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Times to Call a Pastor—Part 1

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the laws of Christ." --Galatians 6:2

Every so often we find it helpful to remind folks of a list like that printed below. Your Pastors cherish those moments when we can pray and talk with people, especially at the key crossroads of their lives. We do know that some people hesitate to share a burden. So here is a partial list of key times to call one of your Pastors. It doesn't cover every possibility, and we'll share additional examples next month. But we hope the list here will invite you to not be shy about inviting us to walk with you on your personal spiritual path.

1. BEFORE GOING TO THE HOSPITAL

We would like to call on members and pray with them while they are in the hospital. If there is to be surgery, we would like to see you beforehand. Please let us know in advance, if possible.

2. WHEN A BABY IS BORN

We like to call on new parents in the hospital, rejoice with them, pray God's blessing upon them and their family, and provide information about Holy Baptism. A prayer is customarily offered the following Sunday at worship.

3. WHEN SOMEONE IS GOING TO BE MARRIED

Contact a pastor as early as possible for helpful suggestions, to take care of necessary scheduling, and to arrange for pre-marital counseling. Before making a final commitment on a reception hall, you can assure our availability and see if the sanctuary is available for your desired date and time.

4. WHEN YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK OR PRAY ABOUT A DIFFICULT DECISION

Big decisions about vocations, marriage partners, important changes in life the like should be "talked out and prayed through." We stand ready to discuss such matters in an atmosphere of confidence, friendship, and prayer.

5. WHEN YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED OF SPIRITUAL HELP

Often someone who needs help doesn't seek it. Sometimes we can minister to such a person if you call our attention to the situation in confidence. Though our first responsibility is to our own members who have called us, we are happy to respond and show God's love to people who have no church membership whenever possible.

6. WHEN THERE ARE MARITAL PROBLEMS

While we are not professional marriage counselors, quite often a pastor can provide helpful spiritual care counseling or arrange additional professional help. Couples who take their marriage vows seriously, who have a Christian view of marriage, and who seek counseling can often save their marriage and build a stronger, healthier relationship.

7. WHEN WE (OR THE CHURCH) HAS DISAPPOINTED YOU.

We know we sometimes fail in effective ministry. We know we cannot be "all things to all people," nor is Christ the Servant "the right fit" spiritually for every person. We know we are imperfect servants of God's mission. Yet we know too that feedback from members—as difficult as those conversations can be for you and for us—can be some of the most important means for us to begin to address issues of concern. And it's our experience that these conversations have enormous healing potential. We of course cannot promise to satisfy every concern, but we do promise to listen and take seriously what you share.

Examples of specific feedback quite helpful from the past few months are the comments we have been receiving on new a [Sermon Feedback Form](#) which a number of members (mostly lay leaders, Council members and the like) have been invited to share. You've told us, for instance that you like more personal sharing from us in sermons, and that you like the opportunities we take to "dramatize" a Biblical character. OK, we're trying to do more of that. Thanks! (The Form is freely available on the CTS website "Sermons" page, and anyone is welcome to use it to respond to our preaching.)

I'LL SHARE ADDITIONAL items for this list next month. We're honored to be partners in ministry with you at CTS, and we pray God's continued blessing on our fellowship of faith.

Grace & peace,

+Pastor Joel Brandt

Message from our President

Meeting of “the Whole” Update

Greetings,

Thank you, everyone, who took time out of their busy schedules in February and March to attend one or more of our information gathering S.W.O.T. (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) meetings. These congregational input meetings were **JUST THE START** of revisiting our “vision” that supports and aligns our Mission Statement, Guiding Principles, and Welcoming Statement. The information will be aligned to specific areas that seemed to have developed a pattern through the process. Those “generalized” areas are: Outreach, Programming, Fellowship, Worship, Facility, Education, and Leadership.

Our next step will be to organize “interest groups” for each of the areas. We will be asking many of you to lead and /or attend these special groups. Please prayerfully consider how you can be involved in molding our future. We will be having a breakout work session regarding these areas, and then a meeting of all groups to gather our plans. Exact dates are to be determined.

As we move toward these next steps, it is important to note our financial state. We must evaluate and bring together ideas to maintain financial independence. To put our situation in perspective, **YTD giving is \$34k below plan and \$12K below last year**. This could potentially leave us **\$73K below plan by fiscal year end**. Your Council is currently in the process of obtaining feedback and thought from everyone regarding how to reverse this negative giving trend. If you have any suggestions or ideas to help us see a positive approach to this reversal of giving, please share them with Pastor. Joel, myself, or members of the finance committee or any council member. One of our goals as your CTS Council is to keep you more informed of the state of “the whole.”

As always, feel free to contact me with any concerns or issues at: 303-469-1939 or rlgeist@msn.com

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Randy, Council President

Planned Giving

Mission Endowment Fund

Planned giving” means creating a specific plan for future gifts to benefit our church and other charities important to us. These gifts may be made during lifetime or at death. Many people first consider planned giving when preparing a Will or along with other estate planning, but planned giving can be made part of our financial plans at any time in our lives. The donors who make planned giving arrangements are usually motivated by a strong commitment to a particular project or mission of the church. Their planned gifts allow them to acknowledge their gratefulness to God and fulfill their goal of supporting charitable work important to them, work that reflects their values and commitments. In addition, donors may receive tax benefits and lifetime income through several types of tax-favored plans. Planned giving takes many forms; each planned gift must be tailored to meet the needs and goals of the donor. Each person’s dreams make each gift unique and important and planned giving is not only for the wealthy -- each of us finds ourselves materially blessed in many ways. Martin Luther stated, “The heart of the giver makes the gift dear and precious.”

Planned gifts to the Mission Endowment Fund will ensure that the mission of the church will continue into the future. Please contact Janet Geist for more information janetgeist@msn.com.

Worship

EASTER FLOWERS & DECORATIONS

We are trying something new! Usually we provide a sign-up sheet for flowers, which are beautiful and traditional, but it would be nice to have other decorating options. For greater flexibility, this year an Easter Flower and Decoration Dedication Fund will be collected during Lent, for members & friends to make any size donation for flowers/decorations ‘in memory of,’ ‘in thanksgiving of,’ or ‘in celebration of.’ Please use the Yellow Pew Envelopes and be sure to mark your dedications. With no set dollar amount – children & youth can make dedications too! It’s a nice opportunity to honor those we love. Dedications will be listed in the Easter bulletins. After Easter, flowers will be planted outside and purchased decorations will be used in the coming years.

Don’t delay – all dedications must be received no later than Palm Sunday, April 17.

Coming Soon & Sign Me Up!

SAVE THE DATE!

Find Peace at the Heavenly Harp Concert

Thursday, June 9, 7:00 p.m.

Under stress? Ready to relax? Give yourself the gift of peace. Bring family, friends and neighbors to the Heavenly Harp Concert Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the CTS sanctuary. Enjoy inspiring and relaxing music along with wonderful stories of God's presence and provision. Karin and Joy Gunderson, a mother-daughter musical duo, will play harp duets, Native American flute, sing together, and share amazing stories from Karin's work as a hospice harpist. This is a wonderful, non-threatening way to invite those who may not normally go to any church!

No ticket fees: a free-will offering will be accepted. CDs and DVDs will be available. A reception with light refreshments will follow the concert to get acquainted with those who came. This is one concert you will be glad you took time to see!

Midweek Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday – March 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Midweek Holden Evening Services – March 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th, and 13th at 7:00 p.m.

– Each service is preceded by a Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m.. Look for the sign-up on the bulletin board for bringing soups/bread/cheese, set-up and clean-up.

Some *bunny* needs you...

The Easter Bunny needs help! CTS is accepting candy donations to fill eggs for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the little ones. Please donate bags of individually wrapped Easter candy to the basket in the Fellowship Hall. The Egg Hunt will follow the last service on Easter Sunday. Thank you!

"Stir-Up" an Experience!

Our lives of faith happen not just at church but every day and in every place. Faith is about our homes and what we do beyond the walls of our church building.

To celebrate being the Body of Christ together, we hope all households (singles, couples, families, members, visitors) will join in baking our communion bread for weekly worship. More than simply the physical task of baking bread, it's an opportunity to have faith conversations in our homes: an integrated time of measuring, mixing, reading, praying, and celebrating the Body of Christ.

This tasty and very easy recipe comes from Luther Seminary and is used by congregations across the country, including here at CTS. The sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex on the sign-up board. You may sign up for one weekend or as many as you would like. The devotional recipe and detailed instructions can be found when you visit our activity page.

(Please make double batch unless otherwise noted and drop off clearly marked bread in the Fellowship Hall fridge)

Thank you for being a part of this community and sharing in this bread and Body that will have been baked with love, prayed over, and come from our own kitchens where its creation can deepen our faith.

Questions? Contact

Pastor Annemarie ctslepastora@qwestoffice.net

or Kayla Aspeslagh pblovinlutheran@yahoo.com

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Stewardship

Make It Simple

Christ the Servant's annual Stewardship Campaign will kick off on May 1, 2011. This year's theme is "Make it Simple" and we intend to follow that mantra throughout the campaign. Similar to last year, we will hold a relay-style program with a set of materials going home to home in CTS members' neighborhoods. We hope that you will carve out a few minutes to prayerfully discern your spiritual gifts and what you can commit to CTS in the upcoming year. We all have gifts from God - no matter what your age, income, talents or skills. There is no greater joy than being able to share those gifts with your church community.

In early May, you should expect communication from your zone leader to let you know when to expect your package of materials. Please try to spend some time with your whole family to look through the materials and complete them. In order to complete the relay in a timely fashion, you should only keep the materials for a couple of days before you move them on to your neighbor. We promise to make it simple!

We are looking for 25 volunteers to serve as zone leaders. Your job will be to keep track of the Make it Simple bags as they move throughout your neighborhood. Each zone will have 8 – 10 households in your immediate neighborhood. You will start the bags moving and remind the families in your zone when to expect the bag to be delivered to their home and when they need to move it on to the next home on

the list. We think this might take 30 minutes to a couple of hours per week to accomplish. Being a zone leader is a critical aspect of this program and we need your help!

Look for more information in the next weeks about this program and how to Make It Simple. If you have suggestions for the program or would like to help out with our mission, please contact Sue Brandt at sue.brandt@comcast.com or Mo Kanwischer at mo@momentumbc.com.

Biblical Stewardship: Our Duty and Delight

By Dr. Mark Allan Powell

Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio

Stewardship means "belonging to God" - all that we are and all that we have comes from God. We are grateful to God for it all, and responsible to God for how we use it. There is a connection between stewardship and spirituality: generous giving as a spiritual discipline helps us to grow in Christ. "Duty and delight" are both motivating factors for giving - doing what we ought to do as responsible church members, and making cheerful sacrifices out of love for God. The overarching theme of this course is, "This is good news!" The biblical message of financial stewardship is:

- ✦ promising and encouraging;
- ✦ not (usually) guilt-inducing;
- ✦ a way of life;
- ✦ for many of us, it just may be the way to a better life.

Fun Facts About CTS Members

As part of our stewardship program, we asked members to share their stories. Below are some interesting facts about fellow members. These make great conversation starters!

Steve Osswald likes to shop at the Apple store.

Jacob Clark's favorite food is eggs, bacon and sausage.

Hannah Weidman wants to study bio-medical engineering in college.

Karen White majored in nursing and theology with a focus in biomedical ethics. Today, she is a registered nurse doing hospice admissions.

Isabelle Schantz's favorite color is rainbow.

Ally Kell's favorite hobbies are volleyball, taking pictures and her friends.

Lisa Rabe was born in Glendale, CA and went to Heritage High School in Littleton, CO.

Tyler Apple goes to Monarch and his favorite subject is science.

Savannah Schneider is planning to attend Pacific Lutheran University to study history.

Steve Massie has never been to Starbucks, but has visited the universe with the help of a telescope.

Emily Hoffmann's favorite food is Pad Thai.

If Sam Benz could hang out with one famous person it would be Albert Einstein.

Mason Rein dressed up as Commander Cody from *Star Wars* for Halloween.

Ken Grove's dream car is Mazda convertible sports car.

When Mahri Hereid grows up she wants to be a "veterinarian"

The one food that Anna Myra couldn't live without is potatoes.

Karen Warling-Smith says her favorite hobbies are spending time with her children and husband and being away from the computer.

Bo McLean has a pet and her name is Georgia.

Besides going to school, Mina Anderberg also bikes, runs, plays lacrosse and basketball and plays bass.

If Jana Zimmerman could go anywhere in the world, she would go to Africa.

Mallory Granger's favorite movie is *Apollo 13*.

Taryn Gapter owns too many shoes to count.

Youth Mission Trip Fundraising Info & Opps

Huge Yard Sale to Benefit High School Jamaican Mission Trip

Saturday, April 30th, 8am - 12pm, Rain or shine

Donations are welcome - We'd love to have your donation of items in good condition of furniture, books, household items, toys, games, clothing, sports and miscellaneous. Donations are tax deductible. Please no computers. Pickup of large items is available by calling the church office.

Donation drop off times - Tuesday, 4/26 - 9am-12pm; Wednesday, 4/27 - 9am-12pm; Thursday, 4/28 - 9am-12pm and 5-8pm; Friday, 4/29 - 10am-7pm.

Come and shop! Your support is really appreciated!

Youth Work Day

Ready for spring cleaning?... Wanting to organize your garage or basement?... Needing tech support, furniture to be moved or assembled, or someone to walk and wash your dog? Let us help! Our eager and capable high school youth have many services to offer during our **Work Day on Sat. April 9th** (Rain date April 16th). All donations received will help fund the HS summer mission trip to Jamaica. So please fill out a sign-up slip available in the narthex, and we'll get your work done for you!

Prayer Partners

"HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP TO JAMAICA -- PRAYER PARTNERS AND SHAREHOLDERS NEEDED: In June, Christ the Servant will be sending 27 of its youth and adult chaperones on a mission trip to Jamaica. These youth and adults have put together storyboards to tell a little about who they are and what their goals and dreams are. Please take time over the next several weeks to look at these storyboards (located around the entryway and fellowship hall) and then prayerfully consider being a prayer partner and/or a shareholder for this mission trip. Envelopes for being either a prayer partner or shareholder are located in the entryway on a table. You can fill these out and put them either in the offering plate or in the box located by the forms. Thank you for caring about our high school youth! and for supporting them with prayer and resources.

Community News

JAPANESE STUDENTS NEED HOST FAMILIES **Sunday July 24- Saturday August 12!!!**

Have a new and exciting international experience this summer!! Host a Japanese girl (ages 14-17) for three weeks in your home. Learn about Japan and the Japanese culture while she learns about living in an American family.

Students participate in a program of field trips and classes held during the weekdays at Colorado University. This is a wonderful experience for families with children of all ages! This Japanese program has been coming to the Boulder area for 32 years!

Contact Kristi Ann Kremer (303) 522-3438 or email:

kristi.kremer@yahoo.com General website information on hosting a student: www.compass-usa.net

Relay for Life

Have you or someone you love been affected by cancer? Do you hate cancer as much as we do? Then mark your calendar and join us as we form a team for Relay For Life on August 5-6 at Monarch High School. American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is more than just a fundraiser. It's a life-changing experience. At Relay, every person in the community has a chance to celebrate, remember, and fight back. And every person who participates joins others around the globe as part of this worldwide movement to end cancer. Great family event. Watch in the upcoming months for more information. Contact Debbie Kinz, dskrun@yahoo.com or Jana Zimmerman jnoelz@gmail.com to learn more.

Boulder County Community Services:

Do you provide part-time or full-time care for an older family member or friend, or are you interested in learning more about local resources for caregiver support? You're invited to attend the Caregiving Symposium, a free event sponsored by Boulder County Aging Services, on Wednesday, May 11, 12:00-5:00pm, at Calvary Bible Church, 3245 Kalmia Ave., in Boulder. The symposium features a large resource fair of service providers, workshops on caregiving issues, and more. Register, beginning March 15, at www.BoulderCountyAging.org (click on Caregiving) or by calling 303-441-1685, or register at the door. (Respite care assistance is available; call 303-678-6286 to learn more.)

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Wanted for April:

The Sister Carmen Center provides year-round support to area families in need. Consider donating the following items to the Blue Barrel this month:

Mac-n-Cheese & Canned Tuna ~

Check out Sister Carmen for more news on how you can help make a difference. Thank You!!



Youth News

Welcome to April! I hope your Lenten journey is full of the hope of Easter! I love the journey to Easter, especially Holy Week. If you haven't had a chance to experience the Holy Week journey, I would really recommend it. It encompasses the journey to the cross and there is something sacred, holy, and beautiful about it. At the end of the week we celebrate Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus. For some, Easter will be a great day, spent surrounded by family and friends. But for others, it will be a sad day, because Easter is a reminder of a loved one who has died and is now desperately missed. Death seems so cruel, so harsh, and so final. That is what the disciples were feeling when they saw their Lord, whom they had left everything to follow, hanging on the cross. They were devastated. Death had crushed them. But if they would have gone back in their memories, they would have recalled an important event and statement Jesus had made. They would have remembered Jesus standing at the tomb of his close friend Lazarus. They would have remembered that Jesus did something completely unexpected: He wept (see John 11:35). Jesus wept, because He knew that death was not part of God's original plan. Humanity was not meant to grow old, to suffer with disease, or to die. But because of the sin of Adam and Eve, sin entered the human race, and death followed with it. And death spread to all of us. Jesus wept, because it broke His heart. But standing there at Lazarus' tomb, Jesus also delivered these hope-filled words: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live" (John 11:25). Death is not the end. And the resurrection of Jesus proves it. So here is to the new life we receive through Christ and the promise that goes with that! Happy Easter!

Some things to highlight for this month, breakfast and lunches at the high schools: **Fairview Lunches** (flag pole if 50 degrees, look for CTS van if below 50 degrees) on **April 6th and 20th at 11am, Monarch Breakfasts** (in the cafeteria) **April 13th and 27th at 8:30am** and **Centaurus Lunches** (in the cafeteria) **April 7th and 21st 11:30**. Come and join us! **HS trip to CU Lutheran Campus Ministry** April 3rd 4:30pm, see youth board for more info and sign up. **Middle AC Lunch** April 10th at noon (bring money for lunch). **Mission Trip Team Meeting (and parent meeting)** April 10th 6-8pm, meeting at 8pm. If you are going to Jamaica BE THERE! **MS Super Secret Event** 10:32am-1:30pm. Come discover the mystery! As always if there is ANYTHING I can do please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for youth and family ministry here at CTS!

In new life!

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Middle School Dates to Remember:

- 4/3 – 9:15am Sunday School- class for parents of 11th and 12th graders with college parents
- 11am-1pm- Outback Fundraiser
- 4:30pm- All HS Youth Trip to CU LCM
- 4/4 – 7pm Youth Committee Meeting
- 4/5- 6-8pm Oh-ey-sis Guys and Girls night
- 4/6- Lunch at FHS 11am
- 6pm- Lent Soup Supper
- 7pm- Ash Wednesday Worship
- 4/7- Lunch at CHS 11:30am
- 4/9- Work Day Fundraiser
- 4/10- 9:15am Sunday School- class for parents of 11th and 12th graders with college parents
- 8am- Youth Band play
- 12-1:15pm- Youth Band practice
- 6-8pm Mission Trip Team Meeting
- 8pm Mission Trip Parent Meeting
- 4/12- 6-8pm Oh-ey-sis Wii Game Night
- 4/13- Breakfast at MHS 8:30am
- 6pm- Lent Soup Supper
- 7pm- Lent Worship
- 4/17- 9:15am Sunday School- Palm Sunday Fun!
- 12-1:15 Youth Band Practice
- 3/19 – 6-8pm Oh-ey-sis Holy Week Prayer Stations
- 4/20 - Lunch at FHS 11am
- 4/21- Lunch at CHS 11:30am
- Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm
- 4/22- Good Friday Worship 7pm
- 4/23- Easter Vigil 7pm
- 4/24 – No Sunday School HAPPY EASTER!
- 4/26- 6-8pm Oh-ey-sis – Senior Dinner night
- 4/27- Breakfast at MHS 8:30am
- 4/30- Garage Sale Fundraiser

High School Dates to Remember:

- 4/3 – 9:15am Sunday School- class for parents of 11th and 12th graders with college parents
- 11am-1pm- Outback Fundraiser
- 4/4-7pm Youth Committee Meeting
- 4/5 – 6:30-8pm Plan B Parents meeting
- 4/6- 6pm- Lent Soup Supper
- 7pm- Ash Wednesday Worship
- 4/7- 5:30-7:15 Confirmation
- 4/10 - Sunday School 9:15am
- MS AC Lunch 12pm
- 4/13- 6pm- Lent Soup Supper
- 7pm- Ash Wednesday Worship
- 4/14 - 5:30-7:15 Confirmation
- 4/16- 10:32-1:30 Super Secret Event
- 4/17 - Sunday School 9:15am- Palm Sunday Fun
- 4/20- Holy Week Prayer Stations 7pm
- 4/21 - Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm No confirmation
- 4/22- Good Friday Worship 7pm
- 4/23- Easter Vigil 7pm
- 4/24 – No Sunday School HAPPY EASTER!
- 4/28- 5:30-7:15 Confirmation
- 4/30- Garage Sale Fundraiser

Children's Ministry News April 2011

Dates to KNOW!

April 8,9-FAITH Conference

June 20-24 Vacation Bible School

July 22-24 Family Camp at Sky Ranch

July 17-22: Elementary Camps at Sky Ranch

Vacation Bible School June 20-24

Where God is WILD about YOU!



Registration is OPEN for Volunteers AND Participants! PRE-K—6th

Register a participant and/or to volunteer online at our CTS PandaMania site at www.ctsonline.org.

Paper forms are also available at the children's ministry bulletin board and for .pdf download on the children's ministry page at our CTS website.

<http://ctsonline.org/children-youth-families/childrens-ministry/>

We look forward to seeing you there!

Right now we need people willing to be on the planning team, decorating team, and to volunteer to lead activities like Art, Bible Experience, Games, Music, Snacks, and Movie time! We will also need Crew Leaders—you get to play right along with the kids! This will be a fun, WILD, and spirit filled week that you don't want to miss. People of all ages are invited to participate. Please contact letabehrens@gmail.com or call CTS

F.A.I.T.H—Faith Alive In The Home Conference

April 8 and 9, 2011 (Friday evening and Saturday 9-3)

Cross of Christ, Broomfield

This is a conference that focuses in on how we connect church and home in faith! The Rocky Mountain Synod and Cross of Christ invite you to attend this conference that will feature Keynote speakers Andrea Fieldhouse and Lyle Griner (bios below). There will also be workshops led by local people who have gifts to share. We would love to have a group from Christ the Servant attend—children and teens are welcome as well! Please contact Leta Behrens for more information and watch the bulletin boards for sign-ups.

Workshops: Involving Kids in Worship, Using the Storybook Bible, Confirmation with Parents, Ultimate Fun games, Peer Ministry, Connecting Your Preschool Ministry, and more!

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Christ the Servant Family Camp: July 22-24, 2011

Let's go Camping together! We have reserved spots at Sky Ranch for you to

tent, bring your RV, stay in a cabin or in the lodge! Sign-up sheets are on the Sign-up board and downloadable by pdf. They need to be turned in to Leta Behrens in the envelop on the board or in her box or by mail. We will collect the information and send it on to Sky Ranch. Please register by May 15. Cost depends on your choice of lodging and is on the registration form.

Schedule Outline:

Friday night dinner on your own, campfire, games

Saturday: hikes, art, Dinosaur Egg Hunt, various camp activities, cook-out dinner together, campfire, s'mores, games, choice of high or low ropes, and more!

Sunday: Worship and hang out as long as you like!



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Fellowship

Men's Bible Breakfast

1st Saturday each month from 8:30-10:00am.
Come hungry!!



Men of CTS - it's time to start swinging those bats again. The Holy Cows will begin their softball season on Sunday night, May 1st. Please contact Jodi Ealy at eaelyshome@gmail.com if you're interested in playing this season.

Red Hats

Are you feeling tired, trouble sleeping, put on some weight or health issues? Amy Richardson, Certified Nutrition Therapist, will be giving a free talk on Saturday, April 9 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Amy entitles her talk "Achieving Overall Weight Loss and Wellness". She will be talking about common causes for these issues as well as strategies for overcoming them. The actual presentation takes about an hour and then we will have time for questions after. Newcomers are always



welcome. Contact Anita Ryan amonk@ucar.edu with any questions.

Want to grow during Lent by "adding something to" and/or connecting with others? Participate in a 5-week book discussion of God Is Closer than You Think: This Can Be the Greatest Moment of Your Life Because This Moment Is the Place Where You Can Meet God by John Ortberg during Adult Ed on Sunday mornings March 13th – April 10th. Come to as many sessions as you're able to. Cost of the book and participant guide is \$15 and is available in the lobby. Please sign up on the "Sign Me Up" bulletin board by the books so we can make sure we order enough books. Questions? Contact Jana Zimmerman at jnoelz@gmail.com or 303-665-2453.

Sky Ranch FAMILY Camp

July 22-24, 2011

We will join together for a weekend of fun at camp -- activities, meals, hiking, and getting to know one another! It will be a great weekend. Sign up on the board and take a registration form!

Questions? Contact Leta Behrens leta-behrens@gmail.com 303-570-1366

Prime Time, Mature Living for the Young at Heart

Come to our new senior ministry once a month at CTS! Dates will be included in the bulletins. Join us for laughter and fellowship! Service with a purpose!
Express what you'd like to do and where to go. Sign up in the narthex & bring a friend!
Contact Sharon Grove, artsy808@hotmail.com or Ann Brandt anngeob@msn.com.

Check It Out! Library & E-News !



Where Luther Walked (BIO-BA). Roland Bainton, a spry bow-tied Yale professor, wrote the classic Martin Luther biography "Here I Stand". He is featured in this video, and provides an excellent 30 minutes of very insightful commentary, filmed at the places which were so important in Luther's life. The times were crude – spanning the era from which the Earth was believed to be flat to the time of Columbus, and the beginning of the Renaissance. Luther struggled immensely in fear of God's harsh judgment. His first mass went OK, followed by a crisis of thought. How could he ever do enough to please God (or his own

father)? Politically, the region surrounding Luther, and the times, were ripe for a break from wayward Rome, both politically and as a matter of disgust with the indulgence schemes of the established church. The 95 Theses (written in Latin) were an invite to debate issues, directed towards the academic clergy. But just as modern technology spread dissent in today's Egypt, the printing press distributed the 95 Theses to a much wider audience. The established church reacted strongly: recant or be excommunicated. For someone with Luther's inner resolve to respect the importance of inner struggles of conscience, there was no turning back. He was ordered to travel to Worms where he said 'Here I Stand' to the establishment. He was kidnapped on his way back from Worms, and placed in protective custody in a castle. While there, he wrote a version of the Bible, in accessible German, which had a large impact on the development of the German language. Luther eventually became more at ease with

the issues which so tormented him in his earlier years. This video does an excellent job in summarizing the complexities of his life.

Steve Massie

"CHECK OUT" OUR CALENDAR AT <http://ctsonline.org/activities/calendar/> ON OUR ACTIVITIES PAGE!

COMING SOON: IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP UP WITH ALL CHANGES MADE TO OUR CALENDAR, OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER WILL INCLUDE ONLY A LINK TO OUR "LIVE" CALENDAR AT OUR ACTIVITIES PAGE. YOU CAN PRINT WEEKLY OR MONTHLY, SAVE IT TO YOUR FAVORITES OR FACEBOOK PAGE!

Lutheran Family Services (LFS)



LUTHERAN
FAMILY SERVICES
of Colorado

On Saturday, April 9, Lutheran Family Services is having its Annual Benefit Gala at the Four Seasons Hotel in downtown Denver.

Entertainment this year is Lannie Garrett, a singer and entertainer who has performed extensively around Denver. Please join us for this fun event as we celebrate the programs of LFS and raise funds that will offer help and hope for children, families and older adults. Reservations may be made online at www.lfsc.org or by calling 303.217.5860.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The emergency call by Lutheran Family Services for blankets was met with a tremendous response which has allowed us to supply our refugee families with many extra blankets and stock pile some for future arrivals. However, we are still taking blankets if you have some to share.

Also we now have a fully-stocked work bench and

many tool boxes full of everything we will need to fix up any furniture that needs it.

Please remember we are always in need of gently used kitchen supplies like pots and pans, dishes, glassware, utensils and linens, lamps and furniture.

To schedule a pickup for furniture or for additional information contact Chad Skupien at chad.skupien@lfsc.org or 303-389-2348.

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Janet Geist, FIC, Financial Consultant
(303) 451-7297, janet.geist@thrivent.com

[This workshop is intended only to educate you about financial decisions. It is broad in scope and does not consider your individual personal financial situation, which is unique. The information and advice may not be appropriate in all cases. No products will be offered for sale. For important disclosure information, visit Thrivent.com/disclosures.]



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:00 CTS Build Day with Habitat 5:30 Taize Worship Service
3 8:00 Traditional Service 9:15 Education Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service 11:00 CTS HS Outback Fundraiser 1 st Seating Noon CTS HS Outback Fundraiser 2 nd Seating 4:30 HS CU Lutheran Campus Ministry Visit	4 7:00 Adult Choir Practice 7:00 Committee Night	5 Noon Bulletin Deadline 6:00 HS Oh-ey-sis 6:30 Confirmation Plan B Parents Meeting	6 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Holden Evening Service 8:00 Contemporary Band Rehearsal	7 5:30 Confirmation	8	9 9:00 Women's Ministry Red Hats HS Youth Work Day Noon Butler Braid Pick-up at CTS 5:30 Taize Worship Service
10 8:00 Traditional Service 9:15 Education Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service Noon CTS Youth Band	11 7:00 Adult Choir Practice	12 Noon Bulletin Deadline 6:00 HS Oh-ey-sis 6:00 Executive Committee 6:30 Church Council	13 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Holden Evening Service 8:00 Contemporary Band Rehearsal	14 5:30 Confirmation	15 NOON NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 1:00 Habitat Coal Creek Blessing 5:30 Taize Worship Service
17 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 Traditional Service 9:15 Education Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service Noon CTS Youth Band	18 Holy Week 7:00 Adult Choir Practice	19 Holy Week Noon Bulletin Deadline 6:00 HS Oh-ey-sis	20 Holy Week 7:00 Prayer Around the Cross	21 Holy Week 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	22 Holy Week 7:00 Good Friday Service	23 Holy Week 7:00 Easter Vigil Service
24 EASTER SUNDAY 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 Contemporary Service 11:00 Contemporary Service Easter Egg Hunt	25 6:00 Mission Endowment Fund Mtg. 7:00 Adult Choir Practice	26 Noon Bulletin Deadline 6:00 HS Oh-ey-sis Senior Dinner	27 7:00 Contemporary Band Rehearsal	28 5:30 Confirmation	29	30 8:00 CTS Garage Sale 5:30 Taize Worship Service

APRIL 2011 VOLUNTEER WORSHIP TEAM SCHEDULE

If you cannot serve at the time stated here, please trade with someone else on the list and advise the church office (303-666-4655) of your replacement before the bulletin deadline of Wednesday afternoon. Thank you.

April 3, 2011

5:30pm Ushers - Brian & Leslie Hoffman 303-661-9133

8:00am

Assisting Minister - Liz Stimmel 303-666-7729
Communion Server - Helen MacDonald 303-665-5138,
Rick Gonzales 303-665-4174, Bill Nelson 303-665-9762
Pick Up Cups - Sandi Trenka 303-573-1214
Acolyte - Anna Myra 303-661-9617
Reader - Pam Nelson 303-665-9762
Ushers - Gerry & Gloria Phillips 720-530-0803
Greeters - Helen MacDonald 303-665-5138
Welcome Team - David Scheuerman 303-554-1817
Coffee Ministry - Judy Myra 303-661-9617

10:30am.

Assisting Minister - Mo Kanwischer 303-494-5905
Communion Server - Pat Lehman 303-665-1059
Pick Up Cups - Linda Northcutt 303-665-8633
Acolyte - Heidi Liles 303-554-0361
Nursery Helper - Emma Paitel 303-661-0853
Reader - Mark Hegge 303-604-0844
Ushers - Pete Behrens 303-665-2453
Greeters - Lewanne Graeber 303-665-5087
Welcome Team - Mike Clark 303-859-9418
Coffee Ministry - Cindy Sheeks 720-890-9315

April 10, 2011

5:30pm Ushers - Anita Ryan 303-817-2084

8:00am

Assisting Minister - Nicole Garcia 720-936-9873
Communion Server - Bert Stjernholm 303-466-1352,
Gudrun Emrich 303-604-2912, Erik Fransen 303-554-9544
Pick Up Cups - Sharon Grove 720-270-6493
Acolyte - Cooper Fransen 303-554-9544
Reader - Jenny Patti 303-485-7313
Ushers - Tim & Ann McNamara 720-379-8137
Greeters - Don & Alicia Morris 303-666-5084
Welcome Team - Liz Stimmel 303-666-7729
Coffee Ministry - Helen MacDonald 303-665-5138

10:30am

Assisting Minister - Robin Meetz 720-771-7274
Communion Server - Scott Miller 303-543-7334
Pick Up Cups - Lisa Miller 303-543-7334
Acolyte - Mallory Granger 303-828-9461
Nursery Helper - Taryn Gapter 303-666-6963
Reader - Mary Volz 303-828-3794
Ushers - Torin & Alyssa Berge 303-465-6464
Greeters - Jill Batzer 303-926-1022
Welcome Team - Jana Zimmerman 303-665-2453
Coffee Ministry - Lance Nehring 720-771-8563

April 17, 2011

5:30pm Ushers - Todd Bohling 303-499-1014

8:00am

Assisting Minister - Bill Kauffman 303-666-0420
Communion Server - Bob Kuehner 720-979-8706,
Randy Geist 303-469-1939, John Patti 303-485-7313
Pick Up Cups - Liz Stimmel 303-666-7729
Acolyte - Tyler Fransen 303-554-9544
Reader - Pat Dodson 303-665-0113
Ushers - The Myra Family 303-661-9617
Greeters - John & Susan Patti 303-485-7313
Welcome Team - Ginny Lane 303-665-8221
Coffee Ministry - Terri Mulford 303-665-8221

10:30am

Assisting Minister - George Lewis 303-664-0371
Communion Server - Kirsten Anderberg 303-604-6510
Pick Up Cups - Ashley Paitel 303-661-0853
Acolyte - Matt Behrens 303-665-2453
Nursery Helper - Emma Paitel 303-661-0853
Reader - Kelly McGahan 303-661-0078
Ushers - Karl Volz 303-828-3794
Greeters - Lizzie Liles 303-554-0361
Welcome Team - Sue Brandt 303-955-0939
Coffee Ministry - Jana Zimmerman 303-665-2453

April 24, 2011 Easter Sunday

Please see sign-up sheet on bulletin board in Narthex.
We are in need of volunteers for our Worship Team positions for all of our Holy Week service. Thank you for volunteering!

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Ministers – The People of CTS
Pastors – Joel Brandt
Annemarie Burke

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Childrens Ministry – Leta Behrens
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Cont. Band Dir. – Dan Graeber
Facilities Mgr. – Mike Clark
Nursery - Donna Coleman
Organ/Keyboard – Dan Graeber
Youth Ministry – Kayla Aspeslagh

Council Officers
President – Randy Geist
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Treasurer – Pam Nelson

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Bible Buddies – Lizzie Liles,
Kirsten Barnocky
Children’s Ministry – Vacant
Crazy Christians – Judy Myra
Endowment – Mark Rohm
Facilities – Bill Kauffman
Finance – Jim Barnocky
Fellowship – Vacant
Meals Ministry – Janet Geist
OES – Maureen Kanwischer
Prayer Chain – Liz Stimmel
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Worship Schedule – Helen MacDonald
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BUDGET REPORT

**CHRIST THE SERVANT
2010 FINANCIAL UPDATE**

YTD Summary beginning 10/2010 - 2/2011

† Budgeted Income:	\$	252,899
† Actual Income:	\$	217,853
† Actual Income Variance:	\$	<35,046>



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25th Anniversary Mugs are available for purchase. Mugs are \$5.00 each and available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. There is a self-serve container for your payment. For each mug purchased a second mug will be set aside as a gift for visitors. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Please Contact Christ the Servant:

- † When your address, phone, or family information changes
- † When a member of your family is in the hospital
- † When you'd like to schedule or cancel a meeting
- † When you have a joy to share or a prayer concern, or feel the church can assist you in any way



We, the Christ the Servant staff, continually give thanks for Christ the Servant community. As we gather weekly at our staff meetings, we will be praying for you and your families and giving praise for all you do in our community!