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A word from Pastor Rogge

Dear ChristChurch Partners and Friends:

Late May and early June brought a flurry of announcements and activities to us at ChristChurch:

Congregational Annual Meeting Summary

June 5, 11:00 am

- Elected Bill Branch, Bill Cameron, Cindy Kinnie, Chris Moore, Jane Pahlmeyer, Rich Radford and Mitch Wiencken to one year council terms.
 - Elected Council officers: Bill Cameron, President; Jane Pahlmeyer, Secretary and Bob Baisden, Treasurer.
 - Approved the 2011-12 operating budget.
 - Heard the report of the call team:
 - ◇ The call team recommended the name of a pastoral candidate to the Council and the Council will be recommending that name to the congregation.
 - ◇ The pastoral candidate and spouse will be visiting ChristChurch June 25-27 and will meet with the congregation following each worship service on Sunday, June 26
 - ◇ A Special Congregational Call Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 10.
 - 89 participants were present and registered to cast ballots.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

A word from Pastor

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Chris Lyons Resignation

The participants of ChristChurch received Pastor Chris Lyons' letter last week in which he announced his resignation as Pastor of Family Ministry effective Sunday, August 7. His letter, his conversations and his sermon last Sunday reveal the depth of his attachment to the people of ChristChurch, the students with whose lives he has touched and the families with whom he has worked.

He has been a trusted and valued colleague to me since last summer and I know that he and his family will find meaning, joy and purpose in new ministry in Longview, even as Family Ministry continues in a new way here at ChristChurch.

Special Congregational Meeting July 10

Extending a call to a pastor is one of the unique and special responsibilities given directly to a congregation of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through its constitution.

The call team and the church council have met and are recommending a call be extended to a pastoral candidate.

In a short while, that candidate's name will be disclosed, *but not until he has notified his own congregation that he is being considered for another call.*

On Sunday, July 10, the congregation will gather for a special meeting which will include only two items of business:

Extending a call to a pastoral candidate

Voting on an accompanying compensation package for that candidate.

The first item (extending a call) requires a 2/3rd majority vote of the people present.

The second item requires only a majority vote.

Please mark your calendars and do your best to join the Community of ChristChurch for this very important time of decision-making.

In Conclusion

I've been privileged to serve as interim pastor with you now for nearly nine months. I've been re-introduced to the excitement and passion that the people of God have for their church, their faith, their mission and their responsibilities as followers of Jesus.

A good amount of my time has been devoted to participation with the call team, the church council and the Consecration Sunday team and the church staff. Over this time, I've made several observations about ChristChurch and I'd like to share a few of those with you:

1. ChristChurch does not face any challenges that many other (Lutheran) congregations haven't faced. There is certain uniqueness in every congregation, but there's also a certain set of patterns and structures that sustain ministry, even in the face of challenges.
2. ChristChurch has within its membership, a large number of people who are waiting—even longing—to be asked to participate in some meaningful way in ministry. Identifying and recruiting some of these people will happen only when personal invitations are extended, participants know the nature and length of their commitment when they say "yes," and when they are offered opportunities and encouragement for training and development.
3. ChristChurch has demonstrated significant growth and trust by participating in the first-ever Consecration Sunday this year and adopting a budget which is a "stretch" from previous year's budget.
4. ChristChurch's leaders continue to recognize the assets and strengths that this congregation has and which can contribute to meaningful mission and ministry in the coming years.
5. ChristChurch has continued to place a high value on prayer as a practice of the Christian life and has dedicated people who participate faithfully in this discipline which is central to the life of faith.

Certainly, there are other observations and I continue to learn about pastoral ministry as I serve and work with you. Please continue to worship faithfully, give generously, pray diligently and serve joyfully as expression of our relationship to Jesus Christ.

Pastor Barry Rogge, Interim

Call Team Update

Since the last newsletter update, there has been significant activity with our search for a new lead pastor.

The Call Team phone-screened 3 prospective candidates and subsequently invited one of the candidates for a site visit. (Although the pastor's name has been shared with our congregation at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 5, 2011, the candidate has requested that his name be kept confidential to the extent possible. To honor his request, he is referred to only as "Pastor E" in this update.) Over a 2-day period on May 24-25, Pastor E, presently an associate pastor at a large Lutheran church in North Dakota, and his wife visited ChristChurch and had a brief chance to look around the local area. During the stay, Pastor E met with the entire Call Team twice for formal sessions. Pastor E and his wife also met with several sub-groups of the Call Team for more informal discussions over breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Finally, in addition to meeting with Interim Pastor Barry Rogge, Pastor E attended a series of meet-and-greet opportunities with the Council, Pastor Chris Lyons, and the ChristChurch staff.

After prayer and further deliberations, the Call Team unanimously decided to recommend Pastor E for the lead pastor call at ChristChurch. The recommendation was presented and approved by the ChristChurch governing Council on Wednesday, June 1, 2011.

Call Team member Steve Gross announced the information presented above at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 05, 2011. In addition to answering questions from the floor (along with Call Team members Shanti Binder, Ken Graunke,

and Beth Habecker), Steve also announced the next steps in the process:

- Pastor E will visit ChristChurch again on Sunday, June 26, 2011 for a meet-and-greet with the congregation.
- A Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 10, 2011 for a congregational vote to affirm the Call Team and Council's recommendation on extending a call to Pastor E.
- If the congregation approves the recommendation, a call will be extended to Pastor E. If Pastor E accepts the call, it is possible that he could be installed as the new lead pastor of Community of ChristChurch by September 2011.

As this may be the first time many of our congregation have witnessed the call process for a new pastor, it is important to note that the Call Team was chartered by the Council and the congregation with the task of determining the skills and attributes necessary for a new lead pastor and then to work with the local ELCA Synod to evaluate pastors presently available for call. The Call Team has spent several months in the process and through discernment, discussion, and deliberation, unanimously arrived at the conclusion that Pastor E is an excellent fit for ChristChurch and the one that God has prepared for our call. As such, the purpose of Pastor E's visit later this month is for the congregation to meet with him informally as well as to let Pastor E get a sense of our worship style and ChristChurch's community "vibe." Although Pastor E may participate in the Sunday morning worship on June 26 in some fashion, he will not deliver the morning sermon. And although there will be no formal sit-down sessions with Pastor E, the

Call Team encourages strong attendance at the morning worship services as well as the after-service meet-and-greet opportunities so that both sides can get to know the other a little better.

Call Team members are: Craig Kinnie (Chairman), Shanti Binder, Ken Graunke, Steve Gross, Beth Habecker, Paul Hamlow, Tom Little, and Kathy Parker (Recorder). The Call Team wishes to thank the congregation for their support and enthusiasm during this exciting period in our church's history. *Please join the Call Team as we pray that Pastor E and his family feel the call to ChristChurch and as we pray for successful and timely conclusions to the next steps in the process!*

~ Prayer ~

Father, though life is full of many changes and though challenges are always before us, we walk not in our own strength, but with your strength. For You don't grow weak or weary, You are the everlasting God.

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"A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." *Proverbs 16:9*

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"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." *Proverbs 3:5*

Groups

PandaMania

Where God is Wild about You!

Psalm 139



Have a Bamboo Blast!

At Panda Mania, kids discover that God is wild about them—a fact that will change them forever! PandaMania is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the PandaMania activities that help faith flow into real life.

Sunday, June 26th—
Thursday, June 30th
6 to 8:15 pm



at **Community of ChristChurch**
5170 NW Five Oaks Drive
Hillsboro, OR 97124
503.617.9526
www.comchristchurch.org



Hang Out With Us for Dinner @ 5:30!

Sunday	Deli Sandwiches
Monday	Fried Chicken
Tuesday	Burgers
Wednesday	Chicken Tacos
Thursday	Pizza

Join the Adventure!



Here are a few ways adults can help:

- Pray—for hearts of all ages to receive God's love and grace
- Donate — see the information kiosk at ChristChurch for details
- Volunteer—Crew Leaders and other helpers are still needed to make this program a success

Register & Volunteer:
www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/comchristchurch



Contact:
Joanne Hauseman,
Chris Radford or Dawn Slifka
vbs@comchristchurch.org

Student Ministry

Dear Students and Families,

Change is hard and sad sometimes, but I'm excited to finish my time at ChristChurch well with YOU! (I hope that you've heard that our family will be moving to a new church in Longview at the end of the summer). So, that means you need to show up to things so that we can get some good hang time. (See all the cool stuff that's going on below).

As I have told you before: You guys ROCK! It's been such a privilege to spend these years with you, I am truly the most fortunate of youth pastors! Do you know that the average youth pastor stays at a church for 18 months. I'm practically a dinosaur! (or wooly mammoth!) I am proud of what OPUS and CREW have become and I know this for a fact - YOU (the students) are the youth group here, the ones who most matter. If YOU went away, our youth group would go away. But this is a moment for you to come together and grow even closer. I'm only just a *part* of making ministry happen at ChristChurch. Your ownership (as students), your commitments (as leaders), your consistency (as parents and families) are the things that will carry this ministry into the future. Please watch for opportunities soon to get together with church leadership and share your thoughts and input about the future of the program.

I do want to finish well and have a great summer of memories and "God-moments." But bigger than this, I want to pray with you, talk with you, hear from you about how the best years of CREW and OPUS can be ahead of you...because God has prepared you for just this moment. I believe in you and I'm excited that God is going to continue to do great things here.

Peace,
Chris Lyons



Ready to take the **PLUNGE** into Discipleship Camp?
Join us June 20-25 as we share in faith at Lake Shasta!



Y?... because we like too... **serve inner city kids in SF!**
Join the team, July 22-30 at Hunter's Point, San Francisco

VBS Help- PandaMania!

**From 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM each night
June 26-30**

For all students, this ministry event for ChristKids is an awesome way to GIVE some time and energy to the lil' ones ... and have a blast while you do it! (YWAMers are going to help!) Let Lyons know an area that you would like to GIVE and SERVE! (BAND PRACTICE: Sun., 6/26 @ 4pm - Let me know if you want to help with singing, playing instruments, or hand motions!)

CREW Camp Tilikum 2011

Tues., July 5th to Sat., July 9th

We are teaming up with the "High Adventure Camp" staff at Camp Tilikum to insure that our kids connect well with each other and our leaders - as well as have an amazing time connecting to God while experiences than you could every imagine!

Don't miss this chance to be out in God's creation, sweet campfire worship, crazy ropes course experiences, as well and just enjoy boating and swimming and archery - the whole works!!

CREW Wild Waves Trip

Tues., Aug 23rd to Wed., Aug. 24th for middle school

It's a great time to connect with all our CREW Friends and finish up the summer right! We've been hanging out all summer so end it with a bang with the COOL-EST, SUMMER-EST, CHILL-EST TIME possible - at WILD WAVES (a great water park and amusement park in Federal Way Washington!)

Student Job Bank

The Job Bank is OPEN all SUMMER!

(and students, if you still want to sign up for Job Bank, contact Lyons)

The **JOB BANK** program is intended to help ChristChurch students (14 yrs and older) raise money for Student Ministry Events and bless ChristChurch friends (and their acquaintances) with great service!

Interested in having a Job Bank student help you out?

People at CC (or their friends) can send an email to our Job Bank coordinators at jobbank@comchristchurch.org to request help for a job. Please let us know the JOB DETAILS (Customer name, email, phone, description of job and TYPE of service needed, special instructions, address, date and specific job times)

We need at least 72 hours notice to set up a job and we will do our best to confirm the job within 24 hours.

The job will be for A MINIMUM of TWO HOURS of WORK with a suggested minimum donation of \$10 per hour.

Prior to the job, we will send out a Job Bank Customer Participation Form to be filled out (as a first time customer). This form clearly states our expectations of this program and the safety of our students. We have trained our Job Bank student workers and we are confident that they will do a great job for you! After a student confirms to help on your project, their parent will make an initial contact with you to confirm that all of the necessary details are understood.

The student will arrive at the job with all the necessary paperwork and you will be asked to send this paperwork and payment directly to ChristChurch.

If you are looking for some help....

- Babysitting
- Yard Work (Mowing lawn, Trimming bushes, etc.)
- House cleaning
- Photography/Videography
- Technical Support/Computer Work
- Special event support (serving food, help for parties, etc.)
- Or anything else that you need!

Please understand that these jobs will be performed by students and not professionals, so it will be important to have appropriate expectations regarding necessary instructions and quality of work.



Thanks for helping us – as we help you!



Contact Info:

jobbank@comchristchurch.org
General questions: Chris Lyons,
503. 577-3487 or email:
clyons@comchristchurch.org

Guitar Lessons Offered

Starts Wed., June 15th, 5:30 PM

7 sessions from now until the end of July (on most Sunday nights @ 6 PM and Wednesday nights @ 5:30 PM) First session: Donation of \$50 for these lessons. Proceeds benefit the **Amanda's Fund**. Contact Chris Lyons by Wed., June 15th and details will be given to you.

Lyons: 503.577.3487 or clyons@comchristchurch.org
Email: clyons@comchristchurch.org

Church Schedules

Pastor Barry's Hours

Sunday: 8 AM- 12:30 PM

Monday: 8:30 AM– 4:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:30 AM– 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 8 :30 AM– 4:00 PM

Thursday & Friday: work from home as needed.

You may also reach Pastor Barry by email:
pastorbarry@comchristchurch.org

Temporary change in Office Hours

With Pattie Hart on mission in Romania, our office hours will be as follows:

June 20– Office Closed

June 21– 8:30 to 11:30 AM

June 22– 9:00 to Noon

June 23– 8:30 to 11:30 AM

June 24– 8:30 to 11:30 AM

Following week:

June 27– Office Closed

June 28 thru July 1– 9:00 to Noon

If you need to email the office please use this email address:

officeatcc@gmail.com

The office will return to its regular office schedule after July 4.

Thank you!

Children's Ministry

Funday Sunday

June 19, 10:30 AM

Vacation Bible School

June 26-30, 6:00 to 8:15 PM

Dinners:

Sunday, 5:00 PM

Tuesday-Thursday, 5:30 PM

Dog Days of Summer

August 9-11, 9 AM at CC

Student Ministry

OPUS & CREW– Sunday nights 7 PM – 8:30 PM at ChristChurch – STARTS on JULY 3rd (with the Shasta Reunion party!)

Come out for some great time to stay connected with each other over the summer!

OPUS & CREW Midweek Bible Study – Wednesdays at 2 PM at Panera (on corner of Cornell and Cornelius Pass) – STARTS on JUNE 29th. This summer, we are working through the gospel of John. Let Lyons know you are coming so that we can plan.

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Worship Hours

9 AM and 10:30 AM

Special on July 17

Miracle in the Park

One service at ChristChurch, 9 AM
Outdoor Service at Rood Bridge Park at 10:30 AM followed by potluck picnic.



Summer Prayer

*Father, Creator of all,
Thank You for summer!*

*Thank You for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.*

*Thank You for the beauty I see all
around me and for the opportunity to
be outside and enjoy Your creation.*

*Thank You for the increased time I
have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the
summer season.*

*Draw me closer to You this summer.
Teach me how I can pray no matter
where I am or what I am doing.*

*Warm my soul with the awareness of
Your presence and light my path with
Your Word and Counsel.*

*As I enjoy Your creation, create in
me a pure heart and a hunger
and a thirst for You.*

Amen.