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FROM THE PASTOR

On Worship: *Transforming Ordinary Things and Ordinary People*



Pastor Mike Coffey

My monthly reflections on the shape and practice of worship continue with thinking about the meal of Holy Communion, that is, the most obvious part—the bread and the wine.

Nothing is more common or ordinary than bread and wine. They are the basics of a meal, particularly in the ancient world, where meat was a rare and festive part of life, but bread was the basic sustenance for most people, so much so that “bread” was the common word for “food.” Wine, too, was commonly used at meals, both as an enjoyable drink and as a more sanitary option than water.

But bread and wine are also symbols of transformation. Bread is wheat transformed by the human labor and the action of yeast to bring flat dough to life. Similarly, wine is grapes transformed by

human labor and the action of yeast to bring still juice to life. In both things, human labor and something mysterious (yeast) transform.

When we gather for the eucharist, the meal of thanksgiving to God in Jesus Christ, bread and wine are themselves transformed into the presence of Christ for the gathered community, eating and drinking in faith, love, reconciliation, praise, and sacrifice. Similar to the transformation of wheat and grapes to bread and wine, this meal is the transformation of human labor (the gathered offering, including bread, wine, and ourselves) by the power of something mysterious (the death and resurrection of Christ made real for us by the power of the Spirit). This meal is the primary Christian encounter with the ongoing power of the primary article of faith: The paschal mystery, which is the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as the very source of life, hope, and transformation.

And then we claim one more important

transformation. The bread and wine become body and blood now, by the power of the Spirit, transform ordinary people like you and me into a sacrament for the world. Christ lives in the world through the community of faith that participates in the meal of his sacrificial love and resurrection power. More than a meal of comfort and unity (though it is those), this meal transforms us into the same sacrificial love of Christ beyond the table into the streets, coffee shops, work places, universities, political struggles, and great needs of others where we find ourselves each day.

In order for the whole liturgy to find its broadest meaning, we move on to the Sending, which is next month’s topic, the last in this series.

How does the weekly sharing of communion shape the way you live? What does the paschal mystery of death and resurrection mean for you? When have you known the power of God’s transformational love working through your ordinary life?

FROM THE VICAR

Lenten Mid-Week Worship 2011 — My Internship Project



Vicar Carolyn Albert

The first sermon I preached in seminary was about the story of Zacchaeus—a man small both in stature and status, whose home Jesus saw fit to visit anyway, over and against the murmuring of his bitter neighbors. Jesus calls Zacchaeus out of hiding, calls him by name, and says, “Hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.”

This story makes me wonder who else in Jericho was hoping to play host for the travelling teacher and healer that evening... how many people hoped Jesus would be a guest in *their* home.

My family’s favorite table prayer is the one that begins, “Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,” and I find it a remarkable thing to pray. I am awestruck both at the audacity of inviting our Lord into our very homes... and at the graciousness of a God who actually shows up there.

The earliest worshipping communities of Christians worshipped in people’s homes. Like the popular camp song reminds us, “The church is not a building... we are the church, the body of our Lord.”

On Wednesdays this Lent we will be trying something new for this year. We will gather as a few separate small groups, in the homes of members.

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From the Faith Formation Coordinator



Henri Atkinson

I am writing this report to all of you while the temperature outside is -10 degrees with winds of 25 mph and gusts of 45. As I sit in front of a cozy fire in a very nice condo I am very thankful for the comforts of life which makes me also think of those less fortunate.

Sunday, February 6 is Souper Bowl of Caring. It is a day our youth and scouts will collect contributions for those who are barely making ends meet. After our church services we will be collecting your gifts. Young families, February too will be the time for a new garden.

**Souper Bowl of Caring
Sunday, February 6**

**Lenten Adventure
March 25 & 26**

Also a reminder to put the dates of **March 25 and 26** on your calendars for our **Lenten retreat, "Ancient/Future."** Starting at 6 Friday evening we will have dinner and a movie and then on Saturday morning at 8:30 we will have breakfast then sessions, followed by worship at 1.

Finally I want to thank the children and youth who helped with clean-up after our meeting on December 12.

Yours in Christ,
Henri Atkinson

From the Church Council

SUMMARY

— Submitted by Nancy Neuse, COUNCIL SECRETARY

ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE JANUARY 17 COUNCIL MEETING:

Council officers were elected for 2011 as follows:

- President Bonnie Northcutt
- Vice President Sage Weber
- Secretary Joe Cain
- Treasurer Dana MacLaren
- Financial Secretary David Austin

The Council will have a half day retreat on February 5.

Thank You Corner

You are invited to submit the names of those whose kind and thoughtful actions would otherwise go unnoticed.

We begin this month with KUDOS to:

- JIM TEMPLETON** for installing a new rack for our banners
- CLIFF ROBERTS** for installing a new roof on our Scout Hut

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FELC OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Friday 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

FELC and Netzer Co-op Worship Event

Eucharisto: Shattered Grace, Broken Thanks

Sunday, February 13

Dinner at 6:00 P.M., Worship at 7:00 P.M.



For the past two years, FELC has hosted a Lutheran mission community called *The Netzer Co-op*. They are called “netzer” from the Hebrew word for the new shoot that springs forth, a symbol in the prophet Isaiah of renewal and the hope of the messiah. They are called “co-op” because they see themselves as a co-operative, a

community sharing in life and faith together. They have met for dinner and worship on Sunday evenings, in the model of an emerging church liturgy, rooted in tradition but open to new forms and creative expression. They have also been meeting weekly for “Jesus in a Pub,” an open conversation about faith, theology, and spirituality where all questions and interests are welcomed. They have done some significant ministry with homeless people in Austin.

The leadership for the group started with Tim Snyder and Brianna Morris-Brock. Tim left last year to begin seminary at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Brianna has continued on as a leader, but is now focusing more of her time and energy on completing her undergraduate degree in art, and in her new job as youth staffer at Triumphant Love Lutheran.

Pastor Coffey has been in conversation with the group over the past few months about whether they would like to continue to gather for worship and build up this community. They are committed to continuing, but need more leadership for Sunday evening worship. Pastor Coffey and Vicar Carolyn have met with some members of the community and will be leading some Sunday evening worship events. The hope is that the community will continue on and be a mission outreach, particularly to those who live on the fringe of faith and are unsure if church is where they are welcomed and where they belong. It will also be an opportunity to explore worship forms influenced by the emerging church movement. For more information on the emerging church movement, go to our Web site to find links to some informative articles, and read “An Emerging Glossary.”

The first event led by Pastor Coffey with the Netzer community will be Sunday, February 13. Dinner will be shared at 6:00 P.M., and the worship event will be at 7:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary. Members of FELC who are interested in this exciting mission and ministry are encouraged to attend. Other FELC and Netzer Co-op worship events will be planned and announced soon.

First English Lutheran Church has been a “Reconciling in Christ” congregation since 1989. We affirm God’s love for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We openly encourage all of our members to participate fully.



An Emerging Glossary

by Jay Gamelin

Emerging

It is important to be clear about what is meant by *emerging*. Frequently, *emerging* is understood as a title for a particular idea, a singular vision, or a particular group of people engaging in ministry in a particular way. This is often where the word *emergent* is used. Understanding *emerging* not as a noun but as an adjective may be more helpful and accurate. *Emerging* does not refer to a program, title, singular idea, or unique perspective. It is simply a description of a new generation of leaders who have grown up in the postmodern era. They come with a very different idea of the church, the world, Christ, and the message that has grown out of their cultural expression and experience than that of the previous generations.

This is why here I do not discuss the emerging church using a capital E: “Emerging church.” I simply use an adjective — the church that is “emerging.” As Generations X, Y, and postmillennial leaders in Western Europe, Australia, and the United States begin to lead churches in this context, this generation brings a general philosophy to their definition of church, one that grows out of their context.

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We will gather for a meal and for worship—much as we would if we came to 3001 Whitis Ave. This change of setting is an invitation to encounter worship in a new... and yet ancient... way, to encounter community and think about evangelism in a new and yet ancient way.

Pastor Coffey and I will join different groups on different weeks, but we will meet with members before Lent begins to help them prepare to be the primary leaders of worship instead of us. This is yet another opportunity to experience and reflect on what leadership can look like, both in worship and beyond.

Details about the locations and schedule of Wednesday worship will appear in next month’s *Echoes*. There will be gathering places in North, Central and South Austin—in the hope that everyone will have somewhere close to their own home or place of work where they can worship this Lent. I look forward to sharing this experience and reflecting on it with all of you, as we continue to boldly pray, “Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,” with the awesome knowledge that our Lord does come into our lives and our homes with transforming power and love.



February 2011


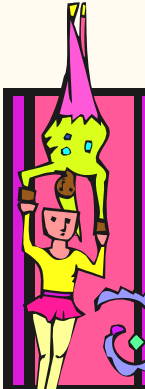
Visit First English Lutheran on the Web at www.felcaustin.org for more information and the current activity schedule on our Google calendar.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

 <p>FEBRUARY 6 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M. Worship (SY) 9:45 A.M. Children's Sunday School (FH) Adult Sunday School (PL) 12:30 P.M. First Communion Class (PL)</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 7 9:00 A.M. Monday Ministry (SY) 6:30 P.M. Spirituality in Movies (PL) 7:00 P.M. NUNA Board (FH)</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 1 8:00 A.M. Lutheran pastors text study (LB) NOON Prayer Circle (LB) 6:00 P.M. CDC Board (PL)</p> <p>FEBRUARY 8 8:00 A.M. Lutheran pastors text study (LB) NOON Prayer Circle (LB)</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 2 10:00 A.M. CDC Chapel (SY) 12:30 P.M. Prime Timers (FH) 7:00 P.M. Learning Ministry 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal (S)</p> <p>FEBRUARY 9 10:00 A.M. CDC Chapel (SY) 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 13 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M. Worship (SY) 9:45 A.M. Children's Sunday School (FH) Adult Sunday School (PL) 12:30 P.M. First Communion Class (PL) 6:00 P.M. FELC/Netzer Co-op Dinner (PL) 7:00 P.M. FELC/Netzer Co-op Worship (SY)</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 14 9:00 A.M. Monday Ministry (SY)</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 15 SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR MARCH ECHOES 8:00 A.M. Lutheran pastors text study (LB) NOON Prayer Circle (LB)</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 16 10:00 A.M. CDC Chapel (SY) 10:30 A.M. Companions Group 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 20 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M. Worship (SY) 9:30 A.M. Green Team Meeting (LB) 9:45 A.M. Children's Sunday School (FH) Adult Sunday School (PL) 12:30 P.M. Male Spirituality Meeting (LB) 8:00 P.M. Netzer Co-op Worship (PL)</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 21 9:00 A.M. Monday Ministry (SY) 7:00 P.M. Congregation Council (PL)</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 22 8:00 A.M. Lutheran pastors text study (LB) 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study (PL) NOON Prayer Circle (LB) 6:00 P.M. CDC Staff Training (FH & PL)</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 23 10:00 A.M. CDC Chapel (SY) 10:30 A.M. Companions Group 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 27 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M. Worship (SY) 9:45 A.M. Children's Sunday School (FH) Adult Sunday School (PL)</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 28 9:00 A.M. Monday Ministry (SY) 6:30 P.M. Spirituality in Movies (PL)</p>	<div data-bbox="1036 1650 1365 1906" style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px;"> <p>LOCATION LEGEND</p> <p>FH = FELLOWSHIP HALL LB = LIBRARY PL = PARLOR SY = SANCTUARY TC = TRANSEPT CHAPEL</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1455 1446 1624 2003" style="border: 1px solid purple; border-radius: 25px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">  </div>	



	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 4	FEBRUARY 5 9:00 A.M. Austin Central SDA (SY, PL, LB: 12:30 P.M. FH) 9:30 A.M. Church Council Retreat
	FEBRUARY 10	FEBRUARY 11	FEBRUARY 12 9:00 A.M. Austin Central SDA (SY, PL, LB: 12:30 P.M. FH)
	FEBRUARY 17	FEBRUARY 18 9:15 A.M. Church Women United Board (PL) 6:30 P.M. 3 rd Friday Game & Fellowship Night (LB)	FEBRUARY 19 9:00 A.M. Austin Central SDA (SY, PL, LB: 12:30 P.M. FH)
	FEBRUARY 24	FEBRUARY 25	FEBRUARY 26 9:00 A.M. Austin Central SDA (SY, PL, LB: 12:30 P.M. FH)

Fastnacht – Feasting Fools!

Pancake Supper and Variety Show

Tuesday, March 8

6:00 P.M. – Pancake Supper / 7:00 P.M. – Variety Show

The time has come again, my friends... to feast and laugh
And celebrate before the solemn fast of Lent!

Some call this day *Mardi Gras* (Fat Tuesday), while for others,
one day is not enough, and the whole season leading up to
Lent is a raucous *Carnivale*! Here at First English, on the day
before Ash Wednesday, we celebrate *Fastnacht* – Fasting Eve
– with fantastic pancakes (and – this year – a **pancake topping
contest!**) as well as a showcase of the talents of First English
folks.

As Saint Paul says – “Now, there are varieties of gifts, but the
same Spirit.” While this may not be *exactly* what he meant when
he said that... On this festive night, as we gather in the Holy
Spirit, we each bring gifts. We are singers, dancers, comedians,
magicians, instrumentalists, philosophers, handy-men and
women, gymnasts, and actors... and the less spotlight-hungry of
us are cooks, hosts and hostesses, stagehands, and appreciative
audience members. Whatever your gifts, Fastnacht will not be
complete without your presence! Mark your calendars now!

If you wish to perform in the variety show or help in any other
way, contact Vicar Carolyn (vicar@felcaustin.org or 478-1933)!

Gamelin: An Emerging Glossary continued from Page 3

Community

Acts 2:42-47 provides a description of the church at its simplest: gathering, learning, teaching, eating, praying, singing, sharing, and proclaiming. Postmodern, emerging leaders perceive that the church in the West has compromised these simple spiritual goals. The perception is that people have attended church not because of the hope of encountering Christ through a dedicated community of believers but because it has been expected of them in a “Christian” society. In an increasingly post-Christian society, church attendance is no longer a necessary social norm. Further, some may claim Christ and describe themselves as *Christ-followers* rather than *Christians*, due to the perception that churches do not serve spiritual goals but rather social ones (whether this is true or untrue) and due to a concern that *Christian* in the West denotes social class and upbringing more than a spiritual follower. This perception of church as a social rather than spiritual establishment has lent an air of skepticism around the word *church*. Groups are trending toward calling themselves *communities* as opposed to *churches*. This shift points to the gathering of a group of people committed to one another in their growth in faith and support in life, rather than a singular institution that people are expected to attend to be accepted. To call yourself a *community* means a more relational approach to life together rather than an institutional one.

Authentic

In the middle of the Acts 2 text noted above is the simple phrase, “sincere hearts” (v. 46). This sincerity is a key factor to the emerging church. Perhaps the most important word to the emerging church is the word *authentic*. Authenticity is something that cannot be defined, only sensed. It means a church that requires a gut check, a church that seems real and true to the people present, a church active both in the present kingdom and the restoration of the world as well as concerned with our future life in Christ. Because authenticity cannot be programmed it is perhaps the most difficult hurdle for people to overcome. More than a style of music, authenticity is the heart with which worship is approached. It is more than candles and couches, icons and stained glass or projection screens; authenticity is an earnestness and honesty of the people who have gathered. It involves sensing the driving purpose of any of these into a deeper spiritual experience to see with “awe” the “wonders” God is presently doing (Acts 2:43).

Authenticity does not mean perfection, it just points to intent. Authenticity can be seen in a church that knows it is sinner and saint, slave and free. This definition is more than style, it also involves substance, and this cannot be controlled. A generation sensitive to commercials knows when a church is expressing the gospel narrative and when they are trying to sell you something to get you in the door. They know the difference between gimmick and God. Authenticity is not a program but a change in heart. It is not a style but a focus on reclaiming the awe and wonder of faith.

From the CDC



Teresa Kapelle
CDC Director

We enjoy working with children. We enjoy living with children. And if we are talking honestly here, sometimes we want to be as far away from them as possible.

There are very few other things in life that give us such joy and at the same time such frustration. We love watching our kids learn and grow through experiences in life, but sometimes when they fight that learning (like how to pick up your room or brush your teeth!) our blood can boil.

What’s a parent to do? Do we give in and give a child whatever he wants to maintain calm? Do we dig our heels in every time a conflict arises and enter into a power struggle that we either lose or get a headache by winning? How do you now when to draw that proverbial line?

If you are a parent living with or looking forward to living with young children, please consider joining us for a free seminar:

Loving Limits



HOW TO SAY “NO” WITH LOVE AND RESPECT,
AND WHY IT’S IMPORTANT

Facilitator Bethany Prescott
Sunday, March 27
3–5 P.M.

Bethany is a trained therapist with past experience in early childhood who gives parents a wonderful opportunity to come together in camaraderie and hopefully learn some new tools to bring home to our children.

Interested in joining us?
Please RSVP to tkapelle@firstenglishcdc.org
We hope to see you there!

Always a pleasure,
Teresa

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From Our Synod Mission Interpreter

— Submitted by BARBARA SCHUTZ

HIGHLIGHTING THIS MONTH

Parish Ministry Training Program



I suspect that many of you have not heard of the Parish Ministry Training Program. In fact, it may be one of the Synod's best kept secrets!

This program is for people who feel a call to ministry but are unable to work the traditional seminary education into their lives. The majority of those who participate are in the second half of their lives, and have been “doing ministry” in their home congregations for much of their lives.

If accepted into the Parish Ministry Training program, students are provided with three years of academic and experiential training. If they complete the training successfully, they are certified as Synodically Authorized Ministers (SAMs). SAMs may then serve synod congregations as the pastor and are authorized to preside over the sacraments. This program helps provide leaders for the many congregations in our synod who are unable to support an ordained pastor because of location, size, and/or financial constraints.

It's been my privilege to serve as part of the SAM Leadership Team for the last 10 years. The Team is composed of pastors, professors, Associates In Ministry (AIMs), and at least one layperson, and is currently led by Pastor Sam Radoman. I get to teach the “Spirituality” portion of their training and mentor the participants in their own spirituality and how to bring spiritual formation to their congregations. It's been a joy for me to get to know these committed people—they are full of experience and wisdom and enthusiasm for serving God's people. This program is so worthy of our support!

Save the date!

2011 Lenten Retreat, March 25 & 26

This year at the church, so no travel involved.

Friday evening and Saturday morning thru lunch.

CONTINUE IN PRAYER FOR

Lois Holck & Family

Neil King and Kristin MacLaren King

Judy Holden

David Austin

Evelyn Butler

Family of Alma Meiske

Mrs. C., workmate of Tessa Baden

Debbie Martin Fox, mother of Angela, a friend of the Atkinson family

Danny Austin, cousin of David Austin

Austin “Beau” Sierra, FELC CDC assistant teacher

Jarek Zborowski, cousin of Nancy Neuse

Don Larson & Family, cousin of Monica Lund

Jim Stockbridge, husband of Andy MacLaren's step-sister Leigh

Dennis Burroughs, friend of Gratia Winship

Princetta MacLaren, step-mother of Andy MacLaren

Michaelie Wiebe, niece of Anne Wiebe

Gene Steinmeyer, uncle of Jill Essbaum

Doug MacLaren, father of Andy MacLaren

James Steinmeyer, uncle of Jill Essbaum

Greg & Renee Heins & Family, friends of Emily Atkinson

Mindy, Charlotte & James, friends of Monica Lund

Mallie Coker, friend of Katherine Houston

Jarett Werley, friend of Chris Billig

Ki Norman, friend of Monica Lund



Prayer Circle

TUESDAYS AT NOON

Take a break in your day for some very meaningful group prayer time, most Tuesdays at Noon in the church library. For information and special prayer requests, please call Barbara Schutz (328-0587) or Lois Holck (327-8501).

SENIOR FEST 2011

OUR JOURNEY: MEMORY AND MISSION

Saturday, February 5

at Faith Lutheran Church, Georgetown

Keynote speaker, The Rev. Dr. Robert Hughes, ALOA's vice-president, past president of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, author of several books, and a frequent speaker nationally.

Registration forms are available online at the synod Web site: www.swtsynod.org under Events, and in the FELC office. If you have questions call Barbara Gilbertson at (512) 864-7473.

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SPIRITUALITY IN MOVIES

DOUBLE FEATURE

During the month of February we will have two movies.

There isn't room in the March schedule for a film, so we'll have one at the beginning and at the end of February. Both movies start at 6:30 P.M. and are shown in the Parlor. As always, you're invited to bring your own dinner to enjoy during the film, and you're encouraged to invite a friend. Popcorn is free!

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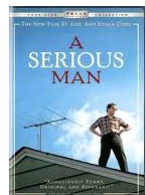
WORSHIP Schedule

8:30 A.M. Worship Service

9:45 A.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Worship Service

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at both worship services.



February 7: *A Serious Man*

This 2009 Coen brothers' film depicts the life of a man facing loss and suffering and seeking meaning for his life. Similar to the story of Job, *A Serious Man* won't take easy answers for the hard questions about life, faith, meaning, and God.



February 28: *Good Will Hunting*

This 1997 film, with Academy Award winning script written by Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, tells the story of a young man on the verge of transformation in his life, and the challenges and relationships he needs to become a new man, beyond his fears and insecurities.