



FOOTNOTES

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**The Reverend
Peter Bastien,
Pastor**



The Tree of Life

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am always pondering (it is sort of professionally mandated for a pastor) the ways in which we think and speak about God. We cannot think or speak of God without images and concepts, but no image and no concept can ever capture God, not even the best of them. They always have to be held lightly in the hand, like a fragile butterfly. Try to hold onto them and idolatry results. One of the benefits of inter-religious dialogue is that it broadens our ideas about God. Poetry, which is always about God, even when it doesn't know it, has this same effect.

For example, the American poet, Hart Crane, said this: "The true idea of God is the only thing that can give happiness—and that is the identification of yourself with all of life." Actually, Crane is not so much defining God, giving us an idea of God, as he is telling us what happens to us morally and spiritually when we come close to God. *AND* (this is important), he is asserting that being in God-space does not abstract us from life as some puritans and dualists seem to think; on the contrary, God's presence drives us deep into the bone and marrow of life itself. When you know who God is, suddenly you identify yourself, you have an identity, that puts you in solidarity with life in all its forms and processes. Christians call this "incarnation." God comes to us in our own flesh.

If this happens, the next thing is that you are feeding the hungry, caring for the environment, working for justice, living peacefully with all beings. It will also effect how you raise your kids, your friendships with neighbors, how you see your work. It will affect how you play and recreate as well. Even church: some people go to church out of a sense of duty (sounds tedious and boring to me), but people who understand Hart Crane's statement go to church to be happy. Church for them is a community that worships out of joy, not duty. The proper preface says, "It is our duty and delight..." But for me, the "delight" part overwhelms the "duty" part. Worshipping

Prayer Concerns

Viveka Bhasker
Jean Bonald
Justin Brunce
Cora Burkley and family
Ann Clinger
Margaret Condon
Walter Fisher
Ann Gairloff
Sam Gates
Dave Gearing
Dorothy Gerald
Lorinda Graf
The Rev. Richard Graham
and our synod
Pat Guss
Kammy Haag
Fred Jaeger
Dave Lashof
Lauren Sue Masoero
Pr. John Muller
Aingiki Mwanga's family
Althea Nottingham
Irene Paar
Joyce Pacheli
Ron Pacheli
Paxton-Daily family
Bob Petersen
Ingse Petersen
Patty Petersen
Jane Rhine
Dieter Richter
Ann Schwill
Dana Swan
Joe Wheeler



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.

together, praying together, working together, struggling for truth together is all about human happiness and well-being. I'm trying to make a life here and I come to this church because it identifies me with all of life and this "gives happiness." The Peace (Shalom) that surpasses understanding.

Yours in Christ,
—Pastor Bastien

— Reminder —

— Congregation Meeting —

— Sunday, October 7, 6:00 p.m. —

- Fall Stewardship campaign.
- Ratification of the CTS Constitution.
- Traditional Congregational dinner begins at 5:00 p.m.



Discipleship: Continuing the Dialogue

This year's Stewardship Campaign will kick off at the fall Congregational Meeting on October 6, and our theme this year is Discipleship. We will examine the links between discipleship and stewardship, and we want to continue the discussions that we began in our Every Member Response visits last fall.

This year, we plan to give everyone in the congregation the chance to have their voice heard and to learn more about how CTS gathers and uses resources by asking each person to attend one of four scheduled one-hour sessions—so check your calendars now to see which works best for you! Those sessions are:

- Saturday, October 13 at 3 pm
- Tuesday, October 16 at 8 pm
- Sunday, October 21 at 9:50 am, at Adult Forum
- Thursday, October 25 at 8 pm



Council members will be in touch soon to ask you which session you will be attending. The campaign will end this year on October 28, when the Reformation Day service will also be our Commitment Sunday! We look forward to your help so that we can have a successful fall stewardship campaign to prepare for a busy 2008. If you have any questions, please call me at 301-838-0360 or send an email to rasnake@gmail.com.

In Christ,
—Roger Rasnake

Sunday Readings

October 7—Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 27)

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 137:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 14—Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 28)

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 21—Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 29)

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

Reformation Sunday—October 28

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

Other Readings

October 18—Luke, Evangelist
Isaiah 43:8-13 or Isaiah 35:5-8
Psalm 124
2 Timothy 4:5-11
Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

October 28—Simon and Jude, Apostles

Jeremiah 26:1-16
Psalm 11
1 John 4:1-6
John 14:21-27



Council Meeting Summary

September 10, 2007

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Council

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

- Treasurer's report: Income was down for August; cash flow for the month was minus \$2,300. We are, however, \$535.92 ahead in the year to date.
- Lorna Pool, who completed the audits for 2005 and 2006, recommended no need for any changes to our accounting practices.
- The fall congregational meeting is October 7. Agenda items: CTS Constitution, Sharp coordinator presentation, and the Fall Every Member Response campaign.
- Bishop Graham's installation will be October 14. CTS members are encouraged to join Council in attending.
- The September 21-22 Council retreat will focus on team building and asset mapping.

Respectfully submitted,

—Polly Brody, CTS Council Secretary

Installation of the Metropolitan Washington Synod Bishop

The Installation of the Rev. Richard H. Graham as Bishop of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will take place on

Sunday, October 14, 2007 at 7:00 pm

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Silver Spring, MD.

St. John the Evangelist is located on 10103 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring. ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson will preside over the Installation as well as preach. There will be a short reception after the Installation Liturgy.

—The Rev. Scott McAnally
Chair of Installation Team



The Happiest of Birthdays to:

- Steve Bower 10/1
- Kevin Peterson..... 10/1
- Kyle Peterson..... 10/1
- Polly Bergtold10/3
- Sarah Bender10/6
- Inge Harman10/8
- Bob Heitmuller10/8
- David Bergtold 10/10
- Mark Lawson 10/11
- Selena Kabonge 10/13
- Dave Larrabee 10/15
- Rick Umali 10/15
- Connie Graf 10/18
- Kayleigh Austin 10/18
- Nick Bower 10/19
- Buzz Corsello 10/22
- Doreen Foge 10/23
- Bernard Bropleh 10/23
- Barbara Harner 10/27
- Jack Hammer 10/29
- Nick Kuchinsky 10/30
- Grace Kabemba 10/31

Happy Anniversary to:

- Buzz Corsello & Linda Harrison10/3
- Greg & Paula Rosasco 10/16
- Tom & Anne Lipe 10/17
- Ernie & Connie Graf 10/24



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About Worship

On Christian Worship: Light from the East

From the earliest times, Christians at prayer have turned toward the East. Christ is the Dayspring, the rising sun who dawns upon us from high to give light to those in darkness and in the shadow of death (Luke 1:9). The eastward orientation of many churches and altars is a way of expressing the great cry of every Eucharist: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord."

In every celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the Presiding Minister guides the people in pilgrimage toward the kingdom and with them, keeps watch for the return of the Lord. This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven (Acts 1:11).

The Eastern Churches follow to this day the apostolic tradition of celebrating the Eucharist toward the East in anticipation of the return of the Lord in glory. At the heart of the Eucharistic Prayer in the Western Rite, the people evoke this same return of the Lord, singing, "When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory." A powerful witness is given in the prayer of people who stand together facing the light of Christ and giving voice to the same hope. "The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let him who hears say, 'Come.' " (Revelation 22:17).

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

October Retreat Day

- † Labyrinth Walk
- † Saturday, October 20
- † St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 25100 Ridge Road, Damascus, MD
- † A morning of silent walking meditation using the ancient path known as a labyrinth. Instruction will be given beforehand.
- † Registration is required; forms are available in the Retreats brochures in the narthex. Brochures also list the year's schedule.
- † Please note: members of St. Hildegard's or Christ the Servant communities, deduct \$10.00 from the registration fee.



Peace be with you!
—The Rev. Linda S. Harrison



Nursery Volunteers Needed

Please let Cathy Kuchinsky know if you would like to volunteer to periodically help in the nursery during services. Or you can write your name under the service time(s) on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Also, if we had a regularly staffed nursery, are there any CTS families that would use the nursery during services besides the visitors?

Thanks for your help.
—Cathy Kuchinsky

CTS Yard Sale: A Great Success And A New Tradition!

This year's CTS Youth Ministry Yard Sale was held on Saturday, September 15, and drew a large number of visitors. It also inaugurated a new tradition—the End-of-Summer Celebration! A record quantity of donations were collected and offered for sale this year resulting in proceeds of over \$3000.00 for our Youth Ministry and the charitable projects it supports!

The atmosphere was festive on Saturday morning as a steady crowd streamed into the church to browse through the books and CD's, peruse the many framed prints and pictures, and select craft and houseware items. The day had dawned damp and chilly but turned blustery and sunny as the morning progressed. The buffeting winds proved problematic for canopy set-up, but our musicians braved the elements to entertain the visiting crowds. Many thanks to Polly Brody, Jo Johnson, Bob McMichael, Mike Mayer, Frank Foge and Paul Bender for the wonderful music!

Balloons and hula-hoops were the highlights of the children's games led by Terry Fehner, to the delight of the younger set. Both CTS member children and visitors enjoyed these activities. An eye-catching display of Equal Exchange coffee, teas, and other products was another new touch. Set up in the CTS Narthex to entice our visitors to sample and buy, it also provided an opportunity to educate people about the fair trade movement. Many thanks to Buzz Corsello for providing the delicious coffee and the commentary. Our Outreach efforts this year were also augmented by the distribution of CTS informational brochures and invitations to Film Buffs to hundreds of Yard Sale attendees, hand delivered by our own Pat Bastien. Connie Graf, representing Parish Life, also greeted visitors and offered refreshments for sale.

Our youth ministers, Barbara Harner and Tony Kerlavage, along with the youth group and their parents, worked tirelessly over several days to make this yard sale event a great success. Our sanctuary was reorganized and other rooms and furniture rearranged after the Rally Day Service on September 9th, to accommodate the large quantities of donations expected and to show off the merchandise to good effect. Donations began flowing into the church early in the week, culminating in the largest accumulation of contributions that the CTS Yard Sale has handled to date.

A great deal of behind-the-scenes work also contributed to the success of the sale. Planning and publicity for the event began many months ago, with information, and articles being provided to The



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Gaithersburg HELP 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



Be a Pal, a Friend, to a Resident at the National Lutheran Home

The Pal program is a one-to-one visitation program sponsored by the Auxiliary of the National Lutheran Home. This program offers an opportunity to become a special friend, a Pal, to an elderly resident. A visitor is very special to a lonely and infirm person. A visit by a Pal assures an elderly resident that someone cares, and reinforces his or her sense of self-worth.

Basic requirements of the program are minimal. A Pal is asked to bring a gift of love, and share this gift in an individual way with a resident. Visits may be made as frequently as desired, but a minimum of one visit a month would be ideal. Visits may be made at any time which is mutually convenient for both the Pal and the resident being visited.

At this time both male and female Pals are needed. If you are interested or want further information, call Jean Abel, 301-294-5808 (9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.).



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Washington Post, local newspapers, and the newsletters of neighborhood associations. Flyers advertising the sale were also produced and distributed. A new Yard Sale banner, custom-made for our CTS sign, was utilized, thus greatly improving the visibility of our event in the neighborhood. Many thanks to Cathy Kuchinsky for her help with the publicity work, and special thanks to Roger Rasnake for acquiring our new banner and mounting it on the CTS sign where it could be displayed for the entire week before the sale. Thanks to Roger too for repairing, setting up and retrieving all the neighborhood signs that pointed the way to our Yard Sale.

When the sale was over, the unsold items were packed up and transported to local charitable agencies that assist needy, disabled, and disadvantaged residents. Three van loads of clothing, linens, toys and housewares were taken to the Interfaith Clothing Center which serves our upcounty area. Unsold furniture, appliances, and seasonal items were taken to Goodwill Industries. Special thanks are due to Connie Graf for generously volunteering her time and her truck to pick up all the oversize donations before the sale and to carry away the heavy and bulky items left when the sale was over. Thanks to the whole team that assisted with the big job of cleaning up after the sale, and to the whole CTS community for supporting the event so unstintingly!

Faith Talk: Confirmation at Home: This fall we will be studying the Apostle's Creed. The Second Article begins: "I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord...." What does this mean? Again, start by reading Luther's explanation in The Small Catechism (which can be found in the back of the ELW), and then talk about what this means for you. There are two inseparable themes: Jesus' divinity and Jesus' humanity. Use these as conversation starters: "I believe that Jesus Christ..." "Jesus Christ is true God because....and he is true man because..." "Jesus Christ has freed me from ..." Listen to U2's song *All Because of You*. Bono sings of a saving presence that rescues from brokenness and gives life meaning. The personal nature of the song suggests he could be singing about the person of Jesus. Why does Jesus' becoming human amplify the depth of God's love for us?

CTS (Youth Ministry) Yard Sale and End-of-Summer Celebration: We were blessed with so many things for this event: beautiful weather, tons of donations, lots of shoppers (and buyers!) and a large group of great volunteers! Thank you to everyone who helped in any way – especially to Inge for coordinating the sale, those who donated items to sell and food for the workers, and everyone who gave of their time during the week and on Saturday to help with set up, the sale and clean up. And a special thank you to the members of the Gapfillers who provided music, Connie for the water, soda and snack sales, and Buzz for offering the Fair Trade items for sale. What a success – not only in the money raised (over \$3,000!) but in the opportunities for fellowship and outreach!

October Activities and Events

Senior High (Grades 10-12) Koinonia / Agape Supper

Thurs, Oct 4, 6:30 - 9:00 PM / H-K

Come join us for our annual Agape Supper kick-off for youth Koinonia. 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 youth as we start a new year on our faith journey. This year we will be using a provocative film series – Nooma – to help us look at issues that we care about. We'll start with *Rain*: Things don't always work out the way we want them to, or the way we think they will. Sometimes we don't even see it coming. We get hit with some form of pain out of nowhere leaving us feeling desperate and helpless. Where is God when it really hurts?

Confirmation Koinonia

Thurs, Oct 11, 6:30 - 8:30 PM / H-K

Come join us for an evening of food, fellowship and fun – with a little faith work thrown in. We'll start with dinner – pizza – and go from there.

Installation of Bishop Richard Graham

Sun, Oct 14, 7:00 PM / St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Our synod will celebrate the installation of our new bishop, the Rev. Richard H. Graham, and you are invited to attend! The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the ELCA, will lead the liturgy. Come and join us for this joyous event!

Sheepdogs (Parent Support Group)

Wed, Oct 17, 8:00 - 9:30 PM / H-K

Parents of youth in grades 7-12 are welcome as we share with and encourage each other in our ministry to our children. At this first meeting, we'll come up with a list of topics and a meeting schedule for the year. We'll start with a look at conversation about Conversation!

Chrysalis Registration Forms Due!

Sun, Oct 21

See below for details....

Gaithersburg Help

Thurs, Oct 25, 4:30 - 7:00 PM

We need 3 volunteers each month to help with our ongoing service project at the food pantry. Beth has 'retired' from coordinating this service ministry – thank you, Beth, for your years of mentoring and shepherding! - and we welcome Inge Harman as the new coordinator. Please call Inge or Barbara to volunteer or with questions. Tentative volunteers for October: Carson, Will and James

Reformation Service

Sun, Oct 29, 4:00 PM

Join Lutherans from all over the Synod for the annual Reformation Service at the Washington Cathedral We'll meet at CTS at 2:00 pm to carpool down – bring some money for dinner as we always stop at Armand's for pizza on the way home. We'll be back around 8:00.

Upcoming Activities

Senior High (Grades 10-12) Koinonia / Agape Supper

Thurs, Nov 15, 6:30 - 9:00 PM / H-K

Nooma: *Trees*

Fall Confirmation Retreat

Nov 9-11

Topic: Apostles Creed; Location: Mar-Lu-Ridge. Pre-retreat session: Sunday, Nov 4 following the 11:00 service.

Chrysalis 2007 – hear me now

Fri, Nov 30 - Sun, Dec 2

Metro DC Synod's annual Youth Ministry event for Senior High youth. The theme - hear me now - will encourage participants to hear! Whether it's hearing themselves, hearing what others are saying or hearing God, this weekend will push all of us to hear what we may normally miss. A registration form was emailed to you in September, but if you missed it, come see me. Completed forms and a check for \$55 (made out to CTS) are due to me by Sunday, October 21!!

Shekinah 2008

Fri, Mar 7 – Sun, Mar 9

Metro DC Synod's annual Youth Ministry event for 7th and 8th grade youth. Put these dates on your calendar now so you can join 200 of your peers for a great weekend!

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

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2007

as of Sept. 10th, 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	3 12:00 PM -1:00 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	4 6:30 PM Sr High Koinonia	5	6
7 8:30 AM Holy Communion 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion 5:00 PM Congregational Supper 6:00 PM Congregational Meeting <i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8 8:00 PM Parish Council <i>Columbus Day</i>	9 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	10 12:00 PM -1:00 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	11 6:30 PM Confirmation Koinonia	12	13 3:00 PM Stewardship Outreach Meeting
14 8:30 AM Matins 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion <i>20th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Installation of new Bishop	15	16 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 8:00 PM Stewardship Outreach Meeting	17 12:00 PM -1:00 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 8:00 PM Sheepdogs	18 7:30 PM Saint Luke's Eucharist	19	20 10:00 AM Seminar
21 8:30 AM Matins 9:50 AM Stewardship Meeting 11:00 AM Holy Communion 7:00 PM CTS Book Club <i>21st Sunday after Pentecost</i>	22	23 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	24 12:00 PM -1:00 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	25 8:00 PM Stewardship Outreach Meeting	26	27
28 8:30 AM Holy Communion 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM High Mass 4:00 PM Reformation Service at Cathedral Commitment Sunday <i>Reformation Sunday</i>	29	30 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible study 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups	31 12:00 PM -1:00 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups <i>Halloween</i> <i>Reformation Day</i>			

SERVANTS' LIST FOR OCTOBER 2007

October 7, 2007
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes Tom Lipe, Steve Garvey
Altar Preparation Wilma Garvey
Communion Assistants Verson Toelle
Sandy D'Angelo
Communion Bread Wilma Garvey
Prayer Leader Frank Foge
Lector Frank Foge
Usher Doreen Foge
Greeter TBD

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes Arlene Alfano, James Alfano
Altar Preparation Joann Eastlack
Communion Assistants Dave Larrabee
Barbara Harner
Communion Bread Barbara Harner
Lector Inge Harman
Prayer Leader Barbara Harner
Usher James Kabonge
Greeter TBD
Hospitality Hope Walker
Flowers given today by Scott Kuester

October 14, 2007
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m. Matins

Acolyte Carson Fehner
Lector Joyce Backus
Usher Vernon Toelle
Greeter TBD

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes Kirsten Petersen, Heidi Petersen
Altar Preparation Bob Andersen
Communion Assistants Mike Mayer
Tony Kerlavage
Communion Bread Melanie McMichael
Lector Dave Larrabee
Prayer Leader Dave Larrabee
Usher Dave Larrabee
Greeter TBD
Hospitality Joanne Eater
Flowers given today by The Kabonges

October 18, 2007
St. Luke

7:30 p.m. Holy Communion

Altar Preparation Bob Andersen
Communion Assistant Chuck Eater
Lector Barbara Harner
Prayer Leader Pat Andersen

October 21, 2007
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m. Matins

Acolyte Wilma Garvey
Lector Sandy D'Angelo
Usher Steve Garvey
Greeter TBD

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes Bridget Duru, Joel Ndumbalo
Altar Preparation Barbara Harner
Communion Assistants Barbara Jarmer
Chuck Eater
Communion Bread Sandy D'Angelo
Lector Tony Kerlavage
Prayer Leader Tom Eastlack
Usher Roger Rasnake
Greeter TBD
Hospitality Pat Bastien
Flowers given today by The Foges

October 28, 2007
Reformation Sunday
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes Vernon Toelle, TBD
Altar Preparation Tom Lipe
Communion Assistants Steve Garvey
(Vest) Connie Graf
Communion Bread Tom Lipe
Prayer Leader TBD
Lector Melanie McMichael
Usher Robin Peterson
Greeter TBD

11:00 a.m. High Mass

Acolytes Thurifer Albert Ticona
Crucifer Mike Mayer
Bookbearer Paul Mayer
Altar Preparation Bob Andersen
Communion Assistants Roger Rasnake
(Vest and Process) Joann Eastlack
Communion Bread Inge Harman
Lector Polly Brody
Prayer Leader Roger Rasnake
Usher Paul Bender
Greeter TBD
Hospitality Mary Ann Jasper
Flowers given today by Inge Harman

