

"HUH?"

by Pastor Tom

The word is **Triduum**. And, yes, **HUH?**

UH HUH! Latin words (wouldn't you know?!).

Triduum means **The Three Days**. (Tri = 3, duum = days)

And so, The Three Days, Triduum, so what?

So, The Three Days are almost here...
Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday...

And then, Easter.

We go through the suffering, death, and burial of Jesus
before we go to the resurrection of Jesus.

We are there at the table of the last supper.
We are there at the cross of the crucifixion.
We are there at the tomb of the dead body.

The Three Days. Yes, Triduum. And then,

We are there at the time of the resurrection.

The Three Days, yes, Triduum,

are the cacophonous crescendo, conclusion and culmination of Holy Week.
Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday of the Passion,
inviting us to join Jesus journeying through the whole week.
Holy Week is our invitation to worship, praise, and give thanks for God in Christ.
And so, this is our invitation for our Holy Week worship:

PALM SUNDAY

April 5
8:30, 9:45, 11:00 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 9
7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

April 10
7:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

April 12
6:30, 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 am



From Pastor Laila:

I would like to thank everyone who was present in body or in spirit at the worship service during which I was ordained and installed as Associate Pastor. I am so grateful to be a part of the mission and ministry of Cross of Peace. The grace-filled service, moving music, and wonderful party could not have been possible without so, so many people. It was a truly memorable day, and will live on as a major milestone in my life, a major part of my story and of our story together as the people of God assembled as Cross of Peace Lutheran Church.

I imagine that I will talk about the ordination & installation and the events leading up to it each year as the calendar winds its way back toward the third week of March. And so it is with any important event, with any major milestone that is part of our stories—both individually and collectively. Each year, as the anniversary of the event approaches, we gather together to reminisce, to commemorate, to remember, to give thanks. Those who were there tell the stories to those who are new, weaving them into the fabric of the community.

The church calendar has once again wound its way around to the most important events, to the most major milestones in our story, the still-unfolding story of God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

April 5th, **Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion**, we will gather together to remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and how quickly the mood shifted from "Hosanna!" to "Crucify!"

April 9th, **Maundy Thursday**, we will have the opportunity to hear and tell and remember that night in which Jesus was betrayed, to commemorate and give thanks for the first celebration of the Lord's Supper, to remember Jesus' mandate for us to love one another.

April 10th, **Good Friday**, we will gather together to remember the day that Jesus was crucified. We enter more deeply into the enormity of God's sacrifice for the sake of the world, and we stand in awe of the mystery of faith—Christ died, so that we may live.

And on April 12th, **Easter Sunday**, we will praise and worship and celebrate and give thanks to God, who raised Jesus from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus is God's promise of new life for us, is God's assurance that God wills life out of death, that God wills peace out of discord and comfort out of suffering, that God is continually working in and through our lives. Alleluia! I look forward to walking, praying, singing, crying, and dancing through Holy Week together with you, as we stop for breath in our busy-ness and take some time to honor and remember and live deeply into our story—the story of love and forgiveness and life and freedom that God has woven us into in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Laila Barr

Karena



Youth Minister

April Youth Page!

*“Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”
~Psalm 46:10*

In April many of us start dreaming about summer. We get one day of 60 degree weather and we're ready for shorts and driving around with our windows down. But... we still have school, and homework, and spring sports, and Wednesday night Lent services, and trying to make time to hang out with friends and family, and AHHH!! We're so busy! When we have days or moments when we feel like this we need to <STOP> and focus on what's important.

The Bible verse above is my favorite Bible verse! Whenever I feel like there are a million things going on, or I'm stressed out, or out of control, or anything, I think of my favorite Bible verse. God says, "Be still and know that I am God!" I can almost hear God saying to me, "Karena, be still, relax, calm down. And don't wonder, don't think, but know that I am God. I'm the one who created you. I'm the one who sent my Son to die for you, Karena. You are mine, and I love you." That definitely makes me feel calm and focus on the important things in life.

So this month when we have SO much going on and we're looking forward to the upcoming relaxation of summer, let's try to focus on the important things in our lives. The most important thing in our lives that we can focus on is our faith. We can focus on how much God loves us, and how even when we don't, God has everything under control. So, relax and know that God's got your back.

Upcoming Events

- April 4th** – Confirmation Gustavus Retreat!! Meet at Cross of Peace at 8:45am, we will be returning at 9:00pm. Remember to sign up on the sign-up sheet!! Our theme will be, 'Jesus, the passion, and our lives today.
- April 8th** – No confirmation! There is no confirmation because it is Holy Week, come to service on Good Friday instead!
- April 12th** – Easter Sunday!
- April 15th** – Confirmation Fellowship Night at St. John's, from 6:30-8:30pm! Come enjoy pizza, games, and fellowship with the St. John's youth!
- April 18th** – Highway Clean-up! Help us keep the stretch of road by Cross of Peace clean. From 9:00am-11:00am. Come for the mission moment, donuts and juice, and fun fellowship time!
- April 25th** – Feed My Starving Children and a spectacular spring event!! Meet at Cross of Peace at 11:00am we will return at 5:00pm.
- April 26th** – National Youth Gathering Meeting at St. John's at 12:00 noon. See you there!

Congregation News

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Kari and Andrew Shellenbarger on the death of Ellie Willeart, Andrew's 5 year old niece. Please remember the Willeart/Shellenbarger family in your prayers during this time of grief.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Jennifer, Jay, McKenzie, and Caroline Flaten on the death of Jennifer's grandmother. Please remember the Flaten family in your prayers during this time of grief.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nolan David Moonen, who began his new life in Christ through baptism on Sunday, March 8, 2009 at our 9:45 A.M. worship celebration. Nolan's parents are Stephani and

Nick Moonen, and his Godparents are Trish and Blaine Erkenbrack, Tanya Juneski, and Jeff Delbow.

CONGRATULATIONS to Evan Michael Syverson, who began his new life in Christ through baptism on Sunday, March 15, 2009 at our 11:00 A.M. worship celebration. Evan's parents are Jennifer & Jason Syverson, and his Godparents are Joyelle Knoblack and Kelly Kasper.

CONGRATULATIONS to Hope Marie Wandersee, who began her new life in Christ through baptism on Sunday, March 22, 2009 at our 9:45 A.M. worship celebration. Hope's parents are Dee & Mark Wandersee and her Godparents are Lori

Nelson, Brandon Trauba, and Chad & Amy Piotracshke.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Becci, Jon, Nate, Zach & Noah Carlson on the death of Becci's mother Sonia Lovegren. Please keep the Carlson/Lovegren families in our prayers during this time of grief.

CONGRATULATIONS to Deb & Scott Duffney on the birth of grandson Colton Scott Allen. Colton's parents are Lauren & Brad Allen.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Jen, Jason, Alise & Evan Syverson on the death of Jen's father Gary Kasper. Please keep the Syverson/Kasper family in your prayers during this time of grief.

Assisting and Serving... Hospitality Ministry

April 5, 2009

Assisting Ministers

Communion Servers

Ushers

Worship Preparation / Counters

8:30 a.m.	Marta Knick	Kathy Giddings	Scott Duffney/Harland Lipker	Kathy & Dick Giddings
9:45 a.m.	Jeff Imhoff	Open	Paul Rylance	Counters
11:00 am	Amy Card	Open/Open	Dave Card & family	Lee & Jon

April 12, 2009

8:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday	See Sign up Sheet	Easter Sunday	See Sign up sheet
9:45 a.m.	Easter Sunday	See Sign up Sheet	Easter Sunday	Counters
11:00 am	Easter Sunday	See Sign up Sheet	Easter Sunday	Bill & Deb

April 19, 2009

8:30 a.m.	Judy Atterson	Steve Gunderson	Cal & Laurie Wilson	Bob Weinberger
9:45 a.m.	Steve O'Brien	Open	Open	Counters
11:00 am	Sara Bartling	Open	Deb Zitek & Chris Bartling	Amy & Bridget

April 26, 2009

8:30 a.m.	David Godfrey	Mike Burlager	Paul TenEyck/Cal TenEyck	Dorothy Wolf
9:45 a.m.	Bridget O'Connor-Monson	Steve Swam	Scott & Peggy Kelly	Counters
11:00 am	Dorothy Wolf	Larry Davis	Open	Dale & Amy

If you are not able to assist on the Sunday or service schedule, please contact another worship ministry member and make arrangements for a replacement. If possible contact the church office by the Wednesday prior to your schedule time with any changes. We understand emergencies do come up, please feel free to leave a message on the answering machine at church (952)445-5479. If you are unable to continue serving for the worship hospitality ministry and would like to be removed from the schedule please let the church office know. Thank you all for your service to worship hospitality, this ministry allows you and our congregation to grow as a community of faith welcoming all those who enter Cross of Peace. If you are interesting in participating in our Hospitality Ministry Team or if you have any questions please contact the church office (952)445-5479.

April Social Justice and Red Basket Emphasis

Our Social Justice and Red Basket emphasis for the month of April is the Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. When you contribute to the Lutheran Social Service Annual Fund, you change lives. Your gifts turn into safe homes and hopeful futures for about 100,000 Minnesotans each year. You can be confident that your gift to Lutheran Social Service makes a difference. 89% of all funding goes directly to programs that help those in need.

At Lutheran Social Service, we see many people looking for hope. That search leads in many directions, youth seeking shelter and a listening ear, seniors looking for a nutritious meal and company, refugees looking for a fresh start in a new country, couples looking for a child to adopt, love and care for individuals in need of support and counseling for a financial crisis. Each of these people feels a burden that makes their hearts ache. Our mission is to ease that burden by providing hope and avenues to fulfill their specific need. It is our joy to work with each individual who comes to one of our services looking for help and hope. In fact, LSS has come to regard our entire mission as itself a movement—a Movement of Hope.

It is our goal that each individual feels Christ's love in the midst of the situation we are helping them with. Our greatest feeling of satisfaction comes from seeing someone who has fulfilled their longing. With their needs met, those we serve take a step closer to being a "tree of life," someone more fulfilled, in a position to employ their own assets as part of their community.

We are grateful for the opportunity to continue teaming with Lutheran congregations to provide hope for more than 100,000 people every year and help them fulfill their longings. We appreciate your support in the past and look forward to continuing a relationship that helps express Christ's love for all people.

Services for Senior Citizens: Senior Nutrition, Senior Companions & Foster Grandparents, & Elder Share (for seniors in need of supportive living settings)

Services for Families & Adults: Counseling, Intensive In-Home Services, Consumer Credit Counseling, Refugee & Employment Services, Adoption, Housing, Guardianship & Disaster Services

Services for Children & Youth: Homeless Youth Services, Chemical Dependency Programs, Youth Mentoring, & Crisis Nurseries

Services for People with Disabilities: Group Homes, & Public Policy Advocacy

"Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota expresses the love of Christ for all people through acts of service."

Looking forward ... Upcoming events

SOUP & BREAD SUPPERS— begin on Ash Wednesday February 25h. We are looking for volunteers to make soup and bring bread and dessert as well as set up or cleanup. We need your help to make these evenings a success. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering area.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to assist with services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Morning services. Please sign up in the Gathering Area.

EASTER BREAKFAST DONATIONS NEEDED - A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area for donations for our Easter Breakfast. We are looking for assistance to supply the eggs, coffee cake, orange juice, milk and monetary donations to purchase the sausage and other supplies. Easter Breakfast will be served after the 6:30 & 8:30am Worship Services on Sunday, April 12th. All proceeds will go to our youth to help fund summer camp.

ATTENTION YOUTH We are looking for youth to assist with serving the Easter Breakfast. This is a great service opportunity to help defer the cost of camp or other activities. A sign-up sheet is located in the Gathering Area. We are looking for help from 5:30 am (cooking), 7-8:30am, 8:30-10am and 10-end.

NO CONFIRMATION On April 8th, there will be no confirmation, because it is Holy Week. Come to service on Good Friday instead.

GUSTAVUS RETREAT Our spring Gustavus retreat will be Saturday April 4th from 9am-9pm. We will meet at Cross of Peace. Please make sure to sign up on the sign-up sheet at church! We will have 2 learning sessions, play games with GYO (college students), have free time, watch a movie, and more!

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT Confirmation Fellowship night is Wednesday, April 15th at St. John's from 6:30-8:30 pm. Come enjoy pizza and fellowship with the kids from St. John's!

HWY CLEAN-UP Help keep the stretch of highway by Cross of Peace clean! We are cleaning up the highway on April 18th from 9-11 am! Come join in the fun, and make sure to sign up on the sign-up sheet at church!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN & SPECTUACULAR SPRING EVENT On Saturday, April 25th we are going to FMSC. Please meet at Cross of Peace at 11:00 am. After our mission moment we will have a Spectacular Spring event, watch the mail for more details! Remember to sign up on the sign-up sheet at church!

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER DAY CAMP! Great Green Lake counselors returning with new songs, new crafts, new days of fun! June 28-July 2 at St. John's Lutheran. Sign up on clipboards in gathering area. 39 open slots for kids age 5-grade 6. Registration will take place through March, payment due in May. Are you interested in helping plan and teach a preschool day camp? Please talk to Marta (496-1389).

ATTENTION MEMBERS The Women's Group is looking for donations of baskets for our annual Christmas Tea in December. The theme for this year is an Old Fashion Christmas. The baskets will be set out for a silent auction. If you would like to donate a basket for an item for a basket please contact Pam Stern or Stacy Foust or leave a message with the church office.

LOOKING FOR SINGERS The Women's Group is looking for people who would be willing to sing a solo or in a group for the program during the Christmas Tea in December 2009. Please contact Pam Stern or the church office if you are interested.

Thank You!

THANK YOU Assisting Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, Communion Servers, Acolytes and Crucifers during the month of March.

Giving and Growing ... Stewardship News

All operating fund amounts are year-to-date (January 1—February 28, 2009)

<u>Operating Funds</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Budget</u>
General Funds	\$ 29,265.37	\$ 35,036.49	\$ 37,092.00
Bldg Mortgage/Loan	5,209.00	6,380.00	6,380.00
Youth Activities Fund	227.61	923.84	1,250.00
Restricted Funds	1,269.31	583.41	0.00
Building Project	<u>103.25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Totals	\$ <u>36,074.54</u>	\$ <u>42,923.74</u>	\$ <u>44,722.00</u>

Restricted funds include World Relief, Disaster Relief, Food Shelf, Lutheran Social Service, etc.

Youth Activities Fund includes youth camping, and other offsite youth activities.

Total expenses, through February 28, exceed total receipts by \$6,849.20. In order to meet the projected expenses in the 2009 budget, receipts of \$5,160 are needed each week. Thank you to all who have contributed your time and financial donations to Cross of Peace. Remember to mail in your contribution if you are out of town for sign up for the Simply Giving Program

Book Group News

Our book for March 17, 2009, was *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. This was a powerful book and poignant and persuasive story. Our author tells of her childhood and growing to maturity as a female Muslim. She takes us from her African beginnings in Somalia through Saudi Arabia to Holland. For some she is considered an apostate; as such she has a "fatwa" death sentence declared against her by others; she flees circumstances and situations; she becomes a refugee; she is elected to Holland's Parliament; she resigns and is removed from her political office; she resettles in the United States; she is protected by security from the Netherlands. And she continues to advocate for civil rights, equality, and fairness for Muslim women. We began our evening together by watching the film, *Submission, Part One*, that she and her assassinated colleague, film director Theo Van Gogh produced. He was murdered because of the film. She is still being excoriated and criticized by so many people because of the film, her writings, and her political alliances. We thought the book was stunningly remarkable and her courage and commitments absolutely inspiring. We rated our book 4.00 * out of a possible 4.00 *.

Our next book is:

April: *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy

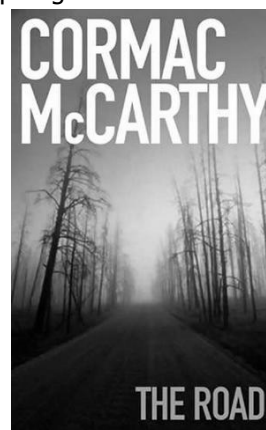
Books suggested for future consideration with a tentative calendar:

May: *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood* by Marjane Satrapi

June: *The Shack* by William Paul Young

July: *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Moshin Hamid

August: *The Sweet In-Between* by Sheri Reynolds



The next group get-together is **Tuesday, April, 2009, 6:30-8:00 pm**, in the Cross of Peace library. Good books. Good people. Good conversation. Good reasons to be here. Everyone welcome.

Cross of Peace Lutheran Church

1506 Wood Duck Trail
Shakopee, MN 55379

952-445-5479
Crossofpeace@msn.com



**Worship
Schedule**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship**
- 9:45 a.m. Worship**
- 9:45 a.m. Education & Fellowship**
- 11:00 a.m. Worship**

Fellowship with refreshments, takes place each Sunday morning following the 8:30 worship celebration. Come join us as we gather together in worship and celebration!



**NONPROFIT
ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO.287
Shakopee, MN
55379**

April

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Lent Soup Supper 5:30 pm
Confirmation 6pm
Amigo's Choir 6:15 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm
Kairos Choir 7:45 pm 2 Adult Study Group Café 9:30 am
Education Committee Meeting 6:45 pm
Gethsemane Church 7pm 4 Gustavus Retreat 9am-9pm 5 Worship Celebrations 8:30 9:45, & 11:00am
Education/Fellowship 9:45 am
Gethsemane Church 1pm
Adult Study Group 5-7pm
Cub Scouts 5:30 pm 6 Staff Ministries Meeting 6pm
Worship Committee Meeting 7pm 7 Adult Study Group Perkins 6:30 am
Youth Band 5:30 - 8pm
Girl Scouts 6-8pm
Gethsemane Church 7pm 8 NO Confirmation -Holy Week
Gethsemane Church 7pm 9 Adult Study Group Café 9:30 am
MOM's Club 9 am
Knitting for Peace 10:45 am
Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm 10 Good Friday Service 7pm 11 Set up for Easter Sunday Service 9am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 Easter Sunday Worship Celebrations
6:30, 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 am
Easter Breakfast 7:30 -10 am
No Sunday School
Gethsemane Church 1pm 13 Stewardship Committee Meeting 7pm 14 Adult Study Group Perkins 6:30 am
Youth Band 5:30 - 8pm
Knitting for Peace 6:30 pm
Gethsemane Church 7pm 15 Fellowship Night @SJ 6:30-8:30 pm
Amigo's Choir 6:45 pm
Kairos Choir 7:30 pm 16 Adult Study Group Café 9:30 am
Joint Youth Board Meeting @ SJ 7pm
Gethsemane Church 7pm 18 Hwy-Clean up 9am-11am
Spring Clean-up 8am - ??? 19 Worship Celebrations 8:30 9:45, & 11:00am
Education/Fellowship 9:45 am
Buddensiek Family 12:00-4 pm Fellowship Hall
Gethsemane Church 1pm
Adult Study Group 5-7pm 21 Adult Study Group Perkins 6:30 am
Girl Scouts 6-8pm
Youth Band 5:30 - 8pm
Book Club 6:30 pm
Gethsemane Church 7pm 22 Confirmation 6pm
Amigo's Choir 6:45 pm
Kairos Choir 7:30 pm 23 Adult Study Group Café 9:30 am
Knitting for Peace 10:45 am
Gethsemane Church 7pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 FMSC/Youth Outing 11:30 am
P.L. MOM's Club 3-7 pm J. Bounds 26 Worship Celebrations 8:30 9:45, & 11:00am
Education/Fellowship 9:45 am
Mission Trip Meeting @SJ 12:00 pm
Gethsemane Church 1pm
Adult Study Group 5-7pm 27 Church Council Meeting 6pm 28 Adult Study Group Perkins 6:30 am
Youth Band 5:30 - 8pm
Knitting for Peace 6:30 pm
Gethsemane Church 7pm 29 Confirmation 6 pm
Amigo's Choir 6:45 pm
Kairos Choir 7:30 pm 30 Adult Study Group Café 9:30 am
Gethsemane Church 7pm |
|---|---|---|

Cross of Peace Staff

Pastoral Minister	Tom Reiner
Word & Sacrament Minister	Laila Barr
Pastor Spt. Minister:	Tom Fredudenstein
Youth Minister:	Karena Langehaug
Education Minister:	Marta Knick
Worship & Music Minister:	Ruth Lipker
Administrative Minister:	Marie Markgraf
Nursery Care Minister	Jennifer Flatten