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MAKE THE ORDINARY COME ALIVE

*Do not ask your children
to strive for extraordinary lives.
Such striving may seem admirable,
but it is a way of foolishness.
Help them instead to find the wonder
and the marvel of an ordinary life.
Show them the joy of tasting
tomatoes, apples, and pears.
Show them how to cry
when pets and people die.
Show them the infinite pleasure
in the touch of a hand.
And make the ordinary come alive for them.
The extraordinary will take care of itself.*
by William Martin

My grandfather died yesterday. He was a chemist, a very good chemist. During his time at 3M, the company developed some of my favorite office companions—scotch tape and sticky notes. My brothers and I have joked that we grew up in a world of polymers and carbons and exothermic reactions. And then I became a theologian.

Despite all of his contributions to science, what we will remember most vividly are the ordinary moments of connection: his smile upon our arrival, his generously sugared lefse, the gentle touch of his hand on our forearms, his laughter over the kitchen sink, his tears. Columnist David Brooks calls these “eulogy virtues,” those qualities that are most memorable at the end of our lives.

Lent seems an appropriate time to cultivate these parts of ourselves and our communities. It’s also an appropriate season to pause and appreciate these ordinary gifts in those around us. Pause and look. And then give thanks to God for the aliveness of the ordinary.

—Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastor

ARTICLE STUDY

Join Jeff Olsen Biebighauser and Pastor Ingrid on Tuesdays, April 21 and 28, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. for discussion of Ta-Nehisi Coates’ article “The Case for Reparations.” Originally published in June 2014, Coates makes the case that after 250 years of slavery, 90 years of Jim Crow, 60 years of separate but equal, 35 years of racist housing policy, we need to reckon with our compounding moral debts in order to become whole. Hosted by the 20s, 30s, 40s group; adults of all ages welcome. Sign up in the Community Room, where copies of the article can be found.

KINSHIP MEAL

Twice a year the Nurturing Relationships Committee organizes kinship meals, which allow members to dine together and learn about each other in the warmth of someone’s home. We choose dates around the time that we receive new members, so that we can invite these newest branches of God’s living tree to a gathering soon after their arrival. The meals are for anyone interested in a more intimate gathering of people from church. Please mark your calendars for a meal on Friday, March 13, or Saturday, March 14, and sign up in the Community Room!

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

The third covenant in this year’s Lenten readings is the central one of Israel’s history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther’s catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.



LESSONS

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — in the Library

MARCH 8

“Spiritual Reflections on
2014 Academy Films: *Suffering*”
Doug Wallace

It is unusual for so many serious films in one year to lift up the experience of suffering. Think of films such as *Unbroken*, *The Imitation Game*, *Wild*, *Selma*, *The Theory of Everything*, and *Still Alice*. They all deal with suffering—different kinds and forms of suffering—but woven through their stories are struggles with how it can be faced.

MARCH 15

“Reflections”
Holy Trinity Writers’ group

Members of the Holy Trinity Writers’ Group will invite forum attendees to get a glimpse of their work and creative process.

GRINNELL SINGERS TO PERFORM AT HOLY TRINITY

The Grinnell Singers, the premier choir of Grinnell College in Iowa, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The Singers will perform music spanning five centuries, with works by Rachmaninoff, Whitacre, Handel and Lassus. The concert will also feature Thomas Tallis’ complex 40-voice motet “Spem in Alium,” a masterful work in which each singer has a unique part. The performance is free and open to the public, and a freewill offering will be collected.

PARISH INFORMATION

STUDY TRIP

The Adult Education Committee is encouraging a Study/Travel trip to Germany on the cusp of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Two options are being considered: one hosted by Paul Daniels and Mary Steeber of Luther Seminary in October of this year; the other will be hosted by Hans Wiersma and Mark Tranvik of Augsburg College in October of 2016. Each will be in Wittenberg on October 31. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, March 15, at 12:15 p.m. in the library for those interested in exploring participation in such a Study/Travel Seminar.

BOTTOM: A PLAY ABOUT SEX TRAFFICKING IN MINNESOTA

Come learn about the serious issue of sex trafficking, happening right here in our own neighborhoods, from the point of view of a former sex trafficking victim, Thursday, March 14, 7:00 p.m. at Minnehaha Academy, 3100 W. River Parkway. This play is free and open to the public. Freewill donations will be accepted. A panel, featuring experts on the issue of human trafficking in Minnesota will follow the performance.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting Sunday, March 22, following the 11:00 a.m. service for the purpose of approving the constitutional bylaw changes. For more information about the bylaw changes, call the church office.

DAY ON THE HILL TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

Day on the Hill is the annual policy briefing and lobby day of the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition. Participants are briefed on the JRLC issues that are being debated and voted on at our State Capitol. Clergy and lay people from across the state attend Day on the Hill to show our interfaith commitment to social justice and to participate in the lawmaking process. Plan to join others from Holy Trinity and your neighborhood in lobbying for justice. Find out more at jrlc.org/day-on-the-hill or talk to Meghan Olsen Biebighauser.

SPRING FORWARD!
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 8.

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PARISH EVENTS March 8-14, 2015	
Sunday	8:45 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am Confirmation 9:45 am Sunday School
	10:00 am Adult Forum
	11:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:30 pm HTTC rehearsal "Anatomy of Gray"
Monday	2:00 pm Swahili Service
	11:00 am-2:30 pm AARP Tax Aide
Tuesday	7:00 pm Stewardship, Nurturing, Chris. Ed.
	11:00 am-2:30 pm AARP Tax Aide
	11:00 am Text study
	3:30-5:30 pm Open gym
	6:30 pm Writers' Circle
Wednesday	6:30 pm HTTC rehearsal "Anatomy of Gray"
	10 am-3 pm Mosaic workshop
	3:30-5:30 pm Fare for All
	5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:00 pm Youth choirs
	7:00 pm Evening Prayer in Bartsch Room
Thursday	7:45 pm Adult Choir
	6:00 pm Cooking class
Saturday	10:00 am HTTC rehearsal "Anatomy of Gray"
	7:30 pm Grinnell Singers Concert

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MARCH 8, 2015		
8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Anton Werth	Acolytes	Ethan Townsend, Kristen Townsend
Andy R. K. Johnson	Assisting Minister	Bob Hulteen
Andrea Hansen, Brian Lenz	Communion	Vicki/Mike Mann
Shelley Grimes, Ann Neuendorf	Altar Guild	Carol Lane, Roberta Shaw
Bob/Bev Peschiutta, Chris Engen, David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Joshua Combs, Kathy Hollander, Alan Libra Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Gary Johnson	Coffee Servers	Pat/Alan Libra
Chris Engen, Dennis Nordholm	Counters	Wayne Vetter, Mary Ellen Olson
	Closer	Dennis Nordholm
Financial Report	March 1	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	125,844.23
Budget receipts	7,673.28	123,464.47
Boiler Fund		109.00
Exodus Appeal	5.00	1,740.00
World Hunger		387.00