



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 Jr. Warden. . . .

Stewardship

When I was a child, my parents expected me to put .25 in my Sunday school envelope each week. It came from my allowance or my meager babysitting earnings. Sometimes that expectation of sharing my money felt like a burden, but it was always fun to be at the church and participate in the programming for children. I loved the building, its spaciousness, its beauty and the care with which it was maintained. We children would explore the nooks and crannies, enjoy the play areas, toys and books, and participate in the services with enthusiasm.

I have an especially pleasant visual memory of little flowing potted plants lined up on the alter railing at Easter so each child could take home a new living thing if they didn't crash the clay pot on the stone floor before the service was over.

Adult members of the church made sure all this was available through their stewardship, their gifts to the church, gifts of time, talent and money.

Now I am an adult.

Now I am a steward of the treasures of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in International Falls as a member of the vestry for the past term. I have joined many Holy Trinity parishioners who are giving generously of their time and talents to make the church meaningful to its members and to the community through our ministry and mission.

To continue to support our church for its members, the community and further develop and accommodate the needs of our parish, we all need to be good stewards of the gifts we have.

As a member of the vestry, I have researched and championed joining the Pooled Investment Fund of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota as a way to grow our treasure. We have voted to join with 60 other faith communities in Minnesota to place a portion of our investments with the Pooled Investment Fund.

These investments are available to withdraw at any time should the congregation have need and are managed by highly skilled, experienced Trustees of ECMN. The PIF investment strategy employs a diverse mix of assets including high quality domestic and global equities, fixed income and alternative investments. This mix has provided both steady cash flow to participants and attractive rates of return while managing risk. Documentation of the fund's performance is on-line at www.episcopalmn.org.

The motto of the Pooled Investment Fund is: *Enhancing God's gifts to enlarge God's kingdom.*

*Carol Grim
Junior Warden*



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



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



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



February 2015 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
1 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 4 th Sunday After Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Jeanne Corrin	Jeanne Corrin Mavis Tanem	Gary & Carolyn Davison
8 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 5 th Sunday After Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie Mattsen	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard
15 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Last Sunday After Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Tessa Walls	Tessa Walls Ragna Godtland	Donna Day & Karen Walls
22 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 1 st Sunday in Lent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Erik Strand	Erik Strand Melanie Mattsen	Kay Herman Flossie Knutson

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	 <p>Happy Groundhog Day!</p>	Study group 7 pm				Carolyn Helen
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		 <p>9:30 am Coffee Landing</p>				 <p>Mavis Tricia</p>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Mavis Tricia
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline		Messy Church 5-7 pm			Georgeann Donna

