



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....

The bishop is coming! The bishop is coming!

Actually, he's not. Not this year anyway. But I got your attention, didn't I?

The bishop isn't coming right now, but for a couple days in the middle of November (November 12 and 13), he is lending us Canon Karen Olson, Missioner for Ministry - a tongue twister of a title that encompasses a great deal. Among the many things she does is to assist with gifts discernment; to help explore naming and claiming the Ministry of All the Baptized.

When I was in 8th grade we escaped two days of regular school work in order to do aptitude testing. (*I remember it was 8th grade because I missed 8th grade science teacher Mr. Hershey's class. My chocoholic mind kept close track of time in the presence of Hershey.*) I vividly remember those two days from a lifetime ago. The first day we took reading comprehension tests, math tests, and problem solving tests. That was not a dramatic departure from our normal day to day. The next day, however, we got to pound things with mallets, draw 3-D pictures and fit together nuts and bolts in some sort of peg board. I might have found it boring except that it provided such a refreshing change of routine. We threaded large needles with yarn and sewed templates together with it in a pre-ordained pattern. I remember being surprised when the testers called time at how completely engrossed I could become in the suddenly all-important task of sticking washers on the bolts or stringing yarn through holes.

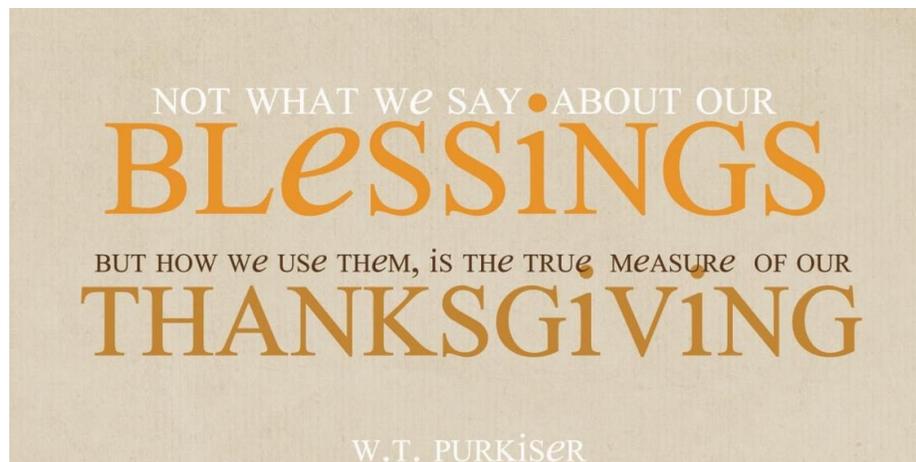
The next day and week and month brought back the usual fare of Life Science and Algebra and Grammar and Band. One day, though, when the aptitude testing had become a vague, pleasant memory in the rush of junior high life, we again missed Mr. Hershey's usual content in order to review the results of the aptitude testing. Each student received their own individualized report with lists of their aptitudes and attributes, as well as a list of skills which "might require development" should the student choose a career that required them.

The back of the report showed lists of potential careers under three designations - careers your aptitudes fit well, careers your aptitudes could be made to fit, and careers which would require overcoming significant obstacles. My results suggested that a future as a mechanic ought not to be attempted (those pesky nuts and bolts - I must've missed some washers), and neurosurgeon might be a bit of a stretch. Happily family physician and clergy landed on the go-for-it list, as did lawyer, politician, salesperson - pretty much anything that required frequent use of words - and chicken sexer. Occasionally it still occurs to me to wonder how my life would have been different if I had gone in the direction of becoming a chicken sexer.

In First Corinthians Paul wrote, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

We are all called to serve God and God's creation. Some have the gifts for music, some for organization, some for liturgical expression, some for reading, some for prayer, some for making numbers meaningful, some for listening. Sometimes it takes someone with a different perspective to help discover those gifts, to bring them out into the light, figure out how to use them to serve God. I'm so excited to share the spirit-filled house of worship that is Holy Trinity, and excited to see what Karen and the Spirit can help us discover. Who knows, we may even discover the next church chicken sexer...

Blessings on the journey, *Sam*





- 11/3 ~ Jennie Coran
- 11/11 ~ Cori Davison (daughter in law
Gary & Carolyn Davison)
- 11/14 ~ Joy Frank
- 11/17 ~ Tyler Downs (grandson Melanie &
Randy Mattsen)
- 11/20 ~ Samuel Schlieff (son of Brent &
Lisa, grandson of George)
- 11/26 ~ Linnaea Crossley Yount
- 11/27 ~ Taylor Wright (daughter of Alan &
Kate, granddaughter of Andy & Georgeann)



- 11/22 ~ Brittany Corrin
- 11/22 ~ Rocky Strand
- 11/22 ~ Donna Strand



- 11/28 ~ Bill & Jeanne Corrin

**We will need 6 new Vestry members for
2017!
5 members terms are up**

November '16 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
6 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 25 th Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Day	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard
13 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 26 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Melanie Michele Dahlin	Donna Day Karen Walls
20 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Christ the King	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Lee Carole Johnson	Gary & Carolyn Davison
27 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am The First Sunday in Advent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright



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

