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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 Bishop....



FROM THE BISHOP'S BLOG

Run the Race Set Before You

Every time I rode my bike past his house he was playing basketball. As life went on and I got my driver's license, every time I *drove* past his house he was playing basketball. And if I didn't see him there, I saw him in the park playing basketball with others. There was absolutely no question that basketball was his passion.

As I watch the Olympics and as I hear the stories of the Olympians, I am reminded of the family, friends and young people in my life who found a passion that they poured their hearts into. Some of them have done so in athletics, some in music, others still in things like astronomy or computer programming.

No two individuals' path is the same. Yet, there seems to be some fairly consistent components to their narratives. Those who pursue their passion have:

Companions: family members, coaches, mentors and friends have walked with them to the place where they can live out their passion.

Commitment: an almost endless willingness to keep striving to get better even after they have achieved at a high level.

Courage: a deep capacity to continue to persevere through significant challenges and set backs.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith..."

I have always been inspired by these words from the 12th chapter of the Letter to the Hebrews. For me, it makes it clear that our faith journey is not something we do on our own. Rather, there are companions, "a cloud of witnesses." It also makes clear that our faith journey is a "race" and will take commitment on our part to continue to persevere by putting one foot in front of the other. And finally, our faith journey will take courage, for like those that Jesus faced, there will be many challenges that will pull us off the path of following in the Way of Jesus.

May we be grateful for those companions who continue to encourage us to fully embrace the passions and gifts God has given us. May we have the strength to fully commit to ever deepen our passions and gifts. And may we always have the courage to persevere using our passions and gifts for God's glory.



+Brian

**Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith**

Hebrews 12:1-2





9/4 ~ Ragna Godtland

9/6 ~ **Parker Wright** (son of Alan & Kate,
grandson Andy & Georgeann Wright)

9/8 ~ David McKee

9/13 ~ Karen Tveit

9/18 ~ Carol Stiller

9/19 ~ Brittany Klatt (Corrin)

9/21 ~ **Erin Franklin** (granddaughter Bryne
& Carole Johnson)

9/22 ~ Rev. Lynn Naeckel

9/22 ~ Carole Johnson

9/25 ~ **Andrew Strand** (son Erik & Jeannie,
grandson Wilbur & MaryAnn Tveit)

9/29 ~ John Shewchuk

9/30 ~ Dixie Juel (Day)

9/30 ~ Bob Stone



9/4 ~ Jon Reuter

9/18 ~ Linda Krieger (Tveit)

9/26 ~ Andrew Noland

9/30 ~ Grace M O'Kane



9/3 ~ Lee & Carol Grim

9/4 ~ Byrne & Carole Johnson

9/16 ~ Alan & Kate Wright

9/21 ~ Doug & Celia Tanem

Train a child in
the way he should
go, and when he is
old he will not
turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6



Watch for kids!



September '16 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
4 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 16 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright
11 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 17 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Jeanne Corrin	Jeanne Corrin Lee Grim	Donna Day & Karen Walls
18 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 18 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Michele Dahlin Melanie Mattsen	Gary & Carolyn Davison
25 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 19 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Altar Guild
						Georgeann & Donna
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Georgeann & Donna
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 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				Flossie
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Vestry 7:00	Newsletter Deadline (Georgeann)		 First Day of Autumn		Flossie
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.			Messy Church 5:30 -7pm	Community Café Volunteers!		

