



FOOTNOTES

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The Reverend
Peter Bastien,
Pastor



Dear Friends in Christ,

In his comic novel, *Bech is Back*, John Updike has his protagonist consider the meaning of the term “Holy Land,” and he comes to this definition: “The holy land was where you accepted being. Middle Age was a holy land. Marriage.” For some reason, this brings to mind for me the advice of the Chinese sage, Lao Tzu, that instead of looking for the place where we can be happy, we should try to learn how to be happy in the place where we are. Any land, any place, can be holy for you—it is a matter of perspective and commitment. It is also a matter of faith.

Have you heard the saying, “Life is what happens when you have made other plans?” I look back on my life and ministry and I am just astonished at how different it has been from what I was expecting. But it has all been my own personal holy land. If life had taken me down other paths, I would be a different person today. I am glad I am the person my life has made. I am thankful for what I have learned and where it has brought me.

CTS has definitely been holy land for me. And CTS means all of *you*. We Americans tend to think individualistically, but I am so acutely aware that my formation as a unique personality has been a joint, collaborative project. Your presence in my life, whether positively or negatively, has molded me into the human being I am today. I am very thankful for all you have been to me and done for me.

And the project of my creation is not finished and will not be finished until the day I die. I look in the mirror and see this old guy and I never believe it. It always startles me because inside I am still a growing boy, excited by how much there is still to learn, anticipating new adventures in the faith.

T. S. Eliot looked at the world and saw a wasteland, Walt Whitman looked at the same world and saw a garden of delights—and both of them were right. These are moral and spiritual possibilities. We are all things, including good and evil. And it is all holy land, both the struggling against the wasteland and the struggle for the garden. Christians look at the wasteland and think of how they can tend and care for and fertilize until it will become a garden. This, too, is faith.

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Prayer Concerns

Teresa Abelard
Viveka Bhasker
Jean Bonald
Justin Brunce
Nolan Burke
Margaret Condon
The family of Ayden
 James Delany
Millie Garvey
Dave Gearing
Dorothy Gerald
Pat Guss
Delia Harman
George Harrison
Fred Jaeger
The family of Dolores
 Keaveney
David Lashof
Lauren Sue Masoero
George Mohn
Pr. John Muller
Irene Paar
Joyce Pacheli
Ron Pacheli
Bob Petersen
Ingse Petersen
Patty Petersen
Robin Peterson
Rhenzo and family
Jane Rhine
Ann Schwill
Dana Swan
Orlando Vela
Joe Wheeler
People of Sudan and all
 victims of genocide

Please notify church office to add/remove names. Names are removed after a six-week period if not updated.



Updike's character knows where the project begins. A holy land is where you accept being. My life is not what I planned for or hoped for, but I accept the life that has been given me. CTS, Pat, Florence and Sarah, Cross Country Lane, Gaithersburg. Pretty ordinary looking to most eyes, I guess. But to me it is all holy land. It is the life God has given me. It is the place where Jesus is teaching me what it means to be human. I am very grateful and, like Moses, I take off the shoes from my feet, for this place is for me holy ground.

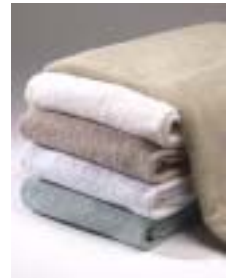
Yours in Christ,
—Pastor Bastien



Service Ministry

▣ Sunday, June 4—

- ◆ "First Sunday" sale of Equal Exchange coffee, cocoa and chocolate. With our new lower prices, candy bars are only \$2.00. Enjoy knowing you are serving justice as you serve your coffee.
- ◆ "First Sunday" collection of used clothing and household items for the Upcounty Interfaith Clothing Center in Gaithersburg. From time to time we will be making appeals for items of special need. This month our **special appeal is for towels and sheets** and any household linens, curtains, etc.



- ▣ **Habitat ReStore**—Habitat for Humanity has opened a warehouse at 9100 Gaither Road in Gaithersburg where new and used donated building materials, appliances and home furnishings are on sale to the public at reduced prices. Proceeds from the sale of these items are used to further the projects of Habitat for Humanity in Montgomery County. Volunteers are needed to sort and price items. Contact Connie Graf if you are interested in helping at the **ReStore**. Information will be posted on the Service bulletin board noting store hours, a list of donations accepted and volunteer information. It's a fun place to browse for all kinds of items for your home, including the kitchen sink.

—Connie Graf

Sunday Readings

June 4—The Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 104:25-35, 37 (Psalm 104:24-34, 35b NRSV)
Alleluia, or Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:31)

Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

June 11—The Holy Trinity First Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 29

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

June 18—Second Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 6)

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalms 92:1-4, 11-14 (Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 NRSV)

The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. (Ps. 92:11)

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

June 25—Third Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 7)

Job 38:1-11

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32

God stilled the storm and quieted the waves of the sea. (Ps. 107:29)

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41



Council Meeting Summary

May 8, 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 April was about \$1,500 over a monthly average, but it was a five Sunday month and included Easter. Chuck Eater reported that expenses exceeded income by \$488, but the year-to-date has a positive balance of \$2,230.
- ◆ The agenda for the May 21 Congregational Meeting will include:
 - ◆ New hymnal purchase
 - ◆ Recognition
 - ◆ Child safe report
 - ◆ Election of council members
 - ◆ Time and talent



Respectfully submitted,

—Joyce Backus, CTS Council Secretary

Gaithersburg HELP

The Gaithersburg HELP Board of Directors elected **our very own Hope Walker** as Executive Director! Hope has been a volunteer with Gaithersburg HELP for more than 30 years and has served in many capacities.

HELP in the News

Mayor Sidney Katz presented a "Proclamation of Gaithersburg HELP Day" at the recent Gaithersburg HELP Volunteer Appreciation Event. The Mayor had many nice words to say about HELP and the work that the all-volunteer organization does for the community.

People Needed!

HELP cannot function without volunteers. Current needs include:

Food Coordinators—This is a difficult position to fill because it requires a weekday commitment. HELP does not have enough people to cover the schedule, so there are days when food isn't available to those who need it.

HELP Treasurer—at the end of 2007.



June 2006





Synod Prayer Resources Summer Quiet Day Celebrating Incarnation

Saturday July 22, 2006, 9:30 AM—3:30 PM

Cathedral College (formerly the College of Preachers)

Washington National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.

Cost: \$60 (lunch provided)

While the Christian tradition is rich in its theology of embodiment, it has lost some of its own rich heritage of living embodiment and mystery. Come take refuge while we learn to pray with our bodies using the depth of understanding offered by the ancient tradition of yoga. Tuning our bodies like musical instruments, we will integrate body, mind, and spirit and pray a sequence of poses to Shaun Davey's sung version of *The Deer's Cry*, also known as the Breastplate of St. Patrick. This prayer celebrates the dance of the Trinity in all creation: God Before Us, God Beside Us, and God Within Us in the ordinary, daily routine of the present moment. The movement of body-mind-spirit will prepare us for silent seated prayer in stillness, open to the whisper of God's voice.

ALL, with or without yoga experience, ARE WELCOME. (Chairs will be available for those who are not comfortable on the floor).

Limited to 17 participants. Please bring something, for the prayer table, that honors the sacred in your own daily life and if you have them: yoga sticky mat, blanket and meditation cushion.

Led by **Carolyn Bluemle**, a certified Iyengar teacher at Unity Woods Yoga Center, has been teaching yoga since 1989. During her doctoral studies in philosophy at UC Berkeley, she cultivated and honed her analytical skills. Years as a dancer inspired her love of movement and appreciation of the rhythms and poetry of the body. Through the healing practices of yoga, meditation, and Taize chant she has returned to her Christian roots with joy and compassion. Her teaching, precise and enthusiastic, reflects her deep experience of yoga as prayer.

Info: Please call either Bill Wegener at 703-790-1469, Email: wewa@starpower.net, OR Pat Henkel at 703-370-4944 (eve.), Email: pathenkel@prodigy.net. Please see the registration form on the church bulletin board.



Congratulations
to
Michelle Backus
and
Jonathon Clagett
on their
June 4
Confirmation

Starting on June 4—Summer Schedule Begins

ONE SERVICE at 9:30



The Happiest of Birthdays to:

- Sandy D'Angelo 6/2
- Katie D'Angelo 6/2
- Jay Webster 6/4
- Chuck Bartholf 6/6
- Jo Johnson 6/10
- Tom Lawson 6/13
- Marjorie McClain 6/14
- Joe Lessen 6/16
- Ron Pacheli 6/20
- Josh Lashof 6/20
- Butch Kersey 6/21
- Robby Severynse 6/21
- Patty Petersen 6/23
- Chuck Eater 6/24
- Bryan Eastlack 6/24
- Mike Sweeney 6/25
- Roger Rasnake 6/28
- Kathy Kersey 6/29

Happy Anniversary to:

- Paul Bender & Mary Ann Jasper 6/4
- Terry & Terry Fehner ... 6/6
- Tom & Karin Lawson 6/8
- Bob & Erica Adams 6/9
- Dick & Hope Walker 6/10
- Ron & Joyce Pacheli 6/14
- Dick & Delores
- Petzold 6/16
- Dan & Maria
- Caggiano 6/17
- Bob & Pat Andersen 6/29

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Work for Justice

Father Jose Lucchesi is a Roman Catholic priest who has transitioned from the U.S. to full-time work as a member of a diocese in Peru. He was formerly a member of the Carmelite Order. Father Jose has been assigned to one of the poorest parishes in his area. When he arrived in Peru at the parish, nearly everything in the rectory and school was stolen. There was not even running water turned on! It's a pretty dire situation. Indeed, this is truly missionary work in the most fundamental sense.

Father Jose is one of those really rare individuals who is compelled to embrace the most abject poverty to raise up the poor and the dispossessed. He has already rejuvenated the large population of this mountain parish such that things are beginning to move in a very positive and spiritual condition. However, he needs resources. I have corresponded with Father. He has never asked me for money or items. However, I know from a mutual friend of his dire condition. I think this is a superb way to perform some measure of ecumenical outreach on behalf of God's poor and the preaching of the Gospel. As Pope Paul VI said in his 1972 World Day of Peace Address, "If you want peace, work for justice." Helping out Father Jose would be a wonderful means of putting flesh on those inspiring words with their haunting and piercing sense of Truth. If you are moved to share of your self for a very worthy and wonderful cause, contact me personally by email or phone.

Blessings!
—Ed Gabriele
efgabriele@comcast.net

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

Take a look at HELP's website, www.gaithersburghelp.org, where you'll find the current most-needed items.

—Joanne Eater

No boxed macaroni and cheese at this time, please.



Faith Talk: Confirmation at Home: Let's finish our look at The Ten Commandments by considering the 'new' commandment Jesus gave us: *Just as I have loved you, you also shall love one another.* Here are some discussion starters: "I think people are sometimes afraid to show love because..." "One of the most loving things a stranger has ever done for me is," "Doing loving things for those closest to me is..." "One way I have shown love for a stranger is by..."

2006 ELCA Youth Gathering: 10+20+30 = 100! Really, it does – depending on how you look at it. In the context of the Gathering, \$10+\$20+\$30 = 100% of the Benevolence projects chosen by the LYO Board will be supported. All Gathering participants are being asked to contribute \$60 to the Gathering's benevolence projects: \$10 in gift cards for the In-kind offering, \$20 for the Sunday morning offering, and \$30 for the Hamiltons for Hunger campaign. The 14 of us have committed to bringing \$60 each and we'd like to invite you to participate, too – we're hoping to double our offering. Starting in June, there will be envelopes with the Cruzando logo on the usher's table – feel free to use one of those – or just write a check to CTS with *Cruzando* or *Youth Gathering* on the memo line. If you'd like to contribute a gift card, authorized stores are Wal-Mart, Target, Toys-R-Us, Payless Shoes, Babies-R-Us with a \$25/card maximum. There is a poster on the youth bulletin board and flyers on the usher's table with more information about the organizations to which the offerings are going. Help us to share God's love!

Graduations! It's that time of year again! Graduating from high school: Linda Backus (Gaithersburg HS), Bryan Eastlack (Magruder HS) and Garrett Fehner (Northwest HS). In the fall, Linda's off to Duke and Bryan's going to UMBC – both undecided majors at this time – and Garrett's joining Halley, Sarah and Florence at St. Mary's, where he'll major in Biology. Graduating from college this spring: Jonathan Lessen from VMI with a BS in Biology – he's relocating to NC to work for the Institute for Defense and Business; Leah Harner-Kerlavage from University of Maryland with a BS in Family Studies – she is currently working at the Alternative House in Vienna, VA. Congratulations to all!

June Activities

Cross-Eyed Sheep

Sat, June 3, 3:00 PM - ?? / CTS

This is the 'rescheduled from May' meeting. We will gather at CTS, work on the May meeting material, our covenant and the banner and then 'journey out' for dinner.

Pentecost

Sun, June 4, 9:30 AM

We have two youth eligible for the Rite of Confirmation this year: Michelle Backus and Jonathon Clagett. Note the service time - 9:30 AM! And celebrate with us after the service!

Cross-Eyed Sheep

Sun, June 11, 10:45 AM – 12:45 PM

Montgomery Conference Gathering Ice Cream Social Gathering

Sun, June 11, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

We will gather right after church (remember – we've switched over to the 9:30 Summer Service schedule) for a quick snack and our June meeting material. We will then 'journey over' to Good Shepherd for an afternoon get-together enabling us to meet other youth in the Montgomery Conference who are attending the National Gathering in San Antonio. I know some of you are in the midst of studying for finals, but this would be a good study break.

Mentor / Youth Activity

Fri, June 16, 7:00 – 9:30 PM / CTS

Let's celebrate the beginning of summer! We'll meet at CTS at 7:00 PM to carpool over to the course – new venue this year: South Germantown Recreational Park Miniature Golf - break up into teams and play a round, honor winners and almost-winners, and then stop for ice cream on the way back home.

De-Rally Sunday

Sun, June 18, 9:30 AM / CTS

This is the Sunday we close out the Sunday School year. We will have a **rehearsal of the Roaring Sheep on**

Saturday, June 17 at 9:30. Watch your email for further details. Following the service is the annual CTS picnic – hope to see you all there!

Upcoming Activities

2006 ELCA National Youth Gathering

July 4 – 9

Fourteen of us (12 youth, 2 adults) travel to San Antonio, TX to participate in the first week – and Sarah and Florence are volunteering with Community Life both weeks. We will have a blessing of the Gathering participants on Sunday, July 2.

Chi Rho 2006

July 23-29, 2006

Metro DC Synod's annual work camp event for youth, returning this year to Neon, Kentucky. Michelle Backus will be a member of the work crew this year!

Fall Confirmation Retreat

Fri, Oct 6 – Sun, Oct 8

Topic: Worship. Put these dates 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)

***Servants' Lists
for June 2006***

**DAY OF PENTECOST
—Confirmation Sunday—
June 4, 2006
9:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist**

Acolytes Frank Foge, Melissa Foge
 Altar Preparation The Eastlacks
 Communion Assistants Dave Larrabee
 (Vest & Process) Mike Mayer
 Communion Bread Hope Walker
 Prayer Leader Frank Foge
 Lector Roger Rasnake
 Usher Doreen Foge
 Greeter Patsy Huson
 Flowers Sandy D'Angelo
 Hospitality Luncheon

**THE HOLY TRINITY
June 11, 2006
9:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist**

Acolytes Michelle Backus, Vernon Toelle
 Altar Preparation Joanne Eater
 Communion Assistants Chuck Eater
 (Vest & Process) Melanie McMichael
 Communion Bread Barbara Harner
 Prayer Leader Vernon Toelle
 Lector Barbara Harner
 Usher Dave Larrabee
 Greeter Dave Larrabee
 Flowers Harman/Rasnake Family

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
—De-Rally Sunday—
—Installation of 2006/2007 Council—
June 18, 2006
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion**

Acolytes Mike Mayer, Paul Mayer
 Altar Preparation Youth
 Communion Assistants Sarah Kuchinsky
 Maggie Rasnake
 Communion Bread Julia Rasnake
 Prayer Leader Youth
 Lector Youth
 Usher Youth
 Greeter Youth
 Flowers The Lessens
 Hospitality Parish Picnic

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
June 25, 2006
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion**

Acolytes Dave Larrabee, Tom Lipe
 Altar Preparation Sandy D'Angelo
 Communion Assistants Paul Bender
 Pat Andersen
 Communion Bread The Fehners
 Prayer Leader Pat Andersen
 Lector Tom Lipe
 Usher Robin Peterson
 Greeter Dorothy Scott-Thomas
 Flowers The Lashofs

Launder Altar Linens in June Pat Andersen

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Race for the Cure
4 9:30 AM Festival Eucharist 11:00 AM Confirmation Luncheon Pentecost	5 8:00 PM Parish Council	6 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	7 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	8	9	10
11 9:30 AM Festival Eucharist 2:00 PM Recital 5:30 PM -8:30 PM Calvary Pent.Ministries Holy Trinity	12 8:00 PM Parish Council	13 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	14 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups Flag Day	15	16	17
18 9:30 AM Holy Communion 11:00 AM Parish Picnic 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Council Installation (DeRally Day) Father's Day	19	20 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	21 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	22	23	24
	Multicultural summer camp					
25 9:30 AM Holy Communion 5:30 PM -8:30 PM Calvary Pent.Ministries 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Presentation of the Augsburg Confession	26	27 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 8:00 PM Worship Committee	28 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	29	30	

Footnotes deadline is third Sunday of each month.