



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 Bishop. . . .



FROM THE BISHOP'S BLOG

Show a Little More Love

Dear Friends,

Cute puppies and doting dads, girl-power and calls to tell your mom you love her...sound like a Hallmark Television Special? How about Super Bowl commercials?!

The much anticipated (and even more touted) television commercial event of the year seemed to have a particular tone, if not message, in 2015. Regardless of what was being advertised - beer or computers, hamburgers or insurance - all seemed to convey that we need to "show a little more love". Whether it be toward our parents or our children, our neighbors or ourselves, the clear suggestion was that we can all increase love of self and others.

As odd as it will sound, I was frankly surprised at how "mainstream" the message of "love self and others" was being encouraged. I understand enough about marketing and psychology to know that if you associate your product with making folks feel good about themselves and others, they will be more likely to buy what you are selling.

With that said, I think the current marketing people have tuned into the fact that our world today is feeling a little less loving toward ourselves and others. My sense is that the ad executives have recognized that there is truly a hunger to live in a more loving and just world.

So did Jesus. And so are we called as we follow in the Way of Jesus and fully embrace our Baptismal Covenant to: seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself and to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. (BCP pg. 305)

"God is love; love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace; with unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race. And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod, then we find that self-same aching deep within the heart of God." (Timothy Reese, Hymn 379)

Blessings,



+Brian



6:00 p.m. Soup 7:00 p.m. Worship

Feb. 25th Holy Trinity ~ 1st Commandment:

I am the Lord your God

Mar. 4th First Lutheran ~ 4th Commandment:

Honor your Father & Mother

Mar. 11th Faith United ~ 8th Commandment:

Thou shall not bear false witness

Mar. 18th Zion Lutheran ~ 3rd Commandment:

Remember the Sabbath Day

Mar. 25th St. Thomas ~ 5th Commandment:

Thou shall not commit adultery



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

3/10 ~ Mike Brennard

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

3/14 ~ Mavis Tanem

3/15 ~ Gary Davison

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

3/22 ~ Matthew Jenkinson (grandson
Carole & Byrne Johnson)

3/26 ~ Linda Krieger (daughter Wilber &
Mary Ann Tveit)

3/28 ~ Diana Russiff (daughter Donna Day)



3/26 ~ Robin Manahan & Becky
Lucas



3/28 ~ Jim Briggs

11:30 a.m.


Easter Sunday Service

Music: Joe Belanger

March 2015 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
1 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 2 nd Sunday in Lent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Tessa Walls	Tessa Walls Mavis Tanem	Donna Day Karen Walls
8 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 3 rd Sunday in Lent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Jeanne Corrin	Jeanne Corrin Erik Strand	Erik & Andrew Strand
15 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 4 th Sunday in Lent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard
22 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 5 th Sunday in Lent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie Mattsen	Ragna Godtland Kay Herman	Gary & Carolyn Davison
29  <i>Palm Sunday</i> Holy Eucharist 10:00 am	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Melanie Mattsen	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright

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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.						Georgeann Donna
8 Daylight Saving	9	10	11	12	13	14 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. 		 9:30 am Coffee Landing Team meeting 6 pm				Flossie
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		St. Patrick's Day 				Flossie
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline		Messy Church 5-7 pm			Carolyn Helen
29 Palm Sunday	30	31				
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. 						

