



The In Touch

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

Living the Questions. . .

The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity

David M Felten and Jeff Procter-Murphy

STRIPPED BY GOD

What would happen if I pursued God ---

If I filled my pockets with openness,

Grabbed a thermos half full of fortitude,

And crawled into a cave of the Almighty

Nose first, eyes peeled, heart hesitantly following

Until I was face to face

With the raw, pulsing beat of Mystery?

What if I entered and it looked different

Than anyone ever described?

What if the cave was too large to be fully known,

Far too extensive to be comprehended by

On person or group,

Too vast for one dogma or doctrine?

Would I shatter at such a thought?

Perish from paradox or puzzle?

Shrink and shrivel before the power?
Would God be diminished if I lived a question
Rather than a statement?
Would I lose my faith
As I discovered the magnitude of Grace?

O, for the willingness to explore
To leave my tiny vocabulary at the entrance
And stand before you naked
Stripped of pretenses and rigidity,
Disrobed of self righteousness and tidy packages,
Stripped of all that holds me at a distance from you
And your world.

Strip me, O God,
Then clothe me in curiosity and courage.

--- Cynthia Langston Kirk

Poem submitted by Deacon Lee Grim



Holy Trinity Fundraising Dinner

Letter received from Pat Bjorum:

Dear members of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church,
Thank you for your exceedingly generous donation to Servants of Shelter. We are touched by your kindness and invigorated by your spirit. The dinner was truly a community event. The food was delicious, the camaraderie infectious. You are a faith community who exudes such joy in the spirit of giving. Please know that the financial contribution you made goes directly to help persons in need of shelter in Koochiching County. If you have questions or helpful suggestions regarding SOS, please contact Melanie Mattsen or any SOS board member.
From our spirits to yours...with grateful hearts we continue the journey.
Pat Bjorum

Fundraising Dinner





October Birthday's

10-1 Wilbur Tveit

10-6 Guy Menefee
(son of Waiva)

10-10 Karen Walls

10-19 Lennis Connors

10-27 Georgeann Wright

10-30 Grant Oettinger
*(son of Pamela, grandson of Gary &
Carolyn Davison)*

10-31 Brian Toder
(son of Olga Reuter)



Wedding Anniversaries

NONE

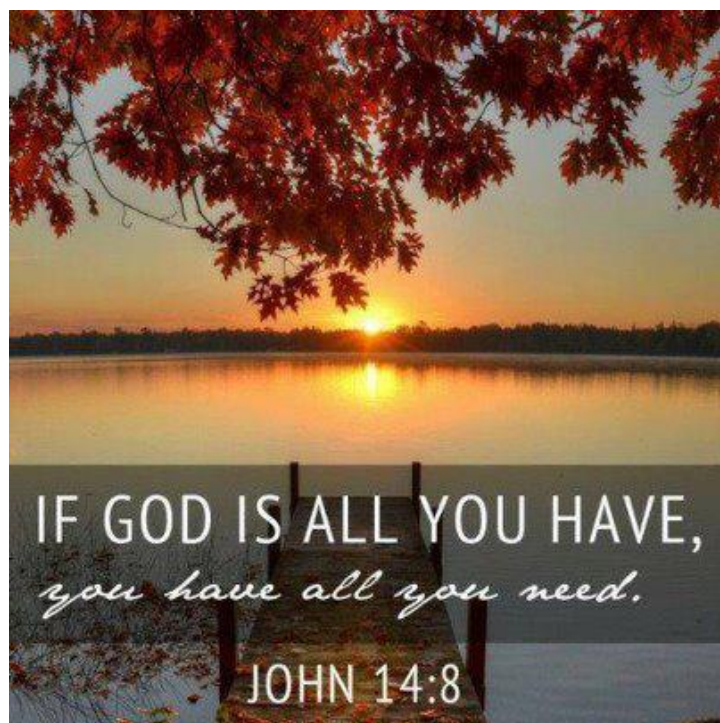
Baptism Anniversaries



10-22 Guy Menefee

Happy 1 Year
Anniversary
Rev. Samantha
Crossley

1 Year ago this month
Holy Trinity was blessed
with our new Rev.
Samantha Crossley



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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|---|--------|-------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Altar Guild |
| | | | | | | Flossie Jeanne |
| 7 Proper 22 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Altar Guild |
| Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. | | 9:30 a.m. Coffee @ Coffee Landing 6:00 p.m. – Total Ministry Meeting | | | | Carolyn Helen |
| 14 Proper 23 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Altar Guild |
| Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. | Newsletter Deadline | | | | | Carolyn Helen |
| 21 Proper 24 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. | | | 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting | | | Mavis Tricia |
| 28 Proper 25 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  | | |
| Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. | | |  | | | |



Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

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| Dates | Lay Officials | Acolytes | Lectors & Lessons | Greeters |
|---|---|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. | Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim | Melanie Mattsen | Kay Herman Melanie Mattsen | Gary Davison Carolyn Davison |
| 14 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. | Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen | Erik Strand | Mike Brennard Tricia Brennard | Bill Corrin Jeanne Corrin |
| 21 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. | Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim | Tessa Walls | Georgeann Wright Andy Wright | Flossie Knutson Carole Johnson |
| 28 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. | Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen | Jeanne Corrin | Jeanne Corrin Mavis Tanem | Wilbur Tveit Mary Ann Tveit |