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TIMES TO CALL A PASTOR—PART 2

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

Continuing the list from last month's newsletter, here are seven more instances when we encourage members to seek out our help and spiritual care.

WHEN THERE IS A DEATH IN THE FAMILY

A pastor should be called if possible before a member of your family dies. We would like to help the family understand and prepare as death draws near and a loved one prepares to meet our Savior. We also wish to be present at the moment of death; please don't hesitate to call even in the middle of the night. Our counsel can also be helpful before seeing the funeral director. We strongly urge that funeral services for church members be held in church where Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Communion and faithful worship have been observed. There – in the community of faith – the joyful hope of the resurrection can be shared.

WHEN YOU'VE LOST A JOB OR SUFFERED SOME ECONOMIC SETBACK

The past three years have been tough for many. Economic pressures bring tremendous strain in our day, and the stresses can be heightened when a person's identity has been defined by their job. Spiritual care and a listening ear can be part of a ministry reminding you of your identity as a beloved child of God and a valued member of the faith community. Sometimes confidential care from CTS has even extended to some financial assistance, and we are blessed to have a church family willing to help. It starts with a phone call.

BEFORE SOMEONE LEAVES FOR COLLEGE, MILITARY SERVICE, OF SOME OTHER VENTURE

It is our desire to maintain a close relationship with our young people during their joyous yet difficult years away from home and congregation. It is important to give us their new address so we can stay in touch. We like to see them when they return home and discuss their experiences. Often there is also a campus pastor or chaplain at their college or base.

WHEN THERE IS A PROLONGED REACTION TO GRIEF OR YOU ARE SPIRITUALLY DEPRESSED.

It is perfectly normal to experience grief when a loved one dies, or to experience depression at times, but God wants you to pass through these into the sunshine and strength of renewed life. You do not have to struggle against these things alone. God is near, and your pastors will try to help. We will not offer you miracle pills or easy answers, but we will seek to understand the depth of your problem and try to help you back to the reality and confidence of your faith.

WHEN YOU NEED A CONFIDENTIAL CONVERSATION

Sometimes you may carry a heavy burden that you are not ready to share with the world. It may be as simple as anxiety over a work situation. It may be as complex as being the victim or the accused of a crime. Family matters are other common themes. Members of our church have talked privately with us when they were wrestling with addiction, infidelity, or suicidal thoughts. Talking with a pastor can be the beginning of finding a new hope.

WHEN YOU ARE QUESTIONING YOUR FAITH

Questioning your faith in God can be a scary thing, but often we have seen that this is a necessary step to spiritual growth. Both of us have walked through times when we wondered "where is God?" The quest for truth is not an easy path, but it doesn't have to be a lonely one.

WHEN YOU ARE FULL OF JOY AND WANT TO SHARE IT

You need not wait until there is a problem to call your pastors! We are happy to share good feelings with you and to join you in giving thanks and praise to God.

Here in the Easter season of hope and resurrection, it's a good time to remind you: God has NEW LIFE plans for you!

Grace & peace,

+Pastor Joel Brandt

Message from our President

MEETING OF THE WHOLE UPDATE

Greetings,

It amazes me that school is ending soon, VBS is coming, and our annual stewardship pledge drive is starting up. The OES committee has some great plans in place to ensure everyone has an opportunity to voice their intent on sharing time, talents and finances for our upcoming stewardship year.

As I shared in my most recent "Meeting of the Whole" e-mail update, our financial stability continues to crumble. We have also noted a significant decline in worship attendance from levels reported in 2009. Six months into the current fiscal year, offerings and income are more than \$35,000 below budget expectations, and we are particularly anxious that summer offerings (always lower than other months) will make the problem much worse. At our April Council meeting, the finance committee's made the recommendation to raise income or decrease expenses by \$3k to \$5k per month! Toward that end, we have saved approximately \$1000 a month in staff expenses (by eliminating the Director of Children's Ministry position), and we have saved about \$250 per month by refinancing our building loan. Two families have shared with me that they are planning on increasing their financial commitment to help with our current monthly shortfall. **As you prayerfully reflect on your future commitment, please consider starting any increase now to help with the shortfall we are experiencing.**

Based on the results of the SWOT analysis and the Done by Noon meeting, Council members are concerned that our financial troubles may be a symptom of other difficulties we are facing, and are taking an approach recommended by our Rocky Mountain Synod: **An outside "Listening Team."**

This team will consist of caring, God-centered people from outside of our congregation and outside the Synod staff. They will come in and meet confidentially with individuals, groups of two, and families, regarding the state of "the Whole." You will be able to reserve a twenty-minute time slot where you can discuss any CTS related topics with them. They will compile a report from the conversations and forward information to the Bishop. The Bishop and team leader will review and then meet with Council and Pastors to discuss findings and possible solutions. The findings will then be shared with the entire congregation. Our intention is to have the process completed by the end of May.

You will soon be receiving a letter from Bishop Allan Bjornberg, inviting you to speak to the "listening team." I encourage all of you to speak to these folks, giving honest input to make this venture successful.

I am sure you will have many questions and *added* anxiety regarding this process. Please share your concerns in a healthy manner and avoid speculation and hearsay regarding the process or the outcome. As you pray in the upcoming weeks, I ask you to include in your prayers: the listening team that will be coming; Council members; the Pastors; those that will be sharing concerns with the listening team; and the success of this approach to help our CTS family move ahead to continue to do "God's Work, Our Hands."

Please feel free to contact me at 970.946.0690 or rlgeist@msn.com

Live LIFE.
Randy Geist

Planned Giving

How can life insurance be used to benefit the church?

You can give an existing or a new life insurance contract to the church, making the church the owner and the beneficiary of the contract. At your death, the church will receive the death benefit. You will receive a charitable deduction for your income taxes. If you give the church a new insurance contract, you can deduct the amount of the annual premiums you pay each year to keep the insurance in force. If you give the church an existing insurance contract you can claim an immediate income tax deduction based on the lesser of: (i) the cash value of the insurance contract or, (ii) the aggregate amount of the paid premiums.

Alternatively, you can remain the owner of the insurance contract, but name the church as primary beneficiary. Although you will not receive an income tax deduction, your estate will be entitled to an estate tax deduction for the amount of the death benefit. You can also name the church as a contingent beneficiary, meaning that the church receives the death benefits only if the primary beneficiary dies before you do.

For more information please contact Janet Geist at janetgeist@msn.com

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!

PLAYGROUND COMING SOON!

We shall build it so the children can laugh and play, Our Field of Dreams.... We invite you to contribute to the Field of Dreams/Playground Fund to build our playground. Any amount is welcome. Donation envelopes are available by the slide in the lobby. What an exciting project for our congregation as well as a gift to the community who will also enjoy it! Questions? Contact Jana Zimmerman (jnoelz@gmail.com) or Terri Schantz (terrischantz@hotmail.com).

Bring your Sweet Tooth To Church Day on Mother's Day, May 8th for a Bake Sale to Benefit the Playground Fund. We would appreciate donations of baked goods (homemade or store bought) to be brought to church by 9:00 that day. Allergy free table will be available.

"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 ctslcpastora@qwestoffice.net
or Kayla Aspeslagh pblovinlutheran@yahoo.com

Who's Graduating?

Please submit names and future plans of upcoming high school graduates so we can recognize and celebrate their efforts on Sunday, May 15th! Submit your information to Kayla (303-666-4655 or pblovinlutheran@yahoo.com) by May 8th!

Words of Wisdom — WOW!

*Do you have any words of wisdom, insights or recommendations to share with our graduating high school seniors? If so, please let us know by writing them down on a piece of paper and putting them in the offering plate OR send by e-mail to ctslcsecretary@qwestoffice.net. You can choose to put your name on it or be anonymous (let us know your preference if you use e-mail). These words will be put together and given to our seniors at the 10:30am service on Sunday, May 15th. We will not be reading these out loud at the service. **Deadline for submitting is Wednesday, May 11th.** Thank you for sharing!!*

Stewardship



Why have a yearly stewardship time?

In the Lutheran faith we have many traditions. Some include: we pray before meals, we gather weekly to be renewed and to renew others, we offer opportunities to grow in our faith walk, and we set aside a time to discern the gifts that God has given to us.

At Christ the Servant we have moved our stewardship time from the Fall to the Season of Easter. It's a great time to explore our response to the Risen Christ. It was moved also to separate the budgeting process from the stewardship time, as they are two different discernment processes.

This stewardship time is for you and your family to set aside a few hours to talk about your faith and how you live it out—especially at Christ the Servant, the church you choose as your church home. The hope is that you don't use this time to think about the budget—that is the staff's, council's, and finance committee's concern.

Think about a choir. There are many members and some sing better than others, but together the voices blend to make beautiful harmony...or think about a Habitat for Humanity build. There are many builders, each with different skill sets and levels of expertise, but together a solid home is built. This is the time for individual or family discernment, not the time for end results.

This year's theme is **Make It Simple**. There are different sections to each binder...a time to prepare your heart, some resources to talk about your faith with friends and family, and some opportunities to make a written commitment to Christ the Servant.

We pray that you receive this as an opportunity to deepen your faith life, your family's faith life, and your church family's faith 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!

Patricia Lehman likes to cross stitch, knit and do crafts.

When Brynnley Granger grows up she wants to be a panda trainer.

If Paul Brunette could go anywhere in the world it would be Germany.

Pete Behrens was born in Green Bay, WI.

Megan Ehrlick loves to travel with her family.

Karl Volz's favorite hobbies are fishing, hiking, car restoration and stained glass.

Jack Long's dream car is a Rolls Royce.

Liz Gonzales graduated from North Hollywood High School in North Hollywood, CA.

Lauren Wubbena favorite subject is reading.

Caroline Packard plays the piano and loves math.

The most beautiful place that Hale Kell has ever visited is Bora Bora.

Keegan McNamara's favorite team is the Boston Red Sox.

The one food that Haydn Hall couldn't live without is milk.

If Cindy Sheeks could hang out with a famous person it would be Johnny Depp.

One the weekends, Aidon Lane likes to swim.

Bob Kuehner's favorite local sports team is the Broncos.

Madison Vojta's favorite TV show is Minute to Win it.

Jim Myra was born in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, Canada.

When Kalene Gutman goes to Starbucks, she orders a caramel macchiato.

Paul Leuthaeuser couldn't live without bacon and cheese.

Jordan Harjes is inspired by Mia Hamm.

If Ken Dalle-Molle could hang out with a famous person it would be Tom Brokaw.

Andy Seely loves to go on vacation with his family to see the Indy 500 race.

Kelly Neville's favorite local sports team is the Cubs when they play the Rockies.

Jake Hummel is inspired by his dad because he is smart and athletic.

Chloe Hodgson is passionate about homeless people and animals.

Anita Ryan hates to miss Dancing with the Stars.

When Connor Haley grows up, he wants to be a policeman.

When Elaine VonSpreckelsen was a VERY LITTLE kid, she used to love to run around without a top on.

Josie Nybo Tempel's favorite food is cashew chicken.

Janet Geist wants to hang out with U-2's Bono.

Youth Mission Trip Fundraising Info & Opps & Community News



HS Youth Mission Trip

Prayer Partner & Shareholders NEEDED!

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP TO JAMAICA -- PRAYER PARTNERS AND SHAREHOLDERS NEEDED: Please take time to look at the 27 youth and adult chaperone storyboards on display and prayerfully consider being a prayer partner and/or a shareholder. Forms are by the display and on the back of your green attendance slips. Return them in the offering plate or in the box by the forms. Thank you for your support!!

The One Love Jamaica
Mission Trip Team
would like to say Thank You
for...



- ☺ helping us sell out our Outback Steakhouse Fundraiser!
- ☺ for buying 197 Butter Braids!
- ☺ giving us a very full day of Work Day projects!
- ☺ raising over \$4,500 at our Garage Sale!

Wow!

We really appreciate your support!

Kid Stuff Sale!

St. Ambrose Episcopal Church is hosting the 2011 'KidStuff Sale' from 9:00am until 1:00pm on Saturday - May 7, 2011. It's a great opportunity to purchase gently used children's clothing, toys, equipment, and furniture.

Sale location: 7520 So. Boulder Rd, Boulder, CO 80303

Thank you, the St. Ambrose Outreach staff, 303-499-3041

Boulder Homeless Shelter News

Women's Pajama Drive

Thanks to everyone who donated women's pajamas. CTS provided 25 sets. The shelter team said they had just handed out their last pair and the CTS donation was very timely.

Boulder Homeless Shelter -- Summer Service

Christ the Servant will again staff a volunteer team to prepare and serve food the first Friday night of each month during the summer. A team of 4-5 volunteers will prepare and serve food between 5 and 7:30 pm. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex. The dates include:

May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, and September 2

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 May:

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

~ Soap, Shampoo & Deodorant ~

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



High School Dates to Remember:

- 5/1 - 9:15am Sunday School
- 5:20pm Meet for Renegade concert at UNC
- 5/2 - 7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting
- 5/3 - 6-8pm Oh-ey-sis Guys and Girls Night
- 5/4- Breakfast at MHS 8:30am
- 5/8- 9:15am Sunday School
- 6:00-8:45pm Mission Trip Team Meeting
- 5/10- 6-8pm Oh-ey-sis Operation Grata
- 5/11 - Lunch at FHS 11:00am
- 5/12- Lunch at CHS 11:30am
- 5/15- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:30am HS Senior Milestone Celebration
- 5/17- 6-8pm Oh-ey-sis Study Break
- 5/22 - 9:15am Sunday School
- Noon-2:00pm Sunday School Celebration BBQ Potluck
- 5/24- 6-8pm Oh-ey-sis Deep Breath
- 5/31- No Oh-ey-sis

Middle School Dates to Remember:

- 5/1 - 9:15am Sunday School
- 5:20pm Meet for Renegade concert at UNC
- 5/2 - 7pm Youth Committee Meeting
- 5/3 - 6:30-8pm Plan B Parents meeting
- 5/5- 5:30-7:15 Confirmation
- 5/7- 5:00-7:30pm Shavingcreamapalooza
- 5/8 - 9:15am Sunday School
- 5/12 - 5:30-7:15 Confirmation
- 5/15 - 9:15am Sunday School
- 5/19- 5:30-7:15 Last day of confirmation
- 5/22 - 9:15am Sunday School
- Noon-2:00pm Sunday School Celebration BBQ Potluck



Youth News

Happy May, He is risen! Spring is in full color explosion. The grass is green, trees are getting new leaves, and flowers are blooming. There is new life everywhere I look which is just a wonderful breath of fresh air. By the church entry there are the trees with blossoms that have this wonderful aroma to them and when the wind blows just right, it makes it seem as though the air was made to smell that way. "Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time." – Martin Luther What is the "new life" in your life? How are you experiencing the resurrection? I know the end of school can be so crazy but I hope at some point during this month you are able to just breathe, to experience the new life that surrounds you, and to see what the Lord has made because it is good!

Some things to highlight for this month, breakfast and lunches at the high schools:

Fairview Lunch on May 11th at 11am

Monarch Breakfast (in cafeteria) May 4th at 8:30am

Centaurus Lunch (in cafeteria) May 12th 11:30am

Come and join us! **HS senior milestone celebration May 15th** at the **10:30am service**, please join us for the celebration.

Middle School Shavingcreamapalooza May 7th 5-7:30pm. Bring a food dish to share, towel, and change of clothes- it's going to be messy!

Mission Trip Team Meeting May 8th 6-8:45pm. If you are going to Jamaica BE THERE!

Sunday School Celebration BBQ Potluck May 22nd Noon-2:00pm. See the sign up board for more info. It's going to be FUN!

VBS June 20-24, if you haven't signed up to help we need YOU! See the VBS board in the narthex.

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!

Kayla pblovinlutheran@yahoo.com (303)726-7944

Children's Ministry News April 2011

Dates to KNOW!

May 1st: Bible Buddies Family Party 4-6pm Heritage Park in Louisville

May 15th: Crazy Christians Crackpot (Longmont) Party 3:00pm

May 22nd: CTS Sunday School Celebration BBQ Potluck Noon-2:00pm

June 20-24: Vacation Bible School 9:00am-Noon

July 17-22: Elementary Camps at Sky Ranch

July 22-24: Family Campout at Sky Ranch—Woot Woot!

CTS Sunday School

Celebration May 22nd

Come help us celebrate Sunday School and the many volunteers who helped make it possible this year with a cook out potluck from Noon-2:00pm. We will supply the meat and buns and you bring side dishes, desserts, beverages and paper products. See the sign up board in the Narthex for potluck sign up. This is for EVERYONE in the CTS family and will be full of good fellowship, food, games, and all sorts of family fun. Hope you can join us!

Questions see Kayla

(pblavinlutheran@yahoo.com)

Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp for Elementary School Youth!

Sky Ranch is taking summer camp registrations! The "Homesteaders" program for 4th & 5th graders runs July 17-22. 1st - 3rd graders "Round Up" program (half week) has choices of July 17-19 or July 20-22. Find information and register online at www.skyranchcolorado.org or contact Shontelle Hegge (303-604-0844) or Kayla (pblavinlutheran@yahoo.com) for more information.



Vacation Bible School

June 20-24

Where God is WILD about YOU!

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

Register a participants and/or volunteer online at our Christ the Servant PandaMania site at www.ctsonline.org.

Paper forms are also available available at the VBS bulletin board located in the narthex and for .pdf download on the children's ministry page at our [CTS website Children's Ministry page under Children, Youth & Families](#).

We are still in need of help! We need folks who want to help decorate and transform the church into a panda's paradise as well as shepherds (middle school- adult). There is a sign up for volunteers on the VBS board in the narthex. Thank you for your help because without it, this amazing week can not happen! If you have any questions please contact Kayla at pblavinluthearn@yahoo.com or Judy Myra at judy.myra@comcast.net.

Another way you can help is by providing supplies for the week. We depend on donations so we can offer a free VBS. There is a list posted on the VBS board in the Narthex. Sign up for whatever you want, fill out a reminder sheet, and

then bring the supplies to the church. Know this is so appreciated, thank you!!!

Children's Ministry groups need you!

Our Bible Buddies (k-2nd grade) and Crazy Christians (3rd-5th grade) youth groups need your help. We are looking for some parents who would be willing to be part of a team that helps plan and execute events for each of these age groups. If you would be interested in being part of this SUPER FUN team or have questions please contact Kayla (pblavinlutheran@yahoo.com)

Children's Ministry Team

We are looking for members to be on a planning, advisory and visioning team to enhance and equip our congregation with children's ministry. Please contact [Pr. Annemarie](#) if you are interested.

Nursery Ministry

An Important part of our ministry here at Christ the Servant is the care we provide for our youngest people in the Nursery during worship services. Donna Coleman is doing a marvelous job in providing that welcoming care for our young children and families. To support her efforts, and to provide the safest environment possible, we want to ensure that there are two care-providers scheduled for the nursery, particularly at the 10:30 service. So we are looking for several more people who are interested in being part of this ministry! The role of Nursery Assistant is a wonderful opportunity for middle schoolers, high schoolers and adults who feel called to share God's love and care with our little ones during worship. Does this sound like a ministry that fits your joys and gifts? If interested please contact Pastor Annemarie

Fellowship

Men's Bible Breakfast

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



Red Hats

Come enjoy the 2011 Annual Ice Show performed by the Rocky Mountain Skating Club. The U.S. figure skating novice pairs gold medalist will perform. Saturday, May 14th at the Ice Centre, Westminster



Promenade. Tickets are \$8 for seniors. Carpool from church at noon. The show begins at 1:00 p.m. Read more details on the sign up board.

Please RSVP to Queen Mum, Sharon Grove @ artsy808@hotmail.com.

Ladies Friday Night Book Club - "Leap of Faith, Memoirs of an Unexpected Life" by Queen Noor.

Friday, June 3rd - 6:30 Fellowship and 7:00 Discussion.

Kristin Shewfelt's home at 1920 Centaur Circle in Lafayette. All women are welcome so just show up - no need to rsvp. There are no right answers and all viewpoints are welcome. Come even if you didn't get a chance to read/finish the book.

Need some ideas on how to travel with Food Sensitivities?

Please come join us on May 15th to discuss this tricky topic, sample some tasty treats and be ready for those summer road trips!

Please contact Annette Plutt at AK-Plutt@msn.com for more information.

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.

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 Pastor Joel at ctslcjoel@qwestoffice.net.

Check It Out! Library & E-News !



Paul's Journeys (HIST-WILL). Robin Williams makes travel videos of various topics. This VCR tape focuses upon the lands that Paul traveled to. The list of locales filmed in Turkey, Greece, and Italy are many, e.g. Antioch, Perge, Ephesus, Philippi, Thessalonica, Athens, Cornith, Miletus, Rhodes, Crete, and Rome. The story for many of these locales is the same: went there, received a mixed reception, sometimes had success, usually tossed forcefully out of town.

The narration points out that sometimes even the local camels were unfriendly. In Athens the reception was somewhat better, since the philosophers there enjoyed debating Paul. When Paul is placed under house arrest in Rome, however, Nero is emperor, and Paul's agenda is not looked upon with favor by the ruling regime. The tape is an interesting mixture of learning about the geography (this is the strength of the presentation), learning about Paul, and learning other tidbits of knowledge. I now know what the white and blue represents in the Greek flag - the white is the froth of the sea, and the blue is the dazzling clear blue sky. There are interesting culinary digressions. The construction of a Roman road is also dis-

cussed. Overall, an enjoyable 88 minute tour of the hostile Roman world.

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!



Join Lutheran Family Services of Colorado for a special Night at the Zoo....we have reserved the Denver Zoo for a private event for friends, family and guests of LFS. All who come will enjoy admission to the zoo, an all-American grilled dinner, carousel and train rides and much more, while helping LFS grow and thrive. The Annual Family & Charity event, is on Friday, June 10, at 6:30pm at the Denver Zoo. More details to come soon!

Save the Date – Tee Off for Hope, the Annual Lutheran Family Services Golf Classic is on Monday, July 25 at the beautiful course at Arrowhead Golf Club in Littleton. Shotgun start is at 7:30am, followed by lunch, awards and a live auction.



— East Boulder County —

Meals on Wheels of East Boulder County helps homebound people in the community with one warm nutritious meal delivered to their home every day. With the support of many volunteers, we are dedicated to responding to that need. At least half of our program participants can only afford a small donation (\$1.00) to the program to cover the cost of their meal.

The Meal Sponsorship Fund makes up the difference and allows those people who are most at risk in the community to continue receiving this much needed support. Thank you for helping just one person with one meal a day.

If you are interested in helping sponsor a local community member with a nutritious meal, you can make a donation to the East Boulder County Meals on Wheels organization. You can send your donation directly to MOW (address below) or submit a donation through the CTS offering with a check notated with MOW in the memo line.

The fee is based on a per meal basis @ \$2.50 per meal and does not include administrative or overhead costs. Options for donations are:

I would like to subsidize one person's meals for one year: \$650.00

I would like to subsidize one person's meals for 6 months: \$325.00

I would like to donate _____ to the Meals on Wheels of East Boulder County Meal Sponsorship Fund.

Your contribution is tax deductible. We are a private non-profit serving Lafayette, Louisville, Erie and Superior since 1972. Thank you for helping to eliminate hunger in East Boulder County.

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For financial guidance, contact [Janet Geist](#), FIC, Financial Consultant, at 303-451-7297 or Bruce Hoelter, Paul Dahlgren or Eric Hoelter at 303-673-0444 today, or visit [Thrivent.com](#).

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 Traditional Service 9:15 Education Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service Noon Conf. Guide Mtg. Noon New Members Luncheon 4:00 K-2 nd Grade BBQ	2 7:00 Committee Night 7:00 Adult Choir Practice	3 Noon Bulletin Deadline 6:00 HS Oh-ey-sis 6:30 Confirmation Plan B Parents Meeting	4 7:00 Contemporary Band Rehearsal	5 5:30 Confirmation	6	7 6:30 Men's Ministry Breakfast & Bible Study 5:00 MS Youth 5:30 Talze Worship Service
8 8:00 Traditional Service 9:15 Education Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service	9 7:00 Adult Choir Practice	10 Noon Bulletin Deadline 6:00 HS Oh-ey-sis	11 7:00 Contemporary Band Rehearsal	12 5:30 Confirmation	13	14 Noon Women's Ministry Red Hats 5:30 Talze Worship Service
15 8:00 Traditional Service 9:15 Education Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service/HS Grad Recognition	16 NOON NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 Adult Choir Practice	17 Noon Bulletin Deadline 6:00 HS Oh-ey-sis	18 6:00 Executive Committee 6:30 Church Council 7:00 Contemporary Band Rehearsal	19 5:30 Confirmation	20	21 5:30 Talze Worship Service
22 New Members Sunday 8:00 Traditional Service 9:15 Education Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service Noon Congregational BBQ	23 7:00 Adult Choir Practice	24 Noon Bulletin Deadline 6:00 HS Oh-ey-sis	25 7:00 Contemporary Band Rehearsal	26	27	28 5:30 Talze Worship Service
29 8:00 Traditional Service 9:15 Education Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service	30	31 Noon Bulletin Deadline				

MAY 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.

May 1, 2011

5:30pm Ushers - Gay Lynn Olsen 303-775-3482

8:00am

Assisting Minister - Sharon Grove 720-270-6493
Communion Server - Nicole Garcia 720-936-9873,
Mark Bails 303-549-9489, Liz Stimmel 303-666-7729
Pick Up Cups - Janet Geist 303-469-1939
Acolyte - Kate Brunette 303-926-7582
Reader - Sharon Grove 720-270-6493
Ushers - Rick Gonzales 303-665-4174
Greeters - David Scheuerman 303-554-1817
Welcome Team - Sue Brandt 303-955-0939
Coffee Ministry - Judy Myra 303-661-9617

10:30am.

Assisting Minister - George Lewis 303-664-0371
Communion Server - Debbie Kinz 303-673-0847
Pick Up Cups - Cindy White 303-604-6695
Acolyte - Hannah Clark 303-859-9418
Nursery Helper -
Reader - Mo Kanwischer 303-494-5905
Ushers - Jill Batzer 303-926-1022
Greeters - Ann Marie Patrie 303-665-1168
Welcome Team - Mike & Terri Schantz 303-845-2584
Coffee Ministry - Lance Nehring 720-771-8563

May 8, 2011

5:30pm Ushers - Sharon Askew 303-666-8939

8:00am

Assisting Minister - Bill Nelson 303-665-9762
Communion Server - Helen MacDonald 303-665-5138,
John Patti 303-485-7313, Sue Brandt 303-955-0939
Pick Up Cups - Gudrun Emrich 303-604-2912
Acolyte - Mira Guha 303-604-2912
Reader - Terri Mulford 303-665-8221
Ushers - The Harjes Family 303-665-4437
Greeters - Melanie Francis 303-666-6792
Welcome Team - Janet Geist 303-469-1939
Coffee Ministry - Helen MacDonald 303-665-5138

10:30am

Assisting Minister - Mo Kanswischer 303-494-5905
Communion Server - Gina Fazio-Clark 303-859-9418
Pick Up Cups - Gretchen McSwain 303-661-0584
Acolyte - Hannah Clark 303-859-9418
Nursery Helper - Emma Paitel 303-661-0853
Reader - Scott Miller 303-543-7334
Ushers - Vikki Granger 303-828-9461
Greeters - Shannon Gapter 303-666-6963
Welcome Team - Dan Hereid 303-661-0078
Coffee Ministry - Lewanne Graeber 303-665-5087

May 15, 2011

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

8:00am

Assisting Minister - Bob Kuehner 720-979-8706
Communion Server - Randy Geist 303-469-1939,
Liz Stimmel 303-666-7729, Rick Gonzales 303-665-4174
Pick Up Cups - Liz Stimmel 303-666-7729
Acolyte - Caroline Packard 303-499-1055
Reader - Mark Bails 303-549-9489
Ushers - Bill Kauffmn 303-666-0420
Greeters - Randy & Janet Geist 303-469-1939
Welcome Team - Randy Geist 303-469-1939
Coffee Ministry - Liz Stimmel 303-666-7729

10:30am

Assisting Minister - Kayla Aspeslagh 303-726-7944
Communion Server - Cathy Rein 303-926-6892
Pick Up Cups - Liz Long 720-304-8030
Acolyte - Ashley Paitel 303-661-0853
Nursery Helper - Taryn Gapter 303-666-6963
Reader - Pam Lehman 303-554-0786
Ushers - Dan Hereid 303-661-0078
Greeters - Mike Clark 303-859-9418
Welcome Team - Pete Behrens 303-665-2453
Coffee Ministry - Jana Zimmerman 303-665-2453

May 22, 2011

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

8:00am

Assisting Minister - Erik Fransen 303-554-9544
Communion Server - Rick Gonzales 303-665-4174,
Bert Stjernholm 303-466-1352, Nicole Garcia 720-936-9873
Pick Up Cups - Liz Stimmel 303-666-7729
Acolyte - Anna Myra 303-661-9617
Reader - Tim McNamara 303-666-7548
Ushers - The Myra Family 303-661-9617
Greeter - Gudrun Emrich 303-604-2912
Welcome Team - Rick Gonzales 303-665-4174
Coffee Ministry - Terri Mulford 303-665-8221

10:30am

Assisting Minister - Lisa Rabe 720-890-5067
Communion Server - Mary Volz 303-828-3794
Pick Up Cups - Katie Volz 303-828-3794
Acolyte - Matt Behrens 303-665-2453
Nursery Helper - Emma Paitel 303-661-0853
Reader - Cindy White 303-604-6695
Ushers - Steve Kinz 303-888-5833
Greeters - Linda Krauze & Rachel Dreher 720-304-6481
Welcome Team - Jana Zimmerman 303-665-2453
Coffee Ministry - Cindy Sheeks 720-890-9315

May 29, 2011

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

8:00am

Assisting Minister - Sandi Trenka 303-573-1214
Communion Assistants - Mark Bails 303-549-9489,
Sharon Grove 720-270-6493, Bert Stjernholm 303-466-1352
Pick Up Cups - Liz Stimmel 303-666-7729
Acolyte - Tyler Fransen 303-554-9544
Reader - Erik Fransen 303-554-9544
Usher - Nicole Garcia 720-936-9873
Greeter - Helen MacDonald 303-665-5138
Welcome Team - Sharon Grove 720-270-6493
Coffee Ministry - Judy Myra 303-661-9617

10:30am

Assisting Minister - Lisa Rabe 720-890-5067
Communion Server - Shannon Gapter 303-666-6963
Pick Up Cups - Janet Beaver - 303-666-6527
Acolyte - Max Liles 303-554-0361
Nursery Helper - Taryn Gapter 303-666-6963
Reader - Torin Berge 303-465-6464
Usher - Lizzie Liles 303-554-0361
Greeter - Linda Northcutt 303-665-8633
Welcome Team - Sue Brandt 303-955-0939
Coffee Ministry - Lance Nehring 720-771-8563

Altar Guild: 8:00 – Judy Myra

10:30 – Sharon Askew

**Christ the Servant
Lutheran Church**

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

Staff
Admin. Asst. - Lisa Williams
Adult Choir Dir. - Mari Pierce
Bookkeeper - Mary Volz
Comm. Crd. - Christina Monsoloin
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
Vice President - John Patti
Secretary - Jane Massie
Financial Secretary - Jodi Ealy
Treasurer - Pam Nelson

Committee Contacts
Admin. Support - Gudrun Emrich
Audit - Brenda Roberts
Bible Buddies - Lizzie Liles,
Kirsten Barnocky
Children's Ministry - Vacant
Crazy Christians - Vikki Granger
Endowment - Mark Rohm
Facilities - Bill Kauffman
Finance - Jim Barnocky
Fellowship - Vacant
Meals Ministry - Janet Geist
OES - Maureen Kanwischer
Prayer Chain - Liz Stimmel
Staff Support - Don Morris
Worship - Sue Brandt
Worship Schedule - Helen MacDonald
Youth Ministry - Vacant

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2010 FINANCIAL UPDATE**

YTD Summary beginning 10/2010 - 3/2011

† YTD Budgeted Income	= \$293,945
† YTD Actual Income	= \$250,405
† YTD Actual Income Variance	= <\$43,540>

Coming Soon!

Summer Worship Schedule ~ Beginning June 5, 2011

Saturday

5:30 pm Taize Service

Sunday

8:00 am Traditional Service

9:30 am Contemporary Service

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!