



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....

This section of the newsletter is entitled “Ramblings from the Rev”. I’m afraid this month’s offering may live up to that title rather more completely than intended. You see, Karen reminded me in plenty of time when the newsletter was due. At the time I thought, “Good. Plenty of time.” The plan then - and I believe it still to have been an excellent plan - was to provide something thought provoking about the Season of Lent, which starts this coming Wednesday. Something that made people think about what Lent means, about repentance - the process of turning around, changing direction. Something that gave us pause to think about what to give up, and what to take on. Something that provoked cogitation on the nature of relationship with our neighbor, with our earth and with our creator - something to open our eyes to ways in which those relationships are damaged and need healing - and to what we as individuals, as church, as community and as nation can do to shift to healing. That was the plan.

I didn’t do that. In the perpetual rush of multitasking that is life, I just never made it to the actual “doing” part - not even long enough to steal something brilliant from someone else to share.

That all-consuming multitasking, that sense of being pulled every which direction, that day to day reality of spirituality taking a back seat to the things that “need” to get done, that now-ingrained habit of business provided part of the inspiration for the direction of our Wednesday Lenten series this year. The Lenten Soup Suppers seem to have run their course in the community - having become for many more of a burden than a spiritual boost for many. This year the plan is to respect and harness the need to “do”, while still taking the time to commune and to pray.

The concept of “work as prayer” is an old one. Our plan is to busy our hands with a project that provides service to someone. The details of that week by week are still in process – tying blankets for SOS, assembling care packages – we’re still working on that. But something that busies our hands while freeing our minds. At intervals, in a fairly unstructured manner, there will be prayers, and music, and readings in different styles (some Celtic, some Anglican, some Native American, etc.) – and perhaps most importantly, some silence. Some time to be still and know that God IS. Some time to experience what that means. Since our hands will be busy and doing good, we will be (in theory) freed from the urge to plan and do and, well, multitask for a short period. The first Wednesday (not Ash Wednesday, the next week) will be compline, and a bit of explanation. The next few weeks (excepting March 15) we will meet at Faith United and experience in community the work of Lent – serving, praying, changing, turning.

Blessings be on you all, in your busyness and in your rest...

Sam





- 3/6 ~ **Jay Noland** (son of Mike & Caryn)
- 3/10 ~ **Mike Brennard**
- 3/13 ~ **Laura Smith** (daughter Waiva)
- 3/15 ~ **Gary Davison**
- 3/22 ~ **Sharon Wood Leali** (daughter of Flossie Knutson)
- 3/22 ~ **Matthew Jenkinson** (grandson Byrne & Carole Johnson)
- 3/26 ~ **Linda Krieger** (daughter Wilbur & Mary Ann Tveit)
- 3/28 ~ **Diana Russiff** (daughter Donna Day)



3/28 ~ **Jim Briggs**



3/26 ~ **Robin Manahan & Becky Lucas**

Legend of the Dogwood Tree

When Christ was on earth, the dogwood grew
To a towering size with a lovely hue
Its branches were strong and interwoven
And for Christ's cross its timbers were chosen.

Being distressed at the use of the wood,
Christ made a promise which still holds good:

"Not ever again shall the dogwood grow
To be large enough for a tree and so
Slender and twisted it shall always be
With cross-shaped blossoms for all to see.

The petals shall have bloodstains marked brown
And in the blossom's center a thorny crown.

All who see it will think of me,
Nailed to a cross from a dogwood tree.
Protected and cherished this tree shall be
A reflection of all my agony."



March '17 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
1 Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright
5 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 1 st Sunday in Lent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard
12 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 2 nd Sunday in Lent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Lee Grim & Erik Strand	Erik Strand
19 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 3 rd Sunday in Lent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Melanie Mattsen & Jeanne Corrin	Donna Day & Karen Walls
26 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 4 th Sunday in Lent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Lee Grim & Michele Dahlin	Flossie Knutson & John Shewchuk

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

