



FOOTNOTES

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Dear Friends:

Food for thought, especially in this time of transition, from The Lutheran, “10 trends to watch” by Kathryn Sime (June):

1. Declining church participation. ELCA average worship attendance is 125 and predicted to fall. The most engaged people are 60 and over.
2. Growth in no religious affiliation. “The number of people who don’t identify with any religion has doubled since 1990, from 8 percent to 15 percent.”
3. More spiritual, less religious, i.e. less identification with religious institutions.
4. A new stage: Emerging adulthood. 18- to 30-year-olds aren’t following the old pattern of marriage, children, financial independence. There’s more exploration and transience.
5. Changing family structures: marrying and having children later or just living together.
6. Increasing U.S. social, cultural and religious diversity, e.g. Montgomery Village.
7. Influence of Hispanic/Latino faith, e.g. Gaithersburg and surrounding area.
8. Influence of individualism.
9. Living in a digital world.
10. Increase in adults 65 and older.

More food for thought will be dished up this fall in the Sunday adult class under the general rubric of social justice. We’re still matching topics, speakers and dates, but a bunch of really good people have agreed to come. Specific topics and speakers will be announced in advance. I’ll lead some of the sessions. Others will be led by outside practitioners (most of whom are also personal friends) and CTS members with special expertise. Topics include the work of advocacy organizations, whether and how Christians should get involved, Lutheran and other theological sources, state, national, regional (e.g. Central America), and international situations, policies and programs.

Some people dismiss these concerns as just “issues,” or “causes,” but they are real policies and practices that can mean life or death to our brothers and sisters. And, they affect the quality of our personal lives as well.

The point is not to load up a bunch of horror stories, or induce counterproductive guilt, but to help us be better informed Christian citizens who can find ways to address some of our deep concerns. The sessions will focus on current information and strategies for personal involvement.

I’ll see you there,
Pastor Hoehn



September Prayer Concerns

Family of George Mohn
Family of Henry Schlock
Bob Andersen
Jim Austin
Jean Bonald
Nancy Browning
Donna Clagett
Ann Clinger
Margaret Condon
Judy Dodge
Sam Gates
Dave Gearing
Dorothy Gerald
Arturo Gomez
Nancy John
Nancy Lang
Tim Larkin
David Lashof
Barbara Lashof
Margaret Lipe
Thomas Lipe
Richard Lurix
Lauren Sue Masoero
Pastor John Muller
Althea Nottingham
Joyce Pacheli
Ron Pacheli
Bob Petersen
Ingse Petersen
Lorna Pool
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CTS Council Meeting Summary

July 11, 2011

Financial Secretary's Report

For the month of June our income exceeded budget by \$1,580.36.

Treasurer's Report

Chuck reported that we had a positive balance of \$5,152.09 for the month and a year-to-date positive balance of \$29,807.16. This should give us a surplus of something in the range of \$45,000 by year end.

New Council Members:

A motion was made by Kathy Kersey and seconded by Connie Graf that 'In accordance with paragraph C12.05 of the CTS Constitution the council elect Amos Keller to fill the current three year vacancy, left by Christina Stern that ends June 30, 2014.' The motion was approved unanimously by all council members present.

August 8, 2011

Save the Date

Help the Homeless Mini-Walk – October 9, between services

Please put our annual CTS Walk to benefit Gaithersburg HELP on your calendars. We'd like to have every single member participating, as the total number of participants makes a huge difference to the matching funds to help needy families in the Gaithersburg area.

We are going to try again what we did very successfully last year. Instead of asking each family to pay the registration fee for your own family members, we are asking each family to contribute whatever you feel you can contribute. If you can make a donation to cover other walkers' entry fees, that would be great, and if you are willing to walk but don't feel that you want to pay an entry fee, that is fine too. Please contribute what you can, and most importantly, COME! All of the money contributed, plus the matching grant for numbers of walkers, goes directly to Gaithersburg HELP.



Remember, physical fitness is good but not required. Just be in church between services so you can help.

Hope Walker

Readings for September

September 4

12th Sunday after Pentecost
Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 11

13th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103: 1-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 14

Holy Cross Day
Numbers 21:4b-9
Psalm 98:1-4
1 Corinthians 1:18-24
John 3:13-17

September 18

14th Sunday after Pentecost
Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8 (8)
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September 21

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Ezekiel 2:8—3:11
Psalm 119:33-40
Ephesians 2:4-10
Matthew 9:9-13

September 25

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9 (6)
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

September 29

Michael and All Angels
September 29, 2011
Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3
Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22
Revelation 12:7-12
Luke 10:17-20

Nursery at CTS

Although Christ the Servant encourages children of all ages to be in church with their families, sometimes parents are more comfortable worshipping if their child is cared for in a nursery. The children's nursery is located in the Sunday school classroom nearest the kitchen.

It is accessible through the side door of the sanctuary or from the kitchen entrance. Parents may stay with their children in the nursery area, or leave them with a nursery attendant.



Since the nursery is staffed on an as needed basis, the usher should seek out a nursery volunteer from the congregation when someone is interested in using the nursery. The list of nursery staff is posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to assist with this ministry, please sign your name on the Nursery Staff list on the bulletin board in the hallway or talk with Cathy Kuchinsky.

Thanks for Council Recognition Gifts



Beloved friends/CTS/(one and the same!), thank you so much for the gifts you gave me—the gift of your friendship and fellowship as we all work to bring the Kingdom of God to here and now—is enough—but you gave me the gifts of a beautiful book on Hummingbirds, and a CD of them, and a gift card! I am breathless with gratitude! Thanks again so much! I love you all! Polly

Evening Prayer Revisited

You've had a rough, tiring, frustrated day, and you are on your way home from wherever you have been. Why not take a little time, 15 to 30 minutes, to sit quietly and commune with God in the simple service of Evening Prayer? CTS offers Evening Prayer Monday through Friday, every week, Mondays at 7:30pm, Tuesdays through Thursday, at 7pm, and Fridays at 5:30pm. Come join us for a little quiet, decompressing time and shed the day's problems. No reservations needed, just come anytime.

If you would like to be more a part of the Evening Prayer ministry, please contact me or Joanne Eater, our Worship Coordinator. We are currently looking for someone to lead Evening Prayer on a couple of Monday and Friday evenings.

Polly Brody, Evening Prayer Coordinator
(smplpol@hotmail.com or 301-717-0480)



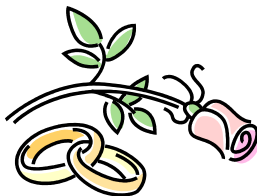
Happy September Birthdays

Max Koehler	9/1
Jackie Severynse	9/2
Vernon Toelle	9/3
Joel Ndumbalo	9/6
Zan Saavedra	9/4
Carson Fehner	9/7
Ben Eater	9/7
Joann Eastlack	9/8
Tom Lipe	9/8
Garrett Fehner	9/12
Heidi Petersen	9/12
Clara Lepolu	9/14
Richard Lurix	9/15
Dorothy Gerald	9/20
Alexander Hagen	9/22
Jay Cochran	9/23
Beth Lashof	9/25
Tom Eastlack	9/26
Mark Martin	9/27
Andy Dodge	9/29
Ron Backus	9/30



September Anniversaries

M'baya & Marcy Kabemba	9/3
Roger Rasnake & Inge Harman	9/10
George & Patsy Huson	9/15
Nathan & Cecilia Meyer	9/27
John & Jackie Severynse	9/30



Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for your support during this time of grief and loss for our family. Losing my brother so unexpectedly was a great shock. Your phone calls, visits, cards, and prayers are very much appreciated. It is a wonderful comfort to have your encouragement and help during this difficult time. God bless you!

Thank you for being such a loving church family.

Yours in Christ, Inge



Altar Flowers

There are still some open Sundays available to sign up to provide altar flowers for the church services. The chart is posted in the hallway. After the last Sunday service, the floral arrangement may be taken home for your family's enjoyment. The cost of the flowers is \$35. Make checks payable to "CTS" and indicate on your check or envelope that the money is for altar flowers. Thank you. — Worship Committee

Book Club – Play Night

Join the CTS book club at 7 pm on Sunday September 25 in the parlor to watch and discuss "The Iceman Cometh" by playwright Eugene O'Neill. This play debuted on Broadway in 1946 and will be revived once again at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago in April 2012, starting Nathan Lane. We will watch the 1972 film version starring Lee Marvin.



Parish Care Ministry

You may not be aware of the Parish Care ministry at Christ the Servant since most of the activity goes on behind the scenes. The ministry was established about six years ago as an in-house service ministry with the intent of helping members of the congregation who need assistance due to medical problems, economic issues, personal burdens, and many other reasons.

Some needs may be addressed by fellow members in the form of meals, transportation, visits, etc. Jackie Severynse coordinates meals for anyone laid up following surgery or an illness. Kim Painter, as the transportation coordinator, arranges rides to church services and to CTS events, and to medical appointments for those without transportation.



Members may also benefit from linking up with social services within the community, such as Manna Food, Gaithersburg Help, the Interfaith Clothing Center, energy assistance, rental assistance, medical assistance, Metro Access, to name a few. Jo Johnson offers her case management skills to help members seek out appropriate social service programs, which can be a daunting journey on your own.



As a member of the Montgomery County Volunteer Center, Christ the Servant receives a Donations Hotlink email every Wednesday listing items people around the area are donating. If you let me know of items you need, such as home furnishings, I can scan the Hotlink offerings and contact a donor on your behalf.

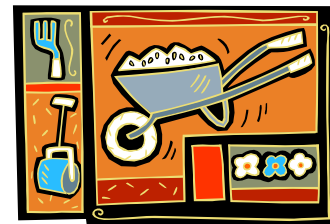
You may not have thought of your church family as an avenue for help with your concerns, but our focus is to care for all members of our parish however we can. Parishioners may make their needs known by speaking with Pastor Hoehn or Connie Graf, chair of the Parish Care ministry. Please rest assured that your concerns will be held in strictest confidence.

In Christ, Connie Graf

Join in Work Day, Saturday, September 10, 2011

8am until 3 pm

Work Day will start around 8:00am for the early birds and anytime for the rest of us. There will be some breakfast foods available to help us through the morning. At 12 Noon there will be Noon Day Prayer in the sanctuary (about 10 minutes) and then lunch will be served. After we nourish our bodies we will continue to complete our tasks and clean up our mess.



Who? Everyone can participate. There are tasks for all ages and skill levels.

How Long? Whatever time frame fits your schedule. There is no minimum or maximum time commitment.

What should I bring? Supplies needed for different tasks will be provided for you but if you have a favorite cleaning or gardening tool feel free to bring it.

How will I know what to do? When you arrive find The Boss, Joann Eastlack, and she will give you an assignment. There will be task lists on the bulletin board for those who wish to know ahead of time.

What about food and water? Thanks to Parish Life Committee, there will be lunch around noon. Water and other drinks will be available while working along with some morning snacks. Please bring a side dish to share during lunch.

Special Parking Instructions:

The Farmer's Market will still be in our parking lot on work day. Therefore please follow these instructions:

- Park your car at Sunrise. Our sidewalk connects to their parking lot, or
- Park your car in the Medical Center parking lot off of Centerway and walk across the street using the crosswalk.
- If you need to unload supplies, drive up to the church, unload, and then proceed to one of the parking areas. Inform the parking attendant that you are here for CTS.
- The market is over at 1:00 so there are no parking issues for the afternoon.



If you have any questions contact Joann Eastlack, 301.926.2088 or email: jdeastlack@yahoo.com

FOREST OAKS FILM BUFFS
PRESENTS



Hereafter (2010)

Directed by: Clint Eastwood

Starring: Matt Damon

When: **Sunday, Sept 18, 5:30 p.m.**

Where: **CTS Parlor**

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A fantasy of the parallel stories of three people who each experience death in different ways.

CTS Youth / Young Adult Ministry News September 2011

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Faith Talk: Confirmation at Home: This fall we will be studying The Lord's Prayer. There are seven petitions in the Lord's Prayer, plus an introduction and a conclusion. Let's start with the intro and the First Petition: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.* What does this mean? You can find Luther's explanation in The Small Catechism (which can be found in the back of the ELW beginning on page 1163), but I'd like you to discuss what this means for you! Here are some conversation starters: What difference (if any) does it make that the prayer begins with "Our" instead of "My"? Luther says 'God wants to attract us' - why would God want to attract us? What names have special meaning or power for you (family nicknames, names you like or don't like to be called, titles and so forth)? How does knowing someone's name change your relationship with him/her? What does 'hallowed' mean? How does God's name become holy 'in and among us'?

Chi Rho 2010: In July, Carson, James, and Kayleigh, along with Barbara and Tony, joined 15 other Metro DC Synod youth and adults from 7 congregations to participate in Chi Rho – Metro DC Synod's weeklong servant event for Senior High Youth. During the week, we helped frame a house, put up roof trusses, laid plywood, roof paper and shingles, started building a porch, stained a deck, did some demolition, cleaned siding, and re-shingled a second roof - working with old friends on the staff of HOMES. We worked, played, danced, hiked and worshipped together. We also learned about – and saw – the effects of mountaintop removal mining. Ask Carson, James or Kayleigh about their week and check out photos at the Metro DC Synod Youth Ministry Facebook page or at the Photo Gallery link on the CTS website.

September Activities and Events

In addition to Christian Education every Sunday at 9:50 AM (beginning Sep 11)

Koinonia / Rally Day Rehearsal

Thursday, Sep 8; 6:30 – 8:30 PM / CTS

Due to a *really* full schedule on Sat, Sep 10, we'll piggy-back the Roaring Sheep rehearsal for Rally Day onto our first Koinonia meeting for 2011-2012 – all youth are invited for an evening of food and fellowship as we prepare to kick off a new year of Christian Ed!

Rally Day

Sun, Sep 11; 11:00 AM / CTS

We need everyone's help with this service that kicks off the 2011-2012 Sunday School year with great music and a service written by the Confirmation youth. We'll have a quick run through of the music during the Sunday School hour that morning, so please be there by 9:45, and wear a CTS or Youth Ministry event T-shirt!

CWTS / 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting

Sun, Sep 11; 12:45 – 3 PM / CTS

The initial meeting of the youth (and their parents) and Barbara and Tony as we start our journey to New Orleans next summer. We'll meet monthly to begin to learn and explore what it means to practice peacemaking, practice discipleship, and practice justice as we strive to live out our baptismal promises. Arlene is coordinating meals for our meetings so please connect with her to get on the schedule.

CTS Yard Sale

Fri, Sep 16 (Set up); Sat, Sep 17 (Sale)

Start getting your stuff together and get ready for the ninth annual CTS Yard Sale! We start Friday evening (7 PM) with sorting and setting up (we'll have pizza to help us!). Bring a sleeping bag and pillow, clothes to sleep in, your toothbrush and your CTS t-shirt to wear Saturday - we'll sleep over Friday night so we'll be all set to go first thing in the morning! We need everyone's help – this sale isn't just youth and their parents anymore! You don't have to sleep over with us Friday night (though you are welcome!), but we can use your help with sorting Friday evening or welcoming buyers on Saturday! Proceeds will go into our 2012 Gathering Fund and to ELCA World Hunger.

Concert / Agape and Rachel Kurtz

Sat, Sep 17, 5:00 – 7:00 PM / King of Kings, Fairfax, VA
Concert to raise money for ELCA World Hunger. Agape and Rachel are favorite musical artists, having been to numerous ELCA Youth Gatherings. Check out their websites and join us for an evening of music and fellowship. All Are Welcome!

Gaithersburg Help

Wed, Sep 21; 4:30-6:30 / Food Pantry

We need 2-3 volunteers each month to help with our ongoing service project at the food pantry. Please call Inge Harman to volunteer or with questions.

Upcoming Activities

Add these dates to your calendars so you can join us!

Koinonia

Wed, Oct 5; 6:30 – 8:30 PM / H-K

CWTS / 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting

Sun, Oct 9; 12:45 – 3:30 PM / CTS

Fall Confirmation Retreat Lunch and Meeting

Sun, Oct 16; 12:45 – 3:00 PM / CTS

We'll begin with lunch at 1:00 - If a parent can volunteer to coordinate this, that would be helpful.

Gaithersburg Help

Wed, Oct 19; 4:30 – 6:30 / Food Pantry

Fall Confirmation Retreat

Fri, Oct 21 – Sun, Oct 23; Mar-Lu-Ridge

Reformation Service at Washington Cathedral

Sun, Oct 30; 4:00 PM

Sheepdogs

October Date TBD – watch your email!

Questions? Please contact Barbara Harner - C:240-354-1999
(H-K: activities at the Harner-Kerlavage home; CTS: activities at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church)

Servants' Lists for September 2011

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost September 4, 2011 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes TBD, TBD
Altar PreparationKasia Palmer
Communion Assistants Joann Eastlack
Jim Austin
Communion Bread Pat Andersen
Prayer Leader Sarah Bastien
Lector Amos Keller
Usher Amos Keller
Welcomer..... Kwan Koehler
Hospitality Wilma Garvey
Flowers Kwan Koehler

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost -Rally Sunday- September 11, 2011 8:30 a.m. Matins

AcolyteVernon Toelle
Lector..... Richard Lurix
Usher Steve Garvey
Welcomer..... TBD

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes TBD
Altar Preparation Ellie McMichael
Communion Assistants Kayleigh Austin
Carson Fehner
Communion Bread Ellie McMichael
Lector Marvina Keller
Prayer Leader TBD
Usher Brenden Austin
Welcomer..... TBD
Hospitality TBD
Flowers Patty Ferry

Holy Cross Day September 14, 2011

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Evening Vespers

Lector TBD

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 2011 8:30 a.m. Matins

Acolyte Nancy Lang
Lector Tom Lipe
Usher John Severynse
Welcomer..... Ernie Graf

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (continued) September 18, 2011 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes Roger Rasnake, Polly Brody
Altar Preparation Pat Andersen
Communion Assistants Joanne Eater
Kathy Kersey
Communion BreadThe McMichaels
LectorMelanie McMichael
Prayer Leader Chuck Eater
Usher Dave Larrabee
Welcomer..... Kwan Koehler
HospitalityThe McMichaels
FlowersPolly Brody

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist September 21, 2011

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Evening Vespers

Lector TBD

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 25, 2011 8:30 a.m. Matins

Acolyte TBD
Lector Kim Painter
Usher Ron Backus
Welcomer..... TBD

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes Sarah Bender, Paul Bender
Altar PreparationJoann Eastlack
Communion Assistants Hunter Tjugum
Jan Perry
Communion BreadThe Ndumbalos
Lector Cristina Stern
Prayer Leader Dave Larrabee
Usher Roger Rasnake
Welcomer..... Edima Elinewinga
Hospitality Ndumbalo Family
Flowers The Eastlacks

Michael and All Angels September 29, 2011

Thursday 7:30 p.m. Evening Vespers

Lector TBD

Launder Altar Linens Barbara Harner

For the most up-to-date calendar, see the CTS web site at www.cts-lutheran.org

Christ The Servant, Community, CTS Youth Ministry

Sep 2011 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:30am - Holy	29 12pm - Open NA - 7:30pm - Evening	30 10:30am - Conversat 6pm - Open AA - 7pm - Evening 7:30pm - Women's	31 12pm - Open NA - 6pm - Open AA - 7pm - Evening 7:30pm - Open NA -	1	2 12pm - Open NA - 7pm - Ethiopian	3 9am - Farmers
4 9:30am - Holy	5 12pm - Open NA -	6 10:30am - Conversat 6pm - Open AA - 7:30pm - Women's	7 12pm - Open NA - 6pm - Open AA - 7:30pm - Open NA -	8 10am - Montgomery 6:30pm - Youth	9 12pm - Open NA - 7pm - Ethiopian	10 8am - Work Day 9am - Farmers
11 Rally Day 8:30am - Matins 9:50am - Christian 11am - Holy 12:45pm - CWTS	12 12pm - Open NA - 8pm - Parish Council	13 10:30am - Conversat 6pm - Open AA - 7:30pm - Women's	14 12pm - Open NA - 6pm - Open AA - 7:30pm - Holy 7:30pm - Open NA -	15 7:30pm - Outreach	16 12pm - Open NA - 7pm - Ethiopian 7pm - Yard Sale set	17 8am - CTS Yard Sale 9am - Farmers
18 Footnotes Deadline 8:30am - Matins 9:50am - Christian 11am - Holy 5:30pm - Film Buffs	19 12pm - Open NA -	20 8:30am - Pastors' 10:30am - Conversat 6pm - Open AA - 7:30pm - Women's	21 12pm - Open NA - 4:30pm - Gaithersbu 6pm - Open AA - 7:30pm - Holy 7:30pm - Open NA -	22	23 12pm - Open NA - 7pm - Ethiopian	24 Synod Assemblv @ 9am - Farmers
25 8:30am - Matins 9:50am - Christian 11am - Holy 7pm - Book Club	26 12pm - Open NA - 8pm - Worship	27 8:30am - Pastors' 10:30am - Conversat 6pm - Open AA - 7:30pm - Women's	28 12pm - Open NA - 6pm - Open AA - 7:30pm - Open NA -	29	30 12pm - Open NA - 7pm - Ethiopian	1 9am - Farmers