



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 Vestry....

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church 2017 Vestry Report

Vestry Members:

Senior Warden: Ariana Daniels (inactive)

Junior Warden: Carol Grim

Secretary: Michele Dahlin

Member: Sandra Jean

Member: Caryn Noland

Retired Member: Joy Frank

Church Treasurer: Andy Wright

Retired Church Treasurer: Gary Davison

Lot 6, Plat of Dawn View, Koochiching County, a generous gift from Clyde Franklin, sold for \$60,500 following rejection of several very low offers. Total amount to HTEC after expenses \$55,927.01. This undeveloped lake lot is 100' by 1000' with real estate taxes of \$1,000 per year which have been paid by the church for three years. A request for non-profit status was denied by the county. The sale and deed needed language provided by the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota and approval by the Bishop. It also included indicating that Holy Trinity is in International Falls as there are several Holy Trinity Episcopal churches in Minnesota. The funds from this sale were deposited in the Pooled Income Fund.

HTEC has a contract with Citizens for Backus/AB for plowing the parking lot across from the church. The work is done by Steve Boyum at a rate of \$65/ hour for pickup/plow and \$90/hour for big loader. Our church pays one-third of the cost for plowing on a monthly basis. Because we are the only church paying toward plowing, the vestry used Outreach Funds for the first monthly payment this fall.

\$500 was transferred to the Discretionary Fund.

Annual dues paid to the Northeast Mission Area of the Episcopal Church of Minnesota in the amount of \$50.

Church Secretary, Karen Walls took on additional duties: Parochial Report, lay responsibilities schedule, bills, (prep & mail), deposits, record pledges and do pledge statements, and the 1099's for taxes.

Sidewalk shoveling and lawn care are under contract with Huffaker Lawn and Snow Service. Church cleaning is done by Maureen Jackson once a week.

Front entry doors were painted (#413 - Pratt and Lambert Our Classic Red from Falls Lumber) by a couple whose marriage ceremony was provided by Deacon Lee Grim in exchange for the work.

Fire Extinguishers were updated and replaced by Glen Anderson, technician. A contract for this yearly service was signed. Wilbur Tveit installed the new extinguisher in the church kitchen.

Corrin's plumbing did some repairs on the water heater. It was switching off when there was high demand. The repair was completed for \$270.05. They also repaired the toilet in the women's downstairs bathroom.

Duties of the church treasurer were compiled with help from Gary Davison and Andy Wright took on those duties. Thank you to both of you. Following the treasurer change, account signatures were updated.

One Saturday morning of serious kitchen cleaning was held with four members of the congregation pitching-in.

Robin and Becky Monahan presented information on "Move to Amend" and asked our church congregation to sign a petition in support of amending the US Constitution so that corporations are not considered persons.

A joint Team and Vestry meeting was held in October with The Reverend Andy Berry of Littlefork Lutheran Church providing leadership for the discussions on physical accessibility, serving Eucharist at Falls Good Samaritan Center, Backus Community Café volunteer dates, summer services at the lake, Ruby's Pantry, describing the duties of and finding a parish administrator, contacting current lay readers about future needs for their services, building community with children - foster care children especially and those aging out of the system, "Move to Amend," church web page, Sunday school needs, expanding the team, getting additional vestry members, and faith formation.

An Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) was installed in the church and training sessions are being scheduled.

Accessibility is being addressed on a temporary basis with the installation of a lift for the steps from the inside vestibule to the floor level of the sanctuary. Plans and bids are in the works. This plan also includes a ramp to circumvent the two steps outside.

Continuing discussions and challenges: physical accessibility, use of building by outside groups, keys and the need for Safe Church Training. an energy audit, "Move to Amend."

Submitted by,

Carol Grim, Junior Warden

HTEC Parish and TMT Accomplishments in 2017

Compiled by Deacon Lee Grim (Jan 21, 2018)

- Pastoral care team regularly visited homebound parishioners
- Secretarial services provided weekly and on special occasions
- Transferred the parish treasurer's position from Gary Davison to Andy Wright.
- Conducted worship services at the Falls Good Samaritan Center
- Conducted weekly worship and special services at HTEC
- Conducted worship services at the RLVC-VNP Picnic Area
- Provided inspiring music and professional music services
- The active and innovative liturgy committee planned all liturgies.
- An active Altar Guild managed sacristy activities
- A parish group managed a weekly hospitality program after worship services
- Volunteers conduct an annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Volunteer members actively participated in seasonally decorating the church
- The Christmas shopping gift program for children that enables kids to give a free wrapped present to someone in exchange for unbargaining service to someone.
- Members provided assistance at Backus Community dinners (Tues and Thurs eves)
- Parish members assisted at Ruby's Pantry distributions monthly
- Parish contributed fund for Ruby's Pantry program
- Parish members had leadership roles at Ruby's Pantry Program
- Parish members had leadership roles in planning the International Falls Annual Christmas Day Dinner

- Clergy distributed ashes within the community on Ash Wednesday
- The parish planned and participated in the annual Lenten ecumenical soup and worship services
- Clergy conducted the Blessing of the Hands service at the medical centers
- Clergy conducted Celebration of Life and Burial Services
- Clergy conducted Ministration at the Time of Death Services
- Clergy provided marriage counseling and marriage services
- Clergy provided baptismal services
- TMT planned and conducted adult education programs
- Parish members participated in adult education programs at Fort Frances churches
- Provided an active Sunday school program
- Provided opportunities for youth involvement in worship services
- Conducted monthly TMT meetings with mentor Andy Berry.
- Planned TMT ministerial activities within the parish and community
- Conducted monthly Vestry meetings for parish business
- Conducted an annual parish meeting and election of officers
- Organized an annual Vestry/TMT retreat with our mentor Andy Berry
- Conducted a small jail ministry
- Provided the church facility for community group meetings such as Indivisible International Falls.
- Hosted a web site and monthly newsletter
- Parish members had leadership roles at Servants of Shelter
- Participated in Mission Area activities and served as officers
- Participated in Convention activities and served as a celebrant

- Provided an active women's Bible study group
- Maintained our full monetary annual pledge to the ECMN
- Maintained our building and grounds in very good condition
- Provided for regular cleaning services in the building
- Provided for regular garbage services
- Provided a snow removal program for parking and sidewalks
- Maintained a fiscally sound annual budget and ample assets
- Maintain sustained monetary outreach in our community, at ECMN and through the International Episcopal Relief and Development Program (\$400 for Puerto Rico and Texas hurricane relief).

Note: There may be other accomplishments that I am not aware of and others should add them to the list in the parish.

Respectfully:

Deacon Lee Grim

Lenten SOUP Suppers

Holy Trinity will be partnering with Zion Lutheran for Wednesday evening services. All services will be held at Zion. Holy Trinity will host at least one service. We will use either Evening prayer or Compline from our Book of Common Prayer. Each service will have a soup supper prior to the service. We have already talked with Super One about providing the soup. They are happy to do this and will even deliver the soup for us! We will man the kitchen as necessary and act as readers or greeters as needed. We are excited to be part of this and hope you will support this endeavor.

Soup 6:00pm Service 7:00pm (February 21 – March 21)

Feb. 21st @ Zion Lutheran Church ~ hosted by Zion Lutheran

Feb. 28th @ Zion Lutheran Church ~ hosted by Holy Trinity

March 7, 14, & 21 to be determined. Everyone is welcome!



- 2/3 ~ **Morgann Rud** (daughter of Tara, granddaughter of Cindy Cassibo)
- 2/3 ~ **Tessa Walls** (daughter Bill & Karen, granddaughter Donna Day)
- 2/5 ~ **Neve Oettinger** (daughter of Pam, granddaughter Gary & Carolyn Davison)
- 2/9 ~ **Waiva Menefee**
- 2/14 ~ **Jessie Ottem**
- 2/22 ~ **Carolyn Davison**
- 2/22 ~ **Grace O’Kane** (daughter Heather, granddaughter Andy & Georgeann Wright)
- 2/28 ~ **Audrey Leeman**



- 2/9 ~ **Dean Tveit**
- 2/12 ~ **Dacota Lehman**
- 2/23 ~ **Jim Davison**



**Defibrillator Training
Sunday Feb 11th at 11:00 am
Following the Service**



**Shrove Tuesday Feb 13th
Pancake Supper 5:30-6:30 pm**



**Ash Wednesday Service
Feb 14th 7:00pm**

February '18 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
4 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 5th Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Jeanne Corrin Lee Grim	Gary & Carolyn Davison
11 Morning Prayer 10:00 am Last Sunday after Epiphany	Lay Reader: Erik Strand Deacon: Lee Grim		Lee Grim Erik Strand	Flossie Knutson Carole Johnson
14  Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie Mattsen		
18 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 1st Sunday in Lent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Michele Dahlin Carole Johnson	Donna Day Karen Walls
25 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 2nd Sunday in Lent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard
28 Soup Supper Lenten Service @ Zion Lutheran 6:00 pm	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie Mattsen		Georgeann & Andy Wright



February 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Altar Guild
				Holy Trinity Community Café Volunteers	Happy Groundhog Day! 	Flossie
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Flossie
11	12	13	14 	15	16	17 Altar Guild
Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. AED Training	<i>Ruby's Pantry Reg. 4:30 Dist. 5-6:30</i>	 9:30 am Coffee Landing Vestry 4 pm Shrove Pancake Supper 5:30 pm	 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 Service			Carolyn & Helen
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Newsletter Deadline (Sam)	Soup Supper Lenten Service @ Zion Lutheran 6:00 pm			Carolyn & Helen
25	26	27	28			
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.			Holy Trinity's Soup Supper Lenten Service @ Zion Lutheran 6:00 pm			