



# The Servant's Voice

## Christ The Servant Lutheran Church

2121 East University Drive, Denton, Texas 76209 (940) 387-1984 <http://www.ctslutheran-denton.org>

**Summer Worship Schedule:** Sundays 9:00 a.m. Worship Service, 10:15 a.m. Christian Education

**NEW Summer Office Hours:**

**Monday—Thursday**  
1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

### Ministry Team

#### Staff

Pastor.....The Rev. Dr. Peggy Ogden-Howe  
Office Administrator .....Jamie Maxwell  
Director of Music.....Kendall Carter  
Bookkeeper ..... Elecia Pitman  
Childcare .....Tracey Oberbacher

#### Council

President ..... Ruth Johnson  
Vice President ..... Don McLaughlin  
Secretary..... Lori Shelton  
Member .....Nick Gorham  
Member .....Delta Holl  
Member ..... Ed LaDuke

#### Coordinators (partial list)

Altar Guild.....Karen Boyer  
Childcare .....Nicole Sisk  
Christian Ed.....Synette Payne & Heidi Thiele  
Empty Bowls Ministry .....Synette Payne  
Green Team ..... Sarah Fredericks  
Memorial Committee.....Rudy Menn  
Men in Mission .....Henry Howe  
Servant's Garden..... Monty Naylor  
Worship & Music Committee...Janelle Davis  
Worship Leaders/Ushers ..... Carolyn Kacena  
Writers Group.....Betty Finden

### NEWS AND EVENTS

*A special welcome is extended to Pastor Chuck Pegg, interim pastor.*



#### Tri-annual Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering—Denver

Hundreds of men from across the nation will meet in Denver, CO for the tri-annual Lutheran Men in Mission gathering.

Assembly starts July 21 at 2 pm, ends July 22 at 3 pm  
Gathering starts July 22 at 7:00 pm, ends July 24 at Noon

Register online at [lutheranmeninmission.org](http://lutheranmeninmission.org). Registration available for the whole weekend or Saturday only.



#### Join us for the Glazing Empty Bowls Workshop!!!

Don't know how? We will teach you EASY, and Fool-Proof Techniques for Beautiful Bowls!

Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12noon  
Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12noon

Tell your friends and family to join us too. At the CTS Fellowship Hall  
2121 E. University Dr, Denton, 76209—940-387-1984  
E-mail [emptybowls@ctslutheran-denton.org](mailto:emptybowls@ctslutheran-denton.org) with questions.

Saved by God's grace and energized by the power of the Holy Spirit,

Christ The Servant Lutheran Church is

- growing spiritually in Jesus Christ,
- welcoming others to experience God's grace, and
- serving all creation.

Our guiding principles are:

- Jesus is Lord,
- we do everything with prayer and Scripture,
- we are committed to worship rooted in Word and Sacrament,
- we give thanks to God always,
- we value people as Christ does,
- we agree and disagree in love,
- we are God's hands and voices.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Thank you for the wonderful retirement celebration and send off with blessing for my retirement! I will cherish the cross momento that you gave me and gladly place it in the center of my storied display of crosses.

I am deeply moved by all your cards and expressions of love and partnership in ministry. I will pray for your health and hopefulness in service to our Jesus Christ as guided by your congregational Purpose Statement. I look forward to hearing of your steadfastness in making Christ known in Word and deeds of compassion. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you with courage and spiritual growth.

You sister and servant in Christ,  
Pastor Peggy

## INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE CALL COMMITTEE?

RUTH JOHNSON

The Church Council will be appointing 8 members to the Call Committee.

We are looking for individuals that can make a commitment to weekly meetings, are open minded, have the best interest of CTSLC in mind, and will represent a broad spectrum of the membership. Representatives need to be a voting member of CTSLC.

If you are interested please let a Council member know so that your name can be added to those interested. Your council members are: Don McLaughlin, Delta Holl, Lori Shelton, Ruth Johnson, Nick Gorham, and Ed LaDuke (contact information is available in the Church Directory).

The deadline for consideration is July 10<sup>th</sup>. The Council's slate of members will be announced on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> in church and by email and a special meeting of the Congregation to ratify the slate will be held following the July 24<sup>th</sup> service.

We ask for God's guidance as we begin this process.

## INTRODUCING PASTOR CELENE WELCH OF LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY AT DENTON

BETTY FINDEN, WRITERS GROUP

Pastor Celene is a true Texan born at Mt. Pleasant, then growing up in Dangerfield, Texas. Her only extended time away from Texas was 2-1/2 years in Heidelberg, Germany, working for the U.S. Army.

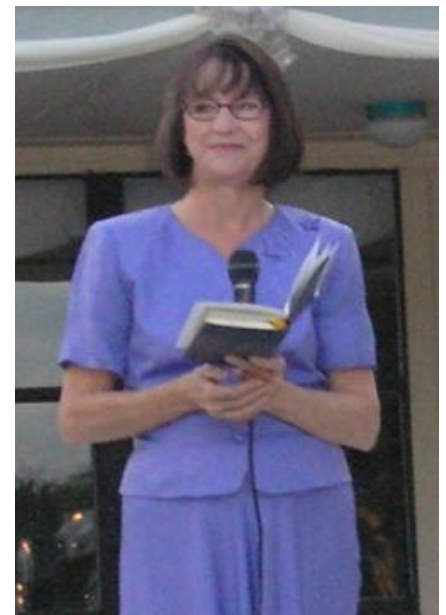
Returning to Texas, a daughter was born, Rachel Elliot, who is gifted with easily understanding foreign languages!

Pastor Celene's mother was a church musician, so Christian music and worship became part of her life. She received a Bachelor's Degree in music from TCU and followed up with a Master's in Church Music. After several years in music, she felt called to the ministry of Word and Sacrament and began the candidacy process. She received a Master of Divinity Degree from Brite Divinity School with additional study at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Always drawn to Liturgical Music, she worked for seven years at the Hymn Society, which had 2500 to 3000 members, She always enjoyed attending their Conferences where 300 to 400 members sang hymns together. She also worked as Music Director at Carswell Air Force Base, and at All Saints Lutheran Church in Arlington. Pastor Celene was ordained and called as Associate Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Worth in 1995, where she also served as Lutheran Campus Pastor at TCU. Trinity is the congregation where seminarian Janice Heidelberg will fulfill her year-long pastoral internship.

In 2003 Pastor Celene began her work as Lutheran Campus Pastor at the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University. Her daughter and Jeff Plato met at an LCM outing in the fall of 2004. Two years later they were married. Pastor Celene continued the 50 mile commute from Fort Worth to learn that she would be a grandmother. John Gary Plato was born July 4, 2009. God's timing was just right for the sale of the house in Ft. Worth and Pastor Celene's beautiful home to happen here in Denton. In May, we were all invited there to celebrate with University students and friends!

We are very grateful for the many ways Pastor Celene has helped our ministry at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church. Her gift of enjoying and ministering to University students has blessed us, both in worship and with sharing wonderful meals and times together!



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We give thanks and ask God's blessings for the following households, ministries, congregations:

### July 3

#### Third Sunday after Pentecost

Bev & Jeff Clow  
Jim & Teri Conover, Jessica & Susan  
Martin Converse  
Servant's Garden  
STE Fund  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
Our Saviour's, Durant  
Faith, Flower Mound

### July 10

#### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

James & Carol Copeland  
Randy & Christen Cox, KJ & Andrew  
Dean & Tracy Dahlin  
Ushers / Hospitality Teams  
Worship & Music Committee  
Writer's Group  
Immanuel, Killeen  
Trinity, Lockney  
Working for Peace & Justice

### July 17

#### Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Ron & Janelle Davis  
Michelle Emick & Jerry Drake, Adrianna  
Betty Ebben-Thomas  
Ushers / Hospitality Teams  
Worship & Music Committee  
Writer's Group  
Immanuel, Killeen  
Trinity, Lockney  
Working for Peace & Justice

### July 24

#### Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Betty Finden  
Patricia Foster & Ron Aparo  
Sarah Fredericks  
Acolytes  
Adult Choir  
Altar Guild  
Shepherd King, Lubbock  
Christ the King, Fort Worth  
Mosaic

### July 31

#### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Chris & Barbara Gaines, Drew & Sam  
Ardys & Dick Gentry  
David & Karen Gibbs, Damon  
Assisting Ministers  
Assisting Ministers for Homebound  
Communion  
Celebration Worship Service Team  
Hope, Midland  
Messiah, Monroe  
Rolling Plains Conference

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Healing and Wholeness

Bob Aparo (Ron's Brother)  
Ed Powell  
Roger Larsen  
Jacob Kersey & Family  
Melba Compton  
Jill Borowski  
Kim Hanson  
Norm Reese  
Dave Cramer  
Shirley Jeffrey  
Brenda Adames  
Victoria Adames  
Suzanna  
Christy  
Breanna Meyer  
Rod & Laura Proffer  
Brad Hulstein  
Liam Ward  
Torbjorn Nestenius  
Delilah Nieves-Nelson  
Betty Ned  
Margie Olivetti  
Greg Provin  
Pat DiBrito  
Megan Madison & Ben  
Patty Stovall

Carey Rhodes  
The Lacy Family  
Harold Kludt  
Don Lagna  
Shannon Jordan  
Ken Stockdale  
Christy Wilson  
Suzanna Dillon  
Susan Vann  
Janet & Gordy Barry  
Betty Whitlock  
Julie Spretz  
Amanda McLaughlin  
Mary Jo Froeming  
Dean Dahlin  
Iver Theilmann  
Betty Nelson  
Jeannine Wendel  
Alek Woo  
Frank Heidelberg  
Amanda McLaughlin  
Father of Kelley Hawkins  
Tammy Campbell  
Tom & Shelia Devine  
Crystal Williams  
Sally Hinkebein  
Patrice Tillman

Ray Skinner

### Seminarian Ministry

Janice Heidlberger and family

### Global

Earthquake Relief in Japan  
People & land affected by wildfires  
and flooding

### Grieving

Family of Ledford Johnson  
Family of Dr. Michael Collins  
Family of Virginia Mitchell  
Family of Marisa McNeil-Rozdilsky  
The Nethery Family

### Homebound Members of CTS

Lenora Herron  
Tracy Dahlin  
Vi Klemmer  
Jim Nuber

### Love Bear Recipients

Alek Woo  
Liam Ward  
Ginger Georgulas  
Michelle Ackerman

# The Briarwood Vine

Providing a Natural Setting Where People Experience God's Love  
July 2011



## LEADERSHIP OUTSIDE THE LINES

Do you know that definition of insanity? It's doing the same thing over and over again, and expect different results.



Well, we've been doing the same thing in our congregations over and over again, yet we are surprised when we get the same results - declining morale and membership in our churches.

It's time to change how we are doing things. Our leaders need to be trained to be leaders of the 21st century. This new Leadership Retreat - "LOL - Leadership Outside the Lines" - will introduce you to a new way of being a leader. The LOL Retreat is based on the "Renewable Practices" series for Faith-Based Groups which list seven distinct characteristics of effective leaders in the 21st century. They are:

- Asks Purposeful Questions
- Uses Participative Processes
- Works Playfully
- Takes Place Seriously
- Is Reproductive
- Sees Possibilities
- Ignites Passion

These first retreats will be based specifically on the first three of the leadership characteristics, specifically, Asks Purposeful Questions, Uses Participative Processes, and Works Playfully.

The September retreat (September 20-22) is geared for rostered persons (since it is during the week) and the October retreat (October 14-16) is designed for lay leaders. Go to [www.briarwoodretreat.org](http://www.briarwoodretreat.org) for more information and a downloadable brochure and registration form. It's time to do something different! Come "LOL" with us.

## THE "WORD" IS OUT!!

It's not too late to sign up for summer camp.

We are having another wonderful summer camp season and you are invited to be a part of it.



This year our theme is "WORD." We are exploring the spoken words of our Lord, Jesus Christ, examining Jesus' examples of sermons, parables, and teachings. We are looking at the power of both the "WORD" and our words and how both can affect the world.

For more information about our summer camp program, including our summer brochure, registration forms, and other information, go to [www.briarwoodretreat.org](http://www.briarwoodretreat.org) or contact Jon Thompson, Program Director, at 940-241-2099 or by email at [jon@briarwoodretreat.org](mailto:jon@briarwoodretreat.org).

## Champagne and S'mores Gala/Auction Friday, September 9th

You are cordially invited to join the Briarwood Retreat Center and Church Camp for our Second Annual Gala/Auction.



Proceeds from the Champagne and S'Mores Gala will go to support our ministry to the thousands of children, youth, young adults, and adults whose lives have been blessed through our summer camp and retreat ministries.

The evening will include dinner, drinks, silent and live auction, entertainment, and music. Business or Formal Attire is suggested. For more information, go to [www.briarwoodretreat.org](http://www.briarwoodretreat.org).

We believe that God's purpose for Briarwood is to provide a natural setting where people experience God's love. Thank you for your partnership in the camping and retreat ministry of the synod.