



# 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 Vestry.....

### 2022 VESTRY REPORT

Senior Warden: Erik Strand  
Junior Warden: Tricia Brennard  
Secretary: Michele Dahlin  
Member: Jeannie Strand  
Member: Carolyn Davison  
Member: Sandra Jean  
Treasurer: Andy Wright  
Church Secretary: Karen Walls

**By: Erik Strand, Sr Warden**

Our year started out with the challenges of our heating system failing and lack of replacement parts to cause a total heating system replacement. Fortunately, HT has resources (money) that could be invested in our Worship House. Shannon's came through with temporary heat (that put some pain on our utility expense), but kept us from freezing during this time. We also learned the hard way with a wet basement during our flooding year. Finding that a contributing factor was plugged gutters, its something we can place on our annual maintenance schedule.

We've also invested in our office with a new printer this year. Other items of business were able to be handled readily throughout the year, all the way into December with some new kitchen supplies.

When you look around our congregation, we really can thank each other for the continued success of our Church and Church Family. From our Team's spiritual leadership, Liturgical and Musical Leadership, Vestry and Treasurer financial and building stewardship, and Karen in the office staying on top of all of the above, we are a Church of synergy; the ability to accomplish more together that separate individual efforts.

Congratulations to Lee on his Deacon role, now known as The Venerable Reverend Lee Grim. ECMN is very fortunate to have Lee as a resource person. We are also very fortunate to have Lee speak on behalf of and represent outstate congregations. Plus, having our Bishop in

Lee's contacts list doesn't hurt either. ECMN has become much more involved in our community and I believe we have had more contact with our Bishop than ever before. Thank You Lee for making the commitment that you have.

We continue to be mindful of finances. While we do have resources, we continue to experience expense outflows above and beyond our inflows. Please continue to provide so we can continue to do the good that we do. While we do dip into our piggy bank, especially for large unexpected expenses, it is with reserve when we use the piggy bank for operating expenses.

Peace to all,

Erik on behalf of the Vestry.

## **A Total Ministry Team Report for the 2023 HTEC Annual Meeting**

The governing body of HTEC responsible for all spiritual matters is the Total Ministry Team. Total Ministry is a shared ministry, which sees the whole Church as a body of ministers: baptized, sealed, ordained, commissioned – faithfully and perceptibly striving to honor their commitments to the Baptismal Covenant. Total Ministry embodies mutuality and accountability. The TMT shall provide for the regular and well-ordered worship of Almighty God, in all efforts to develop the spiritual life of the Parish (ECMN **Canon 604**).

### **➤ Total Ministry Team Accomplishments in 2022**

- TMT members and the Vestry enable worship services on Facebook Live and KCC-TV as outreach on social media.
- TMT *Pastoral Care Commissioner* and companions made 33 registered visits with prayers and Eucharist to the homebound.
- TMT clergy and lay members conducted 48 *Holy Eucharist*, 6 *Morning Prayer*, 6 **Mid-week** worship services and 4 **Advent Interludes**.
- TMT clergy conducted **Ministration of the Sick at Time of Death** services.
- TMT clergy administered **Ashes-to-Go** on Ash Wednesday.
- TMT clergy taught **confirmation class** at First Lutheran Church.
- TMT clergy planned and conducted three summer outdoor worship services at the *Rainy Lake Visitor Center-Voyageurs National Park Picnic Area* with Faith United Church of Christ.
- TMT members and the Liturgy Committee arranged for inspiring music and *Professional Music Services* with musicians.
- TMT members were active and innovative on the *Liturgy Committee* that planned all liturgies for services.
- A TMT member served on the *Altar Guild* that managed sacristy activities.
- A TMT member planned and provided *Hospitality Refreshments* after worship services inside and outside of the Church.

- A TMT member provided *Greeter and Usher Services* before worship services.
- TMT members actively participated in seasonally decorating the church.
- TMT members planned and conducted *The Kids Christmas Shop Program* for children, that enabled kids to give a free wrapped present to someone in exchange for un-bargaining service to someone. The program was scheduled on six days.
- TMT members provided volunteer assistance at *Backus Community Center Programs and Dinners* and *Backus Community Center Café* sponsored activities.
- TMT members assisted at 9 *Ruby's Pantry* monthly distributions. An average of 214 guests attended monthly.
- A TMT member has a leadership role at *Ruby's Pantry Program*.
- A TMT clergy member prepared a grant request to support Ruby's program in International Falls.
- A TMT member had a leadership role in planning the *16th International Falls Annual Christmas Day Dinner*. Nine members volunteered at the dinner.
- TMT clergy conducted three *Celebration of Life and Burial of the Dead Services*.
- TMT clergy provided one **Holy Baptismal Service**.
- TMT members, the Vestry and Small-Town Tech worked to upgraded our virtual live Facebook program for delivering worship services on the internet.
- TMT and Vestry used the Zoom apps program to conduct HTEC meetings and business with ECMN.
- TMT members participated in Zoom meetings with all of ECMN clergy, Missioners and Bishop Loya to stay connected to the latest updates relevant to faith communities, and to engage in formation together.
- TMT clergy organized opportunities for youth involvement in weekly worship services.
- TMT conducted team meetings with mentor Reverend Andy Berry from Littlefork Lutheran Church.
- TMT clergy prepared and distributed team meeting agendas prior to meetings and kept written notes of meeting discussions.
- TMT clergy planned and participated in midweek Lenten Worship Services on Wednesday evenings which were conducted live on Facebook.
- TMT members wrote articles for *"IN Touch"* the monthly newsletter.
- TMT members had leadership roles at *Servants of Shelter*, for the homeless in the community.
- TMT members attended *ECMN Northeast Mission Area* Zoom and in person meetings and served as officers.
- TMT members participated in *ECMN 2022 Annual Convention* activities.
- TMT members participated in *ECMN 2022 Virtual Annual Clergy Conference*.
- TMT members participated in *ECMN 2022 Virtual Annual Deacons Conference*.
- A TMT clergy served on a three member ECMN Archdeacon team in partnership with Bishop Loya.
- A TMT clergy served as a representative to the ECMN Council.

- A TMT clergy served as a member of the ECMN Total Ministry Discernment Committee.
- A TMT clergy served on the ECMN Commission of the Diaconate.
- A TMT clergy helped draft a Deacon’s Customary for ECMN deacons.

The TMT shall have authority over funds designated to be a **Clergy Discretionary Fund** as required under the Canons of the Episcopal Church and ECMN. TMT clergy are accountable to God and to the Church for how discretionary funds are managed and dispersed to meet requests. The fund provides short-term assistance to individuals in legitimate need. Persons helped by the discretionary funds may be within the Church or those outside of HTEC who come to us for assistance. Distributions shall be made for specific purposes consistent with Christian charity and the church’s mission, as determined in the discretion of the TMT.

- **The HTEC TMT Discretionary Fund** received 4 donations of \$1,312 in 2022 and dispersed \$1,500 of outreach funds in our community and Ukraine during 2022:
  - Ruby’s Pantry- \$200
  - Personal grievance assistance- \$100
  - Ukrainian Refugee Relief- \$100
  - Emergency Medical Equipment Fund- \$50
  - Mills Fire Relief \$250
  - Falls Cancer Walk donation- \$100
  - Personal medical assistance- \$500
  - Personal healing assistance- \$200
  - Total \$1,500

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Leland H. Grim, Deacon



2/1 - 2/28 ~ Tessa Ferris  
~ Morgan Rud  
~ Neve Oettinger  
~ Jessie Ottem  
~ Carolyn Davison  
~ Grace O'Kane



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

## SHROVE TUESDAY



5:00-6:30 pm  
All are welcome. Free will offering.

Menu includes: buttermilk pancakes, sausage, syrup, fresh fruit, coffee, tea, and juice.

The famous all male Holy Trinity flipping team will be in the kitchen



Faith United Church of Christ, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and Zion Lutheran Church cordially invite you to join us for our midweek Lenten series – *Sing with All the Saints in Glory.*

### Dates

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

### Time


6:00 pm soup supper

7:00 pm worship

### Location

All dinners and services will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 530 6<sup>th</sup> Street, International Falls.




# Feb '23 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<p>5</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Holy Eucharist</b> 10:00 am</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Tricia Brennard</p>	
<p>12</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Holy Eucharist</b> 10:00 am</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Georgeann &amp; Andy Wright</p>	
<p>19</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Holy Eucharist</b> 10:00 am</p> <p>Last Sunday after Epiphany</p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Jeanne Corrin</p>	
<p>22</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Holy Eucharist</b> 7:00 pm</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen</p>		
<p>26</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Holy Eucharist</b> 10:00 am</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Erik Strand</p>	



# February 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Altar Guild
						Tricia
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.			Vestry TBD			Tricia
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Ruby's Pantry 5:00 - 6:30					Donna & Karen
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline (Samantha)		 Ash Wed Service 7:00 pm			Donna & Karen
26	27	28				
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						
