



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 2018 Vestry Report

Members:

Senior Warden: Carol Grim

Junior Warden: Melanie Mattsen

Secretary: Michele Dahlin

Member: Sandra Jean

Member: Caryn Noland

Member: Jeannie Strand

Member: Erik Strand

Church Treasurer: Andy Wright

Signs were installed to indicate the location of the Automatic Electronic Defibrillator that was installed in January. Training for use of AED was offered.

Church treasurer, Andy Wright reorganized the cash accounts, set up automatic payments for some payments and updated account signatures. Andrew Wright, Trish Bernard, and Michele Dahlin are authorized signatories.

The 2016 parochial report was resubmitted by Andy Wright with a request to amend the section on gifts received that were used by the church. The funds from the Franklin land sale were initially listed as used rather than put in savings.

A stair chair lift will be installed inside the entry for access to the sanctuary. The estimated cost of this is \$5,000 for the lift, \$625 for the wiring and \$70 for the State of Minnesota permit. Funds from the capital improvement account will be used for this. Electrical service is being installed. The lift will move from inside the vestibule to the floor level of the sanctuary.

The memorial fund committee was disbanded and the vestry will oversee receipt and disbursement of memorial funds. The Rev. Andy Berry (Team Mentor) advised compiling a needs list and sharing it with the congregation. The Littlefork Lutheran church no longer puts plaques on gifted items. A list of church needs is to be compiled and considered when expending memorial funds. New Advent candle stand purchased with memorial funds.

The vestry voted to invest some of the memorial fund money. Ten thousand dollars was invested in two Certificates of Deposit: \$5,000 @ 2.05% for one year and \$5,000 @ 2.65% for 1 1/2 years at Edward Jones.

The vestry voted to hire Wood Interiors, Sheldon Zook to update some of the storage in the church kitchen including flatware and shelved storage under the serving counter and install a double garbage cabinet next to the main sink. Funds in the capital improvement account will be used for this. The estimate for this is \$2,200.

Approval for LeAnne (Monroe) Crompton to practice on the church organ was granted for a one-year trial. She agreed to practice when Secretary, Karen Walls is at work.

Robin Monahan and Becky Lucas 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. No action has been taken.

A joint Team and Vestry meeting was held in October with The Reverend Andy Berry of Littlefork Lutheran Church providing leadership for discussion. One of his recommendations was to bring in the program “Honoring Choices Minnesota” about individuals preparing advance directives. He suggested an evening meeting with our parish, opening it to nurses and the public.

Outreach funds were donated - \$150 to the Christmas Day Dinner and \$50 to the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

A table with two leaves from the “vestry room” was donated to the Ice Box Finds store for resale. The table was replaced with one of equal size plus four matching chairs purchased at an auction and donated.

HTEC annually receives a gift of \$20,000 from the Art Corrin estate. One-half of this is used to support the general budget of the church and one-half is put into savings. This is the 5th of 10 years of this gift.

HTEC has had a contract with Citizens for Backus/AB for plowing the parking lot across from the church. Your vestry voted to pay \$200 this year rather than one-third of their monthly cost for plowing. HTEC is the only church paying toward this plowing.

\$500 was transferred to the Discretionary Fund per the budget.

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

Fire Extinguishers were inspected by Glen Anderson, technician with Falls Fire & Safety Equipment.

A Knox Box was purchased for \$324 from the IF Fire Dept and installed giving the police, fire and ambulance crews secured key access to the church building

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

Sidewalk shoveling and lawn care are under contract with Huffaker Lawn and Snow Removal Service for \$1,379 in 2018.

Church cleaning is done by Maureen Jackson once a week for a total of \$2,080 for 2018.

Jim Jackson refinished the top of the altar which was been damaged for use of tape and tacks. The cost for refinishing was \$250.

Music leadership was provided by Jackie and Gerry Guimond and Jeannie Strand. Jackie and Jerry are paid \$62 per session.

Corrin's Plumbing repaired the furnace twice in 2018, doing work on the boiler spark electrical part and replacing the control panel: \$241.26 + \$1,002.

Tuning of the organ cost \$345.

An energy audit was conducted by the contractor for Minnesota Power in December. Their report is expected to arrive soon.

MN Power **Energy Audit** (some notes taken during the audit) December 12, 2018
Suggestions for saving energy:

Do not stack **anything** against radiators (Sunday school room, storage room, undercroft) This is for heating efficiency and safety.

Install heat pump/electric water heater (less energy use as it will use excess heat produced by boiler and will replace dehumidifier) (contact Ted Brokow at City of IF for information)

Set back thermostats during weekdays as appropriate

Install energy star refrigerator

Consider replacing cook stoves/ovens with energy star appliances

Do not use fan in kitchen. Dismantle kitchen fan and sell motor

Change kitchen, entry hall, secretary, and priest office lights to LED tubes

Change outside door side lights to LED

Hire electrician to change outside sidewalk and steeple lights to LED

Change sign tube light to LED

Wash air conditioning unit filters and dust unit to prevent moisture dripping on furniture

Change AC units to heat pump style to save on AC

Discontinue use of dehumidifiers in winter

Add fans in sanctuary to direct heat down

Move sanctuary thermostat to hall and use wireless thermostat with receiver/senders in sanctuary. This thermostat is currently installed above a heating unit.

Historic notes:

New Boiler installed: 12/17/07

Lighting changed in 2012

Rebate for lighting received Nov. 2015 (\$489.91)

Continuing discussions and challenges:

- physical accessibility,
- access to building by outside groups,
- distribution of keys
- need for Safe Church Training.
- address topics in energy audit.
- address “Move to Amend.”
- updating of facility – aging building
- microphone updating
- web site update and include current photos

Backus Community Café volunteer dates scheduled for 2019:

January 24; April 25; September 26 and October 24.

2019 Vestry

Carol Grim, Melanie Mattsen, Jeannie Strand, Erik Strand,

Georgeann Wright, Mike Noland

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2/3 ~ **Tessa Walls** (daughter of Bill & Karen
granddaughter of Donna Day)

2/3 ~ **Morgan Rud** (daughter of Tara,
granddaughter of Cindy Cassibo)

2/5 ~ **Neve Oettinger** (daughter of Pam,
granddaughter Carolyn Davison)

2/9 ~ **Waiva Menefee**

2/14 ~ **Jessie Ottem**

2/22 ~ **Carolyn Davison**

2/22 ~ **Grace O'Kane** (daughter of Heather,
granddaughter Andy & Georgeann Wright)

2/28 ~ **Audrey Leeman**

2/9 ~ **Dean Tveit**

2/12 ~ **Dacota Lehman**

2/23 ~ **Jim Davisont**


February '19 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
3 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 4th Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Carole Johnson Lee Grim	Carole Johnson
10 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 5th Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Carolyn Mount Lee Grim	Donna Day Karen Walls
17 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 6th Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard
24 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 7th Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Gavia Yount Lee Grim	Carolyn Davison



February 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Altar Guild Carolyn 
3	4	5  9:30 am Coffee Landing Team meeting 6pm	6	7	8	9 Altar Guild Tricia
10	11 <i>Ruby's Pantry Reg. 4:30 Dist. 5-6:30</i>	12 Vestry 4:45 pm	13	14 	15	16 Altar Guild Tricia
17	18	19 Newsletter Deadline (Sam)	20	21	22	23 Georgeann & Donna
24 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	25	26	27	28		

