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

A GREENING TIME

I approach Lent with a fair amount of suspicion. For example, when I hear that some people give up chocolate or some other treat during these six weeks before Easter, I wonder if they understand it as a spiritual discipline or just a way of losing a few pounds before swimsuit season. And even when our Lenten disciplines are taken on with sincerity, I worry that they become too individualistic or even an attempt to control God rather than making ourselves more present to God. Further, Lent is sometimes associated only with looking miserable and feeling bad about ourselves. After the long, cold winter we have had, I don't think we need any more reason to feel gloomy!

This year, I am thinking of Lent as a "greening" time. The word Lent comes from an old English word meaning "lengthen" because it is observed in the church during the time of year when the days are growing longer (in the Northern Hemisphere, anyway). Spring is coming. Buds will return to the trees. Daffodils will bloom. Similarly, we can trust that God's grace will renew and refresh us.

Barbara Brown Taylor writes that this time of year is when "those who follow Jesus look down at our maps and say, 'Uh-oh,' because it is time to turn away from the twinkling stars of Christmas toward the deep wilderness of Lent. As gloomy as that may sound, it is very good news. Most of us are so distracted by our gadgets, so busy with our work, so addicted to our pleasures, and so resistant to our depths that a nice long spell in the wilderness is just what we need."

So I invite you to join me in the wilderness for the next several weeks and pay attention to the greening taking place around us. Even as we set aside the Alleluias for a while, we can approach Lent with deep joy. The God of resurrection is living and at work in our world.

— Jay Carlson, Pastor

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rodney Erickson recently moved from Chicago to Minneapolis in order to be closer to family. His sister, Bev Mc Gee, is a longtime member of Holy Trinity. Rodney is a retired clergyman and is excited to be involved in the ministry of this congregation.

Erin, Howie, and Marjorie Patchin are looking forward to raising their family in a church that worships traditionally, but serves in new ways, suited to a changing world. They are impressed by all of the friendly people in this congregation.

Wendy Harig grew up in Colorado. She came to Minnesota to attend St. Olaf College and decided to remain after graduation. She now works as a social worker. She is excited to join Holy Trinity.

Caleb and Erin Goltz moved to the Brackett Park neighborhood in October. Erin is an Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, and Caleb teaches political science at the University of Minnesota. They have two dogs, Sogn and Vasa.

Lil Belusa is ordained in the ELCA and is seeking a part-time call in this area. She moved to Minneapolis in order to be closer to her daughter, Marika, and granddaughter, Lydia, both of whom are members at Holy Trinity. She enjoys worshipping with this community and is looking forward to becoming more involved.

John Goring grew up in this congregation, which is why he may look familiar to lifelong members of Holy Trinity. Others of you may recognize him from the neighborhood; he delivered mail in Longfellow for many years. He is glad to be reconnected with this faith community.

Alyssa Erickson, Kwame Owusu-Acheampong and Irene have been worshipping at Holy Trinity for some time. They are thankful for the Godly Play class, which Irene enjoys very much.

Keith and Libby Olstad live in South Minneapolis. Keith is recently retired from St. Paul Reformation Lutheran Church. Libby works at Gillette Children's Hospital. They are glad to find a congregation with strong commitments to worship and to the community.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.



LESSONS

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

MARCH 9

**"Theological Reflections on 2013 Films:
What do we cling to when all is lost?"**

Doug Wallace

Films: *12 Years a Slave, Captain Phillips, All Is Lost, Gravity.*

Four ships. Four stories of being cast adrift. All struggling to find their way in hostile environments. Could it be that these four dramas are meant to be metaphors about passages in our own pilgrimages? Challenging us to reflect deeply on what we could discover in our own journeys? Is it possible that these are a retelling of the ancient hero's voyage into the dangerous shadows and demons that threaten to tear our conscious life apart?

MARCH 16

**"Oil extraction and its impact
on persons and the climate"**

Peace with Justice Committee

Paul Blackburn, MN350's lawyer in contesting Minnesota's tar sands pipeline at the Public Utilities Commission, will present on extreme oil extraction and its impact on Minnesotans and the climate. His background includes 25 years of working with citizens organizing around environmental issues, such as the Keystone XL pipeline.

WRITERS' CIRCLE

All are welcome to join the Holy Trinity Writers' Circle. On the 2nd Tuesday of every month a small group of writers meet to give one another support in their craft. Join them at their next meeting, March 11th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Mary and Martha Room.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesdays during Lent there will be a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by evening prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Lenten services start on March 5, Ash Wednesday. We need volunteers to make soup, set up, and clean up. Sign up in the Community Room.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE A SUCCESS!

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the annual pancake breakfast and bake sale, including those who worked, baked and purchased goods. The proceeds will be used for youth trips and programs.

PARISH INFORMATION

"MARCH TO ENROLL" EVENT AT HOLY TRINITY

Bruce Martens, a Certified MNSure Navigator for Minnesota Recovery Connection and Holy Trinity member will be available throughout the month to answer questions and assist with enrollment. Help with Medical Assistance, MinnesotaCare and private plan enrollment will be offered. For more information about this enrollment event, or to schedule an enrollment appointment, contact the Holy Trinity office or Bruce directly.

DAY ON THE HILL

JRLC's Day on the Hill will be on March 13 from 8:30 - 4:00. We gather at the Rivercentre in St Paul to hear a keynote address and get briefed on the issues, then you'll be bused to the Capitol to meet with your legislators. Payday Lending will be one of the primary issues of the day and it would be great to have lots of Holy Trinity members present! If you'd like to carpool, the van will leave HT at 8am and return after the last legislator meeting at 4:00. Sign up in the Community Room and contact Meghan Olsen Biebighauser with any questions.

HOLY TRINITY THEATRE CIRCLE PRESENTS OUR TOWN

This delightful drama by Thornton Wilder is about the folks in Grover's Corner, New Hampshire. Wilder encourages us to think about our lives in new ways — both the common and the unique. We invite you to join us! March 20, 21, and 22 at 7:00 p.m., and March 23 at 4:00 p.m. in the Gym/Theater. Admission is free, but donations are welcomed and appreciated.

LABYRINTH WALK

The labyrinth will be available in the 1st floor room across from the Bartsch Room 5:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays during lent. Volunteers will be available to guide new users.

ARTIST RECEPTION

Sarah Wieben has a show opening at Luther Seminary this week. The work is based on math and music superficially, but on a deeper level deals with creativity and the mystery of inspiration. There is an artist reception from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7. The work will be hanging in the Northwestern Building.

LOAVES AND FISHES - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

Holy Trinity is responsible for cooking and serving a meal at the Loaves and Fishes site at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 18th Ave. and 24th St. There is a need for cooks, servers and a clean-up crew. The schedule is: 2:00 p.m. Cooking, 5:00 p.m. Serving, 6:00 p.m. Clean-Up. Sign up in the Community Room or call the church office.

**SPRING FORWARD!
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 9.**

PARISH EVENTS March 9-15, 2014

		SPRING AHEAD	
Sunday	8:45, 11 am	Worship Services with Holy Communion	
	9:30 am	Confirmation, Sunday School Parent Meeting	
	9:45 am	Sunday School	10:00 am Adult Forum
	12:30 pm	Creation Care Meeting	
	12:30 pm	HTTC Rehearsal, <i>Our Town</i>	
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service	
Monday	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors	
	11 - 2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide	
	7:00 pm	Stewardship, Nurturing, & Chris Ed Committees	
Tuesday	11 - 2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide	
	3:30 - 5:30 pm	Open Gym	
	6:30 pm	Writers' Circle	
	6:30 pm	HTTC Rehearsal, <i>Our Town</i>	
Wednesday	10:00 am	Lectionary Text Study	
	5 - 8:00 pm	Labyrinth	
	5:30 pm	Lenten Soup Supper	
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir 6:30 Cantate!	
	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Service	7:45 pm Adult Choir
Friday	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors	
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Progressive Dinner	
Saturday	10:00 am	HTTC Rehearsal, <i>Our Town</i>	

Boiler Fund by Laura Bolstad, Gary Johnson. **Special Gifts in memory of June Englund** by Dolores Stanko and Brian/LuAnn Cornell.
Food Shelf by Karen Batdorf.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS March 9, 2013

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Jay Carlson	Preacher	Jay Carlson
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
Tevy Nou	Acolytes	Will/Louis Kelley
Andy R.K. Johnson	Assisting Minister	Dennis Ormseth
Pam Blomgren, Josh Becker, Lyle Steinfeldt	Communion	D. Anderson, S Townsend, M. Olsen Biebighauser
Gerry/Linda Berglin	Altar Guild	Carol Lane, Joe Fortier
Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen, Neil Anderson	Ushers	Bob/Helen Norheim, Mark Hiner, Joshua Combs
	Nursery	Sandra Nelson
Joy/Randy Nelson	Coffee Servers	Alan/Pat Libra
Chris Engen, Joyce Peterson	Counters	Gary Johnson, Bruce Johnson
	Closer	John Sulzbach

Financial Report	March 2	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	122,322.12
Budget Receipts	7,717.63	118,079.50
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