

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We are called to serve others as we minister to all who enter our doors, providing worship, prayer, fellowship and service to others. Our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, marital status, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic conditions, physical or mental ability. We rejoice in the amazing diversity of God's creation, which enriches, nurtures, and expands our life and ministry. We are committed to continuously learning, teaching, and sharing our faith. Christ the Servant is a *Reconciling in Christ Congregation*.

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD – February 19, 2012



WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Christ-centered and Spirit-led, we seek to welcome all people into a life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another. We would love to hear your thoughts on your experience at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church. Please visit our website and look for the 'Council Corner' post under "Current Events" to share your experience. God bless you, and we hope you will return soon!

Please visit us at www.ctsonline.org for more information, our newsletter & audio sermons.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sat.	2/18	5:30 pm	Taize Service
Sun.	2/19		Transfiguration of Our Lord
		8:00 am	Traditional Service
		9:15 am	Education Hour
		10:30 am	Contemporary Service
		Noon	Youth Band Practice
Mon.	2/20	7:00 pm	Church Council
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 pm	VBS Planning Meeting
Tue.	2/21	Noon	Bulletin Deadline
		6:00 pm	Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner
Wed.	2/22	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thur.	2/23	5:30 pm	Confirmation
Fri.	2/24	6:30 pm	Women's Book Club
Sat.	2/25	5:30 pm	Taize Service
Sun.	2/26		First Sunday in Lent
			Habitat, Homes & Hope Sunday
		8:00 am	Traditional Service
		9:15 am	Education Hour
		10:30 am	Contemporary Service
		11:45 am	Bible Buddies/Crazy Christians
		Noon	Youth Band Practice

BLESSINGS & BURDENS

If you have burdens or blessings you want to share with the congregation, please leave a message for Lisa (303-666-4655, ctslcsecretary@qwestoffice.net), write a note on your attendance card, or e-mail the Christ the Servant Prayer Chain (ctsprayers@gmail.com).



Please pray for: The Miller Family. * The Orr family. * The Dunn family. * The Paitel family. * The Lonely. * **John. * Monica Ross**, fighting breast cancer. * **Don March**, fighting cancer. * Healing for **Jack Miller. * Frank**, for healing and comfort. * **Marge**, for love. * **Cormac**, celebration for his 2nd transplant anniversary that saved his life. * **Simon Caceras**, who has contracted type 1 diabetes. * **Nici Davis. * Pat Lehman**, continued strength and healing. * **Pam. * Caroline. * Nicole. * Sage. * Emily. * Ian. * Gabe. * Will. * Dan. * Allie. * Elise. * Dick.** * Adopted this weekend by God through the sacrament of baptism **Hazel Grace Greenley**, daughter of **John & Nichole Greenley** and sponsored by **Dennis Bayer.** * Flowers given today by **Sandi Trenka** in memory of **Bob Tranka.**

LENT

CTS Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner – The day before Lent, also known as Fat Tuesday, predated the Reformation and referred to the common Christian tradition of eating special rich foods before the fasting season of Lent. To celebrate that, we are going to have a **Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 21st, 6:00-8:00pm.** Please see the sign up board for more info, to help or to donate food. Gluten free option will be available.

Lenten Soup Suppers: You are invited to join in fellowship of soup followed by the weekly Lenten service starting Wednesday, February 29th and running through March 28th. Soup will be served at 6:00pm with the service starting at 7:00pm. Please sign up to bring soup or cheese and bread on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Contact Judy Myra (judy.myra@comcast.net) with questions.

YOUTH

Seeking Silent Auction Donations – On February 24th, the New Orleans National Youth Gathering Team is having a Mardi Gras fundraiser which includes a Silent Auction. We would be very appreciative to have more items to include in our auction. Please contact Josh Behrens (joshzbehrens@gmail.com) if you are interested. Your support is greatly appreciated!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2012

Sky! Everything is possible with God. June 18-22, 2012. Summer is coming and planning has begun for VBS. Vacation Bible School is an opportunity to minister to children in the congregation and to share our faith with others in our community. **Please join us for our first planning meeting on February 20th at 7:00pm.** Questions? Contact Kayla (303-666-4655) or Lewanne Graeber (303-665-5087).

SERVICE PROJECT SUNDAY

February 19th will be a Children's Sunday School Service Day. Our little ones will be decorating bags to deliver to the Denver Rescue Mission for families in need. We are asking the congregation to "**Adopt a Bag**" on Sunday, February 19th, fill it with the requested items, and then return the filled bag to CTS by Sunday, March 4th. The items Denver Rescue Mission suggests include: Shampoo; Deodorant; Toothpaste; Toothbrush; Disposable Shavers; Shaving Cream; Bars of Soap. Let's serve our community together -- "Adopt a Bag" for the Denver Rescue Mission!

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Book Study – Come and join Debbie Kinz for a book study February 19th, 26th and March 4th. We are reading *Tattoos on the Heart*, by Gregory Boyle, who is the founder of Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in LA. Contact: Debbie Kinz (dsrun@yahoo.com).

Habitat, Homes & Hope Sunday, February 26th – CTS will be celebrating our work with the Flatirons Habitat for Humanity. For several years, our congregation has been supporting Habitat with our financial pledge and many, many man and women hours of labor, planning and support. The home we have been sponsoring is finished and the residents have moved in. Please join us for a morning long event at CTS when we will be joined by one of the new residents and hear her story of what a Habitat House means to her family. We will also welcome Catherine Balance, from Flatirons Habitat, to educate us about Habitat globally, nationally, regionally, and right in our won neighborhood. The Children's Sunday School opening will be led by habitat and we will have an adult Sunday School dedicated to Habitat. Breakfast finger food will be served. Please join us for this special day of Habitat, Homes and Hope.

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CTS

YOUTH

HS YOUTH: Oh-ey-sis on Tuesdays at 6:00pm. We are looking for folks who might be willing to help provide a meal. Please see the youth board for sign-up if you are interested and willing to help provide a meal Tuesday nights.

HS Spring Fest Retreat, April 13-15 – All things SNOW: skiing, snowboarding, sledding, & hot cocoa drinking!!

This is our winter gathering, open to all – snow challenged or not! Join us for some HS together time! See the Youth Board for more info or contact Kayla. Deadline to sign up is April 1st.

MS YOUTH: Be there Thursday nights for Confirmation 5:30-7:15pm as we dig into the Old Testament. Please contact Kayla with questions (pblavinlutheran@yahoo.com). Do you know when your Wednesday Lenten service is? Please check the Youth Board for your assigned night!

MS Laser Quest Lock-in, March 9th, 10:15pm – 8:00am! Come join us for 7 hours of laser quest fun in Denver. Meet at CTS, carpool to Denver for the lock-in and a night of fun together! See Youth Board for more info. NOTE: we also need drivers to and from Denver – sign up today! **Deadline to sign up is March 4th.**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Crazy Christians (3rd-5th Grd) & Bible Buddies (K-2nd Grd): February 26th 11:45am-3:00pm Crackpots/Empty Bowl Service Project Pizza will be provided at church. Then we will drive to Longmont to paint bowls at Crackpots (Main St.) for Our Center (similar to Sister Carmen's). They use the bowls in their annual fundraiser/silent auction. The cost is \$12.00 per person and the bowls are donated afterwards. Financial assistance is available. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Vikki Granger (vlq517@skybeam.com) for more info.

FIRST COMMUNION First Communion is one of the milestones celebrated at CTS. We want to recognize and celebrate its importance. Traditionally, First Communion has been a milestone for 3rd graders. This year we would especially like to invite 3rd graders as well as any older children who have not yet participated, and any children who parents feel are ready for First Communion. Please see the Children's Ministry board for sign up. We will have instruction and bread baking for children and their parents on March 17th, 1-3pm and celebrate First Communion at the services that weekend. If you have questions, please contact the church office (303-666-4655).

Sky Ranch Summer Camps: Roundup (1st-3rd Grade), July 15-18. Three days and two nights camp experience sleeping in cabins, participating in Bible Studies, low ropes, worships, campfires, and more. Register with group code 12RuCtSLsv. **Homesteaders (4th-5th Grade), July 15-20.** A week long camp experience sleeping in cabins, hiking, singing, worshipping, and having a blast! Register with group code 12HmCtSLsv. More info under the Children's Ministry board.

FELLOWSHIP

Women's Book Club – We will meet at the home of Ann Brandt (1025 Emerald Street, Broomfield) on Friday, February 24th at 6:30pm. The book to be discussed is *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*. It is a long book so allow plenty of time for reading. Hope to see you there!

MEDICAL MISSION TRIP TO HAITI – You are invited to a presentation on Sunday, March 11th at 3:00pm at CTS by Shontelle Hegge and Jana Zimmerman who recently returned from Haiti. All ages welcome.

MEN – IT'S TIME TO SWING THOSE BATS!! The Holy Cows are back in business. If you are interested in playing on the CTS Men's Softball Team, please contact Jody Ealy (ealyshome@gmail.com). Games are on Sunday nights beginning April 29th.

Sky Ranch WEEKEND Camp, July 13-15, 2012!! 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 in the Fellowship Hall and take a registration form! Questions? Contact Kayla Aspeslagh.

GREEN RIVER MISSION TRIP

Calling anyone ALL ages (under 17 must be accompanied by an adult) **who wants to make a difference in a really cool town that has a lot of need!!!** We will join a few other Boulder Co. churches for a mission trip to Green River, UT during Spring Break 2012, March 24-28 or March 27-31 (2 options this year). Cost: \$125 for the five day trip (food, housing, transportation, supplies); you may also stay in a hotel at an extra cost. Join our informational meeting on February 12th at 11:45am; deadline for registering with payment is March 4th. See Kayla with any questions.

NEW MEMBER INVITE

New Members Class are scheduled for **Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15am, March 4th, 11th and 18th, during our Sunday Education Hour.** Pastor Keith will be teaching the classes in an informal setting. Call the church office (303-666-4655) if you are interested in attending or would like to meet privately with Pastor Keith. **New members Sunday will be March 25th.**

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WORSHIP

The 2012 Flower Chart is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign your name and the event for the flowers dedication in the bulletins. Payment envelopes are by the flower chart. Cost is \$24, please note 'flowers' in the memo line. Thank you!

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Wanted for February: Sister Carmen Center provides year-round support to area families in need. Consider donating the following to the Blue Barrel this month: **peanut butter, jelly, juice, and cereal.**

CTS BLOOD DRIVE – Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 17th for the next Bonfils Blood Drive. The Bloodmobile will be at CTS that afternoon and appointments are available between 1:00-2:40pm and 4:00-6:30pm. You can reserve an appointment on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Be sure to tell your family and friends about the drive. Each pint of blood you donate can save up to three lives!

Used Magazine Collection – After you've completed reading your magazines, please put them in the box in the Fellowship Hall labeled 'MAGAZINES.' They will be distributed to senior/retirement homes in the area. Thank you, the OES Committee.

CTS PLAYGROUND

Woohoo – The City of Louisville has approved our plans for the playground. Now, it's a matter of timing as we have to wait until the weather cooperates. WE are assembling a team of volunteers who will help us install the playground, babysit so parents can work, and people to help provide food/snacks on workdays. Please join us by signing up on the Narthex bulletin board. We will e-mail people when we schedule the workdays. We are very grateful to all the families who have donated money to make this exciting ministry happen!

COUNCIL CORNER

We would like to know "What's on Your Mind" – A communication tool is now on our website for you to share your thoughts with Church Council. **Look for the 'Council Corner' post under "Current Events" on the CTS home page and click it!** All council members will have access to this site.

CTS MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

If you're interested in making an estate gift to the Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund, confidential assistance from qualified professionals is available. * A gift of life insurance to the Christ the Servant Mission Endowment Fund is a way to give easily and conveniently. *

CHURCH REPORT

	2012 YTD Attendance Average: 200		
	2011 YTD Attendance Average: 212		
	2010 YTD Attendance Average: 215		
	Last Week: Sat 5:30 – 14; Sun 8:00 – 64, 10:30 – 132		
	Offerings received (January) – \$40,979		
YTD (Oct - Jan)	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Income*:	\$163,205	\$185,367	<\$ 22,162>
Expenses:	\$170,757	\$177,803	<\$ 7,046>
Variance <Loss>:	<\$ 7,552>	\$ 7,564	<\$ 15,116>
Monthly (January)	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Income*:	\$ 40,979	\$ 43,371	<\$ 2,392>
Expenses:	\$ 45,056	\$ 49,099	<\$ 4,043>
Variance <Loss>:	<\$ 4,077>	<\$ 5,728>	<\$ 1,651>

*Please note that our income receipt budget is based on a curve from previous year's giving, and fluctuates from month to month. Expenses are budgeted equally each month. Summer income is historically lower, while expenses will remain the same.