



# 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....

As I write this on 4/21/15, the snow is falling, horizontally, outside my window. The ground and the pavements are already covered with the stuff. Last week I was sunbathing on the deck in shorts and a tank top. So? Isn't that typical of April in the north woods?

In this season of Easter, post-resurrection, I am always thinking about transformation - both personal and public. And that usually creates feelings of frustration, because transformation, whether of individuals or social institutions, is hard work and seems to take forever!

This morning it dawned on me that Mother Nature faces the same problem. In transforming the north woods from winter to summer, things seldom go smoothly. It's two steps forward and one back - repeatedly. Why should it be any easier for us?

So whether you are working on personal transformation or transforming some particular aspect of our society (both are the basic tasks of discipleship!), take a lesson from the natural world. Back-sliding is part of the process. Don't be discouraged. Don't let frustration deter you. Keep going, keep praying, stay the course.

If you'd like an example of how this works, read a book by Sara Miles called, "Take this Bread." Sara grew up in a family of atheists. At the age of 46 she wandered into an Episcopal church in San Francisco and experienced communion for the first time. She kept going back. She started a food pantry at the church. She started similar pantries in other locations. She will be the keynote speaker at our Clergy Conference next week. She tells her story in this astonishing and inspiring book. It's all about transformation in the real world.

Blessings and a happy spring to all, Lynn+



## From the Holy Trinity Youth Group-

Some thoughts on how to be a better citizen of our planet:

- When you go on a walk, always bring along a bag and pick up garbage. If not picked up, this garbage will end up in our rivers and lakes and hurt the animals, birds and fish.
- Conserve water. Don't take long showers. Take more showers than baths.
- Use a reusable water bottle. Recycle and reuse cans and bottles. Plastic bottles and cans can be refilled and made into bird feeders and wind chimes.
- Turn off the lights when you leave a room. Don't use lights when you don't need them.
- Don't use plastic or paper plates. When you go on a picnic bring reusable dishes and real silverware.
- Bring your own tote bags grocery shopping. Reuse the plastic and paper bags you already have.
- Recycle everything you can! Especially batteries and old electronics these have toxic stuff in them that is bad for the environment.
- Walk, ride your bike, ride your skateboard, rollerblade instead of driving! Carpool whenever possible.
- Find a peaceful solution to your problems. Wars are bad for everything.
- Plant a tree. Plant flowers for bees, butterflies, bats and other pollinators. Don't use insecticide or weed-killers, these harm all sorts of other creatures.
- Compost your food waste
- Don't flush your pee, save the flush for more serious business.



5/2 ~ Brad Johnson (son of Byrne & Carole)

5/6 ~ Tom Grim (son of Lee & Carol)

5/7 ~ Pam Oettinger (daughter of Gary & Carolyn Davison)

5/12 ~ Olga Reuter

5/12 ~ Tricia Brennard

5/19 ~ Thatcher Jenkinson (son of Matthew & Edith, great grandson of Byrne & Carole Johnson)

5/23 ~ Jill Tanem (granddaughter of Mavis)

5/26 ~ Rob Meyer (son of Lynn Naeckel)

5/27 ~ Scott Schlieff (son of George Schlieff)



5/13 ~ Andrew Kennedy

5/26 ~ Bill Corrin



5/9 ~ Dean & Karen Tveit

5/30 ~ John & Anne Reuter

5/30 ~ Jim & Cori Davison

## **Needed:**

**Someone to do the lawn mowing this summer.**

**If you know of anyone please let us know. Thank you!**

# May 2015 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<b>3</b> Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Jeanne Corrin	Jeanne Corrin Kay Herman	Gary & Carolyn Davison
<b>10</b>  Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Rev. Lynn Naeckel Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie Mattsen	Tricia & Mike Brennard	Tricia & Mike Brennard
<b>17</b> Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Tessa Walls	Tessa Walls Ragna Godtland	Donna Day Karen Walls
<b>24</b> Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie Mattsen	Mavis Tanem Melanie Mattsen	Kay Herman John Shewchuk
<b>31</b> Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Altar Guild Georgeann Donna
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.				 National Day of Prayer		Flossie
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Altar Guild
<i>Mother's Day</i> Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		 9:30 am Coffee Landing Team meeting 6 pm				Flossie
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Vestry 7:00					Carolyn Helen
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Newsletter Deadline	Messy Church 5-7 pm			Carolyn Helen
31						
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						

