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We are called by God to be a caring partner, serving our neighbors by sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, compassion and opportunities for growth



From the Pastor

How's your Lent going?

I hope it's going well for you, because this is the month when it can become difficult. It's easy enough for us to be Lenten people at the beginning of the season, when everything is new. But about mid-way through, it can honestly start to seem a little long.

But I have to admit that I always look forward to this time, because this year we get to share Jesus' parable of the prodigal son once again. And that has to be one of my most favorite passages from the Bible ever. It's so perfect that I always feel that any sermon preached on it, including my own, always falls short. And yet there are so many angles from which that parable can be approached that it's always fun to try.

For instance, there are many ways that we can become lost. The prodigal son provides us with only one example, and his is one of the more obvious ways to become lost: pushing away from your family, wasting all your money on fair-weather friends, gambling and alcohol, letting yourself sink into your own sinfulness. When the prodigal son finally wakes up, it's only too clear where he went

wrong-and it's clear to everyone else, too. And maybe because it's so apparent, it was a little easier for him to come back and receive forgiveness.

But what about ways of being lost that are not that obvious? What about ways of being lost that we aren't even all that aware of? For example, what about resentment? What about the ways we sometimes hold onto grudges, when we withhold forgiveness? Someone has wronged us, and for one reason or another, we just don't feel that we can forgive them. And yet, even when we are in the right, that's still a very heavy burden to carry. And whether we realize it or not, we are still very lost, very far away from God. Resentment dwells very deep inside us, and sometimes, we don't even know that it's there.

So once again I invite you to look inside your heart. Are you carrying around the burden of resentment? If you are, maybe it's time to try a little forgiveness instead. Maybe it's time to turn to the Lord and ask for help. It's never too late to do something like that, and it will surely help you prepare your heart for Easter.

God bless you, and have a fruitful remainder of this Lenten season!

Peace and love,

Pastor Jim



Happy March Birthdays

- 1 Helen Fonda
Patsy Rickey
6 Lucille Habeck
Ed Laurson
Cindy Schwartz
8 Barb Schneck
10 Chuck Adkisson
12 Jamie Pohl
13 Paul Parsons
Greta Young
15 Pete Schwartz
17 Arielle Taylor
18 Derek Dick
19 Elizabeth Leith
21 Gail Laurson
Jack Rickey
22 Mary Beth Beach
24 Dustin Cook
25 Jennifer Martin
27 Marilyn Naper
28 Bob Riglin
Jan Ruiz
30 Karen Taylor
31 Barbara Fellet



Birth

Morgan Nicole Pohl was born January 29, 2010.

She is the daughter of Jamie and Larry Pohl, granddaughter of Laura Miller, great-granddaughter of Marianne Law and great-great granddaughter of Lois Squillace.

Journey with us through Holy Week



We begin on Palm Sunday, March 28. Today, we remember the triumph of Jesus' entry into

Jerusalem at the beginning of the last week of his life-and also, the way that week ended, with the burial of Jesus' body in a tomb. We will begin, weather permitting, in the courtyard of our church to share the story of the first Palm Sunday. Palms will be distributed and blessed, and we will process into the church for worship. We will share the story of Jesus' passion according to St. Luke, and we will also share Holy Communion. Our service will begin at our usual time of 9 am, but if you'd like to join in our procession, you should plan on being here at least by 8:45 am.



Our journey continues throughout the week and reaches another significant place on Maundy Thursday, April 1st. We will offer a service at 7 pm. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin word "Mandatum," or

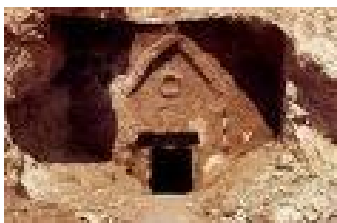
mandate, which reflects the new commandment that Jesus gave to his followers on the night before he died: that they love one another. We begin with a final Lenten confession-one that connects this service with Ash Wednesday-and then we are assured of God's forgiveness. We tell the story of how Jesus washed his disciples' feet and asked them to wash one another's feet. We remember the events of the Last Supper and
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we are privileged to share the Lord's Supper together. We conclude with the stripping of the altar, remembering how Jesus moved from the Supper to the Garden of Gethsemane and then to his arrest and trial.



The very next day, Good Friday, April 2nd, we move more deeply into the mystery. Two opportunities for worship are offered on this day. First, you are invited to join the other ELCA churches in our community for a service at noon. This year, the

service will be held at Atonement Lutheran Church, 6281 W. Yale Ave. Pastor Jim and other pastors will be a part of this service. That evening, at 7 pm, back at Christ the King, we will offer an additional service, which will include all the traditional elements of a Good Friday service, but presented in a fresh way. For example, our reading of the Passion according to St. John will come from a very modern Bible translation. Our bidding prayer will cause to reflect on current events in our world and our need for God's presence in the very midst of those events. The service will also include candlelight and prayers at the foot of the cross. Above all, this is a day to ponder the death of Jesus and all that it means.



The following day, Holy Saturday, April 3rd, Pastor Jim invites you to join him at sunset (7:26 pm) in the

church courtyard for a brief prayer service. We remember the time Jesus spent in the tomb. This service reflects on the beginning of the Easter vigil and includes the burning of our paper prayer crosses and the lighting of the paschal candle again from the flames. Your prayers are welcome at this service.



There is joy in the journey as we gather the next morning, Easter Sunday, April 4th, to celebrate the festival of the resurrection by telling the story of what happened on that very first Easter morning.

Joyful alleluias at last ring out with bright colors and special music and a special Easter message from Pastor Jim. Holy Communion will be celebrated, too. Please note that this service will be an hour later than usual—at 10 am. But the journey doesn't end on Easter Sunday. It continues all throughout the fifty days of Easter. We hope that you will join us on this journey!



Lenten Soup Suppers and Evening Prayer

You are invited to be a part of our Lenten journey on Wednesday evenings throughout the season! Once again we are offering community soup suppers followed by an evening prayer. Soup suppers begin at 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please consider signing up to bring a pot of soup on one of the Wednesdays this year. A sign-up sheet is available in our church narthex. Evening prayer begins at 7 p.m., also in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy Holden Evening Prayer again, and this year's theme is "A Journey to the Cross." The weekly themes are as follows:

March 3: The Way of Forgiveness

March 10: The Valley of the Shadow of Death

March 17: Walking in the Light

March 24: Journey's End

We hope that you can join us!

Church Council Corner



CTK Financial Update

January 1 to January 31, 2010

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	13,411	13,280	131
Expenses	14,291	13,912	(378)
Net Income (Loss)			(247)

Financial: The church recently received a bequest of \$300,000 from the estate of Wilma DeLong. Council voted to put \$250,000 in a money market account at Ally Bank. A committee of Marianne Law and Beth Leith will analyze and study the future investment of the entire \$300,000 and report back to the council for approval.

Worship: Beth Leith is doing research and assembling a committee to seek a new staff person for Family Ministry. There will be no sunrise worship on Easter Sunday. A continental breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. and Worship will be held at 10:00 a.m.

Church in Society: The Lenten Soup Supper offering will go to Warren Village. We donated 118 lbs. of food to Community Ministry in January.

Christian Ed & Youth: Bonnie Brundige is the new chair of this committee.

Facilities: A baseboard heater was installed in the choir room. Repairs were made to the main plumbing line in the front yard of the church. Don Schneck fixed the upstairs bathroom doors. He also replaced a yellow stained glass panel in the sanctuary with a blue one.

Suggestion Box: The Church Council and its committees wish to thank everyone who has made a suggestion to improve our church. They are important to us and have been reviewed and discussed within the Church Council and/or the appropriate committee.

Complete minutes and committee reports of the council meetings are available in the rack in the narthex or by contacting the church office.

What Do You Think?

Do your thoughts make it to the right ears in the church? Or do they just stay in your head, or with a friend or two? A new little box is now in the narthex of the church for your ideas, comments, suggestions, compliments and complaints – big or small – signed or anonymous. Use the back of a communion card from the pew, or use your own paper. The council will read these monthly and discuss them. This is your church – let's make things happen!

Worship Committee Update

The Worship Committee has begun to move forward on the proposal for a new staff member as voted upon at the Annual Meeting. A hiring committee has been formed that consists of Pastor Jim, Beth Leith (Chair), Anna Lisa Reynolds, Marianne Law and Kera Tafoya. The committee is putting together a job description tentatively titled as a Household Ministry Coordinator, using samples received from the Rocky Mountain Synod office and the needs outlined at the CTK Annual Meeting. When this position description is finalized, we intend to publish the job description through sources offered by the RM Synod and begin the interview process. All are welcome to review the proposed job description and any comments, concerns and suggestions can be given to any committee member. We thank everyone for their support as we begin this important task.

Beth Leith

Liturgy of Affirmation of Vocation with Blessing of Oils

Maunday Thursday April 1 at 10 a.m.
Epiphany Lutheran Church 790 S. Corona St.
Denver, CO 80209,
303 722-5311

All are invited to join Pastor Jim at this liturgy of the Eucharist. Bishop Bjornberg will preside and roster leaders will be invited to affirm their vows and be blessed for their work. Oil will be blessed for use in anointing, healing rites, baptisms and confirmations.

Please call the church office if you would like to carpool.

Southwest Denver Lutheran Churches Meeting

Christ the King, Good Shepherd, Cristo Rey and Family of Christ Lutheran Churches continue to meet. Bonnie & Dick Brundige, Pastor Jim, Fred Spafford and Nancy Henning attended the January 23 meeting.

Pastor Jim has invited youth from all our partner churches to participate in the Lock-in, Friday, Feb. 26. CTK and GS have partnered to host the Rainbow Trail Day Camp, to be held July 19-23 at Good Shepherd. Cristo Rey/Family of Christ will be joining us.

We will also be exploring the possibility of joint monthly summer evening worship services followed by a social time.

Cristo Re and Family of Christ are in need of a regular piano player and/or guitarists for the 8:30 a.m Sunday morning worship service and also a substitute piano player for the 10:15 a.m. Anglo service at Family of Christ Church, Colfax & Irving. If you know someone who might be able to serve in these capacities or teach guitar, piano or drumming call Bonnie

Brundige. Good Shepherd needs continued prayers as they discern their future in light of Pastor Jay's leaving. Pastor Dena Williams is their interim pastor.

Next Meeting: Good Shepherd Church, 770 S. Federal 9-11:30 a.m. (8:30- light meal)
All are invited. Please let Pastor Jim or Bonnie know if you intend to come.

Benefit for Colorado Interfaith Power and Light (COIPL)

Celebrate the arrival of Spring in a fun and renewing way. Colorado Interfaith Power and Light is sponsoring a multimedia concert by Walkin' Jim Stoltz at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, at University Park United Methodist Church, 2180 S. University Blvd., Denver. Stoltz's nickname "Walkin' Jim" stems from over 27,000 miles of wilderness travel on annual months-long backcountry treks through America's last wild places. When he's not out walking,



Jim travels the country with his multi-media show, "Forever Wild". Known for his powerful baritone and emotion-packed vocals, Stoltz's "Forever Wild" show is much more than a concert. It combines live music and poetry with stunning, multi-image slides to create a stirring celebration of the natural world, especially America's wild lands, wild waters, and wild lives. It inspires and motivates his audiences to help preserve our last wild places. Jim has received an "Outstanding Achievement Award" from the EPA for "sharing nature and wilderness with others across America through your extraordinary words, images, and music." Tickets are available by calling COIPL at 303-429-5792 or online at www.coipl.org, and at the door. Ticket prices are \$10-\$20 on a sliding scale for adults, and \$6 for children 12 and under.



Obituaries



Marjorie Boettcher

November 14, 1917 – February 8, 2010

She was born Marjorie Forrester on November 14, 1917 in Ft. Collins, Colorado, and is the last surviving of six siblings. She graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Education and Home Economics. She married Arthur Boettcher on January 25, 1946. They soon moved to Big Timber, Montana, where their three children were born. The family moved to Denver in 1964.

They joined CTK in 1964, where Marge was active in Circle, the wedding committee, funeral reception committee, altar guild, the women's group and the quilting group until her eyesight began to fail. She was also a member of the kitchen committee and was instrumental in the design and set-up of our new kitchen. She also helped Pastor Linda Henke start the confirmation mentoring program. She is survived by her two daughters, Barbara and Sue, one son, Robert, six grandchildren and one great grandson. Her service was held on February 27 at CTK with interment at Ft. Logan Natl. Cemetery.

James Holmes

September 7, 1920 – February 10, 2010

Jim was born September 7, 1920 in Sioux Rapids, Iowa. Two years later the family moved to Jackson County, Minnesota where his family farmed for many years. In September 1942, Jim enlisted with the U.S. Army Air Corps. While stationed in Glendale, California, he married Alyce Allen on January 9, 1943. He was discharged in December 4, 1945. They moved back to Minnesota to farm until 1957 when Jim sold his equipment and livestock and moved the family to Denver where he owned and operated a Conoco service station until 1964. He worked several jobs after that until his retirement in 2006. Jim and his family joined CTK in June 1957. Jim passed away at home on February 10.

Jim is survived by his wife, Alyce, and children, Jim, Mick (Gail), Beth Kuehn (Don), Ron (Kim) and 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

His service was held at CTK on February 16 with burial at Chapel Hill Cemetery, Littleton, Colorado.

Orval Parsons

September 10, 1926 – January 30, 2010

Orval was born on a farm in Brewster, Kansas on September 10, 1926. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. After the Service, he moved to Denver where he went to school for electronics, but found his true passion to be cars. This led him to a career he loved as an automotive parts man. He married Ella Frank Gamble on February 14, 1965. They were just shy of celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary. Ella and Orval joined CTK in 2002. Orval died at the Hospice of St. John in Lakewood, Colorado on January 30, 2010.

He is survived by his wife, Ella, two daughters, Denise and Renee, two grandchildren Micaela and Zachary and his sister, Beverly. His service was held at CTK on February 4, with interment at Ft. Logan Natl. Cemetery.

Lois Schmidt

January 14, 1929 – February 2, 2010

Lois was born on January 14, 1929 in Chicago, Illinois. She married Emil Schmidt on October 30, 1948 in Chicago, Illinois. They moved to Denver in 1954, when Emil took a job as an insurance salesman with Van Schaak and Company. They were charter members of CTK. Lois taught Sunday School in the early years and was a member of the choir. Lois died on February 2, 2010 at the Sunrise Care Center in Colorado Springs. She is survived by her three daughters, Vicki, Terry and Kristi, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her service was held at CTK on February 9, with burial at Ft. Logan Natl. Cemetery.



The food item for March is canned corn, but you may donate any item you would like. Please place your items in the shopping cart outside of Fellowship Hall. Thank you for donating 181 cans of soup for "Souper Bowl Sunday".

Please continue to bring the unclipped coupon inserts from the Sunday newspaper. We are one of the best donors of coupon inserts. Keep it up! The collection box is above the coat rack outside of Fellowship Hall. The coupon clippers service a company who gives Community Ministry 5% of the value of the coupon. This is a free and easy way we can all help. They earned almost \$8000 for Community Ministry in 2009!

Don't forget the pizza fundraiser at CiCi's Pizza in the Bear Valley Shopping Center. A portion of the proceeds from meals sold on the first Tuesday of the month benefit Community Ministry. Just place your receipt in the marked container at the cash register. This month's day is Tuesday, March 2.

Community Ministry also takes donations of children's clothing. Especially needed is new underwear and socks for 0-12 years. Sorry, they DO NOT take donations of adult clothing.

Volunteers are needed on a regular basis:

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with back door receiving help from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Thursdays to help as an intake counselor from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Friday mornings to help stock shelves from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Call the Community Ministry office at 303-935-3428 or talk to Jan or Angel Ruiz for more details.

Did you know?—

- Bob and Helen Holmes celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with friends in Maui, Hawaii.
- The family of David Judson would like to thank everyone for the prayers, love and help given during our time of sorrow. God bless you all.
- Pastor Julie LaHam, Holy Cross Lutheran in Albuquerque, New Mexico, shares the news that her son, Jeremy Bartel has completed six months of chemotherapy for Hodgkin's Lymphoma and is cancer free at this time. She writes, "I want to thank everyone for your prayers as I thank God for my son's life." CTK members helped Jeremy and his family with yard work this past summer.
- The new 2010 CTK Membership Directories are now available in the narthex or from the church office.
- Don't forget! You can also read the Herald online at www.ctk-denver.com.

Women's Spring Tea



Save the date! The Women's Spring Tea will be held on Saturday, May 1 at 1:30 p.m. We will welcome "Wisdom

Gone Wild", a non-philharmonic "kitchen" band. You will enjoy a sing-along of old-timed favorites interspersed with jokes and short comedy skits - "Hee-Haw" style. This 12-member group of seniors will surely get your feet tapping. Hope you can join us.



Update on ELCA Disaster Response Following Haitian Earthquake

The ELCA wishes to thank everyone for their generous financial support which now totals more than \$2.5 million. Many gifts are still being counted. Our community-based partners are already providing:

- Two **water** purification systems to bring clean water to 25,000 people.
- Emergency **food** and **medical supplies** to thousands.
- Blankets and tents to **shelter** 10,000 people who are homeless.

Funding, distributed through three partners, will increase as giving continues.

- \$300,000 has been sent to The Lutheran World Federation (LWF), a key responder and member of Action by Churches Together (ACT). The funds support LWF efforts to provide shelter to people left homeless by the quake.
- \$150,000 has been sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR), Baltimore, for material aid.
- \$150,000 will be sent to Church World Service (CWS) for construction of temporary water systems and distribution of water purification materials.

In addition, \$25,000 has been sent to Lutheran Services of Florida for initial support to refugees and Haitian Americans entering or returning to the United States.

Donations are still being taken. One hundred percent of your donation will be used for the relief efforts in Haiti. Make your checks payable to CTK marked for "ELCA Disaster Relief" and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office. CTK members have donated \$500 to date.

Calling Tree Update and Email Communications



With the advent of our email communications with members, we have updated the Calling Tree. We will now only make a phone call to those

members who do not have an email address or have not given us one. If you are receiving our email communications, but would still like to have a phone call too, please call the church office and we will add you to a list. Making this change has helped us use a smaller number of callers with smaller lists to call. Hopefully, there will be less chance for someone not to receive a message. Thank you to all of the callers who have helped with this service for several years. We are grateful for those who will continue in this capacity.

Again, if you have not already sent us your email address, you may still do it. We will keep you updated about deaths and funeral notices, special activities at the church, important synod announcements, and prayer requests, etc. Please call the church office or send us an email at CTKDenver@juno.com. Also, let us know if we can publish your email address in our church membership directory.

Soup Supper Offering for Warren Village

The children at Warren Village dream of being doctors, sports stars and super heroes when they grow up. The parents Warren Village serves are working daily to transform their dreams of personal and economic self-sufficiency into realities.

Warren Village, 1323 Gilpin St. in Denver, will be the offering emphasis during the Lenten Soup Suppers this year. It is a unique family community created to help motivated low income, single parents move from public assistance to personal and economic self-sufficiency through affordable housing, on-site child care and quality early childhood education, case management and education or job training.

Of the 58 families that completed the program last year:

53 families moved from homelessness to permanent housing.

22 residents who entered Warren Village without work or school exited with full-time work or school.

21 parents were engaged in a full-time school program.

The average annual income for families working full time was \$23,026.

Please place your offering in the jars provided on the tables, weekly, if possible. Thank you for your support. For more information visit their website at www.warrenvillage.org

Lutheran Family Services

Lutheran Family Services of Colorado cordially invites you to the **2010 Songs of Hope Soirée Annual Benefit Gala**. Please join them for an evening of fabulous food, drinks and musical entertainment on Saturday, April 24, 2010, at The Inverness Hotel and Conference Center in Denver. The proceeds from this event will support the LFS programs, such as foster care, adoption services, refugee and senior outreach services. Please register online at www.lfsc.org.

Care Management Solutions, Lutheran Family Services' program for older adults, is in need of financial contributions to help us meet the needs of older adults. The recent economy has hit the vulnerable senior population particularly hard—we have seen a dramatic increase in older adults seeking assistance for shelter, food, housing and healthcare. To address the growing needs of our clients, LFS has set up the Senior Relief Fund that will be used to pay for necessities such as glasses, hearing aids, emergency medications, etc. The needs are many and quickly multiplying. *Care Management Solutions* is also in need of a video camera for volunteers to help older adults record their favorite memories. LFS is looking for someone who would like to donate a camera or contribute towards the purchase of one. If you can help with either of these projects or would like more information, please call Carol Buchanan at 303.217.5865.

The LFS Refugee/Asylee Program is in need of bed-sized blankets. They can accept used blankets as long as they are clean and in good condition. Blankets may be delivered to either LFS office (363 S. Harlan St., Suite 200 in Lakewood, or 1600 Downing St., Suite 600 in Denver) Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. They do not need baby blankets, throws or quilts at this time.

Signs of our faithfulness

(January 24 – February 14)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number at Worship</u>	<u>Number Communing</u>	<u>Financial Offerings</u>
1/24/10	93	89	\$1,134.00
1/31/10	75	71	\$1,362.00
2/7/10	77	65	\$4,798.50
2/14/10	62	60	\$3,269.00



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