



“For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.”  
Colossians 1:9

At a meeting yesterday, the congregation voted to contract with Cargill Associates, a stewardship consulting firm, to conduct an In-Focus Workshop and Feasibility Study in the fall of 2010. These two programs will help us discern the thoughts and dreams of members for the future, and our readiness to raise funds for any type of building addition. Together we will talk about the question: “What is God calling Cross of Christ to be and to do?”

The hope of the Council and Stewardship Team is that as many people as possible will be involved in the process. We will be working with Greg Gibbs, a consultant who has wide experience with congregations of all sizes. Currently he is the Development Director for a congregation in Michigan, where he lives with his wife and their four children. The programs he will be leading us in will include:

- 5 to 8 in-person visits with Greg, who will facilitate the process and train all the leaders from our congregation
- A workshop for the whole congregation to give input about our mission and ministry, including thoughts on future building expansion (Sunday School space, a bigger sanctuary, a multi-purpose room, more office space....?)
- One-on-one interviews with about 25 member families or individuals
- A written survey sent to all members asking for input
- An extensive analysis of our attendance, giving, and growth patterns



If the results from these first steps are positive, Cargill could work with our congregation on a Capital Fund Drive in early 2011.

You may be reading this with some skepticism, wondering if the congregation’s leadership is really interested in what you think. The answer is a resounding “**YES!**” No future is set in stone and we would like to hear what your thoughts are and where you feel God leading our congregation. In turn, we ask you to pray for God’s guidance as we continue this journey of faith together.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Ann*

## Small Group Opportunity Book Discussion



*You come to worship, you participate in some of the ministry activities, but you're still longing for a better connection to other folks in the congregation, and you want to deepen your faith.*

If this sounds like you, start planning now to be a part of a new opportunity at Cross of Christ! Small group ministry is an experience that can enrich your faith and help you find friendships in the congregation. You'll be invited to commit to meeting **4 times during the fall** with 8-10 other adults to get to know one another and study the inspiring book Every Day Deserves a Chance by Max Lucado. Look for the chance to sign up in August; if you'd be interested in leading one of the groups (all materials provided) please talk to Pastor Ann.

## Handbell Choir



In May, Cross of Christ was able to purchase a 3 octave set of handbells from Valley Lutheran Church. These bells will be a wonderful addition to our worship services! If you are interested in being a part of the new bell choir, look for information on joining and rehearsal times coming this summer. Or, you can contact Tanya R., the Bell and Chime Choir Director.

## Heavenly Harp



Karin and Joy Gunderson, a mother-daughter musical duo known as Heavenly Harp, will be sharing their gift of music during Sunday morning services on **July 11<sup>th</sup>** at all three services.

We have had a great start to what we all hope will be a continuing adventure in reviewing and discussing some great books. Everyone is invited!!!! And you are invited to any one of the meeting nights even if you would just like to hear about a book that maybe you hope to read in the future. We have made it a little easier for you to get a head start by putting a Reading List together for the rest of this year. We usually meet the first Thursday of each month at 7pm in the sanctuary. We are taking the Summer off but never to give up on reading. Enjoy reading these and come join us!!



### READING LIST:

September 2, 2010

*The Great House of God* by Max Lucado

October 10, 2010

*Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt

Nov. 4, 2010

*If You Want to Walk on Water,  
You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*

by John Ortberg

December 2, 2010

Short stories to be handed out:

*The Story of the Other Wise Man*

by Henry Van Dyke

and

*"Meditation" in a Minor Key*

by Joseph Wheeler

## What's NEW in the Library



Stop by and check out what's new in the Library! The newest items can be located on the rolling cart in the Narthex. At this time the library is only taking donations of new items due to limited space. Please place all donations in the "return box" in the library so they can be shelved accordingly. If you have any comments or questions concerning the library please contact Erin W.



# July 19<sup>th</sup> – July 23<sup>rd</sup> Faith Time Live

Registration Forms are on the Welcome Center  
or downloaded from the webpage [www.cross-of-christ.org](http://www.cross-of-christ.org)



Sky Ranch/  
Cross of Christ  
Day Camp  
Meet-n-Greet!

Enjoy a  
cool root beer float  
while you meet  
your Day Camp  
counselors!

Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>  
7 PM  
Fellowship Hall



9-11:30 am (Monday-Friday)  
**Preschool -**  
(3 yrs old by January 2010)  
-entering Kindergarten  
Cost: \$30 per child



9:00 am-3:00 pm (Monday-Thursday)  
9:00-11:30 am (Friday)  
Entering 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - entering 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Cost: \$50 per child  
\*Does not include lunch

**It's not too late to sign up!** Registration forms are at the Welcome Center. Once completed, leave them in the drop box in the Library. Help is still needed for that week—even if you can help for a morning or afternoon—please contact:  
Jana P. @ [sundayschool1@cross-of-christ.org](mailto:sundayschool1@cross-of-christ.org) or 303-469-4004.

## Preschool & Kindergarten News



### Summer Camp

Summer Camp is going strong with about twenty children attending each day. The children are inside and outside during the 2 ½ hour program. Themes this summer are bubbles, gardening, camping, butterflies & bugs and the ocean. It's great that new students coming in have an opportunity to get acquainted with the school and the students who were attending this past year.

### Teachers Go 'Wild'!

Some of the teachers have taken courses this summer including a "Growing Up Wild" class at the Look-out Mountain Nature Center and an "Aquatic Pro-



ject Wild" class at the Denver Aquarium. Others made a visit to the Boulder Journey School in Boulder. Experiences such as these are great for getting new ideas and new insights for use in the classrooms.

### Next Year

There are still a couple of slots available for next school year which will begin on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to call for information or to come by for a tour. We are also taking names on wait-lists for next year. Our phone number is (303) 469-1574 and our website is [www.cross-of-christ-preschool.org](http://www.cross-of-christ-preschool.org). Our preschool address is [preschool@cross-of-christ.org](mailto:preschool@cross-of-christ.org).

## Shopping for Back to School? Annual Cross of Christ Backpack Drive July 7th to August 2nd



*The Social Concerns committee will be collecting backpacks, folders, paper, pencils, rulers, simple calculators, and markers for students of all ages in our community.*

*Our congregation has been extremely generous in past years.*

*If you can help these students in need of new supplies, please watch for more information beginning July 7th.*

*Thank you for your continued support of all children!*

# Team Trinity Youth Group Information

(For all youth 6th - 12th grade)

## *Lake Party - Campout*

Tue. July 6 - Wed. July 7

Tuesday: **9:00 am** - Meet at Cross of Christ (*Bring a sack lunch*)

Wednesday: **5:00 pm** - Return to Cross of Christ from the lake

**COST: \$20**, includes gas and meals (Tue. Dinner, Wed. Breakfast, and Wed. Lunch).

What to Bring: Sunscreen, swimsuit, flashlight, long-sleeve t-shirt or sweatshirt for evening/morning, sleeping bag, pillow.

**Sign up on the youth board if you are interested. Call Jeremy if you have questions. 303-909-4714.**

## Water World Info

**What:** *Team Trinity youth are going to Water World with Lutherans from the Front Range...*

**When:** Wed., Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** meet BY main gate @ Water World - 9:30 am

**Cost:** Tickets are \$30 (includes entrance fee and Lunch)

**Food:** Lunch is provided but you can also bring snacks if you wish.

Sign-up on the youth board if you are interested by July 18th so we can get tickets. Talk with Jeremy if you are a Westminster Resident or have a Season Pass for a cheaper rate.

July 11-17: Sr. High Camp @  
Rainbow Trail...

July 19-23: VBS - if you can help with  
VBS/Day Camp please contact  
Jana Porta @ [sundayschool@cross-of-christ.org](mailto:sundayschool@cross-of-christ.org) to find out where you  
can help

Watch the weekly bulletin for other  
activities and updates.

## New 6th Graders

If you have a youth who will be in 6th grade  
next year, please contact the church office  
303-469-4004.

Youth are invited to participate in the summer  
activities before the fall starts.

If you have any questions talk with Jeremy.

## Social Concerns: *Honoring Jesus by Serving Others*

*Kind hearts are always welcomed  
and helping hands are always needed.*

### Back to School

Although it's summertime now, soon it will be time to begin shopping for school supplies again. One of the duties as parents is to buy school supplies for our children. But, what about the kids who don't have parents? Or the kids whose parents cannot provide school supplies for them? That's where we come in.

We will be starting our summer backpack drive the week of July 7th and ending on August 2nd. We will be collecting backpacks, folders, paper, pencils, rulers, simple calculators, and markers. The backpacks will be for all ages. Don't let this great opportunity to help our community pass by! Start collecting now! Thank you for all of your service and God Bless! Please call Doug S. with any questions.



### Growing Home

*We have three exciting Growing Home activities planned and you are invited to take part!*

#### Tours

Tours of the Growing Home facilities are scheduled for the third Saturday of each month with the July tour on the 17<sup>th</sup>. We meet at 8:45 am at the office located at 3489 W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Suite 112, Westminster. Begin the tour by talking to the staff, check out the food pantry and day center and learn how the staff and volunteers touch so many lives by helping those in the north metro area. After the facility tour we will go to visit the Westchester Apartment complex where those families who qualify may be able to rent an apartment and begin their new independent life. The tour and apartment visit takes just an hour and is well worth your time. Please join us. Contact Connie S. and I will be glad to make the reservations. The tours are limited to 14 so make your reservation as soon as possible. Thank you.



#### Hosts

Cross of Christ volunteers will be co-hosting, at Valley Lutheran, the Growing Home families the week of July 11<sup>th</sup>. Discovery Church will tentatively be helping that week so, at present, it looks like we will be asked to evening and night host Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday the 12th, Tuesday the 13th and Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Look for the sign up posters on the Social Concerns bulletin board. Watch for more details in the bulletin announcements.



#### Picnic

Be on the lookout for an invitation to the Growing Home "Volunteer Appreciation" picnic this July. The date has been set for July 24<sup>th</sup>, from Noon to 2:00 p.m. You will receive your invitation via regular mail or e-mail with the date, time and location. This is a fun event for the entire family with games, face painting and other activities for the kids and a catered picnic lunch will be served. All of you deserve a big thank you for all that you do for the Growing Home families so please plan to attend, meet the other volunteers and share your experiences with one another. Hope to see you there.

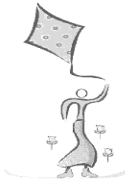
#### The Gathering Place

We will not be offering any more cards from The Gathering Place at this time. The Gathering Place is located at 1535 High Street in Denver and is a safe place for homeless women and children to go during the day. To find out more about them, please go to [www.the-gatheringplace.org](http://www.the-gatheringplace.org). They gratefully accept financial donations and would like to give you a tour of their facility. Look for the cards at the Fair Trade Fair in November. If you have any questions concerning The Gathering Place call 303-321-4198 or contact Carol A.



## New Beginnings Church

by Connie S.



I have been a part of the Social Concerns team for about 8 years and had never gone to the Women's Detention Center to take part in the New Beginnings Church worship service. I kept thinking I should do that but never quite got around to it until last month and what an experience!

At first I was apprehensive and more than a little nervous. Walking up to the guard's station to check in, I asked myself "What have I gotten myself into?" Julie S. and David O' were with me, which helped, but I couldn't help but notice the locked doors, guards at most doors and the rolls of razor wire and once again wondered what was I thinking and what had I gotten myself into.

What I had gotten myself into was an amazing bible study and worship with approximately 65 women that happen to be incarcerated and are anxious to hear God's word. It was a time of worship, prayer, learning bible passages through role-playing and singing hymns of praise. It was also a time for me to forget the guards, locked doors and such and just concentrate on sharing God's word with a group of women that WANTED to be at worship and share in His love.

Once again, let me say, it was an experience: A Great Experience! Will I return? Most certainly! Would I encourage each and every one of you to go? Without a doubt! So often you hear volunteers say "I received more than I gave" and it's so true. I came away from my visit thankful that I had the opportunity to spend two hours with women that were so gracious to share their worship time with me.

If you would like to attend a New Beginnings service, contact David O.

## COMPA Food Ministries

Are you familiar with COMPA Food Ministries? They have celebrated a rebirth and now instead of a traditional food bank, they are a self-sufficiency agency. Still, their goal remains the same and that

is to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Thanks to financial support from various organizations, COMPA has built a 50,000 square foot food processing center that includes a full-production canning line, food sorting and distribution operations, and a vacu-seal operation.

COMPA has developed a life skills curriculum to equip their program participants with the "coping" skills and attitudes necessary to re-enter the workforce.

COMPA has provided healthy produce and other nutritious food on a daily basis to 140 hunger relief agencies, feeding more than 70,000 men, women and children in the Denver Metro area.

Financial donations are always welcomed! Please call COMPA at 303-294-0272.

## Broomfield Detention Center Ministry

It was May 9<sup>th</sup> and most families were enjoying the afternoon celebrating Mothers day, when we entered the Broomfield Detention Center. For the inmates, this is just another day. Apart from our visit, they won't have any contact with the outside world. Holidays are typically difficult for prisoners being separated from family and loved-ones. Despite tough exteriors, many are really looking for a way to turn their lives around and make a fresh start. Sometime last year, a woman inmate started attending our services. When she first came to the Broomfield Detention Center she was very pregnant. Over the months she grew bigger until the day of her delivery. She was taken to the hospital to give birth and stay with her child for a few days. Then the child was taken away and she was sent back to the Detention Center. It was a very difficult time in her life. Several months ago she was transferred to another facility in the state. Recently she sent a letter addressed to Cross of Christ. She thanked us for how we had been a comfort to her. It reminds me of how important it is to show the love of Christ to others. We are always in need of people to help with worship services each month. For more information please contact the church office or Tim J.

# July 2010

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**With Sympathy**



*To Diana B. and family,  
on the death of her mom, Bonnie C.*

*To Dennis H. and family,  
On the death of his mom, Peggy H.*

**Congratulations**

To Pastor Ron B., member of Cross of Christ, celebrating the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination!

**Financial Report**



YTD 6-22-2010  
**General Fund**  
 Income \$234,810  
 Expense \$219,500  
**Building Fund**  
 Income \$90,423  
 Expense \$90,006



***Happy Birthday!***

*If you don't find your birthday listed, please call the church office.*

*We want to remember everybody's special day!*



7/1	Tanya R.	Steve B.	Bobbi W.	Diane A.
Zeke M.	Carrie E.	Pat W.	Laurel S.	7/26
Nolan J.	7/7	7/15	Jan B.	Doug S.
Kevin H.	Raouf A.	Talia F.	Bev D.	Ian M.
7/3	Kay B.	Eric L.	7/21	Corrine H.
Izzabella B.	7/9	Calvin M.	Caitlin P.	Barbara B.
Tiah F.	Andrew H.	7/16	7/23	7/27
Eetung R.	Angela S.	Lauren E.	Wesley M.	Madeline H.
7/4	7/10	Henry W.	Jodie K.	Dan G.
Meredith O.	Isabella S.	Wyatt B.	James F.	Scott F.
Phyllis B.	Susan K.	John D.	7/24	Bob W.
Judy K.	Jody F.	7/17	Jaxon B.	7/28
Brian H.	7/11	Sonja L.	Lily W.	Jenna V.
7/5	Indigo A.	Aiden P.	Colin K.	7/29
Rae-Ana A.	7/12	Michelle D.	Jeremiah W.	Andy S.
Sean S.	Alyssa N.	7/18	Christopher B.	Laura T.
David O.	Joyce O.	Teagan H.	Scott H.	Grayson B.
Pat S.	7/13	Megan W.	Dawn S.	7/30
Willis S.	Hudson L.	Katie M.	7/25	Gabrielle T.
7/6	7/14	Bart T.	Allison J.	7/31
Emily C.	Bridget H.	7/19	Marilyn S.	Dorothy H.
Sam H.	Kyle A.	Tyler K.	Lois G.	Hubert B.