



# 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....

### What ECMN Clergy Are Saying About The Election

A number of ECMN clergy from around the state have issued an open letter in response to the recent election.

To our neighbors who are anxious this week because you are women, Muslim, African American, Native American, Latino/a, immigrant, LGBTQ persons, and differently-abled, We see you. Many of us are you.

We know that overt sexism, corruption, xenophobia, racism, homophobia, and Islamophobia have not only been undercurrents of our political rhetoric this year, but in many cases, prominent features of it.

After the election, like many of you, we woke with a gnawing fear that that rhetoric might translate into acts of injustice against you, your families, and your bodies. As priests and deacons of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, we believe that every person is created in God's image, imbued and blessed with inherent dignity and worth. We reject the notion that one group of people benefit only at the expense of another group. We will not sit idly by and allow the rights and dignity of any of our community to be threatened or revoked.

We see you and we stand with you.

Simultaneously, we repent of where the church has failed or fallen down in this work - we know we have not always stood with you. We recognize the great responsibility the church has to join in God's mission to reconcile the world, to never cease in working against injustice, and we commit to working for policies and systems that will bring healing and restoration and relief.

We will continue the work of peace and justice, to feed the hungry, house the homeless, and welcome the refugee and immigrant.

We will be active in civic conversations.

We will build bridges of friendship and kinship between our faith communities.

We will be committed to breaking bread with all our neighbors and witness to the strength of respectful relationship in these times.

To any of our neighbors who find themselves the target of discrimination, racism, islamophobia, homophobia, sexism, or any kind of bigotry – we are with you. We pledge our support as leaders in the wider community, that we will stand between you and injustice. Our doors are open and our faith communities are safe spaces to any who need them. God’s gift to us is our difference and diversity. We believe we are strengthened as a diverse people by the great gifts you bring to our common life.

Whatever comes next, we want to be in relationship with you and we commit to being strong allies with you.

We see you and we stand with you!

Faithfully,

### **The Reverends**

Vant Albert Washington III Minneapolis, Devon Anderson Excelsior, Alice Mae Applequist Chatfield, Mary Ellen Ashcroft Grand Marais, Marilyn Baldwin White Bear Lake, Susan Barnes Minneapolis, Phil Boelter Minneapolis, Kate Bradtmiller St. Paul, Cindi Brickson Minneapolis, Cynthia Bronson Sweigert Minneapolis, Deborah E. Brown Eagen, Lydia Huttar Brown Minneapolis, John Bellaimey Minneapolis, Joy Caires St. Paul, Justin Chapman Faribault, Rob Cavanna Elk River, Tom Cook Edina, Cassandra Cook-Quarry Faribault, Judith DesHarnais St. Paul, Susan Daughtry Minneapolis, Barbara del Caro Scaia Minneapolis, Terry Dinovo St. Paul, Lee Domenick Minneapolis, Jan Dougherty Eagan, Guy Drake Minnetonka, John Dwyer Roseville, Tom Eklo Richfield, Barb Elliot Duluth, Diane Elliott Edina, Neil Elliott St. Paul, Margaret Fell Minneapolis, Leonard Freeman Minnetonka, Lindsay Freeman Minnetonka, Tom Gehlsen Rochester, Morris Goodwin Wayzata, Buff Grace Stillwater, Dawnlynn Greeney Minneapolis, Mary Groeninger Ely, Cheryl Harder Hermantown, Tom Harries St. Peter, Eileen Harvala Anoka, Cindy Hillger Minnetonka, Georgia Hecock Detroit lakes, Lisa Wiens Heinsoh Edina, Cindy Hillger Minnetonka, Brenda Hoffman Hastings, Sandra Holmberg Detroit Lakes, Judy Hoover Golden Valley, Randy Johnson White Bear Lake, Eunice Koch Ely, Craig Lemming Minneapolis, Katherine Lewis Minnetonka, Jason Lucas Wayzata, Janet MacNally Roseville, Marta Maddy Duluth, Colin Maltbie Faribault, Gayle Mardene Marsh Northfield, Margy Mattlin St. Paul, Sally Maxwell Duluth, Rex McKee St. Paul, Jennifer McNally Sunfish Lake, Anne Miner-Pearson Excelsior, Scott Monson Basswood Grove, Susan Moss St. Paul, Keely Morgan St. Paul, Anthony Morley Minneapolis, Barbara Mraz St. Paul, Lynn Naeckel International Falls, Fre Nairn Minnetonka, Charles Nelson Albertville, Theo Park Sunfish Lake, Daniel Pearson St. Louis Park, Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski Duluth, Mary Phelps Anoka, Roger V. Phillips Sauk Centre, Michael Pipkin Edina, Blair Pogue St. Paul, John Rettger Minneapolis, Paul Rider Mankato, Neptali Rodriguez St. Paul, Gretchen Roeck Minneapolis, Phil Rose St. Paul, Ramona Scarpace Minneapolis, Phillip Schaffner Minneapolis, Steve Schaitberger Brainerd, Carolyn Schmidt Grand Marais, Christine Seaton Fairmont, Paul Shaffer White Bear Lake, Coke Smith White Earth, Tom Sinning Alexandria, Georgianna Smith Sunfish Lake, Georgia Steele Fairmont, Betty Strong St. Paul, John Sullivan Austin, Bill Teska Minneapolis, Margaret Thor St. Paul, Michael Tippett Owatonna, Richard Todd White Bear Lake, Colleen Tully Marshall, Rena Turnham Minneapolis, Robert Two Bulls Minneapolis, Bill Van Oss Duluth, Barbara von Haaren Red Wing, Penelope Warren St. Louis Park, LeeAnne Watkins St. Paul, Jered Weber-Johnson St. Paul, Chip Whitacre Excelsior, Lisa White Smith Plymouth, Stephen Whitney-Wise St. Paul, James Wilson St. Paul, Letha Wilson-Barnard St. Paul, Stephen Wlosinski Duluth

Submitted by, Lee Grim



- 12/15 ~ **Jim Davison** (son of Gary & Carolyn)  
12/19 ~ **Alan Wright** (son of Andy & Georgeann)  
12/20 ~ **Nora Karlstad**  
12/20 ~ **Byrne Johnson**  
12/28 ~ **Sara Kennedy**  
12/31 ~ **Ladd Corrin**  
12/31 ~ **Flossie Knutson**



- 12/2 ~ **Brent Schlieff** (son George Schlieff)  
12/7 ~ **Charlie Klatt** (son of Brittany & Joe, grandson of Bill & Jeanne Corrin)  
12/13 ~ **Alexander Kennedy** (son of Dale & Sara, grandson of George Schlieff)  
12/15 ~ **Bill Bertram**

- 12/14 ~ **Dixie Juel (Day)**  
12/30 ~ **Mark Grim**



***Christmas Eve Service 4 pm  
&  
Christmas Day Service 10:00 am***

**We will need 6 new Vestry members for 2017!**



# Advent Voice

*Songs & Carols for the Season  
with Jeannie, Jackie & Gerry  
@ Good Samaritan Center  
International Falls  
Wed. Dec. 14 @ 6:30pm*



## **Christmas Kid's Shop**

Kids - join us at Holy Trinity (820 4<sup>th</sup> St)  
**Saturday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sat. Dec 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM**  
**Wednesday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 7:30 PM**

Shop for gifts for your Moms and Dads! No money needed – payment will be a promise to do a good deed for someone else!

**Coffee and cookies will be available for moms and dads.**




# December '16 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<b>4</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Lee Jeanne Corrin	Gary & Carolyn Davison
<b>11</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard
<b>18</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Jeanne Corrin Michele Dahlin	Donna Day & Karen Walls
<b>24</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> Christmas Eve	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen Deacon: Lee Grim	Melanie	Melanie Mattsen Erik Strand	Erik & Andrew Strand
<b>25</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Christmas Day	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright



# December 2016



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Holy Trinity Community Café Volunteers!	2	3 Altar Guild Carolyn & Helen <b>Kids Christmas shop 10:00-2:00</b>
4 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	5	6	7 <b>Kids Christmas shop 3:30-7:30 pm</b>	8	9	10 Altar Guild Tricia <b>Kids Christmas shop 10:00-2:00</b>
11 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	12 <i>Ruby's Pantry Reg. 4:30 Dist. 5-6:30</i>	13 9:30am Coffee Landing  Team Meeting 6:00	14 Advent Voice 6:30 pm Good Samaritan	15	16	17 Altar Guild Tricia
18 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	19 Vestry 7:00	20 <b>Newsletter Deadline (Melanie)</b>	21	22	23	24 Altar Guild Georgeann & Donna  <b>Christmas Eve Service 4:00 pm</b>
25  Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	26	27	28 Messy Church 5:30 -7pm	29	30	31 Altar Guild Georgeann & Donna

