



# The In Touch

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*Our Mission: To Seek, Know, Love and Serve Christ in all Persons and in all Creation*

## From the Deacon.....

### **Ukrainian Refugee Relief Program** with The Elks Lodge-1599, International Falls, MN

Members in the community have recently been discussing the possibility of conducting a Ukrainian refugee relief fundraising dinner in town later this spring or early summer.

Holy Trinity was asked to discuss this issue with local clergy and see if we could organize such a community event.

The purpose is to raise money in International Falls and Fort Frances area to give to the USA for United Nations HCR- The UN Refugee Agency for Ukrainian war refugees. Backus Community Center will be the fiscal agent for managing funds and donations can be sent to Ukrainian Refugee Relief Fund, Backus Community Center, 900 5th Street, International Falls, MN.

On a recent Monday evening, representatives of three churches and the Elks officers met at their monthly board meeting to discuss that possibility. The officers tentatively agreed to host a dinner there after seeking further approval from the Elks organization.

This is a great opportunity for our community to show our collective support for people who are being mercilessly ravaged and displaced from their homes by war. As Father Richard Rohr wrote the following poem in response to the collective suffering of the people of Ukraine.

#### ***“It Can’t Be Carried Alone”***

***How can we not feel shock or rage at what is happening***

***to the people of Ukraine—***

***As we watch their suffering unfold in real time***

***from an unfair distance?***

***Who of us does not feel inept or powerless***

***before such manifest evil? In this, at least, we are united.***

***Our partisan divisions now appear small and trivial.***

*Remember what we teach: both evil and goodness are,  
first of all, social phenomena.*

*The Body of Christ is crucified and resurrected  
at the same time. May we stand faithfully  
Inside both these mysteries (contemplation).*

*In loving solidarity, we each bear what is ours to carry,  
the unjust weight of crucifixion,  
in expectant hope for God's transformation.  
May we be led to do what we can on any level (action)  
to create resurrection!*

*The people of Ukraine have much to teach the world.*

The Elks motto is to promote the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Together with them we can rally the community and help those of the Ukraine.

A work plan to accomplish the proposed project was prepared and an organizing committee met on April 19 to get this project moving. Lois Lundin at Backus CC found a room for our meetings.

## **Invitation to a steering committee meeting**

A Ukrainian Refugee Relief Dinner steering committee will be meeting at the **Backus Community Center at 7:00 PM on May 4th, 2022** to continue to plan and organize the dinner for **Wednesday, May 25th at the Elks Lodge**. Ukrainian food such as borscht, pierogis, cabbage rolls, Ukrainian pork garlic sausage, Ukrainian pickles and desserts will be featured.

Churches and community organization representatives and interested individuals are encouraged to attend the meeting. If you cannot come, consider sending a representative to participate.

## **Event Jobs to be Completed**

- Seek local citizens of Ukrainian, Polish and Russian refugee ancestry to help with planning, organizing and conducting the events.
- Seek support from local churches, businesses, industry, organizations, non-profit groups, schools, civic agencies and individual citizens.
- Seek cooks to prepare a menu and meals.
- Solicit food, drink and supplies for the event and deliver them to the Elks.
- Organize a dinner hall setup, takedown and cleanup crew.
- Organize a kitchen and dishwashing cleanup crew.
- Set up a finance, fundraising and money collecting team.
- Develop an event advertising and promotion team.

- Establish a dinner program and management team.
- Sign up volunteers to serve food, drinks and bus tables.
- Set up a greeting table with volunteers to collect free will offerings.
- Decorate the Lodge dining hall with appropriate décor.
- Keeping track of who is doing what jobs?



**The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), also known as the UN Refugee Agency,** is the world's leading organization aiding and protecting people forced to flee their homes due to violence, conflict and persecution. UNHCR provides shelter, food, water, medical care and other lifesaving assistance to refugees around the world.

USA for UNHCR is a non-profit 501(c)(3). Gifts are 100% tax-deductible. All donations are processed securely. As a donor, you'll receive updates on how your gift helps families like these. Any amount you give can help ease the suffering of those in urgent need

The Vision of USA for UNHCR foresees a world without refugees. The Mission of USA for UNHCR protects refugees and empowers them with hope and opportunity. We are with refugees from their greatest time of need – from emergency or crisis and beyond through the months and likely years that many are displaced from their home countries. We give refugees the hope they deserve, restore their dignity and help them rebuild their lives.

Submitted by Venerable Archdeacon *Lee Grim*



- ~ Brad Johnson
- ~ Claire Fontenot
- ~ Tom Grim
- ~ Pam Davison
- ~ Olga Reuter
- ~ Tricia Brennard
- ~ Thatcher Jenkinson
- ~ Jill Tanem
- ~ Rob Meyer
- ~ Scott Schlieff

- 5/13 ~ Andrew Kennedy
- 5/26 ~ Bill Corrin
- 5/28 ~ Linnaea Yount



- 5/ ~ Dean & Karen Tveit
- 5/ ~ Diana & Bob Russiff
- 5/ ~ Jon & Anne Reuter
- 5/ ~ Jim & Cori Davison

***Watch Holy Trinity Services Livestream***  
*Service bulletin is on our website: [www.ifhtec.org](http://www.ifhtec.org)*

*On Facebook: Sundays @ 10:00 am*



***Servants of Shelter Fund Raiser Sale @***  
***The Philosopher's Club*** *(across from Northern Lumber)*

***Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup>***

***8:00am - 6:00pm***

***Donation Day is Wed. June 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00am - 4:00pm***

***WE WELCOME ALL GOOD DONATIONS***

***(No books or Clothes Please)***

# May '22 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<b>1</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 10:00 am <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Gavia Yount or Linnaea Yount Lee Grim	
<b>8</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 10:00 am <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Gavia Yount or Linnaea Yount Lee Grim	
<b>15</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 7:00 pm <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Gavia Yount or Linnaea Yount Lee Grim	
<b>22</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 10:00 am <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Gavia Yount or Linnaea Yount Lee Grim	
<b>29</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 10:00 pm <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Gavia Yount or Linnaea Yount Lee Grim	



# May 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Tricia
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14 Altar Guild
 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Vestry meeting 7:30 pm				Donna & Karen
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Donna & Karen
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline (Lee)					Georgeann
29	30	31				
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	 *** HAPPY *** <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> REMEMBER AND HONOR *****					

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