

2016 Mission Banner

Upcoming Events

Pentecost **May 15**

Town Hall Meeting **May 22**

Between Service in the Library

Reunion Sunday **May 29**

Begin Summer Worship Schedule

One Service at 10 am

Summer Picnic

Annual Meeting **June 5**

11:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

A light lunch will be provided.

Pastor's Perspective

As we head into the summer months, the Cross of Christ mission trip to Tanzania is moving up my priority and planning list. In July I'll be joining 20 others traveling to Africa for what will be Cross of Christ's third mission trip in support of the MaaSAE Girls School in Monduli in north-central Tanzania, as well as churches, health centers and missionaries in that area.

I'm excited for this opportunity for several reasons. First, my family and I will be returning to Africa for the first time in about 19 years, since our time with the Christian relief and development organization Food for the Hungry in the 1990s. For our son David, he'll be returning "home" to Africa, where he spent his infant and toddler time. We're excited to show him places he only knows through stories and photographs of this early years.

Second, previous Tanzania Mission trips have been highly impactful for the Cross of Christ members who were part of the previous groups as well as the congregation as a whole. That you were already so supportive of this work was one of the things that attracted me to Cross of Christ when I was open for call. Mission is what we do everywhere outside of the church doors, from across the street to across the globe. Yet I knew that your investment in Africa through triannual mission trips meant that a foundation for being missional had already been established in this congregation. I'm looking forward to sharing this experience not only with my teammates but with the whole church.

I've taken some pretty cool summer trips over the years, to national parks and beach communities and baseball stadiums. I have no doubt that this will be one of the most impactful and memorable summer journeys I'll ever experience. Thank you for supporting our mission partners and friends in Tanzania, for your awesome financial and prayer support of Cross of Christ's mission trips, and for allowing me this tremendous opportunity to be a part of this spiritual pilgrimage and mission. I'll be looking forward to sharing the adventure with you. Blessed to serve with you,

Pastor Dave



2012 Mission Banner



2008 Mission Banner

Annual Meeting



The 2016 annual meeting of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church will be held Sunday, June 5, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided.

The agenda will include the election of Congregational Council Members, Synod Assembly Members, and Nominating Committee members, adoption of the annual budget and adoption of proposed changes to the Cross of Christ Constitution and By Laws. A copy of the proposed changes to the Constitution on-line at the Cross of Christ website and also in hardcopy at the Information Desk.

Sunday, May 22 the Church Council will host a Town Hall, between services in the library. Annual reports will be available at the Town Hall. All voting members are encouraged to attend both meetings.

Adult Faith Formation

Please join Pastor Dave as he leads Adult Faith Formation this spring. We meet in the Library between worship services, beginning at approximately 10:15 and ending at 10:55.

The Next Session

May and June

Grafted Into the Olive Tree - Christianity's Jewish Heritage

Summer worship schedule.

Summer worship schedule begins Memorial Day Weekend.



On Sunday, May 29, we'll be moving to our Summer

Worship Schedule, with one combined service at 10 am. This is also the last of our Reunion Sundays for this worship season. Following worship, we are planning a Church Picnic complete with old fashion fun and games like sack races, egg relay, and homemade ice cream. We will be on our summer

schedule with Worship at 10am and Adult Faith Formation

at approximately 11:15 each Sunday through Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 5.



Pastoral Care

Prayer concerns:

Please hold in prayer Charlotte and Karen Hart and family as they grieve the death of Charlotte's brother Carl, the loved ones of Arnie Gesell, and Joan Davis and family on the death of her mother Barbara. We pray for those who are in care facilities or mostly homebound: Lillian Anderson, Jim Bone, Pat Budzius, Leona Lenschow, Mary Moen, Jane and Gerry Pittenger, and Bill and Betty McConnells.

Here's to Health:

Walking Office Hours begin June 7!

Beginning Tuesday June 7 from 9-10 am, join Pastor Adrienne for walking at the Bellevue Downtown Park: 10201 NE 4th ST. We will gather at the south side of the reflecting pond. Don't forget your water bottle!

Need a ride to or from the park? Call or email Pastor Adrienne at 425-746-7300 X105 or pastoradrienne@cofcl.net.

Here's to Service on a Sunday:

2016 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Eastside

Take the first step to a world without Alzheimer's. Sunday, September 18, at the Redmond Town Center. Join the Cross of Christ Team in the walk to advance Alzheimer's support, care, and research. Contact Pastor Adrienne for more information on how to participate. More details to follow.



Third Saturday Hikers

Third Saturday Hikers – Our next outing is **Saturday, May 21**, and it will be to tour the Wild Horse Wind Farm, east of Ellensburg. Easy walking and beautiful views. Fascinating up-close and in-person views of the giant windmills. Questions? Ask Erik Paulson

Here's what we have planned through September.

June	Service Project
July	Icicle Creek, Leavenworth
August	Mt. Baker, Artist Point
Sept.	Goat Trail, Stevens Pass





"Cross of Christ Youth spent a weekend in March sharing faith, service, food, and fellowship with other teens at Youth Encounter in Olympia."

Youth News

I'm writing this while listening to a version of a song in our hymnal. Now before you pop off with "Kristie's such a [insert your adjective of choice] that she listens to hymns when she's not in church," hear me out. A song about revolution and change, "Canticle of the Turning" is actually a relatively "new" (in church terms) addition to our hymnal, as it was "only" written in 1990. Yes, dinosaur years compared to when many of you were born, but a little newer than something like "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," coming to you soon in VH1's "I Love the 1520s" collection. (I'm not picking on Uncle Marty--we've kept that song around for a reason!)

Anyway, before I digress too much, I do have a point. "Canticle of the Turning" is a riff on "The Magnificat," which is also known as "Mary's Song" (some of you sang that in Adoramus many years ago, yes?) and is Jesus' mother rejoicing over the gift that would be Jesus, but also about how God has shaken, is shaking, and will shake up the status quo more than a little bit. That's where the revolution thing comes from.



A fraction of the towels our Sunday School students collected for the Compass Housing Alliance in Seattle in the month of April. Thank you for your support of our children as they learn about sharing and service!

But it was particularly in my mind (hence the reason I'm listening to this particular song) because as I write this I'm thinking about May moving into June and how that will cause a shake up--a turning, if you will--in the lives of many of you. Your turning may mean leaving your grade, your school, the state, or even the country, and however small it might seem in the grand scheme of things, it's a shake up of your status quo.

So know that I'm thinking about you as we come into this season of turning. We have one big turning event coming up--Affirmation of Baptism Sunday on May 15. Please come and support your peers making the commitment that some of you have made already and some of you are preparing to make: to "...live among God's faithful people; hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper; proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; serve all people following the example of Jesus; and strive for justice and peace in all the earth." And while many of you have a few years before you're legally adults, affirming your baptism (AKA, "being confirmed") means that you're an adult in the eyes of the church. While that doesn't let you vote for U.S. president this year, it does mean that you could vote for our congregational president next year!

Another --slightly less formal-- turning event will be in June, with our annual end-of-year bonfire out back! Come burn your old homework, AP class notes, and anything else you'd prefer not to have to look at again (as long as it's yours--no school property please!) and we'll roast marshmallows, hot dogs, and cheese sticks over the charred remains. Bring friends, because really, it'll be like group therapy. :-)

And lastly, on May 8, we'll once again be serving dinner to our guests, the men from Congregations for the Homeless who will be sharing our building for the month of May. That actually also goes with the theme of the song I mentioned above; a line from one verse goes "The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn." We'd love your help as we bring a revolution of God's love to Bellevue. Check your email for details or email me: youth@cofclc.net.

That's all for now! Oh, and should you desire to listen to the song yourself, you can find the version I'm listening to (with lyrics) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9QeTmRCpW4> or for download on Amazon.

I hope to see you all soon, and will be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers during this season of turning!

--Kristie Walker
Youth and Family Ministry

PLAYBILL



ANGELS ON A MISSION

**COMING
IN
OCTOBER**
**STEWARDSHIP
PLAY**

October 14 @ 7pm
October 15 Matinee

Meeting Jesus

Where did I see Jesus in Tanzania? During my trip to Tanzania with the 2012 Mission Team I saw Jesus in many places. The girls at the MasSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School had an amazing faith. And that is where I saw Jesus. The girls come to Chapel early in the day before going to classes. I saw Jesus in their faces as they sang hymns with eagerness and joy. Their beautiful voices still resonate in my memory. In conversations with them I was amazed at how easily they spoke of their love of Jesus.

I saw Jesus when we visited the Plaster House where children were recovering from operations to straighten their legs and feet crippled by the effects of too much fluoride in the water which displaces the calcium in the bones causing them to be too soft. They must stay at the Plaster House for months until their casts can be safely removed before going home. These children were happily and cheerfully hobbling around, grateful to be able to walk again. I saw Jesus in Sara, the wonderful woman who started Plaster House, and in her assistants, who provide loving care for these children.



I saw Jesus at the pre-school and orphanage for AIDS orphans, Tamahira, started by a young man named Crispin who himself was an AIDS orphan. He takes little children off the streets where they are begging, and gives them food, clothing, shelter and medical treatment for HIV. He gives them a basic early education (in English) -- counting, alphabet, writing et cetera. In Crispin and his work, I saw Jesus.



I saw Jesus in the churches the Massai have painstakingly built from very meager resources. Sometimes the church is little more than a stick and mud hut, but Jesus is alive there. Our donations have helped put roofs on and walls up, but their faith has built these churches.

Julie Hockett

Tanzania Mission Team

The team members, covet your prayers as they prepare for their journey in July.

Alex and Celia Aiken, Cheryl and Emily Buettemeier, Barbara Dykman-Thomas, Beth Elness-Hanson, Anya Hanson, Elise and Julie Hockett, Luciana Lastre-Conceicao, David and Mary Mehlum, Andrea, Erik, Kristine, Kyle and Matt Pohle, Pete Stewart, David and Pastor Dave Thomas, and Anneliese Youngs.

TANZANIA MISSION TEAM REQUEST

Part of our mission is to bring needed items to the MaaSae Girls School. We are asking for donations for the following items: jewelry findings- stainless steel/sterling silver earring hooks, barrel clasps, O-rings, (these can be found at JoAnne Fabric, Michaels with coupons), battery -operated smoke alarms for dormitories (can be

found at Costco, First Alert that are good for 10 years), school supplies such as new pencils, new pink erasers, rulers, black pens, compasses, protractors (found at Dollars stores), and stethoscopes. Monetary donations are always accepted. You can make a check to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Tanzania Mission. If you have questions call Mary Mehlum 425-281-1967. Thank you for your help.



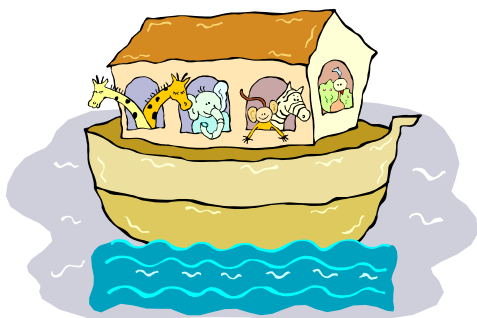
News From the Ark

Well, spring is here, and the Ark is still afloat!

Our March fundraiser with the All Occasion Cards was a success, thanks to the parents and congregation members. We made \$725 that will go toward some new outdoor equipment; probably a new playhouse, for starters.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hildegard Schmidt for her tireless teaching of German to our Lions and Horses (4's & 5's). I think we should plan a field trip to Germany and see how they fare! I will volunteer to help chaperone! Also special thanks to our two wonderful pastors who do Chapel once a month with the children.

We also had a visit from my dentist during health week and other parents came and shared their professional information with the children during community week.



We have Sign Language every Thursday afternoon. Sometimes I bring my helper, DeeDee, who is deaf.



Parent Teacher Conferences were held in April.

We are looking forward to Mother's Day Tea Party & Staff Appreciation Week in May, and then in June, Father's Day Breakfast and of course the Ark Graduation/Birthday Celebration.

Jan Galbraith, Director



Each Saturday during the month of April Cross of Christ had the opportunity to host Outdoors for All. The mission of Outdoors for All Foundation program is to transform lives through outdoor recreation. It was founded in 1979 in the Pacific Northwest. A national leader in delivering adaptive and therapeutic recreation for children and adults with disabilities, Outdoors for All reaches more than 2,400 individuals each year and allows them to exercise their abilities thanks to the training and support of more than 700 volunteers. Outdoors for All enriches the lives of individuals with disabilities and families and helps them to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. The program hosted at Cross of Christ was for cycling. Outdoors for All's programs

also include snowboarding, snowshoeing, cross country and downhill skiing, hiking, river rafting, kayaking, day camps, rock-climbing, camping and custom events. We hope to see them again next year.

<https://outdoorsforall.org>

"Thank you so much for letting Outdoors for All use the parking lot during our Learn to Ride program! It was such a blessing for our program to have the use of the parking lot and the bathrooms nearby. Our program was a huge success, thanks to your congregation's generosity."

"Thank you, we hope to continue our partnership in the future."

Brynn Baker

Congregations for the Homeless

Each May Cross of Christ hosts the Congregations for the Homeless Men's Shelter. We work with our Covenant Partners, St Louis Parish, Church of the Resurrection, and Temple B'nai Torah to provide meals and volunteers for the shelter. This is a year-round shelter program that moves between several congregations on the Eastside. It operates from 7pm until 7 am every day of the year and accepts homeless men 18

years and older who have a connection to the Eastside.

The shelter provides:

- A safe warm place to sleep
- Three meals a day
- Storage for belongings
- Case Management
- Medical and dental services
- Job assistance
- Training to prepare for housing
- Bus passes
- Showers
- Laundry facilities
- Haircuts

The intake process begins with a conversation by phone. In accordance with the CFH philosophy of helping men who

want to move themselves out of homelessness, they use the following intake criteria:

- Must have a current state picture I.D.
- Must allow CFH to run a criminal background check. Anyone with a sex offense crime cannot be a member of the shelter.
- Must be willing to be drug- and alcohol-free, and willing to address any addiction issues.
- Must be willing to work one-on-one with a Case Manager

If you are interested in volunteering this month please contact Nadine Bentsen 425-747-1543 or Ann Huseby 425-922-6319.

Emerald City Ringers presents

Gloriosa

A handbell concert for the whole family, featuring favorites from our first ten years

Sunday, May 15 - 4pm

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
411 - 156th Ave NE • Bellevue

Saturday, May 21 - 4pm

Grace Lutheran Church
22975 - 24th Ave S • Des Moines



Artists in Residence at
Cross of Christ Lutheran Church



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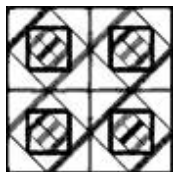
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Suggested Donation:
\$12 Adult | \$30/Family
\$8 Students/Seniors | \$5 Child

QUILTS AND PERSONAL CARE KITS SUNDAY

Our team of quilters prepared the quilts adorning the Sanctuary on Quilt Sunday for those who need them both locally and around the world, through Lutheran World Relief. One hundred thirteen quilts were distributed to: Baby Corner (12), Sophia Way (8), Compass Alliance (35), Congregations for the homeless (9), and Lutheran World Relief (49). Thank you to all of you who provided the money, fabric, and sheets needed for this mission. If you would like to be part of this endeavor come join us! We meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of



each month from 10am-2pm. Have fun, tie knots and eat lunch – not so hard. Thank you also to who everyone who contributed money and materials for the Personal Care Kits. Each kit includes a towel, two soaps, nail clippers, a comb and a toothbrush. This year we assembled 156 Care Kits that will all go to Lutheran World Relief for shipment around the world. Cash contributions for materials and shipping costs (.75 per pound) are always welcome. If you have questions about either of these programs, please call Sandra Volkman 425-644-9604.



LEGACY PLANNING SEMINAR

What kind of legacy do you want to leave? Do you have a will, living trust, power of attorney, and medical directives to make sure your end of life wishes are carried out? What conversations should you have with your children and other family members about these issues? Does the church or pastor know what kind of funeral or memorial service you desire, what your favorite hymns are? An informative presentation sponsored by the Cross of Christ Endowment Board will be held on Saturday, May 14, at 9 am. A sign-up sheet is available at the Information Desk. We strongly encourage you to attend and bring your adult children and/or other family members with you. For questions, please see Hal Mills or Linda Capron.

FINANCIALS

Financial Report Month and YTD Ended January 2016

	Month			Year - to - Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav)
Revenue						
January 2016 General Fund Receipts	\$ 34,550	\$ 38,758	\$ (4,208)	\$ 296,768	\$ 319,375	\$ (22,607)
January 2016 Other Income	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,850	\$ 550	\$ 18,953	\$ 16,550	\$ 2,403
January 2016 Total Income	\$ 36,950	\$ 40,608	\$ (3,658)	\$ 315,721	\$ 335,925	\$ (20,204)
Expenses						
January 2016	37,328	38,894	1,566	332,574	345,059	12,485
Net/Year to Date Net	\$ (378)			\$ (16,853)		

Financial Report Month and YTD Ended February 2016

	Month			Year - to - Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav)
Revenue						
February 2016 General Fund Receipts	\$ 36,333	\$ 39,408	\$ (3,075)	\$ 333,101	\$ 358,783	\$ (25,682)
February 2016 Other Income	\$ 1,879	\$ 1,850	\$ 29	\$ 20,832	\$ 18,400	\$ 2,432
February 2016 Total Income	\$ 38,212	\$ 41,258	\$ (3,046)	\$ 353,933	\$ 377,183	\$ (23,250)
Expenses						
February 2016	37,385	38,227	842	369,959	383,286	13,327
Net/Year to Date Net	\$ 827			\$ (16,026)		

Financial Report
Month and YTD Ended March 2016

	Month			Year - to - Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav)
Revenue						
March 2016 General Fund Receipts	\$ 37,160	\$ 40,608	\$ (3,448)	\$ 370,261	\$ 399,392	\$ (29,131)
March 2016 Other Income	\$ 2,661	\$ 1,725	\$ 936	\$ 23,493	\$ 20,125	\$ 3,368
March 2016 Total Income	\$ 39,821	\$ 42,333	\$ (2,512)	\$ 393,754	\$ 419,517	\$ (25,763)
Expenses						
March 2016	37,526	38,587	1,061	407,485	421,873	14,388
Net/Year to Date Net	\$ 2,295			\$ (13,731)		

Lilleby Request

As of 3/31/2016


	Allocated	Dispersed	Remaining
<u>Benevolence - Synod Gift</u>	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$0
<u>Global Mission</u>	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
<u>Outreach</u>			
Youth Director - 2yr Funding	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$0
New Worship Service Exploration	\$18,000	\$50	\$17,950
Technology and Communications Upgrade	\$12,000	\$121	\$11,879
Future Outreach	\$20,000		\$20,000
Total Outreach	\$101,000	\$51,171	\$49,829
<u>Congregational Care and Support</u>			
Associate Pastor, Spiritual Health - 2yrs	\$77,000	\$77,000	\$0
Facilities and Safety Improvements	\$15,000	\$6,588	\$8,412
Future Support	\$6,000		\$6,000
Total Congregational Care and Support	\$98,000	\$83,588	\$14,412
<u>Worship</u>			
Complete Sanctuary Lighting Project	\$50,000	\$29,201	\$20,799
Special Services Funding (Christmas etc.)	\$5,000	\$1,720	\$3,280
Other Sanctuary Improvements	\$20,000	\$3,038	\$16,962
Total Worship	\$75,000	\$33,959	\$41,041
Total Lilleby Bequest	\$360,000	\$204,718	\$155,282

Associate Pastor and Youth Director funding are in a Dedicated Ministry Staff account.

Other Sanctuary Improvements includes Sound System Upgrades.

Special Services Funding includes Easter Musicians.

Contact Cyndee Kraiger at cyndee@peremgmt.com with any questions.



August
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The deadline for the next CrossCurrents is August 15. Please email or hand deliver your articles to the office before this date. Thank you



WEDNESDAY BIBLE BREAKFAST
7:30 am in the Conference Room.
Everyone is welcome.

Office Hours/Email
Main Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs 9:30am-2pm
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August 15

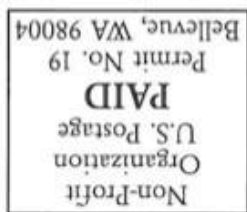
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