



The In Touch

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Our Mission: To Seek, Know, Love and Serve Christ in all Persons and in all Creation

RAMBLINGS from the Admin.

2,704 1,777 112 45 1

It's all in the numbers

By Erik Strand



With 2013 'In the books', I thought it may be interesting to review the year with some number facts. Can you take a guess what some of them represent before reading on??

2,704 The total number of attendees at all services led by Clergy/ Total Ministry people in the Church. For our small parish that averages 20 something people on a Sunday morning, this number shows that HT is much more than just a Sunday morning ritual.

1,777 The number of communions that were delivered for the year. With the deepening of the Total Ministry team and active Pastoral Care providers, Holy Trinity has Eucharist virtually every Sunday and is committed to seeing our homebound members served and spiritually cared for.

112 The number of total services performed by Holy Trinity. 55 were on Sundays and 57 were on days other than Sunday. Those include private Eucharist (more on than with our next number) as well as special services on days other than Sunday. What comes to mind for me is in one of our service dismissals 'Our worship has ended; now our service begins!' This rings true on so many different events Holy Trinity is a part of, no matter what day of the week it is or where it is located.

45 Private Eucharist services. Again, a valued service done to keep our Parish community included whether they can physically attend or not. Many services record more than one attendee, showing that others are joining in this rewarding ministry.

And finally - 1 Any ideas??? One common mission: To seek, know, love and serve Christ in all persons and all Creation. We see this statement every week in the bulletin. It really sums up all the numbers, doesn't it? Whether outreach, volunteering, serving homebound, community service or Church stewardship, Holy Trinity is very much a parish that lives up to our Mission Statement, and then some!

Your Vestry continued to focus on maintaining and improving our facility. New lighting in the foyer/ narthex area, as well as all new lighting in the lower meeting area. This is has been quite noticeable, as the existing fixtures were outdated and not energy efficient. We continue to work on lighting in the sanctuary area. This is a large project. It includes measuring our area, takes into account the pitch of the roof, location of electricity, lumens (power of light) to reach the seating area from the fixture, determine the most effective light color, then moving on to picking fixtures and labor to install. This project is projected to be done in 2014.

One last building subject to visit about. Our Roof. We have been watching our roof closely, as we have had some shingles dislodge in different areas on the roof in 2013. We have kept it repaired, but have been advised to consider a roof replacement as soon as practical. This is another large project for us, mainly financially. Two contractor proposals have estimated the cost at just under \$40,000. We have received an initial gift of \$5,000 earmarked toward this project and have started a separate bank account toward its replacement. Please consider giving specifically to this project. We don't know exactly when, but this roof needs to be done. By establishing a separate account, Vestry can monitor the balance and determine when to start the project based on amount raised and cost of the project. Remember, the longer we wait, the costlier it will be and the more interior damage that we could incur if we receive a damaging storm before it is done.

Please consider donating to this specific project. The amounts will be separately held. You may also expect a call from a Vestry member asking to help fund this project.



**Happy
Birthday**

- 2/3 ~ **Tessa Walls** (daughter of Bill & Karen, Granddaughter Donna Day)
- 2/3 ~ **Morgann Rud~Stevens**
(daughter of Tara Rud, granddaughter Cindy Cassibo)
- 2/5 ~ **Neve Oettinger** (daughter of Pam, granddaughter of Gary & Carolyn)
- 2/9 ~ **Waiva Menefee**
- 2/9 ~ **Dean Tveit**
- 2/14 ~ **Jessie Ottem** (granddaughter of Mavis)
- 2/22 ~ **Carolyn Davison**
- 2/22 ~ **Grace O'Kane** (daughter of Heather & Matthew, granddaughter of Andy & Georgeann)
- 2/28 ~ **Audrey Lehman**

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

Weddings

- 2/11 ~ **Heather & Matthew O'Kane**
- 2/13 ~ **Jon & Flossie Knutson**

Baptisms

- 2/9 ~ **Dean Tveit**
- 2/12 ~ **Dacota Lehman**
- 2/23 ~ **Jim Davison**



FROM THE BISHOP'S BLOG **Overwhelming Joy**

Dear Friends,

"When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy." *Matthew 2:10*

Children know the secret: they live for fun and joy. As you age, those times and experiences of unabashed joy are much more fleeting. That's why when we do have moments of joy, they are often overwhelming. Clearly this was the case when those who traveled from a distance encountered the baby Jesus.

Traditionally we understand Epiphany to be the manifestation of Jesus as the Christ. Each Sunday during this season, we hear of different familiar narratives in our Gospels about how Jesus was made known as the Christ. The visit of the Magi, Jesus' baptism, and Jesus' first miracle of turning wine into water at a wedding are all hallmarks of this manifestation. Each event, in its own way, brought a sense of joy.

In my experience, this is one of the primary responses people have to encountering Jesus as the Christ. Articulated in a variety of ways, the core emotion is joy: often overwhelming joy. Sometimes that happens at our own weddings, at the baptisms of our children, when being affirmed for using our gifts, or when reconciling with someone with whom we have fallen out of relationship.

My hope for all of us this Epiphany season is that we will, as we commit to in our Baptismal Covenant, "...seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself." For in doing so -- we, too, just might find that we will be overwhelmed with joy!

Blessings,



+Brian



February 2014 – Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
2 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Presentation of our Lord In the Temple	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Melanie Mattsen	Melanie Mattsen Mavis Tanem	Gary & Carolyn Davison
9 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 5 th Sunday after the Epiphany	Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Tessa Walls	Tessa Walls Kay Herman	Donna Day Karen Walls
16 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 6 nd Sunday after the Epiphany	Rev. Sam Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Jeanne Corrin	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard
23 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 7 rd Sunday after the Epiphany	Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Erik Strand	Erik Strand Lee Grim	Kay Herman John Shewchuk



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Altar Guild
				Community Café Doors Open @ 5 pm Serving 5:30-6:30 pm		Georgeann Donna
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Community Café Doors Open @ 5 pm Serving 5:30-6:30 pm		Community Café Doors Open @ 5 pm Serving 5:30-6:30 pm		Georgeann Donna
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Vestry Meeting 6:30 p.m.	9:30 am Coffee @ Coffee Landing 6 pm-Total Ministry Meeting 7 pm-Life Cycles		Community Café Doors Open @ 5 pm Serving 5:30-6:30 pm		Flossie Jeanne
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline	Community Café Doors Open @ 5 pm Serving 5:30-6:30 pm		Community Café Doors Open @ 5 pm Serving 5:30-6:30 pm		Flossie Jeanne
23	24	25	26	27	28	
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