



# The In Touch

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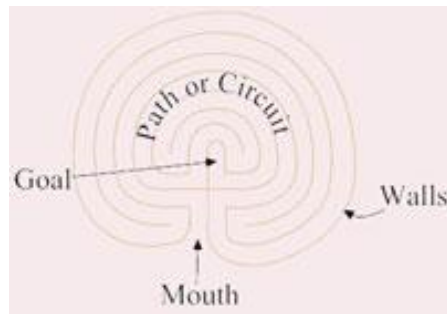
## Ramblings from the Deacon. . . .

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Outreach Report  
December 2014

Last May 2014 the Vestry and Total Ministry Team (TMT) met to look at the State of the Church, kind of like the State of the Nation Address by the President. We reviewed what we accomplished during the previous year and looked into the future. We unanimously agreed to meet every six months instead of annually because we have a lot of activities occurring. Our second meeting of the Vestry and TMT met November 6, 2014. Karen Walls recorded the action items we discussed and this report is our joint effort.

After a blessing and pizza dinner at 6:00 P.M., we reviewed goals and outreach progress since the 2013 joint meeting and the May 2014 meeting and looked to the future.

- ❖ Our parish TMT conducts the Falls Good Samaritan Home services several times yearly. Lee Grim will conduct the service on November 23 at 2:00 with Joe Belanger playing piano. Please join us.
- ❖ Jeanne Strand and Gerry and Jackie Guimond are organizing an Advent Voices sing-along event for Wednesday December 17, 7:00 PM at Holy Trinity. Please come and add your voice to the singing.
- ❖ Deacon Melanie Mattsen is picking up a Labyrinth from Trinity in Hermantown to set up in the Church basement during Advent (Dec 3-24). A labyrinth is a single path or unicursal tool for personal, psychological and spiritual transformation. It is a way for Christians to spend time during Advent to pray, meditate in preparation for Christmas.
- ❖ The Classical Seven Circuit Labyrinth in the example below shows that you enter a labyrinth through the mouth and then walk on the paths or circuits. The walls keep you on the path. The goal is in the center of the labyrinth. When you reach it, you have gone half the distance and you now need to turn around and walk back out.



- ❖ Melanie also talked about having the Kids Shopping Area again this year and where to set up in the church. Children can come to the church and pick out Christmas gifts for the family members free of charge. Times and dates will be announced soon.
- ❖ Reverend Samantha will be celebrating the Christmas Eve Eucharist at 4:00 P.M. Karen Walls will distribute advertisement about the service.
- ❖ Deacon Lee said we would have the 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Dinner at the Road House. Also Carol brought up that we could maybe offer the Road House some money to offset some of their costs and liability insurance while having the dinner there.
- ❖ We need volunteers to sign up for working the Clothes Closet Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM-2 PM and Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM-3 PM. Please call Karen Walls at 283- 8606 to let her know that you will volunteer. Volunteers do not need to spend their whole day there.
- ❖ We will volunteer at the Backus Community Café December 30<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday night at 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. We need at least 8 volunteers. Karen will ask Tessa if a couple of her National Honor Society high school friends would like to join Tessa there.
- ❖ A major goal for next year is to find a new TMT Administrator. We do not expect a volunteer to go through the four years of study and training to fill this position. We will all work together to welcome a new volunteer to the Team and set up a job description.
- ❖ The land transfer of Tilson Bay lake property to HTEC from Clyde Franklin is all finalized. The Vestry will send Clyde a thank you letter from the church acknowledging his gift and its assessed monetary value.
- ❖ We have requested a visit from a member of the Episcopal Church of Minnesota Pooled Investment Fund Committee. The Trustee will share the possibilities of our investing in the fund at a Sunday service and during the coffee hour. His wife is an Episcopal priest at Ely.
- ❖ We will offer an adult education program for five weeks beginning in January. Reverend Lynn has shared a flyer with other churches and we will order additional booklets when we have a total of attendees. Information about the program is described in this newsletter.
- ❖ We have given out all the gas cards we purchased last year to cancer and dialysis patients. There are a number of thank-you cards posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

- ❖ A new goal for 2015 on Ash Wednesday proposed by Reverend Samantha is to “Take it to the Streets”. Last year there was a good response when Sam and Lee went to the Care Center to impose ashes there. She would like to add some more possible places ie... Coffee Landing, Confirmation Classes, Street Corner, Thrift Store. Any suggestions?
- ❖ Andy Wright is following up with Terry Bounds to get the Team office drywall patched and mudded so it is ready to paint. The Vestry has talked to Tony Holenko about painting the entrance areas and offices on the first floor. We will get an estimate that includes the first floor and the Sanctuary.
- ❖ Senior Warden Kay Herman said we would be conducting the Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.
- ❖ Reverend Samantha will be sharing information with us about conducting a Stations to the Cross activity during Good Friday. We hope to involve children in the activity.
- ❖ We will continue the outdoor services next summer and we should start praying for good weather now.

After three hours at 9:15 P.M., we were exhausted and ready for bed. We agreed to meet again next spring to assess our parish strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. We are very fortunate to have such an energetic Vestry, Team and Congregation. We are happy to share this information in the Newsletter so all can see what we have and will be doing in the future. Please give the Vestry and Team Members your input about the directions we are taking in Outreach and Church Programs.

Peace be with you and yours.

Deacon Lee Grim

## Reflect & Refresh – Walk the Labyrinth at Holy Trinity

Unlike a maze which is designed to confuse and challenge, a labyrinth walk is meant to be contemplative and centering. A labyrinth follows a path in a unicursal turning back on itself, eventually leading to the center and back out. With no choices to make, the mind is free to concentrate and walkers report a sense of balance and well-being. Sometimes described as body prayer, or walking meditation, you may hold a thought, prayer, or concern in mind as you walk to the center where it can be offered to God.

The labyrinth we are using was painted by youth in juvenile detention, funded by a grant from the Episcopal Church in Minnesota and loaned to our community by Trinity Episcopal Church in Hermantown.

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1-3 p.m.

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 4-7 p.m.

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 4-7 p.m.

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 2-5 p.m.

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1-3 p.m.

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 5-6:30 p.m.



## Christmas Kid's Shop

Kids join us at Holy Trinity (820 4<sup>th</sup> St) Saturday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & Sat Dec 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 1 PM to shop for gifts for your Moms and Dads! No money needed - payment will be a promise to do a good deed for someone else!

Coffee and cookies will be available for moms and dads.



### ***5 Session Study by: Richard Rohr*** ***“Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy”***

***January 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, February 3<sup>rd</sup>***  
***Tuesday Nights at 7 pm***

***For more information, see any Team member. Please join us!***  
***Those interested please reply by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>***

# Wanted:

Someone to take the administrative duties for our church.  
For a job description call Karen in the Office. Hurry! We  
need you!

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Vestry members for 2015!




- 12/2 ~ Brent Schlieff (son of George)
- 12/7 ~ Charlie Klatt (son of Brittany & Joe,  
grandson of Jeanne & Bill Corrin)
- 12/13 ~ Alex Kennedy (son of Dale & Sara,  
grandson of George Schlieff)
- 12/15 ~ Jim Davison (son of Gary & Carolyn  
Davison)
- 12/15 ~ Bill Bertram
- 12/19 ~ Alan Wright (son of Georgeann &  
Andy Wright)
- 12/20 ~ Nora Karlstad

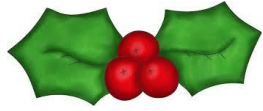
- 12/20 ~ Byrne Johnson
- 12/28 ~ Sara Kennedy (daughter of  
George Schlieff)
- 12/31 ~ Ladd Corrin
- 12/31 ~ Flossie Knutson



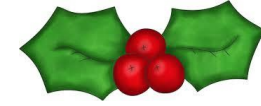
- 12/14 ~ Dixie Juel (Day)
- 12/30 ~ Mark Grim

# December 2014 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<b>7</b> Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie Mattsen	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright
<b>14</b> Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Erik Strand	Erik Strand Ragna Godtland	Gary & Carolyn Davison
<b>21</b> Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Tessa Walls	Tessa Walls Kay Herman	Donna Day Karen Walls
<b>24</b>  Christmas Eve Service Holy Eucharist 4:00 pm Eve of the Nativity	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Melanie Mattsen	Melanie Mattsen Lee Grim	Erik & Andrew Strand
<b>28</b> Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Jeanne Corrin	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Altar Guild
						Carolyn Helen
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		 9:30 am Coffee Landing	Clothes Closet Volunteers	Clothes Closet Volunteers		Carolyn Helen
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Vestry 11:30			Advent Voice Songs & Carols Food Shelf Donations 7:00 p.m.			Mavis Tricia
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline		 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 pm Service	 Merry Christmas!		Mavis Tricia
28	29	30	31			
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Need Holy Trinity Community Café Volunteers				

