



# 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 Archdeacon.....

Submitted by: Archdeacon Lee Grim

Deacons vow to share what Christian leaders outside the walls of the church are saying to those within the parishes they serve. Two essays worthy of sharing with Holy Trinity members include recent writings by Father Richard Rohr and ECMN Bishop Craig Loya.

Rohr points out in *Upending the Social Order* how Jesus upended the social norms of his time by honoring people's identity as beloved children of God. He wrote, "A telling phrase used in the Acts of the Apostles describes the new sect of Judaism that upsets the old-world order in Thessalonica. Christians there were dragged before the city council and referred to as "the people who have been turning the whole world upside down.... They have broken Caesar's edicts" (Acts 17:6-7). No one is called before the city council for mere inner beliefs or new attitudes unless they are also upsetting the social order. The import of Jesus' teaching and almost all his healing was a rearranging of social relationships and therefore of social order. He could not have gone around eating with the underclass, touching the untouchables, healing on the Sabbath, and collaborating with upstarts like John the Baptist down at the river without turning traditional societies upside down.

Jesus refuses to abide by the honor/shame system that dominated the Mediterranean culture of his time. He refuses to live up to what is considered honorable and refuses to shame what people consider shameful. (If that is not apparent in our reading of the Gospels, we need to read them again.) This does not gain him many friends. It's perhaps the thing that most bothers the priests and the elders. In response to his ignoring the debt codes and purity codes, they decided to kill him (see Mark 3:6, 11:18; Matthew 12:14; Luke 19:47; John 11:53).

In New Testament times, shame and honor were the basis of moral values that people felt compelled to follow. If a situation called for retaliation, people were expected to retaliate. Not to retaliate would have been considered immoral, because they would have abandoned their honor. People were bound to be true to the honor of their village, their family, and themselves. For Jesus to walk into the midst of that cultural system and say, "Do not retaliate" and "Love your enemies" was to subvert the whole honor/shame system itself.

Once challenged, Jesus' listeners were given a new place to find their identity: not in their social positions of honor or shame but in God. Who we are in God is who we are. That's the end of ups and downs. Our value no longer depends upon whether our family or village likes us, or whether we're good-looking, wealthy, or obedient to the laws. Jesus' message is incredibly subversive in any honor/shame society. As he takes away old foundations, he offers a new, more solid one: neither shame-based nor guilt-based but based in who we are in God.

Who we are in God is a beloved child. Our identity is no longer dependent on the estimation of our culture or even on our own estimation of ourselves. Through prayer, and the awareness of God within us, we continually discover our true identity, "life ... hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3)."

ECMN Bishop Craig Loya, wrote the following in his *ECMN Weekly Newsletter*. "Part of what it means for us to follow the way of Jesus is to cultivate a disposition of love and delight in the gift of the other. Often, when we encounter various forms of difference, we naturally see that difference as either a threat to be defended, or a problem to be resolved. Part of our brokenness as human beings is that we see most relationships as transactional, and we are looking to see what we might gain from that connection. But what if, instead, we saw connection itself as a gift in which we can rejoice, without imagining expecting any outcome from it? How would it change our ministries, our friendships with one another, our engagement with the wider world, if we let go of what we are trying to achieve or accomplish, and spent time simply delighting in the gift whoever is in front of us is?"

Joy and delight are virtues that are sorely lacking in the world around us, and in our own hearts. The heart of our Trinitarian faith is that the soul of the universe is a loving relationship, and the cosmos is the product of the mutual love, joy, and delight that from eternity is the three persons of the Trinity. We have so much about which to be anxious. The world is so full of factions. We so often seek allies for the fear and scorn we feel toward others. What we are made for is open-hearted, full-throated love, joy, and delight in the gift of sharing our lives and ourselves with one another. The purpose of the church is to join itself as fully as possible to the centripetal force that is the Holy Trinity, drawing all people into the eternal, healing, joyful dance of love. I hope you can find a few minutes this week to simply sit in delight and love as you carry all the heavy loads you've been given."

Respectfully submitted,

*Archdeacon Reverend Lee Grim*



6/1~6/30 ~ Caryn Noland  
~ Shane Mattsen  
~ Edith Jenkinson  
~ Riley Wright  
~ Christine Kent  
~ Connor Weir  
~ Erik Strand  
~ Mark Grim  
~ Tara Johnson  
~ Carly Toder  
~ John Klatt  
~ Jeannie Strand  
~ Jon Reuter



6/11 ~ Diana Russiff  
6/16 ~ Laura Smith  
6/24 ~ Clayton Rasmussen  
6/24 ~ Addison Strand



6/10 ~ Dr. Samantha Crossley &  
Jim Yount  
6/21 ~ Ladd & Lucy Corrin  
6/22 ~ Cindy & Bruce Cassibo  
6/25 ~ Brent & Lisa Schlieff  
6/26 ~ Sara & Dale Kennedy

***Watch Holy Trinity Livestream On Facebook***  
*Service bulletin is on our website: [www.ifhtec.org](http://www.ifhtec.org)*  
*Sundays @ 10:00 am*  
*Services can also be viewed on KCC-TV*

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

***Friday ~ June 16<sup>th</sup>***

***8:00am - 3:00pm***

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

***WE WELCOME ALL GOOD DONATIONS***

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

***Voyageurs Park Service Dates Will Be:***

***July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>***

# June '23 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<p>4</p> <p><b>Holy Eucharist</b>  10:00 am</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>Trinity Sunday</b></p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Samantha  Crossley</p> <p>Deacons: Lee Grim or  Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Lee Grim  Or  Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Tricia Brennard</p>	
<p>11</p> <p><b>Holy Eucharist</b>  10:00 am</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Samantha  Crossley</p> <p>Deacons: Lee Grim or  Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Lee Grim  Or  Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Jeannie Corrin</p>	
<p>18</p> <p><b>Holy Eucharist</b>  10:00 am</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Samantha  Crossley</p> <p>Deacons: Lee Grim or  Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Lee Grim  Or  Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Erik Strand</p>	
<p>25</p> <p><b>Holy Eucharist</b>  10:00 am</p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Samantha  Crossley</p> <p>Deacons: Lee Grim or  Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Lee Grim  Or  Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Carole Johnson</p>	



# JUNE 2023



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.						Donna & Karen
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00a.m.	Ruby's Pantry 5:00 - 6:30					Donna & Karen
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Altar Guild
 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline (Melanie)	Vestry 6:00 pm				Georgeann
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Holy Trinity Community Café Volunteers				
