

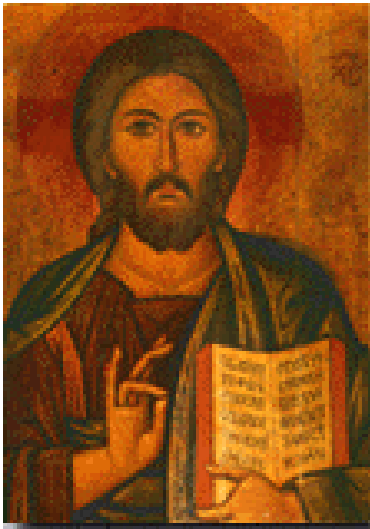


FOOTNOTES

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**The Reverend
Peter Bastien,
Pastor**



Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the great traditions of all ages is to think that one's age is the final age and that the world is coming to an end. The prophets often thought it, the many apocalypses in the New Testament expressed this conviction (in fact, scholars discuss how one of the great crises in the early church was "the delay of the Parousia,"—i.e., the end did not come as expected). Luther was sure that the end was imminent in his time. Remember the frenzy around the year 2000? People always seem to think that the end is near in their peculiar period of history.

I think they all may be correct. Life is always coming to endings, some of them pretty scary, and then starting again. Nothing is permanent, not the Roman Empire or the British Empire or even the hegemony of the world's greatest Super Power ever—us. Some are already predicting Asia and Southeast Asia (China and India) as the next locus of world empire.

Environmentally, we also may be facing such a watershed. It would not be the first time. There have been ice ages before, the shifting of the earth's tectonic plates, mass extinctions. And, also, intellectually and spiritually there have been great shifts that changed fundamentally the way people think and perceive the world. I think of Karl Jaspers's theory of the axial age.

As a pastor, I have come to suspect that we are riding on top of a huge tidal wave of change in world history—politically, environmentally, and spiritually. I see political and religious fundamentalism (so dominant right now) not as the wave of the future, but as a desperate, last ditch effort to stay in the old world, to refuse the new thing that is coming. I think such behavior is futile and dangerous. A lot of people are being hurt, even killed, by the ferocity of our fear of change. I think a better strategy is to ride the wave and to get creative. I would like us to ask ourselves: how can we embrace what is coming in ways that will enhance human life, make us better people, fulfill human promise?

Marcel Proust once wrote, "One must never be afraid of going too far, for truth lies always beyond." Thoreau ended his greatest book,

Prayer Concerns

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WALDEN, with this same thought. The unknown future is scary and everyone seems to have decided to be scared. Fundamentalists are not the only ones gearing up for apocalypse; have you seen those movies, read those books (Pat is reading Cormac McCarthy's THE ROAD, "Children of Men" was recently in the movies) about secular versions of an apocalyptic future? New ones come out every day. Chicken Little is in the ascendant right now.

In the face of all this (I hope you have noticed), I have been preaching about being a Church of Hope. I believe, with Proust and Thoreau, that more truth lies beyond where we are now. I believe that counsels of despair and fear can only become terrible self-fulfilling prophecies, but that we can do better. I believe in what I call Human Capacity (the traditional theological term is Imago Dei, the image of God in us). I believe that faith can save us. Hope can guide us. Love can fill us.

Christianity will not only survive all this, Christianity can lead us through all this, but only if we renew Christianity for our age as Luther did for his. I think it will require great courage and creativity from us. We will realize, for one thing, that the word "God" is too big a word for any human language and that our God is too small. We have reduced God to a supernatural deity tied to old mythologies that will no longer suffice. We will see the critics of religion as our best friends, calling us beyond all schemas that no longer work to new thoughts toward the fullness (which we will never reach) of God. It will all be Christian because we will hold onto our bedrock—Jesus of Nazareth as, not a concept of God, but as an encounter with God. In Jesus and his love, I experience the reality of God and this tests all my concepts, ideas, knowledge; this alone will lead me home. So when we go too far, beyond where humankind has ever dared to go before, what we will discover is that a Galilean carpenter got there long before us. God is always a "truth that lies beyond." We do not need to be afraid of that truth. We do need to fear our fear, we do need to fear those things that keep us locked in old thoughts and patterns—for the old work is ending. All we have to fear is fear itself (who said that?). Faith, hope, and love will cast out all fear and lead us safely to the Truth that lies beyond.

Yours in Christ,
—Pastor Bastien

Updated 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 email address(es), please contact Wilma Garvey (wugarvey@comcast.net). We like to include our college students in the directory, so please add/update their college addresses too.

—Wilma Garvey

Sunday Readings

July 1—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 13)

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 16 (8)
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

July 8—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 14)

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9 (4)
Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 15—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 15)

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10 (4)
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 22—Mary Magdalene, Apostle

Ruth 1:6-18 or Exodus 2:1-10
Psalm 73:23-28 (28)
Acts 13:26-33a
John 20:1-2, 11-18

July 29—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 17)

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138 (8)
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13

August 5—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 18)

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14;
2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12 (3)
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

August 12—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 19)

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22 (22)
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

About Worship

On Christian Worship: Reverence

“Eucharistic amazement” is expressed in reverence and in the dignity and care brought to every celebration of Holy Communion. These are attitudes that befit not only the pastor and other ministers, but all the baptized. Through Baptism and Confirmation, God has prepared his children to stand in his presence and offer him worship. “Christian,” says St. Leo the Great, “know your dignity.” (“Sermon I on the Birth of the Lord.”)

The first school of reverence is the home. Children can learn from their earliest years to make the sign of the cross slowly and deliberately and to treat holy things with respect. Adults can show by their example that the church is the house of God and that the Eucharist is the holiest of mysteries. In true reverence there is nothing constrained or artificial. Reverence is a joyful and gracious thing, akin to the wonder of one who finds herself face-to-face with great beauty, or heart-to-heart with a great love. To every word and gesture of the Liturgy give the imprint of reverence. “I bow down before your holy temple,” says the psalmist, “filled with awe” (Psalm 5:8).

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

Library Request

The annual inventory of your library has concluded. The books listed below are missing from the children’s bookshelves in the classroom.

Augsburg Fortress *Christmas: The Annual of Christmas Literature and Art, Vol. 59.*

Baden *Adam and His Family*

Bennett et al. *Holiday Ideas*

Bergey *The World God Made*

Brimax Rights Ltd. *Thank You God*

Costecalde *The Illustrated Family Bible*

Daly *Joseph and His Brothers*

dePaola *The Legend of the Poinsettia*

Evans *Teaching Your Child to Pray*

Fitzgerald *Dear God, Good Night*

Fitzgerald *Dear God, Thanks for Making Me*



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August 19—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 20)

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82 (8)
Hebrews 11:29—12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 26—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 21)

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8 (4)
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

Other Readings

July 3—Thomas, Apostle

Judges 6:36-40
Psalm 136:1-4, 23-26 (1)
Ephesians 4:11-16
John 14:1-7

July 25—James, Apostle

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 7:1-10 (10)
Acts 11:27—12:3a
Mark 10:35-45

August 15—Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Isaiah 61:7-11
Psalm 34:1-9 (3)
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 1:46-55

August 24—Bartholomew, Apostle

Exodus 19:1-6
Psalm 12 (6)
1 Corinthians 12:27-31a
John 1:43-51



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Fitzgerald *Dear God, Thanks for Thinking Up Love*

Fitzgerald *Dear God, Where Do You Live?*

Fitzgerald *Dear God, Your World Is Wonderful*

Green *Proverbs for Children*

Maier *The Very First Easter*

Maxwell *The Bible Story: King of Kings, Vol. 9*

Murdock *David*

Putnam *Pyramid*

Richards *When God Imagined a World*

Sunshine Books *Jonah*

Wangerin *In the Beginning There Was No Sky*

Wangerin *Water Come Down: The Day You Were Baptized*

Winston *Kids' Cookbook*

Please check your own shelves for these misplaced items. We are happy that our books are being enjoyed, but we would like them returned so that another person can read them too.

Books should be placed on the Return shelf in the Parlor. Thank you.

—The Librarians, Rosemary and Erica

SPECIAL FOOD DRIVE FOR JULY AND AUGUST

For Gaithersburg HELP

At CTS this summer we will have a special effort to contribute just two different food products:

- Canned chicken noodle soup
- Canned corn

HELP encourages churches to focus occasionally on a few items to bring visibility to the pantry's needs.

Other food donations are always welcomed, too!

Remember!

Coming in September...

Sixth Annual

CTS Youth Ministry Yard Sale

Save the date...

Saturday, September 22

Start cleaning out your closets and garages

...and save the good stuff for us!!



The Happiest of Birthdays to:

- Robin Peterson 7/3
- Thue Petersen 7/3
- Hope Walker 7/4
- 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
- Isaiah Martin 7/19
- Jonathon Clagett 7/22
- Smen Waritay 7/23
- Andrew McMichael ... 7/26
- Bob Adams 7/29
- Cinthyia Hammer 7/30
- Albert Ticona 8/1
- Dora Ticona 8/4
- Carol Kohl 8/6
- Jeff Schulte 8/7
- Alberto Ticona 8/7
- Jericho Martin 8/7
- Ramona Lessen 8/11
- Pam Shewmaker 8/11
- Melanie McMichael ... 8/15
- Juanita Bropleh 8/15
- Pat Andersen 8/16
- Dave Gearing 8/20
- Catherine Ndumbalo 8/26
- Melissa Foge 8/27
- Dick Petzold 8/28
- David Hayden 8/29

Your Retreat Coordinator Asks for Your Help

I am honored once again to be called by the Congregation Council as your Retreat Coordinator. The retreat programming I endeavor to develop and implement is for CTS members, as well as the wider community in an ecumenical atmosphere.



As I prepare for the coming autumn and beyond, I earnestly ask you, the CTS community, for help. The quiet days and one-day retreat/workshops offered on Saturdays this past year were not overwhelmingly attended. I am asking for your comments and suggestions. Some questions to get you thinking: Are there spiritual topics you are interested in exploring, or subjects you would like to see offered? Is there a different day that you would prefer to attend such an event? Are you apprehensive about attending a quiet day or workshop because you do not know what to expect? Do you feel over-committed as it is and the thought of another event to attend puts you over the edge? Are there other issues or matters at play?

I sincerely ask for your honest feedback. You can write an anonymous note and leave it in the Worship Ministry box in the church office. You can also call or email me (301.540.7472; ninnasue59@comcast.net). This is a ministry I offer to CTS and the wider community, and I am asking you to help me shape it. Thank you.

—Linda Harrison

Have You Noticed?

The giant Euonymus bush at the left front corner of the church is gone! Over the years it had grown faster than we could prune it and at the last, one needed to teeter on a step ladder to try to prune its crown. In addition, it broadened and pushed against the church wall. After obtaining approvals, it was cut down and removed by our members at no cost to the church. Thanks to Connie and Ernie Graf for using their truck to remove and dispose of the cut foliage and to Jay Webster for the use of his experience and truck to remove the large stump. In due time, a more suitable planting may replace it as determined by the landscape committee.

—Bob Adams

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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
Thue & Ingse
Petersen 8/31

Flower Fund \$\$\$ Shortage

Through the month of May our weekly flower fund is showing a deficit of \$215. We try to have this fund be self-sustaining so it does not impact our budget. The cost for sponsoring flowers each Sunday is \$35. If you have sponsored flowers for a Sunday this year, and have not paid or are not sure whether you have paid, please contact Doreen Foge, Financial Secretary.

—Chuck Eater,
Treasurer

ELCA Conference on World Hunger at American University PART 1

You're Sending Me, Lord?

I have always had this nagging feeling that there is something wrong with the lack of equitable distribution of the world's resources, and that I am living over abundantly. Much of the time, I seem to try and suppress or ignore this awareness because the problem seems to be so overwhelming and out of my hands. But this past week I attended the Bread for the World conference, and I learned that there are things that I can do, that we can do.

Bread for the World is an ecumenical Christian organization that is dedicated to alleviating poverty and hunger in our country and throughout the world, and is actively lobbying Congress. The prophet Isaiah's words spoke to me strongly when thinking of changing how we as a people, as a country, are treating the poor.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Isaiah 58: 9-12

The focus of this years' conference was to explore the U.S. Farm Bill, which is reevaluated every five years, and to see how we can change this antiquated document to better serve the people of our country and those around the world. The conference, beginning with the ELCA pre-conference, aided us in understanding hunger and poverty in our world, informing us of the Farm Bill, and preparing us to speak to our Representatives and Senators. Our goals for the Farm Bill were the following:

1. Ensure low-income people an adequate, nutritious diet (Food Stamp program).



THE U.S. FARM BILL

2. Strengthen rural communities.
3. Help farmers earn a sufficient livelihood and be good stewards of the land.
4. Allow small-scale farmers in poor countries to earn their way out of poverty.

Another aspect of the conference discussed the ONE campaign, and the push to make poverty history by the year 2015. This includes increasing U.S. Aid to an additional ONE % of our budget, to erase and cancel debt for countries who are not able to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, and to make international trade fair. I attended a ONE Vote '08 rally at St. Mark's Episcopal church. It was a kick-off to make the ONE campaign work toward influencing our upcoming candidates to make this a priority in their campaigns.

After enjoying the inspiring African Children's Choir, we listened to a bipartisan group, including Bill Frist, former Senate Republican Majority Leader, and Tom Daschle, former Senate Democratic Majority leader. They basically announced that hunger and poverty are issues that we all can make a priority.

Monday night, I was very inspired by the service held at the Washington National Cathedral, whose altar was adorned with large baskets of fruits and vegetables. It was an Interfaith Convocation on Hunger and was lead by leaders of many different faiths. We came together, worshipped, and committed ourselves to work towards the end of poverty and hunger.

Last, but not least, on Tuesday, Florence Bastien and I went to the Lutheran Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill. There, we joined about 400 other volunteers, and were briefed on the points of the Farm Bill that we were going to lobby for with our respective congressional leaders. We then broke up into groups by state, and met with our fellow Maryland citizens. Florence and I, joined Madeline, an Episcopal minister, and walked to

the awesome Rayburn Building, which hosts the offices of the House of Representatives. The three of us had an appointment and met with a congressional aide to Albert Wynn. Following our successful meeting, we joined twelve other Maryland residents, and spoke with an aide to Senator Mikulski in the Senate's Hart Office Building. What an empowering experience!

In closing, I am grateful to have represented CTS, and hope to continue to lead in sharing information with our congregation. I hope to continue focusing on the goals of the ONE campaign, to have an offering of letters, to look toward using the Ecumenical Christian Study Guide on Global Poverty and the Millennium Development Goals in adult forum, and to inspire many other CTS members to participate in Lobby Day next year. It is an incredible experience for a very worthy cause!

—Melanie McMichael

**ELCA Conference on World Hunger at
American University**
PART 2

From Saturday, June 9, through Tuesday, June 12, "Sowing Seeds," a conference on world hunger, took place at American University in Washington D.C. The ELCA held a pre-conference during the day on Friday (June 8) to allow the Lutherans in attendance to meet and discuss the subjects of the conference beforehand. My sister and I were invited by Melanie McMichael (who was participating for the entire weekend) to attend this Friday session. I want to share that experience with the CTS community.

The day began with a plenary on the issue at hand—world hunger—and an explanation of a piece of legislation we would go on to talk much about: the 2007 renewal of the Farm Bill. To briefly explain, the Farm Bill sounds like it refers only to food production in rural areas, but it is actually comprehensive enough to affect food policies across the country, including the ways we deal with hunger both

within America and the aid we sent internationally. Some environmental issues also factor into the legislation, as they relate to how our land is used for food production. While there are many opinions on how to deal with these issues, those of us at the conference were encouraged to consider supporting significant reforms to the systems currently in place. Right now much of farming in the United States operates on a “commodity payment system”—meaning that farmers are encouraged to overproduce crops that are more in demand (cotton, rice, corn, etc.). Additionally, farmers are often paid an amount that does not change, regardless of the quality or how much or how little they produce in a given year. This can lead to a small handful of farmers being paid large amounts, while others receive next to nothing. The overproduction of certain crops can also be detrimental to farmers in developing countries. The feeling at the pre-conference was that a fairer system was needed, and the money saved from the modifications could be redistributed to underused programs that better the food production system within our own country. (We had a very informative handout which clarified this information even further; I would be happy to share it with anyone who is interested.)

In the afternoon we broke into workshop groups to explore the subject matter in even more depth. The first workshop revolved around something which most of us are very familiar with—the ONE campaign and the Millennium Development Goals (one of which is to eradicate extreme poverty by 2011). The second group focused on the fact that even in our own country, which is one of the most well-off in the world, there are still many problems with hunger and food distribution. Our final workshop of the day covered issues regarding lobbying, which was appropriate because many of the attendees had arranged to lobby their representatives the following Tuesday. (I could not attend the lobbying session, unfortunately.) Religious organizations often run into problems with

lobbying. There are restrictions on how much of their activities that lobbying is allowed to take up without being taxed. Our presenter went into detail about how to avoid these snags and still get the message to our leaders. Overall, I found the day to be welcoming (which I have always noticed about ELCA events), focused, and informative. I knew nothing about the Farm Bill before that morning, and yet was able to come out of the discussions with a stronger understanding and renewed interest. It is important to be aware of what is being done in our country about national and worldwide hunger, and how these programs affect the producers involved, both positively and negatively. As Christians, we frequently participate in advocacy and outreach to others, and we should be aware of the policies that are being enacted in D.C. so that we can know how better to help our communities. I feel that I learned a lot during this session, and I hope that I can take that information with me when I encounter opportunities to help those in need.

—Sarah Bastien

ELCA Conference on World Hunger at American University

PART 3

I was so excited when Melanie invited me to go with her to the “Sowing Seeds” World Hunger conference, even if I could only attend 2 days of events instead of the full conference. Ending world hunger is a cause I can really get behind, and Tuesday’s events included lobbying on Capitol Hill, which I’d never done before.

The first event I went to was the ELCA Pre-Conference. I admit, I wasn’t very enthusiastic when I got there—I’d gotten up at 5:00am! Everyone there was so sweet, though, that it was hard not to get excited. I still had trouble staying awake through the first presentation, but after a nice cup of tea at the break I was good to go. The rest of the day was informative and fun. We had a series of

workshops, which were all very interesting. They taught us how to lobby and gave us tons of information on the farm bill. I tried to look at the presentations with a critical mind as well as an open one—after all, if I was going to be lobbying for this bill I had better make sure I agreed with it! The day was interspersed with plenty of breaks so I never got too tired. At the end of the day I felt informed and knowledgeable, but still apprehensive about Tuesday’s lobbying trip.

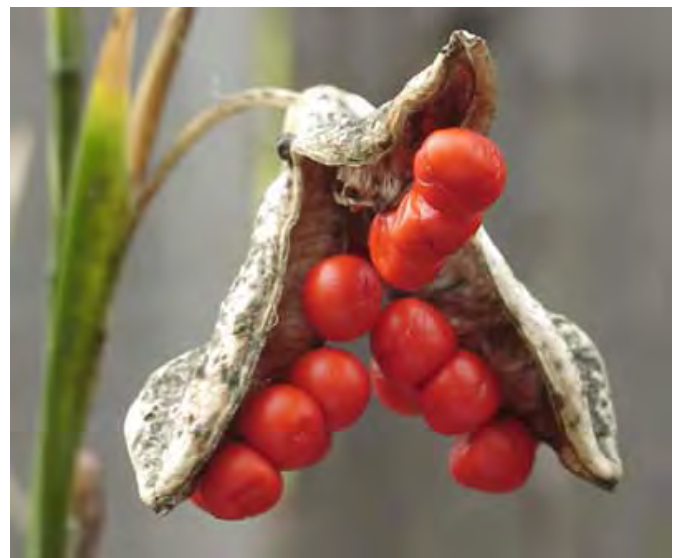
When I woke up on Tuesday for Lobby Day I was a little bit anxious. Since I’d never lobbied before, I was afraid I wouldn’t be able to get beyond saying “hi” before forgetting all of the points I wanted to make. There had been so much information at the pre-conference that I was sure there was no way I’d be able to remember it all, and I wanted to make the best impression possible by seeming well-informed. When Melanie McMichael and I got there the first thing we did was attend a briefing with speakers and presentations on the farm bill. Unlike the pre-conference, we had to sit for long periods at a stretch, which really didn’t do wonders for my alertness. There were quite a few speakers, and we had a couple of senators come in and talk to us. It was good to have the issues explained to us from a number of different perspectives.

The day really started as we got ready for our lobbying visits. We got into caucusing groups, and then divided ourselves based on district. I was always with Melanie, and our lobbying group for the House only consisted of one other person besides us. After lunch, we made our way down to talk to Erica Appel, the aide for Albert Wynn. I was still a little nervous, but I’d reviewed my material and felt pretty prepared. Once we got there, though, my nervousness disappeared. The aide was so sweet, and we were fairly close in age. (I managed to work that fact into my presentation!) I had decided to present on the first goal for the reformed farm bill, which was on food stamps and nutrition programs. I

ended up not forgetting any important details, and found that I was able to talk well on my topics. By the time we got out of the meeting I was so excited for our visit to the Senate! I didn’t get to talk as much in that meeting, though, because it was a bigger group—there were about 14 of us there. I managed to get in a couple of sentences here and there, but since I’d done all my talking at the House meeting I didn’t really mind not playing a large role in the Senate meeting.

After that, Melanie and I went home. On the ride back we couldn’t stop talking about how excited we were that we had both been able to go to this event. I came out of it thinking that it’s a good way for anyone to get involved. I have a lot more confidence in myself knowing that I can get my point across to someone in the government who might not agree with what I have to say. I’m looking forward to continuing to get involved with this bill by writing letters to my representatives in Congress! If you would like to do so too, drop me an email at fbastien@smcm.edu. I can tell you all about the farm bill (especially food stamps—I studied up!), and I can tell you where to find the member of Congress for your district.

—*Florence Bastien*



Faith Talk: Confirmation at Home: Here are some fun starters for caring conversation over the summer (and don't forget to ask why!) "Name your favorite...."

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| ...book of the Bible | ...hymn | ...stained glass window |
| ...church banner or decoration | ...miracle of Jesus | ...thing in the youth room |
| ...commandment | ...parable of Jesus | ...time to pray |
| ...disciple | ...part of the church service | ...woman of the Bible |
| ...gospel story | ...praise & worship song | ...youth group memory |

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. *"It's been almost a year since the gathering, but I look back with the fondest memories. Before we left, everyone in the group was supposed to come up with a responsibility for themselves, such as mediator or waker-upper. It was fun to see how we all took on different responsibilities during the trip, from Melissa taking a million pictures to Sarah using ice to make me get out of bed (thanks a lot for that btw) Every person brought something special - Grace's love of conga lines, Garret 'getting his praise on,' Selena's craziness/enjoyment of the lime-flavored popsicles, Jonathon's good humor, Bryan's effort in preventing crowd surfers from hitting the floor, Linda's perpetual patience, Michelle's outgoingness with other youth groups, Dobie's steady pace, Albert's kindness and of course Tony and Barbara and their readiness for anything. I loved the music and being able to spend time with the wonderful people who made the gathering successful and taught us new things, as well as some of my best friends. Returning home was sad; yes we were tired and ready to have a break, but I knew I would not be going on a trip like that again. I'm glad we took all those pictures because it is fun to look back and remember. And I really appreciate the constant support from the congregation that allowed us to have such a physically and spiritually awesome experience!"* – Maggie Rasnake

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 9.

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

July and August Activities

McKenna's Wagon

Sat, Jun 30

This is a service opportunity to help with feeding the homeless in Washington, DC. Every three months or so, Dave Larrabee takes a small group with him and some of you expressed interest a few weeks ago in Sunday School in joining him the next time he goes. Grace, Tony and Barbara went along in December and found it to be an incredible experience. Since Tony and I will be away, Florence offered to coordinate this – so let her know if you will be able to help this evening. It only takes a couple of hours – and it will be a transformational experience.

Chi Rho

Jul 22 – 28, 2007

Metro DC Synod's annual work camp event for youth, returning this year to Neon, Kentucky to work with HOMES (Housing Oriented Ministries Established for Service). This year we have three youth – Michelle Backus, Jonathon Clagett, and Albert Ticona – and two adults – Barbara and Tony – participating. Please keep us and this important ministry in your prayers.

CTS Youth Ministry Annual Summer Reunion

Sun, Aug 12; Noon

Tony and I have been doing Youth Ministry at CTS for some time now and we'd like to invite all former youth to our home for a reunion picnic brunch following the service this morning. 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 bharnar@comcast.net. Spouses / partners / significant others and children welcome! Hope to see you all there!

Upcoming Activities

Rally Day

Sun, Sept 9; 11:00 AM

Watch this space in the September *Footnotes* and your email for details about rehearsal which will probably happen on Thursday evening, Sept. 6.

Youth Ministry Yard Sale

Fri, Sep 21 (Set up); Sat, Sept 22 (Sale) / CTS

Start getting your stuff together now and get ready for the sixth annual CTS YM Yard Sale. Put this date on your calendars now and plan to join us. We'll start Friday evening (7 PM) with sorting and setting up (we'll have pizza to help us!). Bring a sleeping bag and pillow, clothes to sleep in, your toothbrush and your CTS t-shirt to wear Saturday for the sleepover so we'll be all set to go first thing in the morning! We need everyone's help – this sale isn't just for youth and parents anymore!

Fall Confirmation Retreat

Nov 9-11, 2007

Topic: Apostles Creed; Location: Mar-Lu-Ridge – Put these dates on your calendar now!

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

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 2007

As of June 12, 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM Holy Communion <i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	2	3 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups St. Thomas, Apostle	4 12:00 PM -1:30 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups Independence Day	5	6	7
8 9:30 AM Holy Communion <i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9 8:00 PM Parish Council	10 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	11 12:00 PM -1:30 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	12 8:00 PM K. Freeman wedding rehearsal	13	14 3:30 PM K. Freeman wedding
15 9:30 AM Holy Communion <i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>	16	17 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	18 12:00 PM -1:30 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	19	20	21
22 9:30 AM Holy Communion <i>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	23	24 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	25 12:00 PM -1:30 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups Saint James the Elder, Apostle	26	27	28
			Pastor's vacation			
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29 9:30 AM Festial Eucharist <i>Mary Magdalene Apostle</i>	30 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch	31 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	Pastor's vacation			

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August 2007

As of June 12, 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:00 PM -1:30 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	2	3	4
			Pastor's vacation			
5 9:30 AM Holy Communion <i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	6	7 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	8 12:00 PM -1:30 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	9	10 Saint Laurence, Martyr	11
			Pastor's vacation			
12 9:30 AM Holy Communion <i>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>	13 8:00 PM Parish Council	14 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	15 12:00 PM -1:30 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	16	17	18
			Pastor's vacation			
			Camping trip			
19 9:30 AM Holy Communion <i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	20	21 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	22 12:00 PM -1:30 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	23	24 Saint Bartholomew, Apostle	25
Camping trip Pastor's vacation						
26 9:30 AM Holy Communion <i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	27 8:00 PM Worship Committee	28 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	29 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	30	31	

