



February 12, 2010

Dear parishioners of St. Barnabas,

Lent—from the Old English word “lencten,” meaning Spring—a time of reflection, repentance, and preparation—is about to greet us. I invite you to join your fellow Christians in observing a Holy Lent, in preparation for a joyous Easter. On the reverse is a copy of our parish’s Lent, Holy Week, and Easter schedule.

In particular, I draw your attention to the Lenten soup suppers and educational series. First, please note that we are trying a new day this year—Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. We hope that Wednesday is more convenient for more people than Fridays—if not, we can go back to Friday next year. Thank you for your willingness to try something new and different. Second, please note this year’s topic: “GENESIS: What’s in the First Book of the Bible, and Why?” Genesis is a favorite Old Testament book of mine, and I look forward to studying it with you. (I shall lead all sessions except the last one, on March 24.) Depending on your interests, topics may include the creation, Noah and the flood, the tower of Babel, Sodom & Gomorrah, and the stories about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. These study sessions shall be aimed at adults and older youth. No previous Biblical knowledge is necessary.

I urge you to invite your families, friends, and neighbors to join us this Lent and Easter. Easter Sunday—when many folks who don’t ordinarily attend church feel an urge to do so—is an excellent opportunity for evangelism (“evangelism” comes from the Greek word for “good news”). Studies indicate that the single most powerful tool for church growth and evangelism is the personal invitation!

Finally, if you need a ride to St. Barnabas for any of our Lenten or Easter services or activities—or if you would be willing to offer someone a ride—please contact the parish office (503-246-1949). Thank you.

Faithfully yours,

L. D.+

L. D. Wood-Hull, Rector

P. S. We shall be distributing Episcopal Relief and Development “Hope Chests” this year. These small “mite boxes” can be used to collect change or small bills during Lent. Proceeds shall be used to support Haiti relief, or the community dinners at St. Barnabas, or both (donor’s choice). Please bring the Hope Chest back to St. Barnabas during Eastertide. Thanks!

LENT, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER AT ST. BARNABAS, 2010

Shrove Tuesday (February 16)

Pancake Supper, 6 p.m. in Grafe Hall—bring your friends for food & pancake-flipping!

Ash Wednesday (February 17)

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes, 12:00 noon & 6:30 p.m.

Sundays in Lent

Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays of the month at 10:00 a.m.

March 7: **Girl Scout Sunday** (We'll honor and bless Girl Scouts, who are invited to attend church in uniform)

Wednesdays in Lent

6:00 p.m., Soup Supper & Education series

GENESIS: What's in the First Book of the Bible, and Why?

(Please note: there is no Wednesday activity on Wednesday in Holy Week, March 31)

Palm Sunday (March 28)

Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist with the Procession of the Palms, 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday (April 1)

Holy Eucharist with Agape Supper & Stripping of the Altar, 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday (April 2)

12:00 noon: The Way of the Cross

7:00 p.m.: Liturgy with Sermon & Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

(These two services are entirely different. You may attend one or the other, or both.)

Easter Vigil (April 3)

Multi-parish Easter Vigil & Eucharist, 8:00 p.m.

Location: St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, 6300 SW Nicol Road (at Oregon Episcopal School)

Easter Day (April 4)

Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. (Easter Egg Hunt following the second service)

For more information, please contact the St. Barnabas Parish Office at (503) 246-1949.

Evangelism Tip: The personal invitation is the most effective method of church growth!