

Christ Congregational Church Caller: June 2007

From the Desk Of Jerry Eslinger: In the Beginning

God created the Heavens and the Earth and populated the Earth with broccoli, cauliflower and spinach, green and yellow and red vegetables of all kinds, so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives.

Then using God's great gifts, Satan created Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream and Krispy Crème Donuts. And Satan said "You want chocolate with that?" And Man said, "Yes!" and Woman said, "and as long as you add some sprinkles." And they gained 10 pounds. And Satan smiled.

And God created the healthful yogurt that Woman might keep the figure that Man found so fair. And Satan brought forth white flour from the wheat and sugar from the cane and combined them. And Woman went from size

6 to size 14.

So God said, "Try my fresh green salad." And Satan presented Thousand-Island Dressing, buttery croutons and garlic toast on the side. And Man and Woman unfastened their belts following the repast.

God then said, "I have sent you heart healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them." And Satan brought forth deep fried fish and chicken-fried steak so big it needed its own platter. And Man gained more weight and his cholesterol went through the roof.

God then created a light, fluffy "Angel Food Cake," and said, "It is good." Satan then created chocolate cake and named it "Devil's Food."

God then brought forth running shoes so that His children might lose those extra pounds. And Satan gave cable TV with a remote control so Man would not have to toil

changing the channels. And Man and Woman laughed and cried before the flickering blue light and gained pounds.

Then God brought for the potato, naturally low in fat and brimming with nutrition. And Satan peeled off the healthful skin and sliced

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This Month's Birthdays

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04	Shirley Schwindt	12	Jeremy Bludaugh
04	Virginia Flanders	13	Rhonda Overman
05	Claudia Murphy	21	Evie Collins
07	Michael Hiskey	22	Jo Ann Conroy
09	June Burnes	22	Sue Duncan
09	Cory Crook	23	Kim Larsen
09	Lizzie Rock	24	Stan Elofson
12	Sally Allen	29	Byron Anderson

From Left to Right: Rev. Gerald Eslinger, Amanda Higgins, Stephanie Larsen, Samantha Schoenberger, Trevor Larsen, Connor Rock, Allen Marble, and Andy Nelson.



From the desk of Jerry Eslinger, Continued

the starch center into chips and deep-fried them. And Man gained pounds.

God then gave lean beef so that Man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite. And Satan created McDonald's and its 99-cent double cheeseburger, and then said, "You want fries with that?" And Man replied, "Yes! And super size them! And Satan said, "It is good." And Man went into cardiac arrest.

God sighed and created quadruple bypass surgery. Then Satan created HMOs.

Thought For the day- "In the Beginning!"

Fraud Alert! From the office of Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey

Traveling con artists are in metro Denver. "Travelers" arrive every spring and typically prey on elderly homeowners with door-to-door roofing, paving and other scams, intimidating the consumers into paying thousands of dollars for poor quality work. "There is absolutely no reason to let strangers in your home," says Denver district Attorney Mitch Morrissey. Travelers often scope out the elderly at grocery stores, midweek, daytime hours, and then follow them home. Do not deal with anyone, male or female who arrives at your door after you have just returned home. Also, female travelers often "soften up" the victim first by stating their children

need a drink or a bathroom.

How to Recognize "Travelers"

- ✓ They peddle roofing, paving, and other repair work door-to-door.
- ✓ They drive new pick-up trucks with typically out-of-state license plates.
- ✓ They prey on the elderly using friendly, but high-pressure tactics.
- ✓ They may say they have material left over from a previous job, or insist they did work for you before and need to "finish the job."
- ✓ They quote bargain prices, but demand much more after the job.
- ✓ They do poor quality work - or little or no work at all.

To Protect Yourself from "Traveler" Fraud

- ✓ Don't do business with door-to-door contractors.
- ✓ Get at least three bids on work, and don't always choose the lowest.
- ✓ Insist on a written contract and don't be pressured into paying more.

Need help or have a question?
Call the Denver DA Fraud Line: **720-913-9196**

You will reach a live person!

Lucas Sanchez

Lucas graduated on May 27 from South High School. He has been accepted at the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music as a composition student.

Michael Vera

Michael, a member of the Medina family, graduated from Gateway High School in Aurora.

Class of '07: Christ Church Graduates

Chris Anderson

Chris graduated from Lakewood High School. He will attend the University of Colorado-Boulder in the fall and will pursue an interest in music production. He was baptized and confirmed at Christ Church, with the Rev. Jerry Eslinger officiating at both celebrations.

Katie Crawford

Katie graduated on May 31 from Bear Creek High School. She is planning on attending community college and will explore a possible career in journalism. She was baptized and confirmed at Christ Church, with the Rev. Jerry Eslinger officiating at both celebrations.

Amy Kennedy

Amy graduated on May 26 from Kennedy High School. She will attend Colorado State University in the fall and will enroll in the natural sciences open option program. She was baptized and confirmed at Christ Church, with the Rev. Jerry Eslinger officiating at both celebrations.

Scott Marble

Scott graduated on May 25 from Wheat Ridge High School. He will be attending Northeastern Community College in Sterling and will pursue an interest in forestry. He was baptized and confirmed at Christ Church, with the Rev. Jerry Eslinger officiating at both celebrations.

Audrey Murray

Audrey graduated on May 31 from Bear Creek High School. She will attend Colorado State University and will pursue interests in interior design and French. She was baptized and confirmed at Christ Church, with the Rev. Jerry Eslinger officiating at both celebrations.

Jake Nelson

Jake graduated on May 31 from Bear Creek High School. He will attend Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon, where he received an academic scholarship. He will play baseball on the college's team and will pursue an interest in environmental sciences. He was confirmed at Christ Church, with the Rev. Jerry Eslinger officiating.

Maiya Otsuka

Maiya graduated on May 25 from Chatfield High School. She will attend the University of Utah in the fall, where she received a swim scholarship. She will pursue an interest in science.

Karley Overman

Karley graduated on May 25 from Wheat Ridge High School. She will attend Red Rocks Community College and will pursue an interest in early childhood education. She was baptized and confirmed at Christ Church, with the Rev. Jerry Eslinger officiating at both celebrations.

Congratulations!

Calendar- For more up-to-date-info, go to visitchristchurch.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<u>JUN</u>
						<u>2007</u>
TRINITY SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 7 p.m. AA-Fellowship Hall	3 4 5 6 7:00 p.m. Board Meetings 6:00-7:30 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting	8 9 10 11 12 13 6:30 a.m. Men's Brkfst @Rosemary's 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	14 15 16 17 18 19 6:30 a.m. Women's Brkfst @ Rosemary's Café 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	6:30 p.m. Owd Dabar Worship and Fellowship
TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 7 p.m. AA-Fellowship Hall						
ELEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 7 p.m. AA-Fellowship Hall						
TWELFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 7 p.m. AA-Fellowship Hall						

Youth Corner:

Owd Dabar, CE Board Sponsor Second Youth lock-in

The Owd Dabar Praise Band and Christian Education Board are sponsoring a second lock-in for all Christ Congregational Church children, youth, and their friends on Saturday, June 9. A variety of outdoor games are planned and you can count on a movie in the Fellowship Hall. Meals will be provided and there is no cost to participants. Each child or youth must have a signed permission form to participate. Forms will be mailed to all children and youth, or forms can be picked up from Donna Green or Jeremy Shaver. Participants should bring a sleeping bag, pillow, change of clothes and toi-

letries to gussie up for church on Sunday morning. Please come and join us for this fun-filled event! And, don't forget to invite your friends!

More Headlines:

Teachers Receive Recognition for Dedicated Service

We will recognize all those individuals who served as teachers for our Sunday School and Adult Forum education programs during the 2006-2007 Church Year during worship on Sunday, June 10. We appreciate the time, energy, and expertise each person shared to help support a quality education program at Christ Congregational Church. Our teachers included: Sherry Crawford, Cathy Eslinger, Jerry Eslinger, Jason Gelernter, Donna Green, Gina Neptune, Al Otsuka, Mark Pleuss, Nancy Pleuss, Reneé Schonberger, Jeremy Shaver, and Sue White.

Come Celebrate Father's Day with a Flair

We will celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 17 with root beer floats on the patio after worship. After you enjoy your float, you are invited to stay and participate in some games on the church grounds to burn off the calories from all that root beer and ice cream. If you have an outdoor game you would like to share or set up, please contact Jeremy Shaver, Director of Education and Family Ministries.

Renowned Theologian Matthew Fox Comes to Denver

Matthew Fox, an internationally recognized theologian and author, will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 21 at Cameron United Methodist Church, 1600 S. Pearl St. in Denver. The topic of Fox's presentation is "Interfaith and Our Ancestral Faiths: Searching for Shared

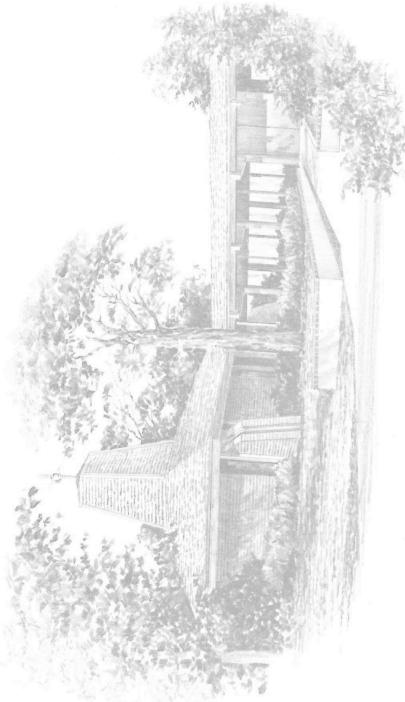
Wisdom in a Perilous Time." In the lecture, Fox will examine themes from a variety of spiritual traditions around the world that can assist us to become a more sustainable species at this critical time in human and planetary history. Themes such as the sacredness of creation, the dark night of the soul, joy, creativity, and compassion will be examined for the wisdom they provide for our times. Tickets are \$15 each and seating is limited. A reception will follow the lecture and there will be an opportunity to purchase some of Fox's books and have them signed by the author. Fox has been renewing the ancient tradition of Creation Spirituality that was named by his mentor, the late Father Marie Dominic Chenu, O.P., while Fox studied in Paris. This tradition is wisdom-centered, feminist, prophetic, welcoming of the arts, and concerned with eco-justice, social justice, and gender justice issues. Fox's effort to reawaken the West to its own mystical tradition has included revivifying awareness of Hildegard of Bingen, Meister Eckhart, and the mysticism of Thomas Aquinas. Fox's work also draws upon contemporary scientists who are also mystics. For tickets and more information, call 303-912-7931 or 303-912-9549. You may also visit the church's website at www.cameronchurch.org.

Summer Camp

2007

Congregation Commissions Summer Campers

Christ Congregational Church will commission all of our church's youth who will participate in summer camp during worship on Sunday, June 10. This year, we have two youth attending a week-long camp at the La Foret Conference and Retreat Center. We also have three youth traveling to Hartford, Connecticut for the United Church of Christ's General Synod and 50th Anniversary Celebration. The congregation's support of the La Foret Scholarship Fund has helped make it possible for all of these youth to participate in summer programs. Our youth participating in summer camp and General Synod include: Amanda Higgins, Stephanie Larsen, Trevor Larsen, Connor Rock, and Samantha Schonberger. We are proud that these youth will represent Christ Congregational Church and we wish you all a rewarding, challenging, and fun experience.



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