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JOYFUL REPENTANCE

This week many of us will receive a cross-shaped sign of ashes on our foreheads while hearing the Ash Wednesday message, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." The words echo language from the funeral liturgy, "ashes to ashes, dust to dust."

Less than a year before his own death, biblical scholar Marcus Borg wrote, "Death is one of the primary themes of Lent. Each of us will die. None of us gets out of here alive." For that reason, he believed Ash Wednesday to be "the most honest service of the church year."

Borg rightly pointed out that a second theme of Ash Wednesday and Lent is repentance. He noted that his understanding of repentance changed over the course of his life, however, becoming for him "not about where we will spend eternity but about our lives here and now."

Repentance is not primarily about feeling guilty about our sins, or about doing penance (think of the common practice of "giving up" something during Lent – whether meat or chocolate or alcohol or shopping, and so forth). The biblical meanings of repenting are primarily twofold. On the one hand, it means to "return" to God, to "reconnect" with God. On the other hand, it means "to go beyond the mind that we have"—minds shaped by our socialization and enculturation.

Repentance is thinking beyond what we so often put our energy into—personal achievement, prosperity, security, appearance, reputation—and reconnecting with our true selves in the grace of God.

Repentance is turning away from what the world falsely assumes must always be—violence, inequity, brutality, constant growth and abuse of the earth—and reconnecting with God's loving dream for us.

Our theme for Lent at Holy Trinity this year is "Filled with Compassion," a phrase in the Prodigal Son parable of Luke 15. If we are to be filled with the compassion of God, we'll need to empty ourselves of the things that oppose God. This week therefore begins our Lenten journey of joyful repentance in the confident expectation of God's new creation within us.

Return to God. Be filled with God's compassion for you and for this world.

—Jay Carlson, Pastor

TALKING WITH KIDS ABOUT RACE, SATURDAY, MARCH 12

How can we speak with children honestly about race and privilege in a way that encourages racial justice in our society? How do we best respond to their complicated questions? Anyone who lives with or talks with children of any age are invited to join us for this three-hour workshop, led by the YWCA, Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST A SUCCESS

Thank you to all who helped with the pancake breakfast and bake sale Sunday, February 7. Many people helped cook, serve, set up, bake, and clean up to help make this fundraiser a success.

HOLY TRINITY HOSTS BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE CHURCH TRAINING

Reconciling Works will offer training on Building an Inclusive Church (BIC) at Holy Trinity, Friday, February 26, from 6-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 27, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information and to register, visit ReconcilingWorks.org/BIC.

LOST AND FOUND TABLE

Please check the table across from the office for items you may have lost.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn.

This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked.

It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares.

The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.



READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

This Sunday we will welcome ELCA pastor and new Holy Trinity member Margaret Kelly as our preacher.

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

FEBRUARY 14 "Hope in the 'Restore the Vote' Movement"

Mark Haase, Restore the Vote Minnesota

Minnesotans lose the right to vote until they have been released from supervision, including while they are living in the community, even if they never spent any time in prison or only served a short jail sentence. Restore the Vote Minnesota is a coalition of groups who advocate changes to the law that would allow people who have served their time and are living in their community to vote.

FEBRUARY 21 "Hope in Hospice"

Jeff Burnoski

St. Paul knew what he was talking about when he said that hope was important but not the most important thing. Hope has modest ambitions. Mainly, it gives us a sense of the way forward. Too much hope is as disabling as too little. Led by Chaplain Jeff Burnoski, we'll explore the gift and the limits of hope in this week's forum on hospice care at the end of life. The poet Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote about hope exuberantly but also with some caution. In one poem he advised: "Keep hope pale."

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT VOLUNTEERS

Holy Trinity will be sponsoring a refugee family from Somalia. The family of seven will be here February 16. They are in need of clothing and household goods. Please check the sheet in the Community Room to see the list of items still needed.

TRINITY-ON-LAKE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

As we continue to help nurture relationships in the apartment buildings near the church, we are hoping to make the Community Room in the Trinity-on-Lake (TOL) building available occasionally for residents to gather. Several residents have suggested opening the space on Tuesday afternoons, from 2:00 to 4:00, for coffee, conversation, and games. We would like to offer Holy Trinity volunteers to host the gathering each week. If you are available to help out, please contact Joy Nelson or the church office.

PARISH INFORMATION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

If you are able to help with the soup suppers on Wednesdays during Lent (February 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9), please sign up in the Community Room or call the church office. Help is needed to set up, make and serve soup, and clean up.

STUDY/TRAVEL SEMINAR TO GERMANY

The initial response to the Study/Travel Seminar to Germany in October 2016 has been excellent, but there is still room for more participants. To guarantee a place, submit a \$375 deposit by March 1, payable in the church office. Contact Randy Nelson with questions or for more information. Deposit is refundable until June 1.

UPDATE FROM CTUL

One of our social justice partners, CTUL, has announced an event in support of a possible strike by retail janitors on February 18, 5:30 p.m., at the corner of 7th and Nicollet outside of Macy's in Minneapolis. While retail janitors have won significant progress over the past five years, the workers are seeking improvements in wages and working conditions and a voice in the workplace. For more information, visit ctul.net.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. We will welcome new members in worship on Sunday, March 13. Interested persons are invited to two new members sessions on Thursdays, March 3 and March 10. Over a simple meal, we will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with Pastor Jay or Pastor Ingrid if you intend to come.

LENT AT HOLY TRINITY: "FILLED WITH COMPASSION"

We will gather on Wednesdays in Lent, beginning February 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room for Evening Prayer: Reflections on the theme of "Filled with Compassion" will be offered by John Buzza, Liz Rudrud, Bob Hulteen, Cathy Alpizar, and visiting German Pastor Helge Voigt.

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PARISH EVENTS February 14-20, 2016

Sunday		Family Retreat at Chi Rho
	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	11 am-2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee/ 7:00 pm Council
Tuesday	10:00 am	Mosaic Workshop
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	11 am-2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	5:00-7:00 pm	Labyrinth in the Gym
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	5:45 pm	Bible Basics in the Library
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	7:00 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer in Bartsch Room
	7:45 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	8:00 am	Encore! at Turtle Bread
Saturday	3:30-7:00 pm	Confirmation/Trinity Apt. meal
	11:00 am	Funeral for Mary Lindell

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FEBRUARY 14, 2016

8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Lisa Martens	Crucifer Jody Cameron
Maggie Weiss, Peter Weiss	Acolytes Kayden Nordby, Emily Davison
Cathy Alpizar	Assisting Minister Wayne Vetter
Joyce Peterson	Communion Sharon Englund, Katy Benson
Anne Beschnett, Josh Becker	Altar Guild Stella Townsend, Linda Woytasek
Bob Peschiutta, John Goring	Ushers M. Olsen Biebighauser, Oskar Jensen, Mike Mann, Joshua Combs
Martha/Harry Mueller	Coffee Servers Sue/Bill Roberts
Donna Heyer, Chris Engen	Counters Wayne Vetter, Vicki Mann
	Closer Rod Johnson

Financial Report	January 31	Year to date
Budget requirements	14,432.69	86,596.15
Budget receipts	9,151.08	86,149.63
Longfellow/Broadway	10.00	50.00
Opening Doors	3,127.87	30,286.48
World Hunger	30.00	116.00

Special gift for youth trips in memory of Bob Steinfeldt by Lyle Steinfeldt
World Hunger by Karen Batdorf