



# 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.....

### Knowing Our Connectedness

In the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of John, Jesus teaches his disciples; *"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."* (John 15:5) Often, it's a passage that is thought about as teaching about Christian living with the fruit we bear being Christian actions like giving of ourselves to make sure the hungry are fed and the naked clothed. This is a good and proper way of understanding Jesus' teaching about the vine and the branches but there is another deeper and even more important lesson for everyone in this passage.

Jesus is informing everyone, Jews, Gentiles, Christians and non-believers, that God alone is the source of all life. Far too often, we think of ourselves and our own hard-work as the source of who we are and what we have; yet, we deceive ourselves. Jesus reveals a foundational truth in this teaching that our life, our abilities to think, the relationships we have and our abilities to work and play are all gifts given exclusively through our connection with God. We are as dependent on God for everything, as a branch is on its vine for life and if we are cut off for any reason we will wither and die.

It might sound like a cliché but realizing that all we have and all that we are is because of our connection to God transforms the way we see and think about everything. We are not owners or consumers but caretakers of the gifts that are the lives, abilities, time and resources God has entrusted to our keeping. Knowing this truth is the foundation of thankfulness and deep trust in God.

<(((>< Pastor Andy Berry



- 8/1 ~ **Willie Corrin** (son Bill & Jeanne)  
8/1 ~ **Bill Walls**  
8/2 ~ **Jim Yount**  
8/4 ~ **James Briggs**  
8/5 ~ **Waylon Rasmussen**  
8/12 ~ **Gavia Crossley Yount**  
8/13 ~ **David Menefee** (son of Waiva)  
8/17 ~ **Jim Stone**  
8/22 ~ **Rev. Samantha Crossley**  
8/27 ~ **Kelly Mattsen** (daughter Melanie & Randy)  
8/30 ~ **Sarah O'Kane** (daughter Heather, granddaughter of Andy & Georgeann Wright)  
8/30 ~ **Etta & Sheila Johnson** (daughters of Byrne & Carole)



- 8/9 ~ **Andrew Strand**  
8/10 ~ **Morgann Rud** (daughter Tara, granddaughter of Cindy Cassibo)  
8/14 ~ **Glenn Walls**  
8/15 ~ **Tom Grim**  
8/24 ~ **Pam Oettinger** (Davison)  
8/28 ~ **David Menefee**  
8/30 ~ **Heather O'Kane** (Wright)



- 8/6 ~ **Matthew & Edith Jenkinson**  
8/7 ~ **Gary & Carolyn Davison**  
8/9 ~ **Lynn Naeckel & David McKee**  
8/13 ~ **Erik & Jeannie Strand**  
8/15 ~ **Bill & Karen Walls**  
8/18 ~ **Brittany & Joe Klatt**  
8/21 ~ **Wilbur & Mary Ann Tveit**  
8/29 ~ **Andy & Georgeann Wright**



*Lake Service Dates  
Will Be:  
Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>*




# August '18 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<b>5</b> <b>Lake Service</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Proper 13</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright
<b>12</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Proper 14</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim	Carole Johnson Lee Grim	Flossie Knutson John Shewchuk
<b>19</b> <b>Lake Service</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Proper 15</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim	Melanie Mattsen Lee Grim	Wilbur & Maryann Tveit
<b>26</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Proper 16</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim	Jeanne Corrin Lee Grim	Donna Day Karen Walls



# August 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Altar Guild
				Holy Trinity Community Café Voluteers		Flossie
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Altar Guild
 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Vestry meeting 4:45 pm				Carolyn & Helen
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 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				Georgeann & Donna
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Altar Guild
 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Newsletter Deadline				Tricia
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.  Good Samaritan Service 2:00 pm						

