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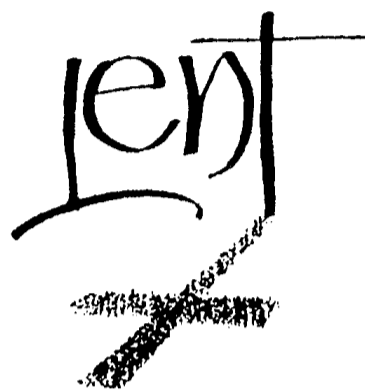
March 3, 2010

LENTEN BREAKFAST LECTURE SERIES

"The Things We Wish Jesus Hadn't Said" is the theme of our Lenten Breakfast Lecture Series this year. The teachings to be explored in this series are sometimes referred to as "hard sayings" – things proclaimed by Jesus of Nazareth that we wish he hadn't said because of what they mean for us and the way we are called to live as followers of the risen Christ.

We start with a light breakfast each week at 7:00 a.m., followed by the program from 7:15 - 7:45 a.m. Topics will be:

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| March 5 | - | <i>Taking the "I" Out of Your Eye</i> |
| March 12 | - | <i>Perfect Makes Practice</i> |
| March 19 | - | <i>The Messiah According to Mel Gibson</i> |



BRUNCH BUNCH

Sunday, March 7, at 12:15 p.m.

Mangia, 2496 Rivermont Avenue

Join us for fellowship and food. Please sign for reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

GOD IN FILM SERIES

Our 2009-2010 *God in Film* series concludes Sunday, March 7, from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for pizza and theological discussion as we view and reflect on *The Spitfire Grill*. Please sign for reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall by noon, March 7.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

OUT OF SOLITUDE

Reflections on the Christian Life by Henri J. M. Nouwen (1932-1996)

12:10 p.m. - Spoken Service of Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. - Vespers

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| Wednesday, March 10 | - | "Care" |
| Wednesday, March 17 | - | "Community and Care" |
| Wednesday, March 24 | - | "Expectation as Joy" |

RIVERMONT AREA EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Our March outreach project is a canned food drive for the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. Grocery bags, complete with an attached suggested shopping list, are available in the narthex. Monetary contributions are also welcomed and will be applied to the Feinstein Challenge (see article on page four). Special envelopes are available on the narthex desk. The Food Pantry assisted 3,171 people (1,156 families consisting of 1,866 adults and 1,305 children) in 2009.

NIBBLIN' and SIPPIN'

Sunday, March 14
6:00 p.m.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for an adult fellowship gathering as we nibble and sip our way through a variety of cheeses, chocolates, and wines, guided by Pegeen Griessmayer from the Boonsboro Road Kroger.

The cost is \$15 per person.
Please sign for reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

Third
Sunday
in Lent



March 7, 2010

7:45 A.M. - EARLY SERVICE CHOIR REHEARSAL
8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL for all ages

ADULT EDUCATION

BOOK DISCUSSION

The Ten Commandments: Laws of the Heart
by Joan Chittister

The Law of Assurance
(Parlor)

Leader: Pastor Roberts

FAITH AND BIBLICAL WITNESS

The Story of the Bible

The King James Version
(Community Room)

Leader: Pastor Armentrout

10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lessons: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
A nursery is provided from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. A coffee hour follows each worship service.

Ushers: 8:30 a.m., Bonnie Ayers, Donald Carter, Norma Glass, Lee Trent; 10:30 a.m., David Almond, Carol Barclay, Randy Fischer, Kirk Palmer, Jeff Schneider, Jim Scott, Lee Trent, Luther Weiland. **Altar Guild:** Ruth Blackwell & Nancy Beasley. **Acolytes:** 8:30 a.m., Alex Royer; 10:30 a.m., Corey Hatin. **Crucifers:** 8:30 a.m., Alex Royer; 10:30 a.m., John Leamon. **Lectors:** 8:30 a.m., Mike Connolly; 10:30 a.m., Sue Coleman & Harvey Huiner. **Assisting Ministers:** 8:30 a.m., Mike Connolly; 10:30 a.m., Ida Proco. **Greeters:** 8:30 a.m., Esther Keene & Cathy McAden; 10:30 a.m., Susan Smith & Lacy Moyers. **Coffee Hour:** 8:30 a.m., Heather & Bruce Royer; 10:30 a.m., Nancy & Lin Beasley. **Beacon Assistants (March 10):** Susan Reimels, Evelyn Hodges, Anna-Liisa Rosner, Bonny Wuttke. **Bulletin Folders (March 12):** Ione & Randy Fischer.

11:30 A.M. - YOUTH GERMANY TRIP MEETING

12:15 P.M. - BRUNCH BUNCH (Mangia)

6:00 P.M. - GOD IN FILM

6:30 P.M. - JUNIOR YOUTH (grades six - eight; at the Fleck home)

THE WEEK OF MARCH 7 - 13

MONDAY, 10:00 A.M. - STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
6:00 P.M. - DINNER FOR KIDS' HAVEN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
7:00 P.M. - ADULT BIBLE STUDY
8:00 P.M. - COMPLINE (Prayer at the Close of the Day)

TUESDAY, 11:00 A.M. - ADULT BIBLE STUDY
5:30 P.M. - HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 P.M. - CHURCH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A.M. - WOMEN'S SEWING GROUP
12:10 P.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

WEDNESDAY YOUTH PROGRAM, 5:00 - 6:45 P.M.
CONFIRMATION PROGRAM, 5:00 - 6:45 P.M.
■ Worship, 5:30 - 5:45 p.m.
■ Church Family Supper, 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.
SCHOOL OF RELIGION, 6:15 - 6:45 P.M.

FIRST LIGHT:

Jesus and the Kingdom of God
Resurrection as Resistance

THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M. - LENTEN VESPERS
7:30 P.M. - ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
9:00 A.M. - PARISH NURSE AVAILABLE
10:00 A.M. - STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
11:00 A.M. - DISCUSSION GROUP
12:00 P.M. - LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY at RANDOLPH COLLEGE
4:30 P.M. - HOLY TRINITY CHORISTERS

FRIDAY, 7:00 A.M. - BREAKFAST LECTURE SERIES
8:00 A.M. - MATINS (Morning Prayer)

SATURDAY, 10:30 A.M. - BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
12:00 P.M. - YOUTH (grades five and six) LEAVE FOR 7th Day SYNOD YOUTH EVENT

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at Lynchburg General is **George Maxwell**. Hospitalized and released is **Clyde Hicks** (husband of **Martha Thompson Hicks**). . . . Congratulations to **Martha** and **David Kjeseth-Johnson** on the birth of Synnove Kjeseth. . . . Our sympathy to **Janet** and **Walter Loy** on the death of their daughter-in-law in Pennsylvania.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES - THE WEEK OF MARCH 7 - 13

Sunday, March 7	9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (age three through grade twelve)
	11:30 a.m. - Youth Germany Trip Meeting
	6:30 p.m. - Junior Youth (grades six through eight; at the Fleck home)
Wednesday, March 10	5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Youth Education Program (age three through grade five)
	5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Classes (grades six through eight)
Thursday, March 11	4:30 p.m. - Holy Trinity Choristers Rehearsal
Saturday, March 13	12:00 p.m. - Youth (grades five and six) leave for 7 th Day Synod Youth Event

STAFF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff is nearing completion of the Basic Parish Nurse Preparation Course, an eight-day continuing education opportunity being offered locally by Centra for the first time. Previously, the course was taught at Parish Nurse International in St. Louis, at Shenandoah University in Winchester, and at Duke University. The teacher is Ruth Syre, RN, MSN, who is Congregational Health Coordinator for Centra and a presenter at our January Parish Nurse Education Program. Ruth and Gail are friends and former colleagues from their days in public health nursing and Ruth has been a great resource to Gail and our community.

The Parish Nurse Preparation Course is quite extensive. The content includes history of health care, philosophy of parish nursing, self-care for the parish nurse, nursing ethics, documentation (a topic at every nurse education program), legal aspects, health promotion, assessment, advocacy, discerning the call, transforming life issues (family violence, suffering, grief and loss), assessing resources, healing and wholeness, crisis ministry, music therapy, incorporating complementary care, communication and collaboration, care coordination, beginning a parish nurse program, congregational health, and worship experiences. As part of the class, each member also does a spiritual autobiography.

Centra's first course has six students from a variety of faith traditions. The class graduation service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, March 7, at Forest Presbyterian Church, 1226 Two Church Lane. Members and friends of Holy Trinity are invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY EDUCATION PROGRAMS CONCLUDE AT 6:45 P.M.

The Wednesday Youth Education Program, Confirmation Program, and Adult School of Religion conclude at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent. Midweek Lenten services begin at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday.

EARTHQUAKE DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response is at work in Haiti and Chile to help those impacted by the recent earthquakes. In Haiti, our gifts have made possible the purchase and distribution of medicine, drinking water, food, emergency shelter, sanitation and hygiene kits, and other materials to aid survivors of the earthquake. Lutherans are also working to provide psychosocial services and other support. In Chile, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has committed an initial \$40,000 to relief efforts and is working with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile and other partner organizations.

In addition to prayers for those whose lives have been thrown into turmoil and for the health and safety of rescuers and caregivers, monetary contributions are much needed. Checks should be made payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* and marked clearly for "Disaster Response." Lutheran Disaster Response uses 100% of donations for relief work.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

We will welcome new members into Holy Trinity in the coming weeks. Please speak with the pastors if you are interested in joining our church family.

TABLE TALK

Table Talk will be held Tuesday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m., in the Premier Room at Premier Limousine, 3727 Old Forest Road. The discussion topic is "Put Your Feet Up: Reclaiming the Gift of Sabbath Rest." Please sign in the narthex for reservations and take a copy of the assigned background reading material which is available on the narthex desk.

LEISURE GROUP LUNCH BUNCH

The Leisure Group Lunch Bunch will meet Thursday, March 18, at 12:30 p.m., at the Depot Grille, 10 Ninth Street, on the riverfront. Please sign for reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

THOMAS MASS

The final *Thomas Mass* of the 2009-2010 program year will be held Sunday, March 21, at 5:00 p.m. This service of Holy Communion includes the opportunity for informal movement between various stations for meditation and prayer.

THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

March 21
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

LYNCHBURG'S ACADEMY OF MUSIC ***The Golden Age of Live Performance***

James M. Elson, historian, author, and former executive director, Academy of Music

Join us for a glimpse into the rich history of the Academy of Music
and some of the famous performers who visited Lynchburg.

A light supper is served at 6:00 p.m. followed by the program at 6:30 p.m.

Please sign for reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

MATINS

Morning Prayer
Fridays, at 8:00 a.m.

COMPLINE

Prayer at the Close of the Day
Mondays, at 8:00 p.m.

LENTEN OFFERINGS

Our special Lenten offerings are designated for the broader work of the Lutheran Church through the Virginia Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. One aspect of this partnership is the Chaplain Service of the Churches of Virginia. Since 1920, Chaplain Service has provided spiritual nurture to thirty prisons and seven juvenile correction centers, serving 30,000+ prisoners. Chaplains preach, teach, provide pastoral care as well as crisis counseling, and coordinate volunteers who assist with worship and musical programs. As prisoners prepare to return to society, chaplains provide counseling to help ease the transition.

We are proud of the broad mission outreach of our Church and are challenged to give it our generous support. We are asked to use the special Lenten offering envelopes (with the purple edge) included in our envelope booklets.

THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Brenda Biesemier** and **Miriam Taylor** for helping with a special mailing.
- Thanks to **Jim Webb** for teaching our most recent cooking class; and, to **ALL** who participated in the dinner.

ALAN FEINSTEIN 2010 CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT HUNGER

All March and April monetary donations to the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry will qualify for additional funds as part of the Feinstein Challenge, which will add money to all the gifts received by the end of April. The Feinstein Foundation was founded in 1991 and is dedicated to endeavors focusing on the alleviation of hunger. Every year, Mr. Feinstein offers a new One Million Dollar Challenge giveaway. This is the thirteenth straight year that amount will be divided among hunger-fighting agencies nationwide. Get extra bang for the buck by making a Food Pantry contribution between March 1 and April 30. Please make checks payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*.

2010 ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2010 Altar Flower Calendar is available in the narthex for altar flower reservations. Please note that no dates are reserved from previous years. The cost is \$60 per week for two vases (plus a delivery charge and tax). The following dates are still available: June 13, August 8, September 12, and November 28. Anyone desiring to share a date is asked to contact Susan Barney at 384-6161 or skbarney@comcast.net.

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

We are reminded of the following information in the event of inclement winter weather.

- ❖ Please call the church office for the latest schedule information. Any changes or cancellations will be available on the church voice mail system.
- ❖ Weekday education activities at Holy Trinity are canceled any day that Lynchburg City Schools are closed because of the weather. Music rehearsals may be held if road conditions improve later in the day. Participants in music groups will be notified if a rehearsal will be held.
- ❖ Sunday cancellations will be determined by 7:00 a.m. that morning. The information will be placed on the church voice mail system and communicated to Lynchburg/Roanoke television stations.

CAROLINE FURNACE SUMMER CAMP

Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp, a Virginia Synod ministry, is now accepting reservations for the summer season. Campers will be involved in prayer, Bible study, hiking, swimming, worship, recreation, crafts, singing, and campfires in the beautiful surroundings of the Shenandoah Valley. Depending on the specific in-camp program, campers will be housed in cabins or tent-like structures with solid floors called sukkahs. Those youth who choose an off-site experience will sleep in tents. Camping programs are offered for youth in grades one through twelve. Depending on the camp experience chosen, there may be an early registration discount for those making reservations by **March 15**. Check out the camp schedule and register at www.carolinefurnace.org.

VIRGINIA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The 2010 Virginia Synod Assembly will be held June 4 - 6 at Roanoke College.

Those interested in attending the Assembly as voting members are asked to speak with Pastor Roberts as soon as possible.

BACH CANTATA CONCERT RESCHEDULED

Please mark your calendars: the February 6 Bach Cantata Concert that was canceled due to inclement weather has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m.

EASTER LILIES

Those desiring to purchase lilies for the altar on Easter Day are asked to return the form below with payment by **Sunday, March 28**. Lilies may be picked up following the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Day.

Given by _____ Number of plants _____

In Honor/Memory _____
(please circle)

Payment of _____ is enclosed. (\$12.50 per plant)

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*
Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*
Parish Administrator: *Susan E. Manion*
Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

Pastors: *James L. Armentrout and Dennis S. Roberts*
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