

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.....



Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Resting into God is a lesson that we tend to forget when life is hectic and stressful.

Have you ever tried to herd little chicks? It’s a bit chaotic at best. We set 10 chicks out of the brooder hoping that one of the hens would adopt them, but before the hens had a chance to get close Papa Goose stepped in warning the others away and began watching over his brood. Nothing was going to undo that and for the most part it was okay. Papa would watch over them and protect them but he couldn’t teach them to be chickens. Chickens don’t like water. Chickens roost at night. And that is how I came to be out at dusk chasing chicks. They’re little enough to go through the lattice fence that I have to go around, they’re quicker than I am, change directions and dart away just when I thought I had them. When I finally did catch a couple they got back out of the coop before I could get the door shut. All while Papa was hissing and frantically trying to stay between his babies and me.

‘If you just understood that I’m only trying to keep you safe and healthy,’ I thought. And there, with the last two chicks hiding under the ramp to the door I wondered how often I am like the chick, running helter-skelter, stubbornly insisting on my way, my sense of how things should be instead of trusting that God’s plan works much better than mine ever will.

When I was driving Randy to the ER I kept thinking drive carefully, watch for deer. About half way there I realized just what a bad decision driving him had been. No one knew we were coming, we don’t have a cell phone and if he had needed any assistance I couldn’t

drive and give it at the same time. Drive carefully, watch for deer. He's still breathing. Drive carefully, watch for deer. Then I wondered why I felt so calm. Drive carefully, watch for deer. Then I wondered why I wasn't praying. Drive carefully, watch for deer. Shouldn't I be praying? Drive carefully, watch for deer. He's still breathing. Drive carefully, watch for deer. What's up with my faith? My thoughts scattered like chicks and as soon as I realized that I also knew God wasn't waiting for me to pray before he joined us. He was already there. His presence enabled me to stay calm, drive carefully and watch for deer.

Peace,

Melanie



Our congregation has done well identifying our own needs and dealing with them. Now it is time to focus out--to try and identify needs in our community and help. We need 2-3 volunteers to work with the team to lead this effort. It may involve working with other churches. This would be a brain storming/planning session. If you are willing please see Lee or Lynn.



FROM THE BISHOP'S BLOG

The Incredible Power of Water

Dear Friends,

One of my favorite comedy bits from my childhood was Billy Cosby's "Noah". While not strictly by the "Book", it forever created an incredible image of the Biblical narrative of Noah. Clearly I am not alone in my fondness of the characterization of Noah's conversation with God. With our near-record-breaking rain fall, there have been more than a few folks who have quoted parts of this routine.

Endless rain, overflowing rivers, streets, homes and businesses being flooded, hillsides being washed away - the incredible power of water has been experienced first hand by many Minnesotans, more so than they can remember.

Not long ago I spent a day with a group of young people reflecting on the following words from the fourth chapter of John:

"Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.""

One young person made what I thought was a simple, yet profound, statement, "Water is unpredictably powerful". His suggestion was not just about a cup of water or a downpour of rain, but living water as well. When we drink from the living water that Jesus speaks about, we are nourished, but the course of our lives will potentially be changed dramatically.

Bill Cosby makes me laugh when I think about Noah's conversation with God and about his impending life altering encounter with water. Jesus' words about our encounter with living water remind me how truly transformative water can be!

Blessings,



Brian



Construction of our New
Roof has begun! Thank you!



7/2 ~ **Ryan Krieger**(son of Linda & Dan,
grandson of Wilber & Mary Ann Tveit)

7/6 ~ **Stephanie Davison**(daughter of Jim &
Cori, granddaughter Gary and Carolyn)

7/13 ~ **Mary Ann Tveit**

7/14 ~ **Logan Krieger** (son of Linda & Dan,
grandson of Wilber & Mary Anne Tveit)

7/16 ~ **Carol Grim**

7/19 ~ **Madalynn Jenkinson** (daughter of
Matt & Edith, great granddaughter
Bryne & Carole Johnson)

7/19 ~ **Dean Tveit**

7/21 ~ **JoAnne Harvey** (daughter of Mavis
Tanem)

7/27 ~ **Lee Grim**

7/29 ~ **Jon Knutson**

7/29 ~ **Melanie Mattsen**



Anniversary

7/8 ~ **Jan Menefee** (daughter of
Waiva)

7/10 ~ **Connor Weir** (son of Tara
Rudd, grandson of Cindy Cassibo)

7/20 ~ **Caryn Noland**

7/27 ~ **Sarah O'Kane** (daughter of
Heather & Matthew, granddaughter
Andy & Georgeann Wright)

7/27 ~ **Tessa Walls** (daughter of Karen
& Bill, granddaughter of Donna
Day)

WEDDING



ANNIVERSARY

7/20~ **Mike & Tricia Brennard**



7/8 ~ **Rev. Lynn Naeckel**

JULY 2014 – Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

| Dates | Celebrants | Acolytes | Lectors & Lessons | Greeters |
|--|--|----------------------|--|--|
| <p>6</p> <p>Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 4th Sunday after Pentecost</p> | <p>Rev. Lynn Naeckel or Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen</p> | <p>Erik Strand</p> | <p>Erik Strand Mavis Tanem</p> | <p>Wilbur & Mary Ann Tveit</p> |
| <p>13</p> <p>Lake Service Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 5th Sunday after Pentecost</p> | <p>Rev. Lynn Naeckel or Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim</p> | | <p>Andy & Georgeann Wright</p> | <p>Andy & Georgeann Wright</p> |
| <p>20</p> <p>Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 6th Sunday after Pentecost</p> | <p>Rev. Lynn Naeckel or Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen</p> | <p>Jeanne Corrin</p> | <p>Kay Herman Rogna Godtland</p> | <p>Donna Day Karen Walls</p> |
| <p>27</p> <p>Lake Service Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 7th Sunday after Pentecost</p> | <p>Rev. Lynn Naeckel or Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim</p> | | <p>Mike & Tricia Brennard</p> | <p>Mike & Tricia Brennard</p> |



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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Altar Guild |
| Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. | | | | | Happy 4th of July | Mavis Tricia |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Altar Guild |
| Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. | | 9:30am Coffee Landing Team 6:00pm Vestry 7:15pm | ACTIVE Streets 5:00-7:00 pm | | | Mavis Tricia |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Altar Guild |
|  Lake Service Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. | | | | | | Georgeann Donna |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Altar Guild |
| Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. | Newsletter Deadline | | | | | Georgeann Donna |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
|  Lake Service Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. | | | Messy Church 5-7pm | | | |

