



Luther House

March LuMinary



Lent

(photo from Bp. Laurie's visit to Luther House for quadrennial review- Dcn. Clare of University of Oregon Lutheran Campus Ministry and Dcn. Andrew of

Young Adult ELCA present but not pictured)

In the spirit of the season, here's an excerpt from Pr. Hallie's Lenten teachable moment with students:

Lent is a season of the church year when, in Christian communities, we remember Jesus' 40 days of walking/wandering in the wilderness. Lent is an invitation to personal and communal reflection, including but not limited to lamenting, noticing joy/hope, and above all else, participating in life that brings us close to God, and God's healing & wholeness for the world.

People are invited to try out a practice or a discipline in Lent to attend to this closeness with God. Some spiritual practices in Lent help us honestly name what is painful, frustrating, unjust in our lives and in our community, and "fast" from harmful practices. Lent is an invitation to be intentional in our daily lives and notice our own life's patterns and structures and habits. It is an invitation to practice (not perfect) our journey of faith in the liberating love of Jesus.

"Traditionally," people engage in a spiritual practice of fasting from things- from alcohol, desserts. Some folks taking something up, like running or eating more vegetables or going to bed by 10 pm (unlikely for y'all, as finals are fast approaching). You are welcome to pick one practice up and try it out individually through the next 40 days. BTW Sundays "don't count" in certain religious circles for individual practices. If you follow the practice of Lent where Sundays don't count, you probably have a good practice of refraining from religious guilt.

We will have many invitations for y'all throughout Lent to engage in different disciplines and practices drawn from the Christian tradition, like:

- diving into a spiritual practice of giving testimony, specifically writing to the state legislature in support of climate bills, including climate resilience, mental health, food security, farmworkers rights, and water rights in the justice-seeking practice of Lent
- attending to lament (aka spiritual practice of complaint, for every good and holy reason)
- catching some of the vision of God (through God's holy imagination)
- sharing and tasting the fruits of hard-won and hard-fought wisdom

Every Sunday, we remember the diversity of experiences people have with God- and faith communities- as we gather around the table at Luther House.

To continue the open, welcoming encounter with Jesus' radical hospitality that so many of you experience at Luther House, we'll keep having dinner and a prompt (*not icebreaker) to get y'all going around the table. After dinner on Sunday evenings, you're invited (never obligated) to dive into a reflection and spiritual practice of justice-seeking together.

In that ancient and holy tradition, some folks practice saying the Lord's Prayer/Prayer of Jesus in their daily lives (it might be something you take up this Lent, too). I've appreciated the writings of Evelyn Underhill- she offers a challenge and call to be in cahoots with the Holy Spirit. Underhill was an Anglican mystical poet and writer who became a lecturer on the philosophy of religion at Oxford.

To say day by day "Thy Kingdom Come"- if these tremendous words really stand for a conviction and desire- does not mean "I quite hope that some day the Kingdom of God will be established, and peace and goodwill prevail. But at present I don't see how it is to be managed or what I can do about it." On the contrary, it means, or should mean, "Here am I! Send me!"- active, costly collaboration with the Spirit in whom we believe.



Holy Grounds With Pastor Hallie



MU Java Stop

Monday Febuary 24th
4:00pm-5:00pm

Coffee with Pastor Hallie

Continuing **Monday March 3rd and March 10th from 4-5 pm**, students, staff, and faculty are invited to stop by for a beverage and chat with Pr. Hallie at Java Stop on campus. Can't make that time? Pr. Hallie is available to meet for coffee, tea, and walks at other times.



Bonhoeffer Reading Group

As we come to the end of the term, the Bonhoeffer discussion at Canterbury House will wrap up. As we (a small group of students and professors) have gathered to discuss Bonhoeffer's book, "Life Together," we have found wisdom and encouragement together in community in company with this book. As we continue to connect and process the severe political changes in our country, we practice everyday resistance like kindness and empathy, bearing witness to the complex and diverse lives being erased, and speaking our vulnerable truths in human connection.

Standing the integrity of the Lutheran tradition, we offer this continuing challenge from Bonhoeffer:

"The person who loves their dream of community will destroy community, but the person who loves those around them will create community."

Church in the Wild Pilgrimage

(photo from February's MacDonald-Dunn Research Forest pilgrimage)

In March, our church in the wild pilgrimage will take place up at Holden Village while on retreat. Options include snowshoeing or cross-country skiing the tailings pile loop, Copper Basin, 10 mile Falls, and out past the ball field. As we explore other land people make home on, and the histories of the land and people in the remote cascade mountains, we sharpen our experience of pilgrimage far from home.



Weekly Dinner Church

Luther House will continue our weekly Sunday Night dinner through Winter Term. Students are invited to join us at 6 pm for an evening of community, connection, and conversation around faith and belonging. In the season after Epiphany, we are exploring the manifestation of God in our traditions and stories in the Christian faith. Of special note- Fr. David Marshall (rector of the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan in Corvallis) will join Luther House on February 9th, with an open invitation to join compline at the Episcopal church following dinner.

With a grant from the Calvin Institute for Creative Worship, we are excited to offer more locally grown, organic produce as we explore our connection to the land, food systems, and stories of place and belonging.



Maker's Space

On **Tuesday** evenings from **6-8pm** at Luther House, students are invited to create (instead of scrolling & consuming). We value the process over the outcome. Craft-of-the-night changes each week, but you are encouraged to bring own works-in-progress to work on and share, too.

If you have a craft or creative process you'd like to share with students at Luther House, reach out to Pr. Hallie.



Gather: Rivers of Mercy

Young Adult Pub Theology is happening! All young adults (not just those in college) 18-35 are invited to dive into the **Queer Catechism** this month on Monday, March 2nd from 6-8 pm at Block 15 Taproom. Pr. Hallie will lead this month's pub theology conversation on borders and belonging in the book of Ruth.



Thank you!

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Upcoming Events at a glance

March 3rd

6 pm *Pub theology*, Block 15 Taproom

March 4th

6pm *Shrove Tuesday* pancake feast at Luther House + *Maker's Space*

March 5th

Ash Wednesday

10 am to noon Ashes-to-go on campus

7 pm evening worship at Church of the Good Samaritan

March 3rd and 10th

4-5 pm *Holy Grounds* with Pr Hallie, Java Stop at MU

March 17th-19th

Drop-in-lunch at Canterbury House, 11 am - 1 pm

Yoga, games, puzzles, crafts, Welcome Wagger dog visits, care packages (thank you Grace Lutheran!) and meditation spaces available, too

March 23rd-29th

Holden Village student retreat

March 31st

Board meeting

April 7th

Advocacy Day in Salem with Oregon Synod

Luther House WINTER Hours

The office will be open **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM** for winter term. Staff are available by appointment on Mondays.

Luther House is always available to students from 8 am to 10 pm; please contact the Luther House office for a building access code.

Pastor Hallie will take comp time March 31- April 5th, after traveling with students and being in the mountains for a week.



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