



# 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

#### God's Grace Shows Up

As many of you know, my father died when I was 13 years old. His death marked the first person I actually knew who died. My family, friends, and most particularly our priest were critical in this very challenging time.

Fr. Jack walked with me through my endless questions, sat with me in silence and would give me big bear hugs when I cried. I had spent a lot of time with him the previous year in Confirmation class, and he would often refer back to our conversations about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

By the time I graduated from high school a half dozen of my friends and classmates had also lost their lives in a variety of circumstances. For most of my surviving friends I was the only person they knew who had lost someone close to them, and as such would often want to share their grief and questions with me.

Over the decades since my father's death, I have also experienced the death of my grandparents, my mother, numerous relatives and a great deal of friends. I have also walked with others in both the sometimes sudden and sometimes slow experience of death. Each experience, whether it be one of my beloved or others I was called upon to walk with, has been painful, sad, and holy.

In some instances the sense of the holy is palpable in the moments of the last breath and others in the moments, days, weeks that follow. Either way, God's grace has forever entered the void that always accompanies death.

This coming Sunday I will travel to participate in the celebration of the life of Patrick and Logan. These are the two young sons of a dear friend of mine, about whom I previously wrote when they tragically died in a house fire. The moments and days since this horrific situation have been painful, sad and holy. God's grace has showed up over and over and over again.

The loving arms of the "extended family" have been listening to each other's questions, sitting together in silence, and wrapping each other in a big bear hug...just like Fr. Jack did for me oh-so-long ago. And we will continue to do so when we gather together on Sunday in person. We will sing, pray, listen, break bread together, and I am completely assured that God's grace will show up.

**Life, death, resurrection to new life.....the journey.**

Blessings,



+Brian





5/13 ~ Andrew Kennedy

5/26 ~ Bill T Corrin

- 5/2 ~ Brad Johnson (son of Byrne & Carole)
- 5/4 ~ Claire Fontenot (grandson of Byrne & Carole Johnson)
- 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
- 5/26 ~ Rob Meyer (Lynn's Son)
- 5/27 ~ Scott Schlieff (son of George)



5/9 ~ Dean & Karen Tveit

5/21 ~ Diana (Day) & Bob Russiff

5/30 ~ Jon & Anne Reuter

5/30 ~ Jim & Cori Davison

## Notice!

**A New Directory has been completed.** It will only be given to members of our congregation upon request. It will include Name, Address, Phone or Cell # (as some have eliminated their home #'s), & email address.

**We would like to respect everyone's privacy** so if you would like to request that **only** your Name & email be shared, **or** Name & Cell # only shared, etc. **Please contact me** (Karen) at 218-283-8606 **before May 24<sup>th</sup>** and leave a message & I will get back to you before I do a final print.

*Thank you!*


# May 2016 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<b>1</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Melanie Georgeann Wright	Donna Day Karen Walls
<b>8</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright
<b>15</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Day of Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard
<b>22</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Trinity Sunday	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Jeanne Corrin	Michelle Dahlin Jeanne Corrin	Gary & Carolyn Davison
<b>29</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Carol Johnson Melanie	Kay Herman John Shewchuk



# May 2016



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Altar Guild
Service 10:00 a.m.						Tricia
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Altar Guild
HAPPY Mother's Day Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Ruby's Pantry Register 4:30 Dist. 5-6:30	9:30am Coffee Landing 				Tricia
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Vestry 7:00					Georgeann Donna
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Good Samaritan Service		Newsletter Deadline	Messy Church 5-7pm	Holy Trinity's Community Café Volunteer Night		Georgeann Donna
29	30	31				
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	 MEMORIAL DAY					

