and I have been doing Youth Ministry at CTS for 12 years now and we'd like to invite our former youth to the Harner-Kerlavage home for a reunion picnic. We'd love to catch up with you and reconnect with each other. We'll provide the food and drink - you just need to RSVP so we have enough (and not too much!) - call 301-963-6236 or email bharner@comcast.net. Spouses / partners / significant others and children welcome! Hope to see you all there!

Upcoming Activities

Rally Day

Sunday, September 10; 11:00 AM

Watch this space in the September *Footnotes* and your email for details about rehearsal on Saturday, Sept 9.

Fall Confirmation Retreat

Fri, Oct 6 - Sun, Oct 8

This fall's retreat focuses on Worship and will be held at a new (for us) site - Camp Nawakwa, outside of Arendtsville, PA in Adams County. Nawakwa is part of the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania. So that we can focus on writing our new worship service during the retreat, we will be holding the prep sessions on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:30 PM on Sept 10, 17, 24 and Oct 1. Please put these dates aside on your calendar now!

Check your email 1-2 times per week for reminders and updates!

For information about current/future CTS Youth Ministry Activities, contact Barbara at (301) 963-6236 or by email at bharner@comcast.net.

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

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 AM Holy Communion 4th Sunday after Pentecost	3	4 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups Independence Day 6:30 CTS meets at G'burg Fairgrounds to watch fireworks	5 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	6	7	8
9 9:30 AM Holy Communion 5th Sunday after Pentecost	10 8:00 PM Parish Council	11 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	12 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	13	14	15
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23 9:30 AM Holy Communion 7th Sunday after Pentecost	24	25 11:30 AM – CTS Lunch Bunch 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups Saint James the Elder, Apostle	26 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	27	28	29 4:00 PM -6:30 PM McKenna's Wagon
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August 2006

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