



# FOOTNOTES

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**The Reverend  
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Pastor**



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate Eastertide (you've heard this from me before), I'm not particularly interested in focusing on Jesus' resurrection as an individual anomaly that we have to struggle to believe in (or not believe in). I'm interested in focusing on the Easter Event as being about how we live in this world because of our experience of the inexplicable and ongoing miracle of our relationship to Jesus of Nazareth. The great German poet Rainer Maria Rilke captures the task for me:

We must accept our reality as vastly as we possibly can; everything, even the unprecedented, must be possible within it. This is in the end the only kind of courage that is required of us: the courage to face the strangest, most unusual, most inexplicable experiences that can meet us. The fact that people have in this sense been cowardly has done infinite harm to life; the experiences that are called "apparitions," the whole so-called "spirit world," death, all these Things that are so closely related to us, have through our daily defensiveness been so entirely pushed out of life that the senses with which we might have been able to grasp them have atrophied. To say nothing of God. But the fear of the inexplicable has not only impoverished the reality of the individual; it has also narrowed the relationship between one human being and another, which has as it were been lifted out of the riverbed of infinite possibilities and set down in a fallow place on the bank, where nothing happens. For it is not only indolence that causes human relationships to be repeated from case to case with such unspeakable monotony and boredom; it is timidity before any new, inconceivable experience, which we don't think we can deal with. But only someone who is ready for everything, who doesn't exclude any experience, even the most incomprehensible, will live the relationship with another person as something alive and will himself sound the depths of his own being.

Easter is an invitation to "accept our reality as vastly as possible." It calls us to courageous living, facing up to the inexplicability of human experience. Our narrow, safe, well-defended lives have

## ***Prayer Concerns***

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Jean Bonald  
Justin Brunce  
Nolan Burke  
Margaret Condon  
Connie Dispenza  
Roy Dorsey  
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Dave Gearing  
Dorothy Gerald  
Brad Greenberg  
Pat Guss  
Delia Harman  
Ben Harris  
George Harrison  
Lauren Heilborn  
Jan Henson  
Sharon Himes  
Mark Hinckley  
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Karin Johnson  
Barbara Jones  
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Dawn Kurilla  
David Lashof  
Betty Leech  
Subayi M'byaya  
Lauren Sue Masoero  
George Mohn  
Pr. John Muller  
Irene Paar  
Joyce Pacheli  
Ron Pacheli  
Bob Petersen  
Ingse Petersen  
Patty Petersen  
Robin Peterson  
Maggie Rasnake  
Rhenzo and family  
Jane Rhine  
Brandow Rivera  
Harry & Ann Schwill  
Vicky Sheridan  
Dana Swan  
Penny VanNeste  
Orlando Vela  
Joe Wheeler

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

brought us to a "fallow place" on the riverbank of life. We have become spiritually indolent. Easter calls us to sound the depths of our own being.

It may be that only poets like Rilke can ever really understand Easter. Fundamentalists take it literally and "believe" it; secularists take it literally and disbelieve it; poets understand that it's not about resuscitation of corpses, but about resurrection of lives. There is a big difference.

We Christians tend to fixate on the question—do you believe in Jesus, but perhaps the miracle is rather that Jesus continues to believe in us. I think Jesus believes that we are all possible poets. Maybe not poets in the technical sense of people who master complex verse forms and meter, but poets in the profoundest sense of people who see life vastly, who move into the mysterious inexplicability of life and grab life fully and completely (our word for "grabbing life fully and completely" is LOVE). Rilke's definition of love is also wonderful: to live the relationship with another person as something alive through which I sound the depths of what it means to be a human being! Easter is all about this love, this depth of being.

Our world today is stuck at a fallow place on the riverbank. Fundamentalism and materialism are both forms of spiritual indolence, lack of religious imagination. Here at CTS, we are striving for resurrection—progressive, incarnational, sacramental practice of Christianity. As Rilke says, this requires courage. The cowardice of war, greed, and intolerance is doing "infinite harm to life." We have to overcome "our daily defensiveness" that has atrophied our souls. We Christians call this courage "faith." Out of faith comes love, out of love comes resurrection. So you see, Easter is a big deal. It asks you to live "vastly."

Yours in Christ,  
—*Pastor Bastien*



## Sunday Readings

### **May 7—Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps.23:1)*

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

### **May 14—Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:24-30 (Psalm 22:25-31 NRSV)

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:26)*

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

### **May 21—Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

*Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands. (Ps. 98:5)*

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

### **May 28—Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

*The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)*

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

## Other Readings

### **May 1—St. Philip and St. James, Apostles**

Isaiah 30:18-21

Psalm 44:1-3, 20-26

*Save us for the sake of your steadfast love. (Ps. 44:26)*

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

John 14:8-14

*(Continues)*

## Council Meeting Summary<sup>Ap</sup>

**April 3, 2006**

**Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Council**

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

- ◆ Financial—Beth Lashof reported the income for March was about \$700 under what was expected.
- ◆ Chuck Eater reported that we had a \$467 positive cash flow in March which results in a positive balance of \$2,718 for the year.
- ◆ CTS members will receive a postcard notice of the important council elections meeting on May 21. Any member interested in serving on Council should submit their name to Pat Andersen.
- ◆ Based on an article about growing congregations, Council members discussed the many challenges of increasing membership. CTS shares many key characteristics with these growing congregations. Council considered the importance of a consistent message for members to convey to visitors and acquaintances as a growth characteristic which we might emphasize.

Respectfully submitted,

—Joyce Backus CTS Council Secretary

*Congregational Meeting and  
Council Elections on  
Sunday, May 21  
Y'all come!*



**May 2006**



**May 25—The Ascension of Our Lord**

Acts 1:1-11

Psalms 47 or Psalm 93

*God has gone up with a shout. (Ps. 47:5) or Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:3)*

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

**May 31—The Visitation**

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Psalms 113

*Let the name of the LORD be blessed from this time forth forevermore. (Ps. 113:2)*

Romans 12:9-16b

Luke 1:39-57



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# Help Wanted!

## Auditor

Needed for annual review of the Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's records. A background in accounting is helpful, but not necessary. Please inquire of Chuck Eater or Beth Lashof for details.

## Council Members

This year because of a year-long vacancy on council, there will be five openings. Four are for 3 full years, and one opening is available for 2 years. Filling council positions is vital for planning our programs for the church year. Council members take the lead roles in Administration (including the web site), Learning, Parish Care, Parish Life, Property, Outreach, Service, Stewardship, planning and coordinating servants for Worship services.

Qualifications necessary: Membership in Christ the Servant Lutheran Church and a willingness to learn more about the church. We are a small congregation, and we are inclusive; everyone has an equal opportunity to serve. We encourage anyone with an interest in learning more about the church and how it operates to volunteer for council service. By now, you may have noticed the "Nominations Box" on Sunday mornings. If you nominate yourself, you will be on the ballot. If others nominate you (or you nominate others who you think would be good on council) we will of course ask first before placing them on the ballot. If you are on the ballot, there is a high probability YOU will be chosen to serve. If you have questions regarding this, please ask any current council member.

## Gaithersburg HELP's MOST WANTED:

- 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 at this time, please.**





### MS Walk—CTS Style!

Ten CTS people walked in the MS Walk (when was that?) a couple, maybe more, weeks ago. (Holy Week happened soon after that, and I lost all sense of time...) The participants were Mike, Valerie, Paul and Anna Mayer, Joanne and Chuck Eater, Barb Minnier, Tom Lipe, Jose Vela and me (Polly Bergtold).

It was a lovely day for the walk, amid eight miles of beautiful scenery and many, many people strung out along the trail. Rain sprinkled on us for a little while, but most everyone brought an umbrella, so for those of us who thought the day was a little warm, it cooled off to an acceptable temperature again...

Tom and Jose and I finished the walk about an hour sooner than the Eaters and the Mayers, but Barb Minnier beat us all. She got to the starting area (Montgomery Mall) before we did, assumed we were already on the trail, got the shuttle to the trail, walked it, didn't stop for lunch (she was working on a major project for the church and wanted to get back to it), and when I called her at home (I was going to leave her a message telling her we were sorry we'd missed her and to get her to call me back when she got back) while Tom and Jose and I were waiting for the shuttle to take us back to our car, she was already home!

Tom, Jose, and I had lunch at the finish line. The Mayers and the Eaters arrived after the food had been all consumed (the organizers did order pizza, but they didn't want to wait for it—*editor's note*) so went out to lunch instead. I hear there were around 7,000 walkers from the DC area that day!

We all very much enjoyed that way of fund-raising for the cure for MS. Thank you for sponsoring us in this very worthy cause. If you haven't yet given us your pledge, please do so. We were glad to represent CTS in this cause, but need your pledge now.

—Polly Bergtold

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## *The South*

It might seem strange that this month's column on different cultures focuses on the South, but, let's face it, to many people Southern culture is as foreign as that of a country you have to fly overnight and then take a guided mule train to get to.

First, some background. I was born in Piedmont North Carolina, about 40 miles from Charlotte, and spent my first 21 years in the state, originally in Stanly County, and later in eastern North Carolina at East Carolina University. As you'll quickly discover, my roots (a very important concept to Southerners) are in North Carolina, and I love the South dearly. Yet the South is struggling with many issues, and there are many aspects of Southern Culture I'd like to see changed. For example, the area around Charlotte to the west of my parent's farm is booming, and it's heartbreaking to see so much North Carolina farmland being developed for McMansions. On the other hand, much of rural eastern North Carolina is given over to hog farms, and many of you will remember the aftermath of Hurricane Fran, with images of dead hogs floating around in flooded waste lagoons. Which is better? I don't know, but I don't think either is good. This is just one example of the dichotomies of the modern South. There are many others, and in this article I'll try to give you a flavor of Southern culture, with its good and bad, but you should understand that it will be from a North Carolinian's perspective, and I apologize in advance if I step on toes.

Let's start by determining where the South is. Geographically, it's all of the country south of the Mason-Dixon Line, but culturally it's much smaller than that. Many Southerners would claim that the true South encompasses all the states that formed the Confederacy during the Civil War, but much of the western part of Maryland was sympathetic to the Confederacy, and, indeed, the culture of western Maryland has many Southern aspects. On the other hand, no Southerner would claim south Florida as Southern, and we don't think of Arkansas as Southern, when we think of Arkansas at all. In addition to geographical issues, within the South itself are many sub-Souths. We have, for example, the Old South, New South, Deep South, Appalachian South, Atlantic South and Mississippi River South. All share certain Southern characteristics, but all are very different, and I'll try to give you a flavor of each. So, let's look at some Frequently Asked Questions about the South.

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**The Happiest of Birthdays to:**

Lorinda Graf .....	5/6
Lois Bartholf .....	5/8
Amy Pawela .....	5/10
Maria Caggiano .....	5/14
Philip Lawson .....	5/15
Florence Bastien .....	5/15
Sarah Bastien .....	5/15
Sarah Kuchinsky .....	5/16
Terry Fehner (Mr.) .....	5/18
Phil Henrich .....	5/18
Michael Pawela .....	5/18
Terry Fehner (Mrs.) .....	5/19
Leah Harner-Kerlavage .....	5/20
Barb Minnier .....	5/22
Maggie Rasnake .....	5/22
Jim Austin .....	5/26
Karoline Peterson .....	5/28
M'baya Kabemba .....	5/29
Mike Kuchinsky .....	5/30
Dobie Elliott .....	5/31

**Happy Anniversary to:**

Jim & Michelle	
Austin .....	5/20
David & Polly	
Bergtold .....	5/24
Chuck & Lois	
Bartholf .....	5/25



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**A:** One feature of all of these Souths, and indeed a defining aspect of all Southerners is what we nebulously call "heritage." This is the sense of being tied to the history of our homes and families, and is a mixed blessing. Heritage is knowing my father's family history back to 15<sup>th</sup> century Switzerland because my aunt cares enough about the Lipe heritage to trace the family tree that far. It is also being proud that (allegedly) my mother's family tree includes Daniel Boone. The flip side is that people use "heritage" as an excuse to hold on to ideas that have been discarded by the rest of society. It is

why the Confederate battle flag flies above the American flag on several farms around my parent's house, and why the obligatory statue of a Confederate soldier graced the front of my elementary school. If you ask the people who live there about it, they will tell you that it's not racial, they are just honoring their heritage. This collective memory also tells you why, until about 1970, a Republican could not be elected to public office in North Carolina, or across much of the South. The reason had nothing to do with politics, and everything to do with the Republican Party being the party of the Union during the Civil War, and during Reconstruction. All Southerners have very long memories, but sometimes they turn into grudges.

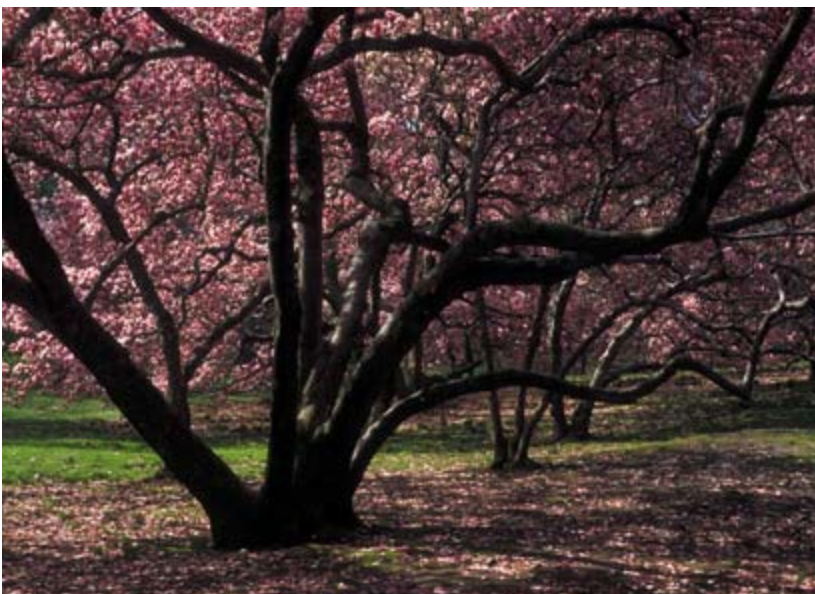
*Q:* That's a lot of Souths. Can you narrow it down?

*A:* We can make some sense out of the different Souths, and begin to define just who Southerners are in a very direct way by looking at one thing: barbecue. The type of barbecue you eat tells you what kind of Southerner you are. Actually the spelling of barbecue goes a long way because in North Carolina barbecue is often spelled barbeque, or, simply bar-b-q. From a North Carolinian's

perspective, TRUE BARBEQUE IS PORK!!!! It is pulled (not cut) from a hog that has been roasting over hickory chips for several days, and served dry, on a bun, with copious quantities of Texas Pete (and only Texas Pete) tabasco sauce, red cole slaw on the side, and large amounts of tea. In the South, tea comes sweetened, and made with roughly equal amounts of tea and sugar. Other parts of the South serve (what they call) barbecue differently. West of the Appalachians barbecue is generally beef, drowned in sauce and served on a bun. Southern Virginians like their barbecue made with pork, but swimming in sauce, with white cole slaw. In Texas it's something else again, and in Maryland and northern Virginia barbecue means ribs. Barbecue is usually eaten by "Old" Southerners in dives (restaurant being considered an upscale word) using paper plates, paper napkins, and paper table cloths. "New" Southerners don't eat barbecue unless it's in a trendy restaurant and called something else besides barbecue. One of the most passionate debates in North Carolina (apart from basketball, which we'll get to later) is who makes the best barbecue. In eastern North Carolina, the choice is between King's in Kinston and Parker's in Greenville. I'd vote for King's, but it's a toss-up. In Piedmont North Carolina it's the Millingport Fire Department. Not even close.

*Q:* How can you tell if you're a Southerner?

*A:* What you do with okra. If you don't know what okra is (or think it's only a slimy mess) then you're not a Southerner. If you associate okra with gumbo, then you're also not a Southerner, because New Orleans has its own culture, and you won't find a lot of gumbo outside Louisiana. Real Southerners know that okra is rolled in corn meal and fried. If you know this then you're a Southerner. If you also



know that Cheerwine is cherry cola and not alcoholic in spite of its name, then you're a True Southerner.

*Q:* How many seasons does the South have?

*A:* Only two, but what they are depends on what part of the South you're in. For the part of the South below North Carolina and very western South Carolina, fall is for football, and spring is for spring football. For North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and that small part of South Carolina, winter is for basketball. There are really great ski resorts in western North Carolina, but nobody I grew up with skied. Instead, winter sports means basketball, from October until April. If you don't grow up in North Carolina, it's impossible to really know the depth of passion for basketball. In no other area of the country does basketball play such an important role in society. The highest-rated TV telecasts EVER in North Carolina are Duke-Carolina basketball games, and I've known families that won't speak to each other during basketball season because of college affiliation. Suffice it to say that it has been quantitatively determined that more people are absent from work on the Friday of the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament (with two afternoon games) than any other day of the year except Christmas. The other season is NASCAR season which basically gets us through the summer. Again, if you didn't grow up around stock car racing it's hard to understand why so many people watch "a bunch of guys running around in circles all afternoon," as my adorable wife calls it. But like a lot of things in Southern culture, it has become part of our heritage. It is interesting to note that until the NFL blessed Charlotte with the Panthers in 1996, North Carolina's home team was the Redskins. The reason? Sonny Jurgenson played at Duke. Other than



this football was not important, and baseball nonexistent.

*Q:* What's for dinner?

*A:* Depends on where you are. In the South, the meal in the middle of the day is dinner, not lunch like it is everywhere else, and the evening meal is

supper, not dinner. If you ask my mother "what's for lunch?" she'll ask you what lunch is.

*Q:* Are Southern accents genuine.

*A:* Absolutely. And they don't go away with time, either.

*Q:* Is Southern Hospitality for real?

*A:* You bet. I have dropped in unannounced at relatives on more than one occasion and been sat down to a full meal. I've seen my parents do the same for friends and relatives. And the stereotype of all Southern women (especially older women) being exceptional cooks is absolutely justified. My father's mother was the best cook I've ever known. Anne would say the same about her relatives in the South. And all had the typical Southern trait of not being able to accept praise. Tell my grandmother how good her cakes were and you'd get "what? This old thing? It's just something I threw together." Like the Sistine Chapel was something Michelangelo just "threw together."

*Q:* Are Southerners wordy?

*A:* No. Which is why I'm stopping here. If you have more questions about the South, I will be happy to answer them in my charming, hospitably Southern way.

—Tom Lipe

# CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

## May 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>7:30 PM Sts Philip &amp; James Eucharist</b> <i>May Day</i>	2 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 6:30 PM Sr High Koinonia	3 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	4 6:55 PM -8:40 PM Girl scouts	5	6 9:00 AM Mutual Ministry 6:00 PM Jazz Vespers
7 8:30 AM Holy Communion 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	8 8:00 PM Parish Council	9 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	10 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	11 6:55 PM -8:40 PM Girl scouts	12	13 8:00 AM -3:00 PM Benedictine Work Day
14 8:30 AM Matins 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Mother's Day</i>	15	16 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 6:30 PM Confirmation Koinonia	17 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 6:30 PM Youth Gaithersburg Help	18 6:55 PM -8:40 PM Girl scouts 8:00 PM Outreach committee	19 7:00 PM CTS Men's Support Group	20 5:00 PM Eastlack wedding reception <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
21 8:30 AM Matins 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b> Congregational Meeting <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Pastor Bastien continuing education</div>	22	23 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	24 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	25 6:55 PM -8:40 PM Girl scouts 7:30 PM Eucharist High Mass <i>Ascension Day</i>	26	27 10:00 AM seminar
28 8:30 AM Matins 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion 7:00 PM Theology Club <b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>	29 <i>Memorial Day</i>	30 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study 11:30 AM lunch bunch 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 8:00 PM Worship Committee	31 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups <i>7:30 PM The Visitation Eucharist</i>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Pastor Bastien continuing education</div>		

Footnotes deadline is third Sunday of each month.

## FOUR KEYS TO NURTURING FAITH IN MAY ~ SING A NEW SONG ~

Devotion to use with family or with those like family this month.

### 1. CARING CONVERSATION

- A. If I could play any instrument in the world, I'd like to play the...because...
- B. My favorite hymn is... because...
- C. The last time I sang in the shower, I sang...

### 2. DEVOTIONS IN THE HOME

- A. Read Psalm 98.
- B. Share your thoughts on the following...
  - i. Why do you think we are to sing a 'new song'?
  - ii. I think that the most joyful noise that could be made to honor God is ...
  - iii. A piece of music that makes me think about God is...
- C. Close with prayer, thanking God for the gift of music and singing.

### 3. SERVICE

- A. One way we can serve God is through music and song. If you have a gift of music, consider sharing your gift with others. If you'd like to sing with the choir or play your instrument for worship at CTS, talk to Anne Lipe or Marjorie McClain or sign up on your Time and Talent sheet.
- B. How can you say "Thank You" to those who enrich your life with music?

### 4. TRADITIONS AND RITUALS

- A. Share an evening of music together – by playing instruments and/or singing together or by listening to each other's favorite song. Share why you chose this song and what it says to you.
- B. Invite a friend or neighbor to attend Jazz Vespers with you on Saturday evening, May 6 at CTS.

## FOUR KEYS TO NURTURING FAITH IN MAY ~ THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ~

Devotion to use with family or with those like family this month.

### 1. CARING CONVERSATION

- A. Family rules are like the Ten Commandments because....
- B. Would there be any wrongdoing if there weren't rules to follow? Why/why not?
- C. Is it easier to attend to people fulfilling or breaking the Commandments?

### 2. DEVOTIONS IN THE HOME

- A. Read Exodus 20:1-17
- B. Share your thoughts on the following...
  - I. Which commandment is the easiest to follow? Which is the hardest? Why?
  - II. On a scale with "an invitation to a good life" at one end and "rules that must be followed" at the other, where do you think the Ten Commandments fall? Why?
  - III. Jesus talked about commandments. Read Matthew 22:35-40. What verses of Exodus 20 are similar to Jesus' first commandment? What verses are similar to Jesus' second commandment? Which are easier to live by?
- C. Close with prayer

### 3. SERVICE

- A. The Ten Commandments are all about life in community. What are ways you can serve your community?
- B. Find a way to say "Thank You" to those who help enforce rules to keep us safe – police officers, crossing guards, etc.

### 4. TRADITIONS AND RITUALS

- A. Every family has rules. List the rules for your family. Discuss the reason for each rule – is it to keep family members safe? healthy? to ensure that family members and others are treated with respect? How do these rules change? Are there rules that need to be 'updated'?
- B. Pay attention to where you see others (or yourself) living the Commandments in everyday duties. Each day when your family is together, share an example of how someone was promoting and protecting life.

**Faith Talk: Confirmation at Home:** This month we finish with The Ten Commandments, the topic for our Spring Confirmation retreat this month, moving on to the Ninth and Tenth Commandments: "You shall not covet your neighbor's house" and "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female servant, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." Some discussion starters: *When I see something I really want, I ...; I feel jealous when...; Possessions get in the way of friendships when ...; I can be satisfied with only ...*

**Spring Confirmation Retreat:** Four parents (Joyce, Todd, James and Roger) joined the six confirmands (Michelle, Jonathon, Kirsten, Nansi, Julia, and Eric), and Barbara, Tony and Pastor for our Spring Retreat at Mar-Lu-Ridge April 21-23. Although the weather was rainy, foggy and chilly, we had a great time learning about and with each other. The material was challenging, the discussions were lively and enlightening, and our final session was eye-opening. Watch for our DVD at the May congregational meeting!

**2006 ELCA Youth Gathering:** Plans are well underway for twelve youth (Bryan, Garrett, Linda, Maggie, Grace, Dobie, Albert, Sarah, Melissa, Selena, Michelle, and Jonathon) and Barbara and Tony to travel to San Antonio, TX this summer to attend the 2006 ELCA Youth Gathering. We have our hotel assignment (Woodfield Suites), our airline tickets (we fly out of BW 8:40 AM on July 4<sup>th</sup>!), and our Group Blind Date assignment (Zion Lutheran, Tipp City, OH). We've been meeting monthly to prepare for *Curzando: Journey with Jesus*. But there is still more to do – a banner to create, a covenant to finalize, and one last fundraiser – watch for announcements and sign-up sheets for CTS t-shirts, sweatshirts and – new this year – baseball caps! And watch for how 10+20+30=100!

**May Activities**

**Koinonia**

**Senior High**

**Tues, May 2, 6:30 – 9:00 PM / H-K**

Open to all 10th-12th grade youth. Bring a can of soup (any flavor - just not one with a cream base) for the pot and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship with other Senior High youth.

**Confirmation**

**Tues, May 16, 6:30 – 8:30 PM / H-K**

This will be our last Confirmation Koinonia for the year, so we'll close with an Agape supper. Bring a can of soup (any flavor - just not one with a cream base) for the pot and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship.

**Sheepdogs**

**Thurs, May 11, 8:00 - 9:30 PM / H-K**

Support group for parents of Youth in grades 7-12. Please join us as we share with and encourage each other in our ministry to our children. Proposed topic: Internet safety and MySpace. Note: This is a change in date from the April Footnotes to accommodate the rescheduling of the "Cross-Eyed Sheep" meeting.

**Gaithersburg Help**

**Wed, May 17**

Volunteers for May: Eric, Grace and Julia.

**"Cross-Eyed Sheep"**

**Thurs, May 18, 6:30 – 9:00 PM / H-K**

Since we could not find an available Sunday afternoon to meet during May, we will meet this evening. We'll start with a simple dinner.

**Faithtrip - Montgomery Conference Lutheran Youth Roadtrip**

Originally scheduled for Sat, May 13, due to schedule conflicts, this is being postponed until the fall.

**Upcoming Activities**

**"Cross-Eyed Sheep"**

**June date / time TBD at May Meeting**

**Pentecost**

**Sun, Jun 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!

**De-Rally Sunday**

**Sunday, 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 - probably in the morning. Watch this space for time and further details.

**Mentor / Youth Activity**

**Fri, June 16**

Let's celebrate the beginning of summer! Save this date and watch this space / email for more details!

**Chi Rho 2006**

**July 23-29, 2006**

Metro DC Synod's annual work camp event for youth, returning this year to Neon, Kentucky. See Barbara for information and/or registration forms which are due May 15.

**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](mailto:bharner@comcast.net).

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

# SERVANTS' LIST FOR MAY 2006

**May 1, 2006**  
**St. Philip & St. James**  
**7:30 p.m. Holy Communion**

Altar Preparation ..... TBD  
Communion Assistant ..... Chuck Eater  
Lector ..... Nathan Meyer  
Prayer Leader ..... Dave Larrabee

**May 7, 2006**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**8:30 a.m. Holy Communion**

Acolytes ..... Tom Lipe, TBD  
Altar Preparation ..... Sandy D'Angelo  
Communion Assts .. Sarah Kuchinsky, Connie Graf  
Communion Bread ..... Wilma Garvey  
Lector ..... Tom Lipe  
Prayer Leader ..... Frank Foge  
Usher ..... Doreen Foge  
Greeter ..... TBD

**11:00 a.m. Holy Communion**

Acolytes ..... Tom Eastlack, Joanne Eater  
Altar Preparation ..... Pat Andersen  
Communion Assts ..... Pat Andersen, Dick Walker  
Communion Bread ..... Melanie McMichael  
Lector ..... Polly Bergtold  
Prayer Leader ..... Tony Kerlavage  
Usher ..... James Kabonge  
Greeter ..... TBD  
Hospitality ..... Marcy Kabemba

Flowers given today by ..... The Lipes

**May 14, 2006**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**8:30 a.m. Matins**

Acolyte ..... Dorothy Scott-Thomas  
Lector ..... Vernon Toelle  
Usher ..... Vernon Toelle  
Greeter ..... TBD

**11:00 a.m. Holy Communion**

Acolytes ..... Maggie Rasnake  
Angela Carr  
Altar Preparation ..... Pat Andersen  
Communion Assts .... Paul Bender, Roger Rasnake  
Communion Bread ..... Inge Harman  
Lector ..... Chuck Eater  
Prayer Leader ..... Dave Larrabee  
Usher ..... Dave Larrabee  
Greeter ..... TBD  
Hospitality ..... Christiana Carr

Flowers given today by ..... Barbara Holzapfel

**May 21, 2006**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
Celebrant/Preacher The Rev. Dr. Edward Gabriele  
**8:30 a.m. Matins**

Acolyte ..... Vernon Toelle  
Lector ..... Frank Foge  
Usher ..... Dave Larrabee  
Greeter ..... TBD

**May 21, Sixth Sunday of Easter (continued)**

**11:00 a.m. Holy Communion**

Acolytes ..... Kirsten Petersen, Heidi Petersen  
Altar Preparation ..... Sandy D'Angelo  
Communion Assts ..... Mike Mayer, Paul Bender  
Communion Bread ..... Dave Larrabee  
Lector ..... Tony Kerlavage  
Prayer Leader ..... Joanne Eater  
Usher ..... Chuck Eater  
Greeter ..... TBD  
Hospitality ..... Dave Larrabee

Flowers given today by ..... The Austins

**May 25, 2006**  
**Ascension of Our Lord**  
**7:30 p.m. High Mass**

Acolytes Crucifer ..... Roger Rasnake  
Bookbearer ..... Dave Larrabee  
Thurifer ..... Bob Andersen  
Altar Preparation ..... TBD  
Communion Assts ..... Pat Andersen  
(*vest & process*) ..... TBD  
Communion Bread ..... The Eaters  
Lector ..... Nathan Meyer  
Prayer Leader ..... Dave Larrabee  
Usher ..... TBD

**May 28, 2006**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**8:30 a.m. Matins**

Acolyte ..... Wilma Garvey  
Lector ..... Vernon Toelle  
Usher ..... Steve Garvey  
Greeter ..... TBD

**11:00 a.m. Holy Communion**

Acolytes ..... Mike Mayer, Paul Mayer  
Altar Preparation ..... Beth Lashof  
Communion Assts ..... Dave Larrabee, Chuck Eater  
Communion Bread ..... The Andersens  
Lector ..... Polly Bergtold  
Prayer Leader ..... Polly Bergtold  
Usher ..... Beth Lashof  
Greeter ..... TBD  
Hospitality ..... Hope Walker

Flowers given today by ..... The Bergtolds

**May 31, 2006**  
**The Visitation**  
**7:30 p.m. Holy Communion**

Altar Preparation ..... TBD  
Communion Assistant ..... Dave Larrabee  
Lector ..... Bob Andersen  
Prayer Leader ..... Pat Andersen

*Launder Altar Linens in May ..... Joann Eastlack*