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FROM PASTOR'S DESK . . .

PREPARING FOR LENT

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus... (Heb 12:1-2a NLT)

OK, you guys know I'm a movie nut. I love the movie *Ladyhawke*...and there's this great line about Lent. In the movie Michelle Pfeifer has been cursed and turns into a hawk with every sunrise; then at every sunset she turns back. One day during a battle, the hawk is wounded by an arrow. A boy is instructed to take the hawk to a priest, Father Imperius, because he knows of the curse and will know how to treat the hawk. Father Imperius doesn't initially know that it's *that* hawk, however, and he's ready to eat it! The boy shouts, "no Father, you can't eat this bird," to which the priest replies: "O, God....is it Lent again already?"

Is it Lent again already? I'm not opposed to borrowing things that are well-written. Some of what follows has been taken from an article in this year's "Sundays and Seasons," but I think it speaks to this attitude "is it Lent again already?"

LENT...get ready for six weeks of dreary music and feeling sad! It wasn't that many years ago that some of us would hear, or make, that type of remark. Maybe you still do. It isn't surprising, really, when we consider the cultural images and most common question regarding the season: "What are you *giving up* for Lent?" Yet there is something counter-intuitive about this attitude at a time when days are getting longer, buds are appearing on trees in some areas, while farther south bushes and flowers are already in full color. Isn't all this seriousness a bit of a put-on?

It may help to remember that the very word "Lent" comes from an Old English word for spring, and the purpose of repentance is the RENEWAL of our lives through the renewing of our baptismal identities—individually, but also as a community of worshippers. "Feeling sad" is neither here nor there, but repentance, turning around and starting anew, gives the longer days and the greening grass a deeper meaning than simply looking forward to frolicking in the sun.

Is it too late for Spiritual Disciplines? I began this article with that well-known quote from the book of Hebrews because the author uses race imagery to talk about the *discipline* of the Spiritual Life. Yet, it seems that much of the focus of American Christianity for the past four decades has been about shedding the "obligations" of The Faith. Boomers, most prominently, chafed under "rules;" churches went out of their way to assure people they were *not required* to do anything. It was not uncommon to hear people boast about what their church *did not* ask of them, for example: dressing up, fasting, confession, or tithing. But such a negative approach to one's "faith foundation" (defining ourselves by what we don't do) doesn't provide much to build on.

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About LCHS

Our Mission:

We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and witness God's love for us through worship, education, fellowship and human care.

Sundays

9 AM Worship & Holy Communion
10 AM Fellowship Coffee
10:15 Education Hour (Sept - May):
Sunday School, age 3 thru Gr. 8;
Adult & Youth Studies

Thursdays

7:30 PM Casual Worship

Christian Education

Sunday School, age 3 thru Gr. 6.
Sundays, 10:15 - 11:15 AM
Grades 7 & 8 Confirmation:
Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Serving Opportunities:

Acolytes & Altar Assistants
Communion Assistants & Lectors
Choir & Instrumentalists
Greeters
Stephen Ministry
Sunday School
Ushers
Youth Group (High School)
Working Boards:
Administration, Communications,
Education, Finance, Human Care,
Mission/ Evangelism, Stewardship,
Trustees, Worship/Music

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Richard & Kathleen Rose

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It may be that the most important project for the church in these first decades of the 21st century will be to reintroduce spiritual disciplines and long-practiced traditions as a gift that past generations can bestow on those who are open to them. For example, medieval Irish monks created the rite of penance out of *pastoral concern* for those too afraid of their own sinful inclinations to risk baptism.

Can we come to believe that the disciplines of Lent are offered to us out of similar *pastoral concern* for our *benefit*, not out of any desire on the part of "church powers" to dominate our lives? It is interesting to see the ways that some people today are searching out all sorts of spiritual disciplines rooted in a variety of faith traditions from around the globe. And yet, the Christian Church has a *wealth* of resources to share in this area:

Fasting: Fasting is simply a way of 'tapering back.' It needn't be so much about skipping a meal(s) as temporarily simplifying one's habits for the sake of making more time for other things (like prayer, or acts of mercy).

Prayer: Most people equate prayer with simply asking a meal blessing or offering up intercessions to God ("please be with Aunt Maggie during her surgery..."). Yet there's so much more that *can* accompany prayer. Every week your Sunday bulletin includes psalms and readings for each day of the upcoming week. These readings are meant to accompany your prayers. In addition, if you have a Lutheran Hymnal at home you can even incorporate these readings along with your own prayers with a private Matins and/or Vespers prayer time.

Lectio Divina: A similarly ancient practice of prayer with Scripture, this 4-step process has been called 'feasting on the word.' You 'bite' a passage of scripture of your choosing by reading it...perhaps several times, writing down key thoughts or words; you 'chew' it by meditating on those key thoughts; you 'savor' it by discussing it in prayer with God; and finally you 'digest' it by going on about your day, but occasionally bringing back to mind what the passage and process. The Sunday readings in your bulletins would be perfect passages for Lectio Divina throughout the week.

Worship: Certainly if you've been away from the regular weekly worship of the faithful, Lent is the *perfect* time to come back. It's hopefully during this time that you at least take some time to contemplate your need to be in worship. Frequently people say things like "I can worship God on my own; in nature, or the beauty of creation." This is true, but it's an extremely *incomplete* form of worship. God is in nature, but his blessed sacraments AREN'T.

Acts of service: This is probably the most 'private' form of Lenten devotion, but it's also one of the best. Jesus said we should do our good works in secret ... in other words, not draw attention to ourselves in the process. Sadly, this often has seemed like a free pass for us not to do good works at all. This was never the Lord's assumption. Lent is a great time to challenge ourselves to be on the lookout for opportunities to do good for others.

My hope and prayer is that you will embrace Lent—not as a dreary time to give up fun, but as a time of thoughtful training and preparation for living our Christian Faith. Again, I urge you to take these words from Hebrews to heart: *let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us.*

- Pastor Manwell



LENT
BEGINS!



Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, marks the beginning of the 40-day penitential season of the church year which precedes Holy Week and the 50 days of Easter. A brief service takes place with the distribution of ashes at Noon that day; and we invite you to join us for the midweek 6 PM fellowship meal hosted by various Working Boards prior to the 7 PM Lenten worship with ashes service. Please join us our Lenten journey as we gather each Wednesday evening, Feb. 17 thru Mar. 24, for fellowship, food and worship.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

"Lutheranism 101" will be offered again during the Education Hour of the Sundays in Lent. These are the last two Sundays of Feb. and all four Sundays of March, Feb. 21 thru March 28. If you're not currently an 'official' member of the congregation and if you've never had Lutheran confirmation or a "membership" class before, **OR** if you just can't remember if it was 93 or 94 Theses...or however many ..THIS CLASS IS FOR YOU. Please plan to join Pastor's Adult Sunday Class at 10.15 AM in Rm. 5 beginning Feb. 21 as we examine the Lutheran faith tradition together.



GRACE
INTERNATIONAL
PRESCHOOL



As our preschool continues to learn about God's love, what better way to celebrate His love than at our Valentine's Day Program & Potluck party on Fri., Feb. 12, at 11:00 AM. Our parents will be sharing their favorite dish from the country they represent. We invite all our LCHS friends to join us for this fun party (at no cost, just sign up). If you have a dish you'd like to share, please bring it along. We hear that there are some great cooks here at church!

Our children's chapel service continues with Pastor Tim on Wednesdays. A new feature is learning about "offering." We have two student ushers who do the collecting and we are cheerfully giving to God and thanking Him for all He has given to us - like our wonderful school and church friends here at LCHS. During February, the month of "love," please remember how much we "love" all of you! Hope to see you on Feb. 12 at 11:00 AM for our party!

- Love from your sisters in Christ, Akemi & Mary

ALTAR
FLOWERS



The 2010 flower chart is on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for those who'd like to add their name & occasion to put flowers by the pulpit. Special arrangements/flower choices may be requested by giving Flower Coordinator, Fran O'Connell, a call at 847-437-4582.

ADOPT-A-BILL

February's "*Share the Warmth*" gives you the opportunity to help defray one of the church's monthly bills. In addition to your regular contribution, whether you give \$1, \$2, \$5 or more, your generous support will be recorded in your Statement of Giving. To participate: Enclose your gift in the special *Adopt-A-Bill envelope* toward the bill of your choice and place it in the black collection folder found on the bulletin board. Checks should be made payable to LCHS.

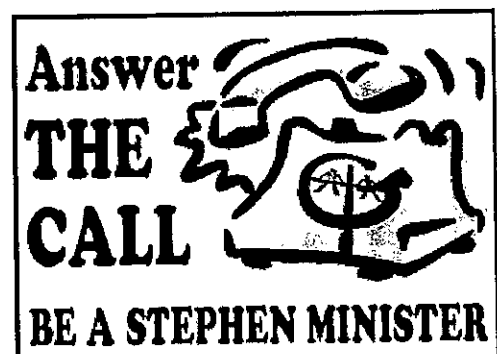


STEPHEN MINISTRY

*"More Blessings
Than I
Ever Expected"*

"At first, I wasn't sure about all this caregiving stuff. I mean, didn't I love others enough already? Then I finished my Stephen Ministry training and met with the person for whom I provided care. Now I know what Christian love is all about! I didn't expect the wonderful gifts of love and friendship that God gave me through my caring relationship. What a wonderful ministry this is!"

A new Stephen Ministry Training Class begins Monday, March 1. Consider this ministry opportunity. For more information, contact Pastor or Barb Hasselmann, 847-228-5020.



Holy Days in



This month, there are two Lesser Festivals, two Commemorations, and one Day of Special Devotion on the calendar. *The Transfiguration of Our Lord* will be celebrated Sunday, Feb. 14 and Ash Wednesday will be marked with services on Feb. 17. As always, I commend the remainder of these to you in your personal thoughts and devotions.

LESSER FESTIVALS:

Feb. 2 - The Presentation of Our Lord: [note: also known as *Candlemas*, as the medieval custom was to reenact the presentation of our Lord—the Light of the world—by way of processing into church with lighted candles]. Prayer: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to see with our own eyes him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Feb. 14 - The Transfiguration of our Lord—Sunday

COMMEMORATION:

Feb. 18 - Martin Luther, Renewer of the Church: [d. Feb. 18th. 1546 in Eisleben]. Prayer: O God, by your Holy Spirit you give to some the word of wisdom, to others the word of knowledge, and to others the word of faith: We praise your Name for the gifts of grace manifested in your servant Martin Luther of Blessed Memory, and we pray that your Church may never be destitute of such gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Feb. 24 - St. Matthias, Apostle: Prayer: Almighty God, you chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve. Grant that your Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be taught and guided by faithful and true pastors; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DAY OF SPECIAL DEVOTION

Feb. 17 - Ash Wednesday

Lent



Turn away from
sin and
be faithful
to the Gospel.

President's Message to the Congregation

This past Saturday I attended the memorial service for our friend Al Broten. I was happy that the family chose to have this service as so many of us were unable to attend his burial in Minnesota.

Over my past 20 years as a member at LCCHS I thought I got to know Al. I hadn't scratched the surface of who he was. At this memorial service I learned of his visionary work in the field of social service. Eulogies were given describing how he improved, on a grand scale, the life of children that were inmates of institutions.

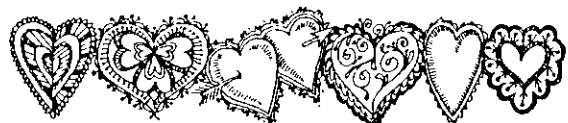
At this service I had the opportunity to use the Crying Room. Thank you to the Boards of Worship and Trustees for the amenities in this room. My granddaughter and I enjoyed our visit.

Doris Rose, the mother of our Minister of Music Richard Rose, recently passed away. If you would like to donate to her memorial fund, please place your donation in the basket on Sunday labeled "Doris Rose." Contributions can also be sent to the church office. All gifts will go into the "Spread the Spirit" fund at the request of the Rose Family.

The Nominating Committee is looking for members to fill positions that are available on the Working Boards. Please consider joining a board and helping with God's work.

Love one another.

- Randy Mode



LCFS CAMEO

Alton M. Broten

*A*lton Mark Oliver Broten, 88, of Henning, MN, and Elk Grove Village, IL, died on Sunday, November 8, 2009, following a courageous battle with prostate cancer.

A proud native of Hudson, WI, he was born on August 21, 1921, to Gilbert and Ellen (Peterson) Broten. He was baptized and confirmed at Bethel Lutheran Church in Hudson. He postponed college for a year to work at Hellwig's grocery store and as a reporter for the Hudson Star Observer.

In March 1942, Alton enlisted in the US Navy and attended basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Base in Illinois. He attended midshipman's school at the University of Notre Dame, was commissioned as an Ensign at Fort Schuyler, NY, and served on the destroyer escort U.S.S. William C. Cole in the South Pacific.

Upon discharge from the Navy in 1946, he worked as a teacher at the Kinderheim in Addison, IL, an orphanage operated by Lutheran Child and Family Services. He went on to complete his bachelor's degree at Valparaiso University, where he was an editor and columnist for the school newspaper.

After graduation in 1949, he went on to the School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago where he received his Masters degree in 1950.

Alton served as program director at Chapin Hall Children's Home in Chicago. He went back to Lutheran Child and Family Services as Director of Residence.

At a speaking engagement at Valparaiso University in 1953, Alton met his future wife, Jane Albright, a sociology student from Henning, MN. They were married on October 10, 1954.

Between 1956-1960, Alton held a position at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill as associate director of an innovative new program, the Group Child Care Project. He traveled throughout the southeast states bringing social work standards to large child-care institutions and orphanages.

In 1961, Alton returned to Chicago to become Executive Director of Mary Bartelme Homes, a position he would hold until retirement in 1986. During his tenure, the agency grew from two group homes to 10, and added an independent living program serving adolescent children.

From 1986 to 2007, Alton continued as a consultant in social services, working primarily with Lutheran Child and Family Services in River Forest, IL, Catholic Charities in Gary, IN, and the Chicago office of the National Association of Social Workers.

Alton is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jane (nee Albright); his children, Thomas (Kathryn) of Redondo Beach, CA, Michael (Julie) of Honolulu, HI, William (Sarah) of Frisco, CO, Daniel of Chicago, IL and Henning, MN, and Nancy (Robert) Broten-Munson of Elk Grove Village, IL. Grandchildren Laurel Broten, Kevin Broten, Mark Munson, and Luke Munson; and many adoring sisters- and brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Audrey Bjorke.

Alton was given Christian burial and lies at rest in Vining Lutheran Cemetery, Vining, MN

Memorials may be made to Lutheran Child and Family Services, River Forest, IL at www.lcfs.org.

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FEBRUARY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00 - Confirmation class	2 <i>Presentation of our Lord</i>	3	4 7:30 - Casual Worship 7:30 - A. A. Mtg.	5	6
7 <i>5th Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:00 - Communion Service 10:00 - Fellowship Coffee(Education) 10:15 - Education Hour	8 7:00 - Stephen Ministry 7:00 - Confirmation class	9 7:30 - Board of Directors	10 9:20 - Preschool Worship & Mom's Bible Study 7:30 - Mixed Choir	11 7:30 - Casual Worship 7:30 - A. A. Mtg.	12 11:00 - Grace Int'l Preschool Valentine's Program & Lunch	13
14 <i>Transfiguration of our Lord</i> <i>St. Valentine's Day</i> 9:00 - Communion Service 10:00 - Fellowship Coffee(Human Care) 10:15 - Education Hour (Articles due today for March Chronicle)	15 <i>Presidents' Day</i> (No Preschool) 7:00 - Confirmation class	16	17 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 9:20 - Preschool Worship Noon - Prayer & Ashes 6:00 - Lenten Dinner 7:00 - Lenten Worship 7:45 - Mixed Choir	18 7:30 - Casual Worship 7:30 - A. A. Mtg.	19	20
21 <i>First Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 - Communion Service & Baptism 10:00 - Fellowship Coffee (Stewardship) 10:15 - Education Hour	22 7:00 - Stephen Ministry 7:00 - Confirmation class	23	24 <i>St. Matthias</i> 9:20 - Preschool Worship & Mom's Bible Study 6:00 - Lenten Dinner 7:00 - Lenten Worship 7:45 - Mixed Choir	25 7:30 - Casual Worship 7:30 - A. A. Mtg.	26	27
28 <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 - Communion Service 10:00 - Fellowship Coffee (Communitcs) 10:15 - Education Hour	March 1 7:00 - Confirmation class	March 2 7:30 - Working Bds.	March 3 6:00 - Lenten Dinner 7:00 - Lenten Worship 7:45 - Mixed Choir	March 4 7:30 - Casual Worship 7:30 - A. A. Mtg.	March 5	March 6