



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 Liturgist....

Team Formation

In June, Melanie and I attended the Team Summit in Little Falls. Since Sandy Holmberg's retirement we have not had a Summit on a regular basis so we were really looking forward to this one. At these gatherings we meet with teams from all over the state, lots of sharing happens, and usually some education is presented. We come home excited and enthused to continue on our chosen path here at Holy Trinity.

It didn't quite turn out that way this time. After our sharing time, two representatives from the ECM (the diocese), gave a presentation on how team formation would now take place. To refresh your memory, we here at HT chose a recommended course of study in 2002, met twice a month for four years, then we were ordained and /or commissioned, the rest is history.

Now, however, a decision made by the Commission on Ministry has mandated that anyone who wishes to be a priest (like Sam and Lynn) must take classes at the School of Formation and make personal appearances in the Twin Cities nine times a year. If these conditions had existed earlier, we would not have Sam at the altar doing the wonderful job that she does.

As you can imagine, this presents a problem on many levels, especially for those of us in the far rural areas. Melanie and I were surprised, dismayed, and discouraged, as were our other team members when we presented this new information to them. This change could have negative effects on our ability to recruit anyone else to come on the team as a priest, thus affecting our viability as a team and the future of our church.

The Team met, had long spirited discussions, and with the help of our mentor, Pastor Andy Berry, wrote a letter to the Bishop. In the letter we identified three main issues for us: financial, geographical (the distance to travel), and the lack of opportunity to bond and build as a team. This new model now being used to train priests, while academically better, is separate from the rest of the team.

The Team will be having a FaceTime via the Internet soon with the Bishop to discuss all of these unfolding events.

Stay tuned, we will keep you informed.

Peace,
Georgeann

Contemporary Church Signs



If God Had Voice Mail

Thank you for calling heaven.

I am sorry, all of our angels and saints are busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us and we will answer it in the order it was received. Please stay on the line.

If you would like to speak to:

God, press 1.

Jesus, press 2.

The Holy Spirit, press 3.

If you would like to hear King David sing a Psalm while you are holding, press 4.

To find a loved one who has been assigned to Heaven, press 5, then enter his or her social security number followed by the pound sign. (If you get a negative response, please hang up and try area code 666.) For reservations in heaven, please enter J-O-H-N 3:16

For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth, life on other planets, and where Noah's Ark is, please wait until you arrive.

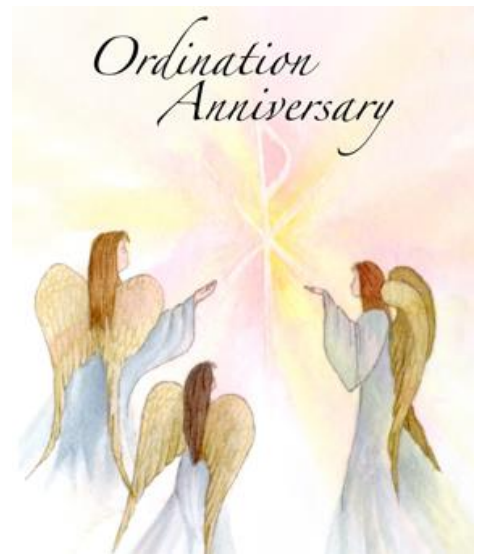
If you are calling after hours and need emergency assistance, please contact your local pastor.



- 10/1 ~ Wilbur Tveit
- 10/6 ~ Guy Menefee (son of Waiva)
- 10/10 ~ Karen Walls
- 10/18 ~ Donald Johnson (grandson Byrne & Carol Johnson)
- 10/27 ~ Georgeann Wright
- 10/29 ~ Johan Tanem
- 10/30 ~ Grant Oettinger (son of Pam, grandson of Gary & Carolyn Davison)
- 10/31 ~ Brian Toder (son of Olga Reuter)



10/22 ~ Guy Menefee



10/1 ~ Rev. Samantha Crossley

**October 2nd Service: will be @
Faith United Church of Christ
1001 5th Street**

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

October '16 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
2 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 20 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Service @ Faith United	Service @ Faith United
9 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 21 st Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright
16 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Donna Day & Karen Walls
23 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Lee Grim Michele Dahlin	Wilbur & MaryAnn Tveit
30 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 24 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Melanie Mattsen Carole Johnson	John Shewchuk & Carole Johnson

October 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Altar Guild Carolyn & Helen
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Altar Guild Carolyn & Helen
@ Faith United Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Carolyn & Helen
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Altar Guild Tricia
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				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Altar Guild Tricia
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Vestry 7:00					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Altar Guild Georgeann & Donna
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Newsletter Deadline (Samantha)	Messy Church 5:30 -7pm			
30	31					
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						

