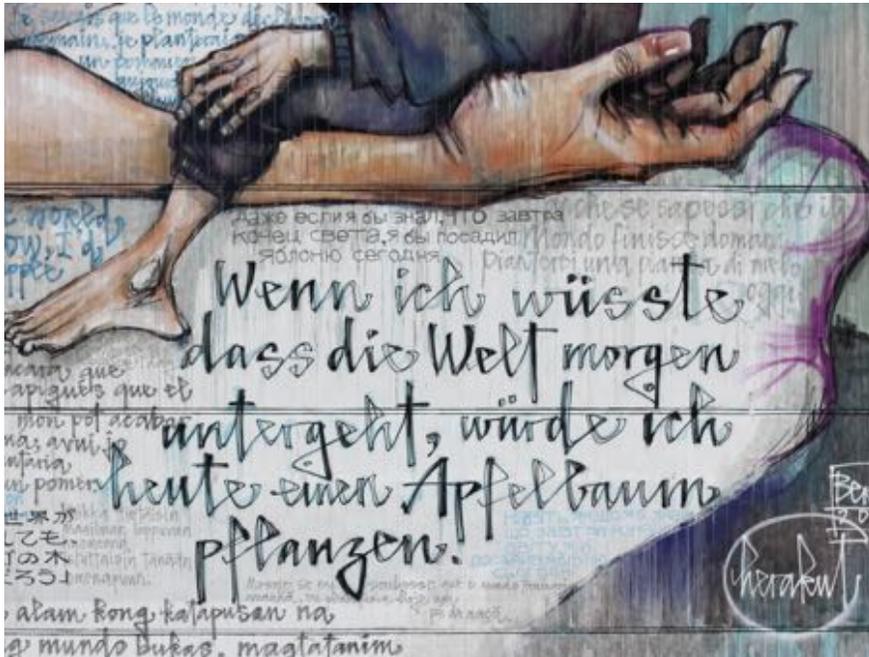


NEWS+NOTES

Hope in Times of Turmoil

A Collection of Meditations by Students for Students



When asked what he would do if he knew the world was about to end, Martin Luther is reported to have said that he'd plant a tree. The quote pictured above, written in German, is part of a mural that expresses the same idea – that hope is possible even in the direst

circumstances. Pr. Jim has begun asking student contributors to share signs of hope they see from the Book of Nature. His goal is to have a little volume of reflections compiled by late spring as a gift to help guide our way forward in times of turmoil. Watch for it.

Luthergarten Update

To commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the Lutheran World Federation's Wittenberg Center designed Luthergarten <http://luthergarten.de/welcome.html>, located on the munition ramparts of World War II where 500 trees will be planted.

Luther House students and the Grace youth have committed to raise enough money through the Easter breakfast this year to plant a tree in Wittenberg on April 18 and two trees in Corvallis sometime this spring, our sign of solidarity with this significant anniversary.

Plaques bearing the names of our ministries and Isaiah 55:12 will appear at each location.



HOLYWEEK AND EASTER OBSERVANCES

The high point of the Christian calendar is Holy Week. Condensed into three key events – the betrayal of Jesus, his death by crucifixion, and resurrection from the dead – God's love, compassion, and hope are most clearly revealed. You're invited to participate in this faith drama at Grace Lutheran. The Maundy



Thursday and Good Friday services are at 7:00 pm, Easter Vigil is Saturday starting at 8:00 pm., and Easter Sunday services are 8:30 and 11:00 with Easter Breakfast from 9:30-11:00. Easter evening supper and Emmaus Walk starts at 5:30 at Luther House. The main dish is provided. You're invited to bring a food item to share.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

**Beyond Earth Week, 4/22-May 6**

Sometime during this 2-week OSU emphasis on care of creation we'll get our hands dirty and plant the commemorative Reformation 500 tree required of us as part of our commitment to the Luther-garten project. Details regarding when and where we'll plant the tree will be in GRACEnotes. Watch for details there.

Holocaust Memorial Week, 4/24-28

This annual OSU observance invites us to advance the cause of peace, understanding, and respect for all peoples. Plan now to participate in one or all events.

Spring Family Weekend, 5/5-7

Here's a chance for you to share Luther House with those you love by bringing them to TableTalk supper on Sunday, May 7. Help them get a taste of campus ministry at OSU and meet your Luther House friends.

Mi Familia Weekend, 5/12-13

Let's do our part to welcome Spanish-speaking parents and siblings of OSU students for this rich weekend experience of fun and inspiration just for them!

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SPRING TERM OPTIONS

Many superb activities are planned for Spring Term. Here's a sample of possibilities. Please join us as time and interest allow.

"More 2 the Major," Sundays

Last term at TableTalk we heard from students themselves as they took us deeper into their respective majors, shared why those studies inspire them, and how they plan to use what they learn in work and life. Sundays, 5:30-7:00.

"Pints of Grace," 4/19, 5/17, 6/7

"Pints of Grace" is a great, brief study break every few weeks at McMenamins on Monroe. You buy your beverage; Luther House buys the appetizers; we all bring the spirited conversation. As always, friends are welcome too.

"May the 4th Be with You," 5/4

Back by popular demand this all-day film fest features all the "Star Wars" episodes. Drop in for a while or stay all day, whatever your schedule permits.

Pr. Jim Farewell Reception, 6/4

Though he isn't actually leaving till the end of August, the Luther House Council invites you to join in celebrating his upcoming retirement with a party on Sunday, June 4, beginning at 2:00, in Grace Lutheran's Ronnenkamp Hall.

Blessing of the Grads, 6/6

To honor those graduating this year we'll enjoy our ever-popular BBQ lunch, eat graduation cake, give special gifts and recognitions to grads, and just plain celebrate the academic accomplishments of those we've known. Tuesday, June 6, 11:30-1:30 in the LH backyard.

Calendar

Tuesdays, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6
Birthday Tuesdays, 11:30-1:30

Sundays, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11
Dinner Church, 5:30-7:00

Sunday, 4/16
Easter Breakfast @ Grace, 9:30-11:00

Wednesdays, 4/19, 5/17, 6/7
"Pints of Grace" @ McMenamins, 8-9:00

Tuesday, 6/6
End-of-Year BBQ & Blessing of Grads

Saturday, 6/17
Commencement - Congrats Grads!

Our Life Together

MORNING PRAYER



Mondays we gather from 9:15-9:30 for a brief, informal prayer pause in the Upper Room. Come and pray with us whenever you can.

PINTS OF GRACE



Come, take a short evening study break at a local brew pub - a time to chat, check-in, or share what's happening with you.

CAMPUS OFFICE HOURS



Check out GRACEnotes for details about when and where Pr. Jim will be hosting office hours on campus. Stop to chat whenever your schedule allows.