



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 Deacon.....

A year or so ago I asked Karen if putting the bulletin together had changed her experience of the service. I asked because for me, practicing my readings either gives me a deeper feeling for what the passage is saying to me, or raises questions that I didn't know I had. She agreed that it did change something for her as well.

One of the things we do at the Mission Area meetings is to read and reflect on a bible passage twice. The first time is at the beginning of the meeting, the second after our break and from a different source. We share what has prompted a response from us. The last time we met in Grand Marais the reading was Matthew 14:22-33, where Peter walks on water. Obviously that wasn't the first time I had heard that passage. Maybe it was because I had just completed a long peaceful drive through beautiful countryside, or maybe it was the way the speaker read the lines, but a totally unexpected thought came to me. What about the others? Peter wasn't the only one who was afraid. I don't think that he could have been the only one who had doubts. Assuming that to one degree or another, they all felt the same, I wondered if they were having an 'I could have had a V8' moment. "I could have walked on water." What an experience to miss. Being the kind of person I am, I was reluctant to speak up in the first round of sharing. And, I realized that had I been in the boat, I would have missed the chance to walk on water. I shared my thoughts with the second reading. 'Are you ready to get out of the boat?' is an important part of my life now.

When I practice my readings sometimes I gain understanding, sometimes I have questions, and sometimes I'm left wondering what will Lynn or Sam do with this? Below is the link to the 2016 lectionary. It's also in the prayer book, but I can never remember what year we're in. If it fits, try reading the gospel a couple of times a week, maybe pausing in different places or seeing how a different emphasis creates a new understanding. Emphasis works particularly well for me with the Lord's Prayer. "**Thy** will" - not mine. Rats. "As we forgive" lifts resentment I may not have realized I was carrying.

<http://www.lectionarypage.net/CalndrsIndexes/Calendar2016.html>

Peace,
Melanie



1/6 ~ Jeanne Corrin
1/9 ~ Mike Noland
1/12 ~ George Schlieff
1/25 ~ Jan Menefee (daughter of Waiva)



1/9 ~ John Briggs
1/24 ~ Taylor Wright
1/26 ~ Alan Wright



1/28 ~ Delbert & Bonnie Hickey

Annual Meeting

Sunday January 24th, 2016 11:30 a.m.



Jan 2016 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
3 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard
10 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 1 st Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Michele Dahlin Melanie Mattsen	Gary & Carolyn Davison
17 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Erik Strand	Erik Strand Ragna Godtland	Donna Day Karen Walls
24 Holy Eucharist 4:00 pm 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright
31 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 4 th Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Jeanne Corrin	Jeanne Corrin Lee Grim	Flossie Knutson John Shewchuk



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Altar Guild
						Carolyn Helen
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.			<i>The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ</i>			Carolyn Helen
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	<i>Ruby's Pantry Register 4:30 Dist. 5-6:30</i>	9:30am Coffee Landing  Team meeting 6pm				Tricia
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Vestry 11:30 pm						Tricia
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting 11:30		Newsletter Deadline	Messy Church 5-7 pm			Georgeann Donna
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Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						

