

September 4, 2009

Dear Members and Friends of The Christian Community in Denver,

Now that we can sense the end of summer soon coming we turn to the autumn and the tasks ahead. In congress our elected representatives will have to focus on how best to provide for better health-care for Americans. Yet what value is physical health without inner health. Every fall as we approach Michaelmas we turn our attention to the inner health of our soul. If we have children we think of what will benefit them now, so that when they are grown they will be strong and inwardly free with a healthy inner life for themselves.

With this in mind we begin our fall religious instruction program for children on Sunday, September 20. This fall because of the ages of those attending we have two groups meeting on alternating Sundays: Children age 6 and up to the 4th grade and another group grade 5 and up. Details are listed on the program itself.

We also have a very special Michaelmas Garden planned for children on Sunday, October 11. It will also serve as an open house for new-comers to become acquainted with the Christian Community. A flyer describing this event has been attached to this email.

This Michaelmas we will also be looking at the other end of life with a weekend conference on aging.

Friday evening, October 23, I will tell some fairy tales. But these tales are about individuals in the second half of life. It has been said that fairy tales are the shadows of conversations between angels. Now angels have the task of guiding us human beings so that we have opportunities to learn lessons that can only be learned on earth. Those lessons continue through every stage of life right on into our elder years. Although popular culture thinks of fairy tales as primarily for children, some of these stories are about what we should do in old age, about our struggles and the blessings that can come to us only in the second half of life.

Saturday, the 24th of October, Dr. Adam Blanning will bring a medical-anthroposophical perspective to the process of aging. Body, soul and spirit are best seen together if we wish to understand life, both inner and outer.

Glenda Monash, a curative and artistic eurythmist with decades of experience will lead us in some very practical eurythmy exercises that help with the strengthening and integration of our life forces.

The monthly study of the New Testament in Boulder at the house of Mary and Richard Baggout will resume in October. All are welcome!

The weekly study group in Denver on Mark's gospel (and many other spiritual perspectives) will resume on September 24th. All are welcome!

Soon we will have new seat cushions in the church. Many people have contributed their

time and resources to make this possible. We now would like to request that everyone who ever sits (soon more comfortably) in our church make a \$12.50 contribution toward the \$500 + cost of this new upholstery.

One final note: From September 7 to the 19 I will be away, back east, visiting my children, grandchildren and friends, and helping out in the congregation in Washington on Sunday, September 13th. For this reason, please note, **there will be no services in Denver on Sunday, September 13th.**

With all good wishes for a clear, thought filled and blessed Fall and Michaelmas season.

Jim Hinds