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FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK:

SECOND SUNDAYS AT CAMP WASHINGTON



Every month, on the second Sunday of the month, Camp Washington hosts an informal, relaxing event. I have been participating as much as possible. It's been a little difficult when our vestry meetings also fell on the second Sunday of the month, but now, since vestry meetings have moved to the third Sunday of the month, Second Sunday at Camp Washington is much more "doable." But, regretfully, I haven't been promoting these afternoon programs within our congregation.

Here's what Second Sunday is:

One Sunday a month at 4:30 pm anyone who would like is invited to Camp Washington for a short program, brief worship, and dinner. Every month a different person leads the program. The programs have ranged from weaving prayer beads, to reading poetry, and meditation. In January our ECCT Regional Missionary, Eliza Marth, led an activity in which she got us all chanting a song or a mantra. We then had Compline, and ate a delicious meal of chicken cordon bleu, fresh veggies,

and twice baked potatoes. We then were treated to pie for dessert.

If you have never been to Camp Washington and tasted Chef Ben Thompson's healthy and imaginative cooking you are really missing something!

"Why would I want to go to church twice on a Sunday", you ask? The Second Sunday events at CW are not like church. This is like a short spiritual retreat which doesn't require anything rigorous. It's just a fun, relaxing time followed by food! What could be better, and all in a beautiful, woodsy setting.

Bart Geissinger, the Camp's Director, has invited me to lead a Second Sunday afternoon on May 13, but meanwhile, if you have a Sunday afternoon free before May, and feel like coming along with me to Camp Washington sometime, just let me know.

Faithfully,

Pastor Heidi Truax

CHOCOLATE SUNDAY!

One of our Trinity traditions is enjoying a coffee hour composed mostly of chocolate treats the Sunday before Ash Wednesday (when many of us chocoholics give up chocolate for Lent).

This is an "all hands on deck" (or maybe "all hands in the kitchen?") hospitality



hour. Please bring something chocolate for the table that morning. The official hospitality team for that morning will provide nourishment for the non chocolate eaters among us, along with the usual beverages.

A measly \$5.00 will buy you a plate of all the chocolate you can manage! Proceeds will go towards the new rug for the Sacristy, for which Alice has been lobbying...

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

11:00 AM at Noble Horizons

12:30 PM Brief Ash Wednesday Service

6:00 PM Ash Wednesday with Eucharist

7:30 PM Miércoles de Ceniza (please enter the Church through the main (back) doors as AA will be meeting in Walker Hall.

In Lent we are marked at the beginning of the journey with the scorched remains of its end (Kathleen Norris, in Things Seen and Unseen).



HUNGRY NEIGHBORS



Most of us don't spend a lot of time thinking about food security in our area; after all, on the surface things look pretty good!

Sadly, many of our fellow NW corner residents are not so confident as Trinity parishioners that food will be on the table at dinner time.

In December, the Corner Food Pantry served 887 people in 202 households. That is a total of about 9600 lbs of food to provide 7983 meals!

Weekly, that works out to an average of 50 households with 222 clients consuming 1996 meals composed of 2400 lbs of food.

It is our privilege at Trinity to participate in feeding our neighbors through the Corner Food Pantry. The food basket is next to the Baptismal Font in the church. Each month we post a flyer on the doors noting the requests that month for the Food Pantry.

In Lent, we are invited to take on a spiritual practice if we do not already have one. Many of us interpret that to mean attending an adult education program or reading Scripture or praying more often. But a spiritual practice can also include making a donation to the food basket

each week! If you have a coupon for something you don't usually utilize, use that coupon to buy something for Food Pantry. "Buy one get one free" or half off is also a good deal.

For February, we have been requested to donate laundry detergent. Shoppers know this is expensive stuff! It doesn't have to be COSTCO size—many folks don't have the storage space. A small size will be most appreciated by smaller families.

"CHRISTIANITY MAY BE JESUS'S INSTITUTION, BUT IT IS PAUL'S INSTITUTION." *



For many people, says New Testament theologian John Dominic Crossan,

"Jesus is appealing but Paul is appalling".

A primary issue appears to be that we have traditionally thought of Paul as opposing Judaism, when in fact Paul was confronting the Roman Empire from his position in Christian Judaism.

If Paul was challenging Roman imperialism, he challenges American imperialism as well. Paul stands for the justice of God against the injustice of empire—Roman or American.

Our Constitution speaks of the right to



life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The Pledge of Allegiance ends “with liberty and justice for all.” “How’s that working out for you?”

Paul might ask.

Intrigued yet? Join Adult Christian Formation facilitators Pastor Heidi and Alexis Dorf at noon on Thursdays, beginning Feb. 1 for viewing and discussing Crossan’s *The Challenge of Paul*, a video presentation with accompanying questions for discussion.

We anticipate this will be a one hour program each week as we make our way through the series. Bring your own lunch and we’ll put on the teakettle and coffee pot! Questions? Speak to Pastor Heidi or Alexis.

* “I, Nephi” by Adam Gopnik: *The New Yorker* 8.13.12

SUNDAY, FEB. 25 MORNING PRAYER

While Pastor Heidi is on vacation, we will worship with Morning Prayer. Vestry member Rachel Lamb will be the service leader, and Senior Warden Carol Taylor will be the homilist that morning.

For all of us who miss having Morning Prayer “regularly” (i.e. pre 1979), this is our opportunity to chant some canticles and practice saying the General Thanksgiving!



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