

Who We Are

Overview:

Christ the Servant has been ministering to the people of Louisville and the surrounding communities since 1985. As a community we come together from different places and mindsets to be united in Jesus Christ and his teaching. Our formal mission statement is to “Proclaim, celebrate and live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the glory of God”. As a community you’ll see that that we’re not a very formal group – we do our best to share God’s love and hope with each other through our words and actions. We sing, pray and worship together. We enjoy each other’s company and we try to hear the Spirit’s call when we relate to the world around us, through patience, love and tolerance.

Welcome Statement:

We are called to serve others as we minister to all who enter our doors, providing worship, prayer, fellowship and service to others. We rejoice in the amazing diversity of God’s creation, which enriches, nurtures and expands our life and ministry.

Mission and Outreach:

“Go in Peace. Serve the Lord”. Our weekly worship propels us in mission and service to the world. In a multitude of ways, both local and global, we seek to live out what we confess: God’s love is for all!

- Habitat for Humanity
 - CTS is proud to be an Apostle Build partner
- Sister Carmen Center
 - CTS is honored to provide regular volunteers, food, financial support and other donations.
- The Boulder Homeless Shelter
 - CTS members take regular opportunities to cook at Friday meals
- ELCA World Hunger
 - We join with people of faith throughout the world to support a comprehensive program of relief, development, education and advocacy and connecting people to the

resources they need to lift them out of poverty.

Worship Information:

- Saturday
 - 5:30 PM – Taize Service
- Sunday
 - 8:00 AM – Traditional Service
 - 10:30 AM – Contemporary Service
- Holy Communion
 - The Sacrament of Holy Communion is part of our weekly worship
- Nursery
 - For those with children under the age of three there is a professional staffed nursery available
- Becoming a Member
 - There is no pressure to become a member, no matter how long you’ve been visiting. Membership classes are held several times a year.

Fellowship and Christian Education:

- Sunday School (September – May)
 - Classes for all ages. These are held each Sunday from 9:15 – 10:15 AM
- Middle School and High School
 - Weekly opportunities for learning, fellowship and service.
 - Summer camps
 - Mission trips
- Confirmation Program
 - Thursdays from 5:30 – 7:15 PM
 - Meal, Small and Large group discussions
- Vacation Bible School (June)
 - Summer learning, the joy of children. A community favorite
- Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study
 - Held the first Saturday of each month. 8:30 – 10:00 AM

- Women’s Ministries
 - Women’s Bible studies, retreats and fellowship activities such as game nights, book club and an annual Christmas ornament exchange.

Pastoral Staff:

What is an Interim Pastor?

An Interim Pastor is recommended by the Synodical Bishop in the case of a pastoral vacancy. He or she is interviewed by the congregational council, and if the “match” seems acceptable to all parties, a contract is signed.

The contract provides for a flexible tenure to last until a permanent pastor is called and in place, or until the contract is terminated by either party (subject to a 30 day written notice). It is generally best for the Interim Pastor to remain in the position until the new pastor arrives, and it is also best for there to be no “overlap”

Christ the Servant has had two interim pastors in its past. One was former bishop Frank Heglund, who served when Pastor Earl Matson left, and Pastor Paul Franzen, who served for a time after the death of Pastor Steve Cox.

For more information:

<http://www.rmselca.org/congregations/interim/index.htm>

Who is our Interim Pastor?

My name is Keith Prekker and I am a retired pastor of the ELCA. In the course of my ministry I have served parishes in South Dakota, Minnesota, and Colorado (Arvada, Aurora, Broomfield and Erie). I have also served jointly as Associate Director of the LCA Foundation and Director of the Lutheran Ministries Consortium of the Southwest. Since retirement I have served as Interim Pastor in Centennial and in Estes Park.

My relationship with CTS goes back a long way. I actually worshipped with you when you were still meeting in the

school. I can claim a warm relationship with all of your pastors since Pastor Matson, and at least a passing friendship with many of the folks who are members here. I'm looking forward to this new phase of involvement with Christ the Servant. I've known this congregation as a vital and vibrant expression of the ministry of Jesus Christ and hope that I can be a part of some healing and refocusing on outreach and service to God's hurting world around us.

Call Process:

What is a Call Process?

Call Process is that unique and prayerful way by which the synods of the ELCA engage their congregations, church-related organizations and rostered leaders in a time of thoughtful assessment and spiritual discernment of the way God may be drawing each toward the other for mutual ministry for the sake of the mission and ministry of the church.

What are CTS' tentative Call Process Steps and Timelines?

- Small Groups (Cottage Meetings) for Healing and Understanding
 - 2 Months
- Pastor Dan Bollman, Assistant to the Bishop responsible for the call process visits CTS
 - Council appoints six member Call Committee
 - 1 Month
- Call Committee collects data and assembles a congregational profile with congregational involvement
 - 2 to 3 Months
- Congregational Profile submitted to Synod. Synod publishes the profile and assembles candidates
 - 1 to 2 Months
- Call Committee reviews profiles of candidates and decides which to pursue (if any). Additional candidates may be requested
 - 1 Month
- Phone interviews/sermon tapes/video conferencing/visits to pastors sites may be conducted followed by personal interviews

- 2 Months
- Recommend candidate to council. Council may recommend to congregation. "Meet and Greet" with the congregation
 - 1 to 2 Months
- Congregation votes to call or not
 - 2 Weeks
- Pastor has 30 days to decide on acceptance of call
 - 1 Month
- Pastor must give 30 days notice to his congregation and then get moved and settled in
 - 2 Months

The average Call Process is 1 year. For more information: http://www.rmselca.org/congregations/call_process/index.htm

What are Small Groups (Cottage Meetings)?

- Overview:
 - A series of meetings to further a healing process after a conflict in the congregation around the removal of the pastoral leadership.
- Who will be involved?
 - Pastor Keith will be in attendance at all meetings
 - Multiple meetings will be held in homes consisting of 10 – 15 individuals from CTS per meeting
- Goals:
 - Promote trust relationships between congregational members
 - Foster open discussion of decisions to dismiss pastors
 - Enable and encourage presentation of all sides of this issue
 - Help each participant to see other sides of the issue
- Format:
 - Self introductions and presentation of backgrounds
 - Gather people on all sides of the issue at each meeting
 - Encourage all to speak

- A list of questions prepared by Bishop Allan and Pastor Keith will frame the conversation
- Hoped for Outcomes:
 - Help people to recognize the complex nature of the relationship of pastor to parish
 - Give participants information to comprehend all sides of the issues
 - Examine the pain of all members over this conflict
 - Repair relationships to enable moving into the Call Process
 - Undergird the mission and ministry of CTS

Resources

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