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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am • Jay Carlson and Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastors

## PASTRIX BOOK STUDY

All are welcome for food, drink, and conversation about Nadia Bolz-Weber's *New York Times* bestseller, *Pastrix*. Paul Thorson will lead the discussion at Sonora Grill, 3300 E. Lake St., at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays: February 11, 18, and 25. Bolz-Weber is the Johnson Symposium speaker for 2014. There are copies of her book in the church library. You need not attend all of the sessions in order to participate; come for one, two, or three of the gatherings, as you are able. If you haven't yet read the book, you're still invited to come and join in the discussion.

Why read *Pastrix*? Beyond its acclaim: being a *New York Times* bestseller, endorsed by former ELCA Bishop Mark Hanson and the notoriety author Nadia Bolz-Weber is receiving for writing it, the book is an example of lived experience. Maybe you've heard how important stories are to people of faith. Stories connect the reader and the writer to a tradition, a history that is somehow shared — not simply between the author and audience (though this is essential) but also to the many who've gone before us. *Pastrix*, then, is relevant. No, not every experience Nadia Bolz-Weber writes about will be one you can relate to but the chances are good that you won't be able to read the book without finding something that you can say, with confidence, "I remember when I had that experience."

This relevance, in itself, is not enough, however. Bolz-Weber takes a big leap forward by infusing these experiences we can relate to into the Lutheran context; or maybe it's vice versa: the Lutheran context is infused into the experiences. Actually, she does both and it is precisely these connections that matter to us as a community that claims a shared/in-common faith. People should read *Pastrix* because it sheds light on the nuance Lutheranism needs to sustain itself, to become a new thing in much the same way that Jesus teaches we ought to.

*Pastrix* is honest. Yes, there's the old saying, "Honesty is the best policy," but even if that's true, honesty is often not pretty. At times, Bolz-Weber's honesty is not pretty but the same could be said about each us in terms of how our honesty is received or viewed. Without honesty, this book, and the neo-Lutheran ethic one could say it is proposing, is a sham. It is at least irrelevant if it isn't honest. Who would have thought that in our everyday lives, there might be an examples of a contemporary Martin Luther or St. Paul?

Reading *Pastrix*, you'll learn about God. You'll learn about the distinctively Lutheran concept of grace and what death and resurrection can mean to us in the world today. It's accessible, but more than that, it's inviting. Read the book because its author is not perfect and she acknowledges it. Of her many gifts, it is perhaps her ability to express her imperfection in a celebrated manner that stands out most. She'll be the first to tell you that she doesn't have everything all figured out and she embraces a vulnerability that others prefer to deny. Don't mistake her for a pushover, though. She's tough and she'll hold you accountable, not in a bullying or shameful way but in the same way any person who requires the trust of another might hold someone accountable; it is literally for her/his own good.

— Paul Thorson, study leader

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We, too, are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.*



### LESSONS

- Deuteronomy 30: 15-20
- Psalm 119 1-8
- I Corinthians 3:1-9
- Matthew 5:21-37

### SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

- FEBRUARY 16** "EXPLORING RELATIONSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES"  
Outreach Committee

Please join in the conversation as we explore possible opportunities to partner with Minneapolis public schools and libraries.

- FEBRUARY 23** "TANZANIA REFLECTIONS"  
Travelers

Join us to hear reflections from our Tanzania Travelers. They are excited to tell you of their adventures and share the work of Christ and the Lutheran church in Tanzania.

### HELP WANTED—LIGHTING DESIGNER FOR "OUR TOWN"

The Holy Trinity Theatre Circle is looking for a lighting designer for our upcoming production of "Our Town." Our regular designer is unavailable to help this year, so we need to find someone who can fill in for her. If you know of someone who has experience with theatrical lighting design and would be willing to help out a small, all-volunteer group, or if you have questions, please contact Peter Johnson at 612-419-5647 or peterj911@comcast.net.

### GAME NIGHT — SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 5:30 PM

Chili – snacks – games galore! Everyone is invited to a pre-Lenten evening of comfort food and laughter while playing any number of games. There will be games for children, as well as an opportunity to make new friends, who enjoy your favorite games. Please sign up in the Community Room.

### CONCERNING PEOPLE

There are no church members hospitalized this week.

# PARISH INFORMATION

## NEW MEMBER CLASSES

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. Our next new member orientation will be held on February 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the library. Over a simple meal, those interested in membership 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.

## ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE - FEBRUARY 23

Confirmation students will host the Annual Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale fundraiser (for youth mission and learning trips) on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 8:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5. We are accepting donations of baked goods for the bake sale. Please call the church office if you'd like to contribute your time or delicious baked goods!

## LVC WORK DAY FEBRUARY 22

The Wellstone LVC house is looking for volunteers to help them spruce up their basement on February 22nd. There's a job for everyone! From removing old household supplies, cleaning, painting to tuckpointing the basement walls. With 7 volunteers in the house this year, the hope is to make this a useable space. Come for as much time as you can. We will be working from 9:00 - 2:00 Saturday, February 22nd. Work supplies and lunch provided.

## FREE DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

This course is for people age 55 or older and qualifies them to receive a 10% discount on their auto insurance for three years. These classes will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 4, 5:30-9:30p.m. or Wednesday, March 5, 12-5p.m.  
Location: Dan Cheung Insurance Agency 4020 Minnehaha Ave.  
Please call 612-728-1000 as soon as possible for more information and to reserve a space for the class.

Financial Report	February 9	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	81,548.08
Budget Receipts	13,563.24	89,052.24
World Hunger	31.00	142.00
Disaster Relief	-	-
Boiler Donations	2,575.00	12,330.50
African Pastors Endowment	-	115.00
Food Shelf	-	-

PARISH EVENTS February 16 - 22, 2014		
<b>Sunday</b>	8:45, 11 am	Worship Services with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	12:30 pm	HTTC Rehearsal, <i>Our Town</i>
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors
	11 - 2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
	10:30 am	Healthy Seniors
	11 - 2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	3:30 - 5:30 pm	Open Gym
	6:30 pm	HTTC Rehearsal, <i>Our Town</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	<i>Pastrix</i> Discussion at Sonora Grill
	10:00 am	Lectionary Text Study
	4:00-6:00 pm	Fare for All Express
	5:30 pm	Children's Choir Family Meal
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir, 6:40 pm Cantate!
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
	6:30 pm	HTTC Rehearsal, <i>Our Town</i>
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30 pm	Game Night

**Boiler Fund** by David/Maelene Krig, Bill/Sue Roberts, Judy/Troy Davison, Jean Swanson/Kevin Proescholdt, Bud Dixen, Cathryn Olson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS February 16, 2013		
8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Jay Carlson	<b>Preacher</b>	Jay Carlson
Ingrid Rasmussen	<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen
Anne Beschnett	<b>Crucifer</b>	Sarah Wieben
	<b>Acolytes</b>	Eliza Roberts, Oskar Jensen
Andrea Hansen	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Wayne Vetter
Josh Becker, David Berg	<b>Communion</b>	Susan Wootten, Gary Johnson
Josh Becker, Anne Beschnett	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dick & Betty Pittelkow
Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen	<b>Ushers</b>	Ron Peterson, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Kathy Ohler
	<b>Nursery</b>	Christine Brand
Liz & David Rudrud	<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Zoe & Miguel Martinez
Donna Heyer, Pam Blomgren	<b>Counters</b>	John Sulzbach, Bruce Johnson
	<b>Closer</b>	Cliff Brown

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