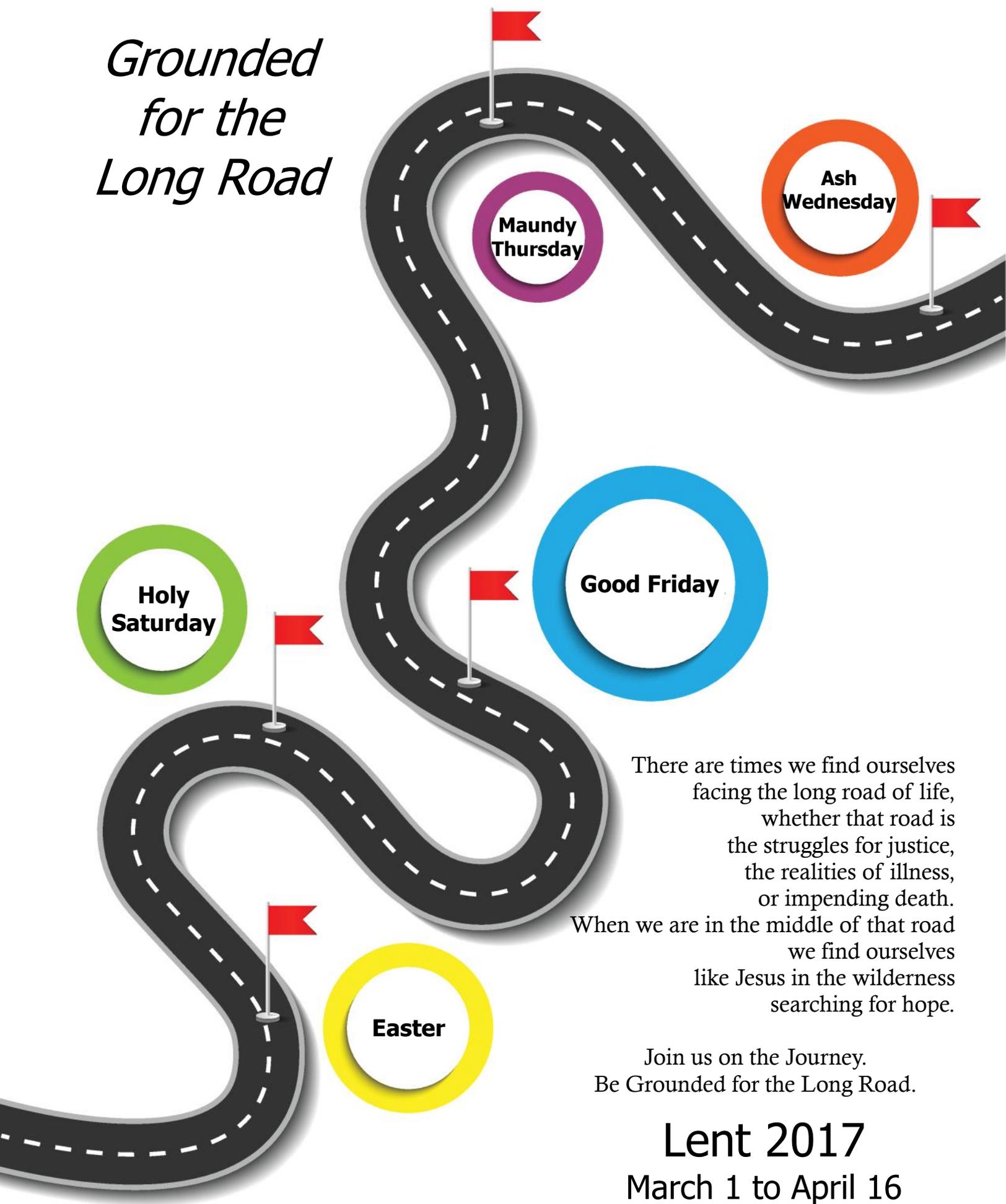


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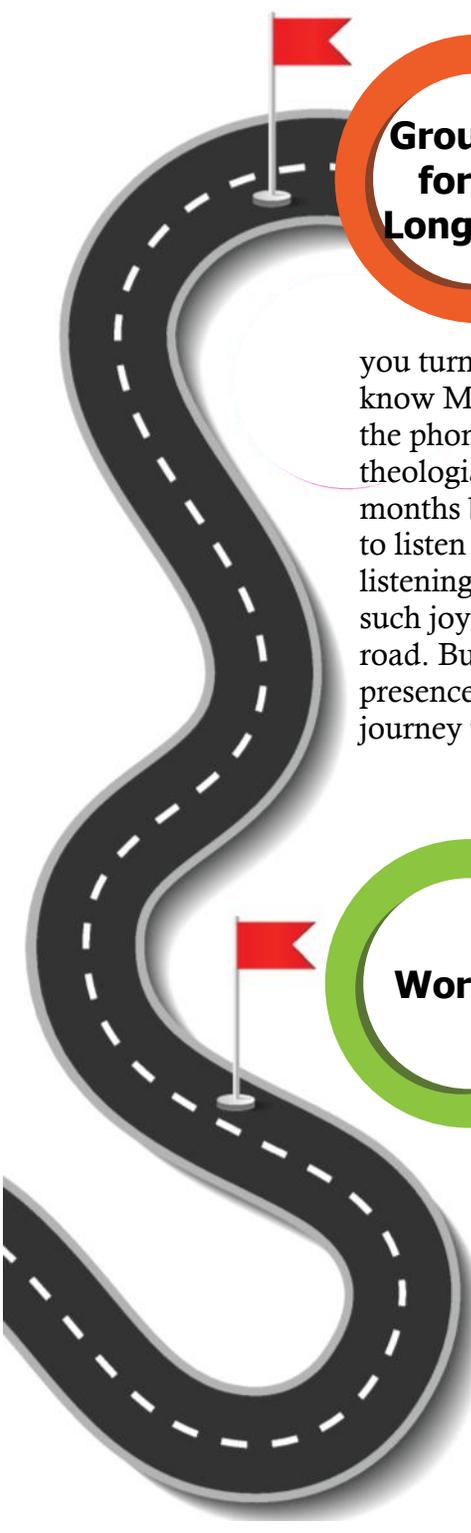
Good Friday

Easter

There are times we find ourselves facing the long road of life, whether that road is the struggles for justice, the realities of illness, or impending death. When we are in the middle of that road we find ourselves like Jesus in the wilderness searching for hope.

Join us on the Journey.
Be Grounded for the Long Road.

Lent 2017
March 1 to April 16



Grounded for the Long Road

Our theme for Lent this year is **Grounded for the Long Road**, and our prayer is you are able to find or affirm the practice that grounds you in the midst of the turmoil and challenges of life; a practice that reminds you God is with you in the journey on the long road.

When we find ourselves in the middle of the road, we find ourselves like Jesus in the wilderness, searching for hope. Where do you turn? What strengthens your soul? How do you cope with the injustices? We know Martin Luther King Jr. would call a gospel singer and listen to her sing over the phone to him, giving him hope in the struggle for justice. Modern-day theologian, Phyllis Tickle, is said to have written poetry and laughed in her final months battling cancer. Thomas Merton was said to have snuck out of the monastery to listen to jazz music when the faith failed him. I remember my grandparents listening to the Gaither Vocal Band in their senior years, the old hymns gave them such joy as their bodies declined. Music certainly has a profound impact on my long road. But there are many, many other ways to experience and be reminded of God's presence and sustaining grace amidst the struggle. Thank you for joining us on the journey towards resurrection, and personal and social wholeness in the world.

Worship

Worship each Sunday will focus on the practices of faith that sustain us, these are the community acts we do together. Our worship will have a structure based in the imitation of Jesus as taught by the 14th century mystic St. John of the Cross. The path leads us from where we are to where we see God inviting us to go.

Via Positiva. The path of reverence, honoring and praising God.

Via Negativa. The path of releasing, lamenting and purging our sins and "stuckness."

Via Creativa. The path of co-creating with God.

Via Transformativa. The path of entering the world in order to transform ourselves and it.

We hope you join us for an intentional journey this Lent.

Sun., March 5th - *Grounded in Worship*. Worship is central to our life, what exactly are we doing each Sunday?

Sun., March 12th - *Grounded in Sacrament*. Baptism is foundational to all our justice work and our hunger for belonging.

Sun., March 19th - *Grounded in Prayer and Mercy*. Exploring the intersection of our actions.

Sun., March 26th - *Grounded in Prayer*. Intern Austin Piper will focus on the prayer of Jesus for us, his disciples.

Sun., April 2nd - *Grounded in Food*. How does breaking bread with one another change the world?

Sun., April 9th - Palm Sunday, *Grounded in Community*. Passion reading. If you would like to lend your voice please contact Rev. Eric at estrader@ChristChurchColorado.org

LENT CHILDREN'S SERMON SERIES – A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Each week during Lent the Children's Moment in the worship service will have a focus on a spiritual practice and the Children and Youth will be given something to take home so that they can practice. Most of these are activities that can be done alone or as a group. Please take a chance to explore these ideas for ways to talk about faith at home.

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 1st, *Ungrounded in Life*, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

We'll begin Lent by focusing on the ways we are ungrounded in life. Palms from previous Sundays are burned to then become ashes, reminding us of our mortality and need for God. The ashen mark is an acknowledgement we have made a mess of things and our humility is needed as we boldly live into the transformation, the resurrection, coming on Easter morning. Come sing Taizé music, walk the labyrinth, make prayer beads, and hear a meditation by intern Austin Piper.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 13th, *Grounded in Love*, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Join us for this celebration of the community of Christ Church. Just as Jesus gathered with his friends, we too will begin Holy Week by celebrating with friends this community and its power in our lives. MLK believed the community was beloved because it challenged us, loved us, and walked with us on our own journey. Love feast with food, candles, and foot washing.

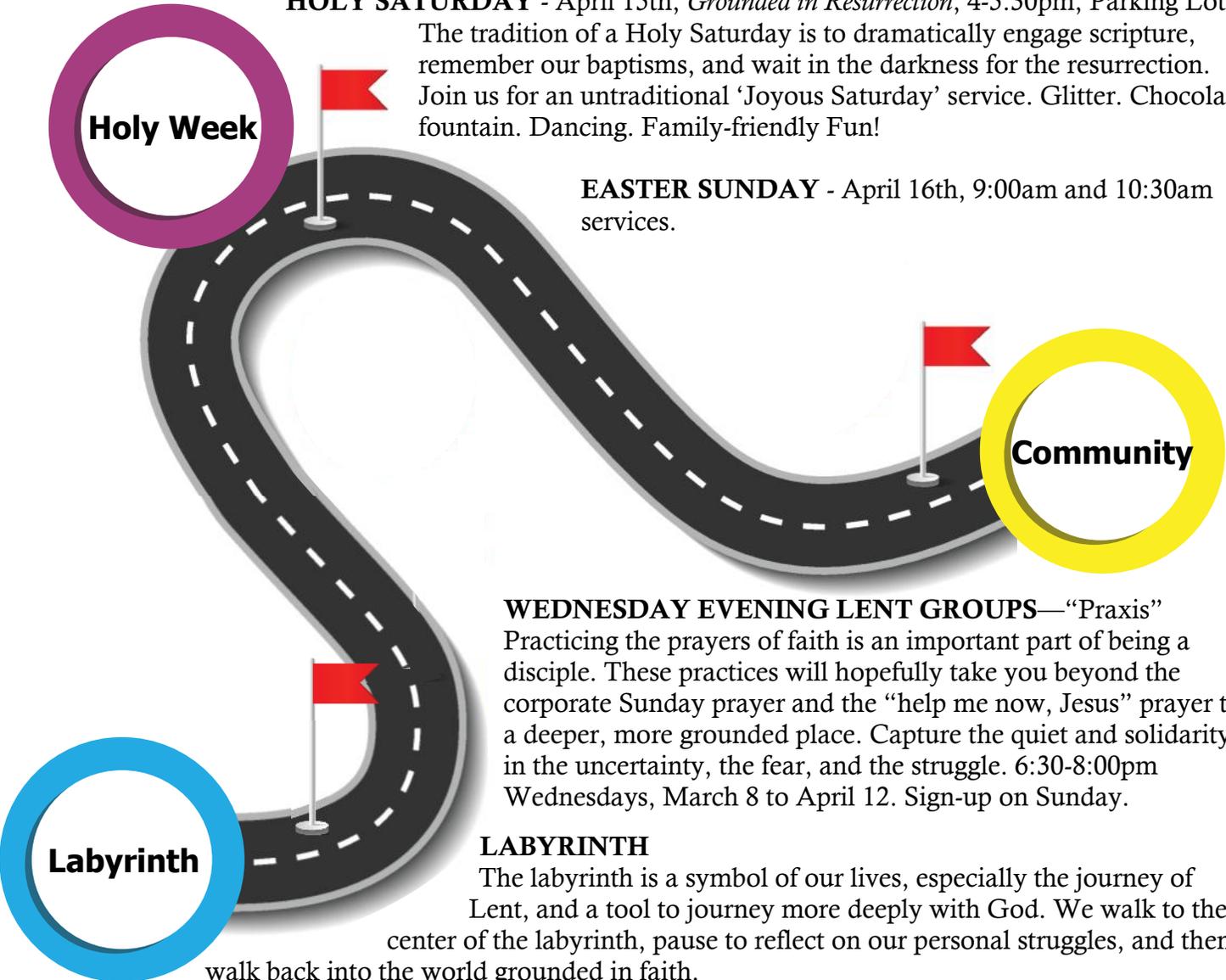
GOOD FRIDAY - April 14th, *Grounded in Justice*, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

Join the choir for special music and readings focused on the ways justice is denied. This service will reflect on injustice through the lens of Christ's suffering during the passion.

HOLY SATURDAY - April 15th, *Grounded in Resurrection*, 4-5:30pm, Parking Lot

The tradition of a Holy Saturday is to dramatically engage scripture, remember our baptisms, and wait in the darkness for the resurrection. Join us for an untraditional 'Joyous Saturday' service. Glitter. Chocolate fountain. Dancing. Family-friendly Fun!

EASTER SUNDAY - April 16th, 9:00am and 10:30am services.



Holy Week

Community

Labyrinth

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENT GROUPS—“Praxis”

Practicing the prayers of faith is an important part of being a disciple. These practices will hopefully take you beyond the corporate Sunday prayer and the “help me now, Jesus” prayer to a deeper, more grounded place. Capture the quiet and solidarity in the uncertainty, the fear, and the struggle. 6:30-8:00pm Wednesdays, March 8 to April 12. Sign-up on Sunday.

LABYRINTH

The labyrinth is a symbol of our lives, especially the journey of Lent, and a tool to journey more deeply with God. We walk to the center of the labyrinth, pause to reflect on our personal struggles, and then walk back into the world grounded in faith.

The labyrinth will be in the Fellowship Hall all of Lent and you are welcome to walk it on Sunday morning or during the week when other groups are not using the space. To verify it is open simply check with Rebecca Bourgeois in the church office, 303-322-0784.

YOUTH EXPLORING LENT

Our Youth Group experiences over the next few meetings will be focused on Lent and how we understand ourselves in this time of the church calendar. We will take a few weeks of youth group to better understand the focus of Lent and how the personal exploration of faith creates opportunities for new growth.

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

March 12—Youth Group, 11:15-1:00pm. Game Time Fun
Youth Mission Team Registration Due

March 26—No Youth Group—Happy Spring Break!

April 9—Youth Group, 11:15am-1:00pm, Holy Week In a New Light

April 23—Earth Day - Youth Fund Raiser, 11:30am, Ideas Welcomed

CONFIRMATION STOLES

We will be making the stoles for the confirmands after worship on Sunday, April 9th. If you'd like to help, sewing experience is not needed, but please bring your portable sewing machine if you have one. Please email Rebecca in the church office, though advance RSVP is not required.

PASTOR'S CONVERSATION, Sundays at 9:00am, Naylor Study

Rev. Eric's class will focus on the practices that sustain during justice work. There are specific ways we tie our spirituality and our justice together. Seeking justice does not begin at the doors of a homeless shelter or a march. It begins by seeking the God of justice. Who is this God? What are we called to do?

Adult Education

ADULT SEMINAR, Sundays at 9:00am, Chapel

March 5th—Ted Vial, Iliff School of Theology, "Religion, Politics, and the Public Square: Lessons from history"

March 12th—Louise Gunderson, CCUM, "Jobs in the Age of AI"

March 19th—Thomas Wolfe, Iliff School of Theology, TBD

March 26th—Rev. Eric Strader, CCUM, TBD

April 9th & 16th—no seminar

JUSTICE

Join Rev. Eric at Iliff School of Theology on Monday, March 13th, for "Progressive Activism in the Era of Trump." Email Rev. Eric for more information, estrader@ChristChurchColorado.org

2-5pm: *United in Anger: A history of ACT UP*, a documentary about the birth and life of the AIDS activist movement.

5-6pm: Supper either at Iliff or around the corner.

6-9pm: *Conflict is Not Abuse: Overstating Harm, Community Responsibility, and the Duty of Repair* lecture and discussion with the author, Sarah Schulman. The book can be purchased on Amazon.

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