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Join us for Wednesday Lenten potlucks!

Our Wednesday nights in Lent begin as always with a potluck supper in the parish hall at 6:30 p.m. and a time to get better acquainted with members of our parish family. Information about what to bring will be posted in the Sunday bulletin and in the Spirited Times. Beverages will be provided by the church. The talk/discussion will begin in the parish hall at 7:15 p.m., and we will end the evening with Compline in the church. We plan to be finished for the evening by 8:30 p.m.

Childcare and supervised homework time/board game time will be available downstairs in the Church School area, beginning at 7 p.m. Please join us!

> – THE REV. GRETCHEN STROHMAIER ASSISTANT PRIEST

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Lenten Program 2019: Where two or three are gathered Reflections on Community

Join us for our five-week Lenten series entitled, *Where Two or Three are Gathered: Reflections on Community*. Each Wednesday evening during Lent, starting on March 13th, we'll gather for a potluck, hear some short reflections from a speaker, and have some time to think and discuss together in small groups, before closing with Compline. Our topic, community, lent itself to this change in format. Our hope is that over these five weeks of listening and sharing, we may continue to build one another up in faith.

Our themes:

- Community: An Entry Point
- Community: Based in Scripture
- Community: Experienced in Worship
- Community: Greater Together
- Community: The role of the Holy Spirit

Please join us for the potluck supper in the parish hall at 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be available starting at 7 p.m., and the program/discussion will begin at 7:15 p.m. in the parish hall.



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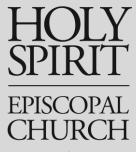
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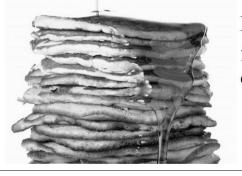
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Tuesday, Mar. 5 • 5 p.m. • Parish Hall



Pancakes and sausages served from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Cost: Adults, \$5; Kids, 5-12, \$4; Kids, 4 and under, free!

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Help us prepare for the start of Lent at our Pancake Supper

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras, is coming soon on March 5. As a prelude to the Lenten season, it is an Anglican tradition to feast on eggs, butter, and sugar the day before the Lenten period. As always, the men of Holy Spirit will again celebrate this day by hosting a Pancake Supper for all parishioners and guests. Take a night off from shopping for groceries, planning a meal, cooking, and cleaning up. We will serve **all you can eat** delicious pancakes and sausages, accompanied by syrup, coffee, juice, and milk. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children 5-12, and free for anyone 4 and under.

Men: Please mark your calendars and sign up for an easy shift of set-up, cooking, serving, or clean-up. Forms are available at the back of the church or at coffee hours.

- KEVIN BORG, COORDINATOR

Our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, derives its name from the ancient practice of marking the foreheads of worshippers with ashes from the unused palm branches of the previous year. As the service for Ash Wednesday says:

Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that

we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Join us on Ash Wednesday, March 6, as we begin our Lenten journey to Easter. We will have Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at 12 noon and at 7 p.m. that day.

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Church School 2019: We're trying a new curriculum in Church School

In March Church School will make a curriculum transition and start using lectionary-based materials so that families are hearing the same Scripture lessons each week. Church School will continue to experiment with new formats. In March children will start each Sunday in the basement for an agespecific lesson related to the readings of the day. Then children will transition upstairs to join their church family for Eucharist in the second half of the service. We continue to solicit feedback from families and members of the congregation as we focus on integrating our children into the life of the parish in new and deeper ways. – THE REV. GRETCHEN STROHMAIER ASSISTANT PRIEST

Warm Spirit Project update: Thank you for supporting our project!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our recent toiletry drive! We were amazed by your response. We delivered 20 boxes of supplies to the Family Resource Center at Hellgate High School. We used our \$300 Butterfly grant to leverage support from Fresh Market. They ordered additional toiletries for us, things like feminine hygiene products, razors and body wash (for men). We were able to purchase those products at cost.

Together we are helping students at Hellgate to feel comfortable and hopefully a little more loved. We know that feeling clean and confident goes a long way towards helping students succeed. Thank you, Church family, for supporting this ministry and for supporting us!





Here's what's happening in March in Church School

Sunday, March 3rd Children gather in Church School Focus: *Transfiguration* Children join in Eucharist upstairs

Sunday, March 10th

Children gather in Church School Focus: *Tempted* Children join in Eucharist upstairs

Sunday, March 17th

Children gather in Church School Focus: *God's Promises to Abram* Children join in Eucharist upstairs

Sunday, March 24th

Children gather in Church School Focus: *Parable of the Fig Tree* Children join in Eucharist upstairs

Sunday, March 31st Children gather in Church

School Focus: *Prodigal Son* Children join in Eucharist upstairs



Explorations:

Opportunities to cultivate, challenge and live our faith

Check out these resources to help you along your Lenten journey

5 Marks of Love

Living Life Marked as Christ's Own

This six-week journey of reflection on the Anglican Marks of Mission is now available as an anytime series for individuals and groups. Observe and reflect on the ways in which the Divine Life expresses itself in and through us; individually, and in our faith communities, as well as in the world around us. Each week will explore the Anglican Marks of Mission (Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure) through videos, questions, and exercises designed to help us speak more clearly and act truthfully, motivated always by hearts marked by God's love.

Consider downloading this free resource for Lent, provided by a collaboration between Virginia Theological Seminary and The Society of Saint John the Evangelist. It is available at

https://www.ssje.org/5marksoflove/.

If we are "marked as Christ's own," what are the "marks of love" that characterize the Divine Life abiding and at work within us? In this six-week series we will be examining and reflecting on the ways in which God's Life and God's Mission express themselves in and through us.

Subscribe to receive the series' video meditations from the SSJE Brothers directly in your inbox or view the videos online. Download the accompanying workbook with suggested activities and reflection questions.



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Join us for Compline on March 3 at 8 p.m. in the church:

Transfiguration Sunday in the quiet of Compline

Reveal the glory and presence of your Spirit and empower us to act as a transfigured people.

Please join us for Compline on Sunday evening, March 3 at 8 p.m. when we will celebrate the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Transfiguration Sunday. The Compline Choir will sing a lovely setting of "God be in my head" and chant the 99th Psalm ("Proclaim the greatness of the Lord").

- KEITH KUHN, COMPLINE COORDINATOR



Exploring prayer through word, art and movement

Plan to attend this day-long retreat on April 6th here at Holy Spirit. Whether you are new to prayer, or you're looking to refresh your prayer life, this is a fabulous opportunity for all men and women in our parish. Three sessions in the morning will highlight different formats for prayer. Jody Thomasson and Betsy Holmquist will focus on The Book of Common Prayer, pointing us to some of its treasures and helping us to use it as a tool for our own prayer life. Willie Hoffer and Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier will discuss visual arts as a means to prayer. Suzy Wiseheart and Valerie Hess will share about movement as a doorway to prayer.

The afternoon is hands-on. Participants will choose two of the three experiential sessions to attend. Each session is 90 minutes long.

- > Practice using the tools within The Book of Common Prayer.
- Learn how to create a soul collage. Or, practice responding to art as a means of prayer. All supplies will be provided. No art experience is necessary.
- In our time together, we will begin to explore ways that prayer can be more "embodied" through movement, like walking a labyrinth or holding yoga poses.

When: Saturday, April 6th, 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p. m.

Where: Holy Spirit Parish, starting in the Guild Room

- Other Details: No fee. For adults, you're welcome to bring friends from outside the parish.
- **Registration:** Please register by contacting Gretchen at 542-2167 or <u>gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org</u> by March 25th.
- **Bring:** A sack lunch, a journal (if you have one), and your favorite book(s) on prayer or the spiritual life. We will display our books on the *book look* table (please put your name in your books) in order to share resource ideas with one another.

Continued from page 4: Check out these resources to help you along your Lenten journey

The Word in the Wilderness

A Poem a Day for Lent and Easter by Malcom Guite

Order this book online or pick up a copy in the parish hall or church office. Poetry cannot be read quickly, and in asking to be savored, it begins to change the way we think and see. This collection of poems—one for every day from Shrove Tuesday to Easter Day enables us to turn aside from everyday routine and experience moments of transfigured visions as we journey through the desert landscape of Lent and find refreshment along the way. Following each poem with a helpful prose reflection, Malcom Guite has selected from classical and contemporary poets, from Dante, John Donne and George Herbert, to Seamus Heaney, Rowan Williams and Gillian Clarke, and his own acclaimed poetry.



Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday March 10, both services A day to remember those in need

Join in Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday this Lent

We encourage all Episcopalians to gather on **March 10, Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday**, to pray for people fighting poverty, disaster and disease in their communities and for all those around the globe leveraging local resources and expertise to address disparity and inequality in the world.

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) works with local church and ecumenical partners in nearly 40 countries on long-term community development strategies. We will be taking a special offering at both services on March 10 in support of ERD's mission to assist people impacted by poverty worldwide. All gifts from our offering will be designated to **Episcopal Relief & Development's Global Needs** Fund. This fund enables ERD to reach those most in need around the world.

You can support this work by making a donation in one of the special envelopes provided in the bulletin on ERD Sunday or by mailing your gift with the response form that will be found in the bulletin that day.



Nancy Cooper's Faculty Recital

7:30 pm, Monday, March 4th Music Recital Hall, UM campus

Part of the Faculty/Guest Artist Series

Featuring David Cody, tenor; Adam Collins, cello; Barbara Blegen, piano

Co-sponsored by the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, as part of Women's History Month

Premiering the music of Anna Maude Van Hoose, and also featuring works by Carrie Jacobs-Bond, Maria Grever and Cecile Chaminade.

Spring Rummage Sale set for May 3 and 4 It's time to prepare for the 2019 Rummage Sale

With the beginning of the 40 days of Lent on March 6, you have the perfect opportunity to begin setting aside 40 (or more!) items to donate to this year's rummage sale. The sale itself is not until Friday and Saturday May 3 and 4, but we will gladly accept your donations any time before then: clean and in good condition clothing, shoes, jewelry, accessories, books, tools, kitchen and decorating items, small working appliances, toys, hobby and craft supplies. As you collect your no-longerneeded items, just place them in closed boxes – labeled "Rummage" – and leave them near the stairway outside the Guild Room. We'll take it from there.

Clear your calendar, too, to help out the week prior to the sale. From the Conga Line on Sunday, April 28, to the busy, delightful days of preparation, Monday through Thursday, April 29 – May 2, to the sale itself. This Holy Spirit ministry is an event for *everyone* in our congregation. Questions? Contact Marva Gallegos (phone 546-1611) or martonygallegos@hotmail.com or Betsy Holmquist (phone 728-8546) or betsyholmquist@gmail.com.

You can bring your Rummage Sale donations anytime! Just place them in closed boxes labeled "Rummage" and place them near the stairway outside the Guild Room.



From the Rector: **A new call: transitioning in place**

For several years now we have been encouraging the full stature of the ministry of the Laity at Holy Spirit. The Catechism names the ministers of the Church as "lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons." The "ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the



world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church" (BCP pg. 855). Over time we have increased lay leadership of our many ministries, adapting to changing needs and circumstances, guided by the Vision and Mission of the parish and in concert with leadership and support provided by the Vestry and Staff in their roles.

The recent ordination of the Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier to the Priesthood has prompted many of you to ask how this changes her work among us. You ask rightly! Her role in ministry has changed, and we are continuing to shift her ministry among us as a result. The Catechism says that "the ministry of a priest is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as pastor to the people; to share with the bishop in the overseeing of the Church; to proclaim the Gospel: to administer the sacraments: and to bless and declare pardon in the name of God" (BCP pg. 856). Her ministry among us as Director of Spiritual Formation for all ages has spawned additional opportunities for lay ministries. It is now time to raise up lay leadership to carry on this work as a fully-fledged lay ministry. Gretchen and I have begun to identify how she will take on greater pastoral care and priestly ministry, areas that need additional support, aware that there will be some transition to make this happen. There will continue to be support of all our ministries by clergy and staff as the day-to-day actual ministries of spiritual formation for adults and children are organized and carried out by lay leaders.

Gretchen's role will become that of Assistant Priest, part-time, through a shift in her work among us or until there are funds in the budget that would allow expansion of her ministry. It is rare to have someone raised up as a priest who then remains for a time in the same congregation. It is a gift to the parish in that she will do her new ministry with a wealth of knowledge and relationships established here and, in the diocese, overall. The challenge for all of us is to trust what God is doing in calling her to be a priest and to trust that there are lay leaders already in our midst that can lead the ministries she has spawned in recent years. This is an opportunity for the parish to take hold of, lead on, and see where the ministries go now, with God's help. The time has arrived, and we are blessed by it! Congratulations, Gretchen, on behalf of the parish and with great joy!

- Rev. Terri



It's time to register for church camp at Camp Marshall!

Register online at https://diomontana.com/

JUNIOR MIDDLER SESSIONS Jr. Middler I - \$380

Sunday, June 23 - Friday, June 28

Jr. Middler II - \$380

Sunday, July 7 - Friday, July 12

- For rising 3rd 8th graders
- At registration, campers may choose a skill to focus on during their week at camp.

SENIOR HIGH - \$400

Sunday, July 14 – Saturday, July 20

- For rising 9th 12th graders
- At registration, campers may choose a skill to focus on during their week at camp.

ADVENTURE WEEK - \$400

all participants should be able to pass Camp Marshall's swim and kayak tests

Sunday, June 30 - Friday, July 5

> A week of off-site excursions for campers entering grades 8-12

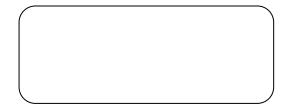
FAMILY CAMP - \$600/cabin Sunday, June 30 - Friday, July 5

> Families of all configurations are welcome to participate in a week of camp activities.



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WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED

REFLECTIONS ON COMMUNITY

Please join us! WEDNESDAY EVENINGS March 13 - April 10

Potluck Supper at 6:30 pm in the parish hall Childcare provided at 7 pm Discussion begins around 7:15 pm in the parish hall

