



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....

On the social media phenomenon Facebook, as some of you undoubtedly know (and others firmly prefer to avoid learning) you have the option of publishing a “profile picture”. That picture then shows up next to any post you make. You can choose not to provide a picture, in which case you will be represented by a suitably anonymous generic silhouette. If you do choose to put in a picture, it need not be a picture of yourself (I was personally quite gratified to learn that fact). People seem to opt more often for a child or grandchild or pet, sometimes another special person, or even for a symbol that apparently felt like an appropriate representation for whatever reason.

On Ash Wednesday I changed my profile picture to an ash cross. It seemed fitting. Anytime you change that profile picture, all the Facebook world has the opportunity to comment on the choice. One comment came back, “Ash Wednesday, my favorite day!” Surprised, I messaged back. Our conversation continued with the assertion that Lent was her favorite season.

Now, I love Lent, but it always surprises me that I am not alone in my fondness for this thoroughly counter-cultural, introspective season with its emphasis on fasting, giving and praying. I look forward each year to whatever discipline I have decided to take on, be it giving something up or taking something on. I value the perception that (much like the snow covered world outside) deep under the surface something changes, quickens, transforms from deadened to wick, full of hope and promise. One would think, if I value it so much, if I find so much hope and promise in the practices of Lent, I would live the discipline all year long, no matter the season. Except I don’t. Except all the other times life is happening too fast. It is too easy to just follow the old patterns, just to get through. I forget over and over to stop, to breathe, forget to listen to my soul, forget to listen to God.

Edward Hays expresses this more poetically than I could ever aspire to do:

Lenten Psalm of Awakening

Come, O Life-giving Creator
and rattle the door latch
of my slumbering heart.

Awaken me as you breathe upon
winter-wrapped earth,
gently calling to life virgin Spring.

Awaken in these fortified days
of Lenten prayer and discipline
my youthful dream of holyness.

Call me forth from the prison camp
of my numerous past defeats and my narrow patterns of being
to make my ordinary life extra-ordinarily alive
through the passion of my love.

Show to me during these Lenten days how to take the daily things of life
and, by submerging them in the sacred,
to infuse them with a great love
for you, O God, and for others

Guide me to perform simple acts of love and prayer,
the real works of reform and renewal
of this overture to the Spring of the Spirit

O Father of Jesus, Mother of Christ,
help me not to waste
these precious Lenten days
of my soul's spiritual springtime

(Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim, Edward Hays)

Blessings on your Lenten journey,

Samantha Crossley



Lenten SOUP Suppers

Our Lenten Series is *Open My Life, Lord.*

Feb. 28 ***Open My Hands, Lord*** (Holy Trinity hosts supper & leads worship)

March 7 ***Open My Ears, Lord*** (Faith United hosts supper & leads worship)

March 14 ***Open My Heart, Lord*** (Holy Trinity hosts supper & leads worship)

March 21 ***Open My Life, Lord*** (All 3 churches host supper & lead worship)



- 3/6 ~ **Jay Noland** (son of Mike & Caryn)
- 3/10 ~ **Mike Brennard**
- 3/13 ~ **Laura Smith** (daughter of 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 & MaryAnn Tveit)
- 3/28 ~ **Diana Russiff** (daughter Donna Day)



3/28 ~ **Jim Briggs**



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

March '18 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
4 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 3rd Sunday in Lent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim	Georgeann & Andy	Georgeann & Andy Wright
11 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 4th Sunday in Lent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim	Erik Strand Lee Grim	Gary & Carolyn Davison
14 Soup Supper Lenten Service @ Zion Lutheran 6:00 pm	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim Melanie Mattsen	Lee or Melanie		
18 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 5th Sunday in Lent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim	Jeanne Corrin Michele Dahlin	Donna Day & Karen Walls
21 Combined HT, Faith, Zion Soup Supper Lenten Service @ Zion Lutheran 6:00 pm	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim Melanie Mattsen	Lee or Melanie		
25  Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Palm Sunday	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard
29 Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim Melanie Mattsen	Lee or Melanie		



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Altar Guild
						Tricia
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.			Faith United's Soup Supper Lenten Service @ Zion Lutheran 6:00 pm			Tricia
11 Daylight Saving	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>	 9:30 am Coffee Landing Vestry 4:45 pm	Holy Trinity Soup Supper Lenten Service @ Zion Lutheran 6:00 pm			 Georgeann & Donna
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Newsletter Deadline (Georgeann)	HT, Zion & Faith Soup Supper Lenten Service @ Zion Lutheran 6:00 pm			Georgeann & Donna
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Altar Guild
 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.				Maundy Thurs. Service 7:00 pm		Flossie