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

EXCERPT FROM NADIA BOLZ-WEBER'S *PASTRIX*  
2014 Johnson Symposium Presenter

Thanks, ELCA! was an inside joke at our church. House for All Sinners and Saints had quickly become well known in the Lutheran world, both by those who loved us and those who hated us. Those who loved us were inspired by our liturgical creativity and freedom, and those who hated us were offended by my gender (thus the term "pastrix") and by our love of the gays. And both groups liked to blog about it all. I had recently shared with my parishioners one such blog post in which someone had written: "I can't believe the ELCA would waste money on this 'church.' Their openness to homosexuality shows that House for All Sinners and Saints has obviously thrown the Bible out the window."

"We should totally stage a photo of HFASS with money raining down and a big sign that says "Thanks, ELCA!" I had said in response to the blog post.

Stuart, who was not named the House for All Sinners and Saints' Minister of Fabulousness for nothing, went a gay step further. "No," he insisted. "Everyone should be dancing and holding flutes of champagne while Pastor Nadia throws a Bible out the window and money rains down from the ceiling as a buff male dancer in a gold lamé Speedo holds a sign that says, "Thanks, ELCA!" And another inside joke was born.

Many of the folks at House for All had been hurt by the church in one way or another. Several, like Stuart himself, had been victims of so-called ex-gay reparative therapy at the hands of Christians, some had been told they were not up to snuff in the eyes of God, and, needless to say, the vast majority of the folks at House for All were not regularly attending a church when they joined us. In other words, they were just like me in the spring of 1996 when I first walked into St. Paul's in Oakland.

It was important to me that the House for All Sinners & Saints be a place where no one had to check at the door their personalities or the parts of our stories that seemed "unchristian." I wanted a place where something other than how we responded to rules was at the center of our life together. Yet, in the end, despite how much I love HFASS, I am still not an idealist, not when it comes to our human projects. Every human community will disappoint us, regardless of how well-intentioned or inclusive. But I am totally idealistic about God's redeeming work in my life and in the world.

As a matter of fact, at our quarterly "Welcome to HFASS" events, we ask the question, What drew you to HFASS? They love the singing, people often say, and the community, and the lack of praise bands, and the fact that they feel like they can comfortably be themselves. They love that we laugh a lot and have drag queens and that it's a place where difficult truths can be spoken and everyone is welcome, and where we pray for each other.

I am always the last to speak at these events. I tell them that I love hearing all of that and that I, too, love being in a spiritual community where I don't have to add to or take away from my own story to be accepted. But I have learned something by belonging to two polar-opposite communities—Albion Babylon and the Church of Christ—and I wanted them to hear me: This community will

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids.*

*Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.*



LESSONS

Amos 5:18-24

Psalms 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

NOVEMBER 9 "REFLECTIONS ON THE SYMPOSIUM"

Participants will share their thoughts about the Johnson Symposium and the words of Nadia Bolz-Weber.

NOVEMBER 16 "STEWARDSHIP AT HOLY TRINITY"

Please plan to attend the stewardship breakfast in the gym at 9:45 a.m.

PASTORS' BLOG

Pastors Jay and Ingrid have started a blog where they will occasionally share articles, devotions, and prayers with the community. This mode of communication will allow them to respond more quickly to current events in the neighborhood and the world. Check it out at [holytrinitypastors.org](http://holytrinitypastors.org). If you wish to receive an email when a new piece is posted, click the follow button and enter your email address.

disappoint them. It's a matter of when, not if. We will let them down or I'll say something stupid and hurt their feelings. I then invite them on this side of their inevitable disappointment to decide if they'll stick around after it happens. If they choose to leave when we don't meet their expectations, they won't get to see how the grace of God can come in and fill the holes left by our community's failure, and that's just too beautiful and too real to miss.

*Welcome to House for All Sinners and Saints. We will disappoint you.*

## PARISH INFORMATION

### REQUEST FROM BROADWAY SCHOOL

Donation request from Broadway School: Snack foods for the school store. (Proceeds used for special expenses.) Powerade; water; granola bars; fruit snacks; fruit roll-ups; rice crispy treats; ramen noodles; pretzels; and popped popcorn. THANK YOU for considering this request. Food can be left in the boxes under the sign-up table in the community room.

### STEWARDSHIP BREAKFAST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

The Stewardship Committee invites all members of the congregation to join them for a light breakfast on November 16 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the church gymnasium. We will celebrate the completion of the boiler project, engage in conversation about the stewardship of our lives, hear about new opportunities for participation at Holy Trinity, and offer financial pledges for 2015.

### FREE DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE FOR SENIORS 55+

Dan Cheung from State Farm Insurance is offering a Defensive Driving course on Tues., Nov. 18, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Wed., Nov. 19, from 12:00-5:00 p.m. One class is necessary for completion. Call Tony Gao at 612-728-1000 to sign up.

### GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 6:00 P.M.

Chili, snacks, games galore! Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of food, laughter, and some fun competition playing favorite games and new games. Sign up in the Community Room or call the church office.

### 20s, 30s, 40s BRAINSTORMING SESSION

Council member Laura Bolstad and Pastor Ingrid invite all 20-, 30-, and 40-somethings to join them for lunch on Sunday, November 9 in the church library. Lunch will be provided. We'll meet together and brainstorm opportunities for meaningful connection among adults in this age range. Nursery care will extend until 2 p.m., in order that parents and caretakers may attend. Sign up in the Community Room or call the church office if you plan to attend.

### SAVE THE DATE!

February 13-15, 2015 we'll head out to Camp Chi Rho in Annandale for an Intergenerational Winter Retreat. Children and adults of all ages are welcome. Look for more information and a sign up sheet in the Community Room, coming soon.

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| PARISH EVENTS November 9-15, 2014 |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 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   |
|                                   | 12:00 pm Handbell rehearsal                    |
|                                   | 12:00 pm 20s/30s/40s group                     |
| Monday                            | 2:00 pm Swahili Service                        |
|                                   | 7:00 pm Stewardship, Nurturing, Chris Ed. meet |
| Tuesday                           | 11:00 am Text Study                            |
|                                   | 6:30-8:00 pm Writers' Circle                   |
| Wednesday                         | 4-6:00 pm Fare for All                         |
|                                   | 5:30 pm Choir Supper                           |
|                                   | 6:00-7:00 pm Youth Choirs                      |
|                                   | 6:00 pm Children and Family Committee          |
| Saturday                          | 7:30 pm Adult Choir                            |
|                                   | 6-9:00 pm Game Night                           |

Special Gifts to Ebola Response by Nancy Madich, Chris/Mary Engen, Gary Johnson; African Pastors Fund by Bud Diken; Exodus Lending by Bob Hulteen; in honor of Eliza Roberts' confirmation by Ann Schrooten/Dawn Wieczorek.

| WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NOVEMBER 9, 2014         |                    |   |
|---|--------------------|---|
| 8:45 AM                                       |                    | 11:00 AM  |
| Linden Kung, Grayson<br>Wieczorek             | Acolytes           | Oskar Jensen, Linnea Krig                       |
| Gretchen Lund                                 | Assisting Minister | Libby Olstad                                    |
| Anne Beschnett                                | Crucifer           | Meghan Olsen<br>Biebighauser                    |
| Kevin Proescholdt,<br>Lisa Martens            | Communion          | David Krig                                      |
| Bev Peschiutta,<br>Nancy Madich               | Altar Guild        | Joe Fortier,<br>Rosemary Foley                  |
| Bob Peschiutta,<br>Chris Engen, Neil Anderson | Ushers             | George Madich, Mark<br>Hiner, Helen/Bob Norheim |
| DeWayne Townsend                              | Coffee Servers     | Zoe/Miguel Martinez                             |
| Joyce Peterson,<br>Gerry Berglin              | Counters           | Wayne Vetter, John Kelly                        |
|   | Closer             | Cliff Brown                                     |
| Financial Report                              | November 2         | Year to Date                                    |
| Budget requirement                            | 13,591.35          | 598,019.23                                      |
| Budget receipts                               | 10,564.63          | 562,837.75                                      |
| Disaster Relief/Ebola                         |                    | 520.00  |
| Exodus Appeal                                 | 50.00              | 8,308.00  |