



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 Rev...

Two minor encounters in the last few weeks have set me wondering. One was an interview with a woman passenger on the Carnival ship that was stranded at sea. The conditions on board were terrible; limited food, no air conditioning, few toilets and sewage often on the floors of cabins. But this woman was crying, tears on her cheeks, as she said how awful and frightening it was to be without cell phone contact for three days. What? I almost laughed, but then had to wonder what we are becoming. How will children growing up today be prepared to deal with real disaster or trauma?



The other encounter was vastly different. In the recent issue of Sojourners Magazine there was an article on the civil war going on in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where 6 million people have been killed since the war began. Six million! That's comparable to the Holocaust, yet we hear almost nothing about it. What must life be like for the people who live there? Rape and murder are commonplace and there is no justice, or what justice there is is corrupt. What will become of all the children growing up there?

One thing is clear. Whether in Bunia, Africa or Newtown, Connecticut or in Afghanistan, violence is ruining people's lives. And it also creates the terrorists of tomorrow when commerce and infrastructure are destroyed as well. Violence always generates more violence just as revenge begets more revenge. The only cure is for someone to break the vicious cycle with non-violent responses.

I hope you will all re-read the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew during this Lenten season. The opening lines are the Beatitudes, but there is much more there too. Instead of an eye for an eye, Jesus tells us to be reconciled, to turn the other cheek, and to love our enemies. Tough lessons, but ones I hope you will mull over in the light of your own experience.

As we will see during Holy Week violence came to Jesus too, but he responded differently. He accepted the violence done to him, and his insistence that his followers do the same saved them from a similar fate. Had the disciples threatened a violent reaction the Romans would have rounded them up and crucified them too. Instead, they lived on to spread the Christian Gospel throughout the Mediterranean world. While it's sadly true that our churches have often forgotten that Jesus preached non-violence, we do not have to do the same. The way of the world, the way of great earthly powers, is not the same as the way of life in the Kingdom of God.

I find myself ruminating on this a lot lately and trying to imagine life lived in peace, with compassion and justice for all people. It could become a reality, but only if we are willing to do the work to change ourselves and create a beloved community in which others can join us.

May this Lent and Easter season be a time of growth and transformation for each and every one of us. Blessings and joy,

Lynn +





Lent Schedule

Date	Church	Theme	Time
Feb 13	Holy Trinity	Ash Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Feb 20	Holy Trinity	“Blessed are the peacemakers . . .”	6:00 p.m. Soup 7:00 p.m. Service
Feb 27	First Lutheran	“Blessed are those who morn . . .”	6:00 p.m. Soup 7:00 p.m. Service
March 6	Faith United	“Blessed are the meek . . .”	6:00 p.m. Soup 7:00 p.m. Service
March 13	Zion Lutheran	“Blessed are the merciful . . .”	6:00 p.m. Soup 7:00 p.m. Service
March 20	St. Thomas	“Blessed are the pure in heart . . .”	6:00 p.m. Soup 7:00 p.m. Service
March 28	Holy Trinity	Maundy Thursday	7:00 p. m.
March 29	Holy Trinity	Good Friday	7:00 p.m.
March 31	Holy Trinity	Easter	10:00 a.m.

happy
Birthday

**March
Birthday's**

3/6 ~ Jay Noland
(son of Mike & Caryn)

3/10 ~ Mike
Brennard

3/13 ~ Laura Smith (*daughter of Waiva
Menefee*)

3/15 ~ Gary Davison

3/18 ~ William C Corrin

3/22 ~ Sharon Wood Leali (*daughter of
Flossie Knutson*)

3/26 ~ Linda Krieger (*daughter of Wilbur
& Mary Ann Tveit*)

3/28 ~ Diane Russiff (*daughter of Donna
Day*)



**Wedding
Anniversaries**

3/26 ~ Robin Manahan &
Becky Lucus

**Baptism
Anniversaries**



3/28 ~ Jim Briggs

Holy Trinity will be
volunteering to serve at
Community Café at Backus on
March 12, 2013

&





May 14, 2013.

Anyone interested in helping
please contact

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<h1>LENT</h1>					1	2 Altar Guild Georgeann Donna	
					3 3 rd Lent	4	5
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Community Café Doors Open @ 5:00 p.m. Serving 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper 6:00 Lenten Service 7:00 Faith United				
10 4 th Lent	11	12	13	14	15	16 Altar Guild Flossie Jeanne	
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Vestry Meeting 6:30 p.m. Newsletter Deadline	9:30 a.m. Coffee @ Coffee Landing 6:00 p.m. – Total Ministry Meeting 7:00p.m. Life Cycles.	Soup Supper 6:00 Lenten Service 7:00 Zion Lutheran				
17 5 th Lent	18	19	20	21	22	23 Altar Guild Flossie Jeanne	
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Community Café Doors Open @ 5:00 p.m. Serving 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper 6:00 Lenten Service 7:00 St. Thomas				
24 Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28	29	30 Altar Guild Carolyn Helen	
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Community Café Doors Open @ 5:00 p.m. Serving 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.		 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.	Good Friday 7:00 p.m. 		
31 EASTER	 HOLY WEEK						
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.							



Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

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Dates	Lay Officials	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
3 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Rev. Deacon: Lee Grim	Tessa Walls	Erik Strand Tessa Walls	Erik Strand Andrew Strand
10 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Rev. Melanie Mattsen	Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Mavis Tanem	Carolyn Davison Gary Davison
17 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Rev. Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Melanie Mattsen Kay Herman	Lennis Connors Mavis Tanem
24 PALM SUNDAY Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Rev. Melanie Mattsen	Melanie Mattsen	Mike Brennard Tricia Brennard	Mike Brennard Tricia Brennard
28 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.	Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim		Mike Brennard Tricia Brennard	
29 Good Friday 7:00 p.m.	Rev. Melanie Mattsen		Lee Grim Kay Herman	
31 EASTER Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Rev: Deacon: Lee Grim	Tessa Walls	Kay Herman Melanie Mattsen	Donna Day Flossie Knutson