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THE LENTEN COMMON

Experiments in community around the cross

Lent is a season for walking with Jesus. It is also a time for walking with sisters and brothers in Christ. Grace and Lutheran Campus Ministry will use these weeks to experience what it might be like to walk together more intentionally and more closely.

As part of our strategic planning with Lutheran Campus Ministry we have decided to intentionally work together during Lent to experience what a closer association between our two communities might be like.

Lent begins **February 22, Ash Wednesday**. Again this year, as last, Campus Ministry and Grace will share liturgies. There will be a **Spoken Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at noon**. This will be a short liturgy lasting forty-five minutes. Our **Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 PM** will feature the Grace Choir. Pastor Zach will be preaching for both liturgies and Pastor Ron will preside. This year, the campus ministry community is preparing ashes for our liturgies.

Wednesdays in Lent will be our “major laboratory” for experimenting with community. We will be sharing a **Lenten Agape Meal, beginning at 6:00 PM** for five weeks **starting February 29**. We plan to have our two communities seated around one big table in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will flow into a PUB(lic) Theology discussion (moving to Wednesdays for Lent) led by Pr. Zach. Then we will also worship together around the table with a simple spoken eucharist, in place of our normal Evening Prayer. The activity will be finished at our “regular time,” 7:15.



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Grace and Lutheran Campus Ministry will also be planning and celebrating **Holy Week** together this year. Campus Ministry and Grace plan to work together in preparing the reading of the Passion According to Mark on Sunday of the Passion, April 1. Joyce Shupe Kull is planning to have the choir perform Heinrich Schütz’s cantata *The Seven Last Words of Christ* on Good Friday. Watch next month’s *Goodness Gracious* for more details of how our communities will travel together toward Jesus’ cross and open tomb.



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Worship and Learning Preview

Worship



The Lenten Common

Gathered around the cross

Holy Eucharist each Sunday at 10:00 AM

February 19—Transfiguration of Our Lord

Pastor Joel Brandt, presiding and preaching

February 26—First Sunday in Lent

“Saved at the Edge”—The landscapes of our salvation

March 4—Second Sunday in Lent

“Glory in the Cross”—The place where it happens...

March 11—Third Sunday in Lent

“Fools’ Wisdom”—A different kind of smarts

March 18—Fourth Sunday in Lent

“Lift the Snake”—...and look it in the eye.

March 25—Fifth Sunday in Lent

Pastor Dee Watson, presiding and preaching

Habitat Build Days Scheduled

We need your helping hands

Work has begun at the new Habitat/Thrivent Build project at Coburn Square in north Boulder. Three build dates are scheduled; all of them **Saturdays: March 31; April 21; June 9**. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office, or you can call

Karen Rose in the office, if you would like to be a part of this amazing project.



On Saturday, March 10 at 3:00 PM, Flatirons Habitat will welcome three new partner families to the

community! The Roybal, Oulad-Daoud and Joffe families will be helping build their new homes at Coburn Square. You are invited to celebrate and share your best wishes with these new partner families!

Learning

Adult Forum Preview

Adult Forums meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings at 8:45 AM.

- **February 19— No Adult Forum**
- **February 26— Unpacking the Word:** An exploration of the appointed Scripture readings for the day.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Students from Lutheran Campus Ministry will host this event which signals our entry into the Lenten season. The supper takes place in the Grace Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 PM. All are welcome!

To prepare for the season, a reflection on Shrove Tuesday by Gertrud Mueller Nelson—

After the carnival feasting, after the last games and the dances, we sing our final Alleluia and we sing it in rounds. Then we bury it in a deep chest. The Alleluia that we bury is first lettered on a long scroll and decorated with spring flowers by all the participants. We will not hear or use this expression of greatest joy until it is sung again during the Easter night. Then we settle down. We remove some of our silliness and gather for community night prayer. Drawing the revelry to a close, we face into tomorrow’s Ash Wednesday. We offer one another a sign of peace and best wishes for a holy and fruitful Lent. With that, we begin a great silence. Everything is cleaned up, and everybody moves about collecting belongings, but no one speaks a word.

Tonight I have danced with the bagman. Tonight I have danced with a general. I have danced with clowns and cowboys. I have danced with the president and an elephant. I have danced with a cheerleader, with Apollo, with Dionysus. Tonight I have danced with God.

A Measure of Grace

Actual offerings through January 2012	\$23,269
Expected offerings through January 2012	17,919
We are currently ahead	\$5,350
Average Sunday worship through January 2012	68
Comparison to average worship, 2011	67

Thoughts on community....

by Pastor Ron Roschke

What makes community? That is a question we will be exploring during the weeks of Lent this year. The question flows out of the tasks we have set for ourselves as part of the strategic planning we want to undertake as a congregation. We are thinking about our future and how it might connect with ELCA Campus Ministry at CU-Boulder. How should our communities relate to each other? Are we happy with the way we have interacted in the past, or might we each benefit in special ways if we try to relate to each other more organically, more intentionally?

The Lenten theme goes to the root of the word *community* and identifies its relationship with words like *communication* and *communion*. The root that ties all these together is the word *common*. One way to ask the strategic planning question is to ask, “What might Grace and Campus Ministry have in common?”

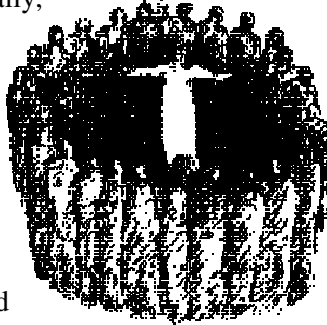
In many ways we are dissimilar communities! Grace is an older community and almost all the CU students are in their late teens and early twenties. Lots of Grace members have been around Grace for twenty or thirty years or more. CU students are here for four or five.

But in many ways these dissimilarities can be at the heart of a common bond. Communities do not need to be

homogeneous in order to work or be valuable. As I get older I realize more and more how I need younger friends. At the very least I need them in order to stay connected to this amazing culture which is unfolding in the twenty-first century. It was lots easier when I had my own kids at home, but now that they are independent adults, I still need “cool coaches” who can help me understand “what’s happening.”

I suspect that college-aged youth can benefit from some of us who are older. It’s nice to have an anchor in Boulder even if you’re “just passing through.” More and more I find that intergenerational community is by far the best!

What we may have in common—what may be at the heart of the very best community—is our need of other people. Trying to create community among humans who think they are autonomous is a lot like herding cats. Community is created because we human beings do not do very well in isolation. We are made for life together. Christian community is built on an even deeper need—our common need of God. The best place to do that is in a place where we find ourselves with others. As we gather around Jesus and his cross, we learn the art of community. You cannot get closer to Jesus without getting closer to others. That is the joy of community, and it is what we want to celebrate this Lent!



Grace and Campus Ministry Partner with Boulder Bach Festival

BBF to present Bach Vespers at Grace Sunday, March 4




The final musical presentation of this year’s Boulder Bach Festival will be a performance of a Bach Vespers after the New York practice based on the Leipzig tradition and will be held at Grace on Sunday, March 4 at 4:15 PM. Pastor Zach Parris, Campus Pastor, will preside. Rick Erickson, BBF Music Director and organist, will lead the Boulder Bach Festival Players, along with soprano, Amanda Balestrieri; countertenor, Eric Brenner; tenor, Daniel Hutchings; bass-baritone, Joe Damon Chappel; concertmaster, Zachary Carrettin; and cellist, Ann Marie Morgan. Musical selections include: *Prelude in A Minor (BWV 543)*, Johann Sebastian Bach; *Setting of Psalm 141*, Rick Erickson; *Es ist nun aus*, Johann Michael Bach; *O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden (BuxWV 178)*, Dieterich Buxtehude; *Cantata BWV 159—Sehet, wir gehn hinauf gen*

Jerusalem, J. S. Bach; *Magnificat*, Zacharia/Long; *Benedicamus*, Michael Praetorius; *Benediction*, Johann Hermann Schein; *Fugue in A Minor (BWV 543)*, J. S. Bach.

The lesson from Luke 18 will be sung on Luther’s Gospel tone; and the congregation is invited to sing the chorale movement, *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*. There will be an audience rehearsal at 3:45 PM. Director Rick Erickson will also share reflections on the Vespers tradition.

Tickets for the event are \$15 and are available online at www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/18122 or at the door (cash or checks, payable to Boulder Bach Festival, only).

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SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
 <p><i>As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.</i> <i>Graham Kendrick, Hymn 671, ELW</i></p>			1 12:30 PM Staff Meeting 7:15 PM Grace Choir Rehearsal	2 The Presentation of Our Lord 7:00 AM Book Group 9:00 AM Lutheran World Relief Sewing 7:30 PM Tesla Quartet Concert	3	4	
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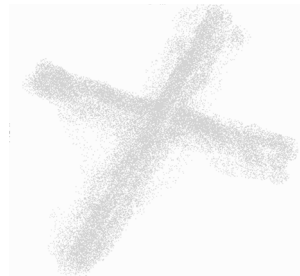
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Mark your calendar...

Ash Wednesday Eucharist
with Imposition of Ashes

February 22
12:00 noon, Spoken Liturgy
7:00 PM, Sung Eucharist



Solo Organ Recital
Dr. Joyce Shupe Kull

Friday, April 27
7:30 PM
St. John's Cathedral, Denver

Lenten Agape Meal
and PUB(lic)Theology

Wednesdays beginning February 29
6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Lutheran Summer Music Program
Presented by Joshua Munding

Sunday, April 29
Adult Forum, 8:45 AM