



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....

Submitted by: Melanie Mattsen

I was in Braham for a funeral last weekend and saw a sign next to the door of a church. "This is a place for people who are thinking about going back to church."

It struck me as such a welcoming idea and I wondered if we could be that place here? How would we do it? If there was an easy answer to that more churches would be full. What would that look like? Who would come? Would it stretch and reshape us? Make us uncomfortable? I remembered that Lynn had done a sermon about welcoming people who might be different than we are and Sam had done one about what is our church. Before I could look them up the words I was looking for showed up in the following press release.

[Episcopal News Service – San Juan, Puerto Rico] The Episcopal Church's Executive Council heard a call to authentic Christian action from its two leaders on the opening day of its June 9-11 meeting here.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry suggested that Episcopalian ought to look to the biblical hero Esther for a model. Set during the time of Jewish exile in Persia, she was initially seen as the beautiful, obedient, and relatively passive woman who was queen to the king of Persia. She came to believe that she was called to save her people and used rhetoric to persuade the king to save her Jewish people living in exile in Persia. Up until then, she had not revealed her Jewish identity.

"I say this with all humility, I really do: Perhaps this Episcopal Church has come to the kingdom for such a time as this," Curry said.

"Maybe we have had a period of being part of the establishment, which is no longer the case, and maybe we have enjoyed the benefits of being part of that establishment, but it may not be the case much longer," Curry said.

He said such a time as this is a "strange national, cultural and global moment - when things are being turned upside down, when old patterns don't work anymore, when the old rules don't even seem to apply anymore, truth doesn't seem to be what the truth used to be, and all of a sudden what's wrong is right. All of a sudden, even Christianity is co-opted by injustice, by lack of compassion, by inhumanity, by indecency."

Curry said part of the Episcopal Church's vocation is to bear witness to a way of being Christian that actually looks something like Jesus of Nazareth. That way of being Christian is "not complicit with the culture, whatever that culture," he said.

"It is not a way of being Christian that is in the pocket of anybody's political party, left or right or center, but a way of being Christian that dares to follow Jesus, to love the way of Jesus," giving and forgiving as Jesus did while loving justice and mercy and walking humbly before God.

The Church has had many slogans and campaigns, the presiding bishop said. “Yet, I don’t believe this is not a new slogan, a new campaign, a new program. In fact, it’s nothing new at all,” he said. “The truth is what we’re talking about now is a way of following Jesus. It is about being formed as followers of Jesus and, out of that, making a witness in the world that makes difference and bearing witness to a way of being Christian, which doesn’t sound like much” but deeply matters when “even Christianity has been hijacked.” Curry, saying he feared he might be treading on dangerous ground, urged Episcopalians to listen to political rhetoric with what might be called biblically-informed ears. “When you sometimes listen to voices that portend to represent Christianity in our public life and public sphere, listen carefully to what is said and what is not,” he said. Do you hear the words of the [Sermon on the Mount](#), or [Matthew 25](#), the [summary of the law](#) or [Jesus’ words at the Last Supper about love and serving others](#), he asked.

We can be a church that welcomes the seekers, the disillusioned, and those hoping to find faith in the midst of their doubts, any stretching and reshaping will renew our faith, if we take his words to heart.

Peace,

Mel

For Such a Time as This: A Call to Prayer, Fasting, and Advocacy

For Such a Time as This: A Call to Prayer, Fasting, and Advocacy calls on each of us to fast on the 21st of each month through December 2018, at which time the 115th Congress will conclude. The fast launches with a group of national and local leaders entering a three-day fast together May 21-23, 2017. These leaders include Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton of the ELCA, and members of the Episcopal Church House of Bishops.

We fast the 21st of each month because by that date each month, 90% of SNAP (formerly food stamp) benefits run out for families. This means that the last week of the month is usually the hungriest week in America.

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/video/such-time-call-prayer-fasting-and-advocacy>

Whose fast is this? Make it your own. We hope that many faith communities and other organizations will promote the fast. Different organizations are welcome to promote it among their communities in their own ways. Bread for the World will serve as a facilitation hub for creating resources and sharing ideas and happenings. We hope you will keep the focus on protecting programs to help hungry people struggling with poverty and that you will encourage a monthly fast on the 21st.

Who will be the public face of the fast? You are the face of the fast! Several leaders have already committed themselves to the fast, including David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World; Jim Wallis, convener of Sojourners; Lawrence Reddick, presiding bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; and Tony Hall, executive director emeritus of the Alliance to End Hunger. We expect many other leaders at the national and community levels to step forward to be the face of the fast as well.



- 7/2 ~ **Ryan Krieger** (son Dan & Linda,
grandson Wilbur & MaryAnn)
- 7/6 ~ **Stephanie Davison** (daughter Jim
& Cori, granddaughter Gary & Carolyn)
- 7/13 ~ **MaryAnn Tveit**
- 7/14 ~ **Logan Krieger** (son Dan & Linda,
grandson Wilbur & MaryAnn Tveit)
- 7/15 ~ **Carol Grim**
- 7/19 ~ **Dean Tveit**
- 7/19 ~ **Madalynn Jenkinson** (daughter
Matthew & Edith, great granddaughter Byrne &
Carole Johnson)
- 7/21 ~ **JoAnne Harvey**
- 7/23 ~ **Clyde Franklin**
- 7/27 ~ **Lee Grim**
- 7/29 ~ **Melanie Mattsen**

HAPPY
Anniversary

7/20 ~ **Mike & Tricia Brennard**



7/8 ~ **Jan Menefee**

7/10 ~ **Connor Weir** (son of Tara Rud,
grandson of Cindy Cassibo)

7/13 ~ **Emma Mattsen**

7/20 ~ **Caryn Noland**

7/27 ~ **Sarah O'Kane** (daughter Heather,
granddaughter of Georgeann & Andy Wright)

7/27 ~ **Tessa Walls**



7/8 ~ **Rev. Lynn Naeckel**



Lake Service Dates Will Be:

July 9th, 23rd, & Aug. 6th

Notice:

New Church Treasurer is needed:

**Gary Davison is resigning as Treasurer of Holy Trinity
effective August 30th,**

if interested please notify a member of the Vestry.

July '17 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
2 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 4th Sunday of Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright
9 Lake Service Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 5th Sunday of Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard
16 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 6th Sunday of Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Lee Grim Tessa Walls	Donna Day & Karen Walls
23 Lake Service Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 7th Sunday of Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Melanie Mattsen Jeanne Corrin	Gary & Carolyn Davison
30 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 8th Sunday of Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Lee Grim Michele Dahlin	Wilbur & MaryAnn Tveit



July 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Altar Guild
						Flossie
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Carolyn & Helen
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Altar Guild
 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	<i>Ruby's Pantry Reg. 4:30 Dist. 5-6:30</i>	9:30am Coffee Landing  Team Meeting 6:00				Carolyn & Helen
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Tricia
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Altar Guild
 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Newsletter Deadline				Tricia
30	31					
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						

