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**The Reverend
Peter Bastien,
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Dear Friends in Christ,

Listen to this description (from literary critic Richard Poirier) of an unfinished statue by Michelangelo. (I think I may have seen this statue in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence.)

The body is emerging from stone, the right leg, thick and powerful, is straining up as from the elements that imprison it; the left arm is raised, the elbow forward, and the hand and forearm push at what would be the back of the head. Except there is no head. Where it would be is instead a heavy block of stone. So that it is as if the arm and hand...were trying to push off the imposing weight which imprisons the head. The communicated effect is not of aspiration but of some more elemental will toward the attainment of human shape and human recognition...(but the imagined head cannot be conceived except as part of the material that will not willingly yield itself to the head's existence.

Being human is not easy. I sometimes wonder whether we really are human or whether it might be better to describe us as pre-humans, interesting creatures in the process of becoming something great. Perhaps when we describe Jesus as "truly human," this should not be understood in contrast with "truly divine," but rather in contrast to the defective humanity which is all we have managed to achieve so far. Looking at Jesus, we see what we hope to become someday. A real human.

On the last Sunday of May, we celebrated Pentecost. This is the feast of Holy Spirit, the feast of God-in-us. She will lead us into all truth. Holy Spirit is the dynamism of God urging us all forward toward newness of life, toward full humanity. We humans are beings in transit, moving always from old to new being. War, violence, cupidity, cruelty, small-mindedness: these are old realities holding us down. Fear imprisons us like the slaves locked in Michelangelo's granite and marble. But Holy Spirit mothers us toward new lives of love, compassion, justice, and peace.

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Prayer Concerns

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Please notify the church office (301-977-0285, Prayer Concern box, or wcgarvey.comcast.net) if you would like anyone removed or added to the prayer concern list. Names will be removed after a six-week period if no update is received.

Julia Rasnake, Kirsten Petersen, Eric Kabemba, and Nansi Kabonge received the laying on of hands on Pentecost. Holy Spirit swirled around them. We rejoiced. They received this Spirit willingly as a call, as "an elemental will toward the attainment of human shape, human recognition."

The world looks pretty dark and depressing right now. But there are still people, like these four, we pray, who try to struggle out of stone. The Confirmands studied the sacraments this spring, we looked at these gifts as part of the hero's journey. These kids are my heroes. I wish you could have heard their sermons on our retreat. You would have been proud. You would have known that Holy Spirit is still active even in our bleak age. There are people still pushing out of stone, pushing toward Jesus, pushing toward a human shape!

Yours in Christ,
—*Pastor Bastien*



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!!



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Sunday Readings

June 3—The Holy Trinity First Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8 (1)
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

June 10—Second Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 10)

1 Kings 17:17-24
Psalm 30 (2)
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

June 17—Third Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 11)

2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13-15
Psalm 32 (5)
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36—8:3

June 24—John the Baptist

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 141 (8)
Acts 13:13-26
Luke 1:57-67 (68-80)

Other Readings

June 11—Barnabas, Apostle

Isaiah 42:5-12
Psalm 112 (1)
Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3
Matthew 10:7-16

June 29—Peter and Paul, Apostles

Ezekiel 34:11-16
Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7 (3)
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Mark 8:27-35



Council Meeting Summary

May 14, 2007

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Council

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



- Financial—Our expenses for the year to date exceeded income by \$368, and the budget by \$490, so members who are responsible for budget items should spend carefully, as always.
- Our weekly flower provider has changed to a new florist, but the price remains the same.
- A small committee reported on research and prices for obtaining a memorial plaque for the garden.

Respectfully submitted,

—Joyce Backus, CTS Council Secretary

About Worship

On Christian Worship: The Pastor as Presiding Minister (The Priestly Office)



Nowhere does a parish community show forth the mystery of the Church more clearly than in the celebration of The Holy Eucharist. The Mass requires the presence and ministry of an ordained pastor. Like John the Baptist, the pastor is the "friend of the bridegroom" (John 3:29), rejoicing in the union of Christ and his bride, the Church. The pastor effectively fosters that union by standing in the presence of Christ at the head of the assembly (in persona Christi capitis), by presiding over its prayer, and preaching the Word of God. "When s/he celebrates the Eucharist, therefore, s/he must serve God and the people with dignity and humility and by his/her bearing and by the way s/he says the divine words s/he must convey to the faithful the living presence of Christ."

The pastor must be ablaze with "eucharistic amazement." When the pastor speaks the words of consecration first uttered by Christ in the upper room, s/he places his/her voice and his/her whole being at the disposal of the Lord. Then, awed by what happens on the altar before which s/he stands, s/he proclaims the presence of the mystery of faith in the midst of the Church. Everything in the life of the pastor flows into this moment, and flows out of it.

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



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Gaithersburg HELP's Current Pantry Needs

- Canned fruits
- Cereal
- Instant potatoes
- Boxed rice mixes
- Spaghetti sauce with meat (26.5oz can)
- Canned beef stew
- Canned chicken
- Canned tuna
- Peanut butter
- Large paper grocery bags



Gaithersburg HELP Corner

Tips from Gaithersburg HELP: How to donate food and goods wisely

The following are some suggestions regarding the donation of food and goods that can save money for you and HELP, and time for our volunteer staff.

CONTAINER SIZE: Gaithersburg HELP is not a soup kitchen; we do not serve meals. We distribute food to needy families by the bagful. Therefore, giant, economy, family-size and other industrial sized containers are not useful to us. The food does not go to waste, however. It is passed on to organizations that do serve meals to the needy. (i.e., Shepherd's Table and others.) The best-sized containers for us are up 1-1/2 pounds (24 ounces). Slightly larger is not a problem for goods that are consumed in quantity for a single meal. (i.e., stews, baked beans, etc.)

EXPIRED GOODS: Goods that are beyond the "best by" dates or otherwise unusable (badly dented cans, open containers, shabby and dirty labels, etc.) cannot be distributed for obvious liability reasons. These items are by and large relegated to the dumpster and—wasted. A good rule of thumb is: don't donate any items that you would not serve your own family, please.

ITEMS ALWAYS IN DEMAND: A list of food items that are included in a typical bag of groceries is available on the Service bulletin board in the CTS church hallway. These items are always in demand. Frequently, donations do not match demand and we must purchase food from local suppliers to stock our shelves.

Items we frequently need to purchase include: canned fruit and vegetables, stews and hearty soups, jams and jellies, peanut butter, canned pasta with meat, dried pasta, macaroni and cheese, boxed cereal, meat sauces for spaghetti, and tuna (Most issues of *Footnotes* list the current most-needed items. See list in sidebar).

LOW DEMAND ITEMS: There are many items that we do distribute, but not in great quantities and usually by request. Donations almost always exceed demand and we do not ask you to make a special effort to give these to us.

Included are: ethnic foods (kosher, Asian and Ramen noodles), baking supplies and cake mixes, pudding and gelatin mixes, candy, soft drinks, diet foods, nuts and raisins, to specify a few.

OTHER ITEMS OF VALUE: We use paper and plastic grocery bags for distribution of food—many, many of them. The bags used to deliver donations that are in good condition are reused. Please remember to tie plastic bag handles in large soft knots so they can be easily untied.



The Happiest of Birthdays to:

- Sandy D'Angelo 6/2
- Katie D'Angelo 6/2
- Jay Webster 6/4
- 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
- Roger Rasnake 6/28
- Kathy Kersey 6/29

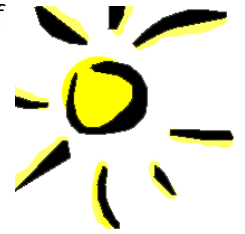
Happy Anniversary to:

- 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

CTS Summer Picnic

On Sunday, June 10 (DeRally Day), at 11:30 a.m., the annual CTS Summer Picnic will be held at Mike and Valerie Mayer's home.

We're looking to provide a menu including a variety of grilled meats (plus at least one grilled vegetarian option) as well as the drinks. To supplement that, we'd like you to bring along a salad, dessert, or side dish to share. You may also want to bring a patio chair or folding chair to sit outside if the weather cooperates.



If you need directions to Mike and Valerie's new house, contact them (or me) for directions. We hope to see you there! All are welcome!



Coming this Fall—Help the Homeless Walks

At CTS we plan to hold our own Help the Homeless mini-walk on a Sunday morning in autumn. The date will be announced. We've held a well-attended walk for the past several years.

For your information, Gaithersburg HELP is organizing a community walk at the Washingtonian Center on Saturday, September 15. You may wish to put this on your calendar as an option, or in addition to the CTS walk.

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Faith Talk: Confirmation at Home: During a typical week Americans spend 26 hours watching TV, 2 hours nurturing faith and 8 minutes in conversation with their children. Family is the place you know and where you are known, where you love and are loved. To give this gift to your children – the gift of knowing, being known, loving, being loved, passing on faith and values, celebrating triumphs, healing wounds, giving hope – you need to be present. Try this this summer – Schedule 15 minutes a day to spend together as a family. Turn off all the electronic devices and don't answer the phone. Sit down together to talk – and be fully present and attentive. Thank God for these incredible people in your life – and let them know how much you value them! Check out the YM bulletin board for 10 ideas for spending time together as a family.

Graduations! It's that time of year again! Graduating from high school -- Dobie Elliott, Grace Kabemba, Maggie Rasnake, Albert Ticona and Max Kohler. Dobie and Grace graduated from Gaithersburg HS; Dobie will be attending Morgan State University in the fall and Grace is off to Eastern Nazarene College. Maggie and Albert graduated from Wooten HS; Maggie will be attending Vassar and Albert is going to the University of Maryland at College Park with plans to transfer to Cornell after his freshman year. Max graduated from Magruder HS and will be joining Albert in going to the University of Maryland at College Park. In addition, Philip Lawson graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a BS in physics; he's off to the University of Boston to pursue his PhD, also in physics. Congratulations and Best Wishes to all!

June Activities

De-Rally Sunday Rehearsal / Picnic

Sat, Jun 9, 3:00 PM / CTS

BBQ sometime around 4:30-5 / H-K

We will have a rehearsal of the Roaring Sheep on Saturday, June 9 at 3:00 PM for the De-Rally Day service on Sunday– followed by an end-of-year BBQ at our house. Parents and siblings and other family members are invited as well! Tony and I will supply the hotdogs and hamburgers and drinks; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP so we have enough (and not too much!)

De-Rally Sunday Service

Sun, Jun 10, 9:30 AM / CTS

This is the Sunday we close out the Sunday School year with a new worship service written by the Confirmation youth during the Fall 2006 retreat. Following the service is the annual CTS picnic – hope to see you all there!

McKenna's Wagon

Sat, Jun 30

Here's a chance to participate in this transformational service opportunity. Tony and I will be on vacation, so Florence is coordinating this - let her know if you'll be accompanying them.

Upcoming Activities

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 bharner@comcast.net. Spouses / partners / significant others and children welcome! Hope to see you all there!

Rally Day

Sun, Sept 9, 2007

Watch for information about a Roaring Sheep rehearsal during the week before.

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 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

As of May 14, 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 AM Holy Communion <i style="color: blue;">Holy Trinity</i>	4 8:00 PM Parish Council	5 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	6 12:00 PM -1:30 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	7	8	9 3:00 PM -5:00 PM Luganda Academy Roaring Sheep Rehearsal
					Synod Assembly	
10 9:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM CTS Picnic DeRally Day <i style="color: blue;">Second Sunday after Pentecost</i>	11 8:00 PM Parish Council	12 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	13 12:00 PM -1:30 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	14 <i style="color: red;">Flag Day</i>	15	16
17 9:30 AM African Service Council Installation <i style="color: red;">Father's Day</i> <i style="color: blue;">Third Sunday after Pentecost</i>	18	19 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	20 12:00 PM -1:30 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	21	22	23
24 9:30 AM Holy Communion <i style="color: blue;">Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	25	26 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	27 12:00 PM -1:30 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	28	29	30

