

# The In Touch

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

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## Rambling from the REV. . .



I hope you like the following piece from Jay Sidebotham, the rector of the Episcopal Church in Lake Forest. It's especially appropriate as we approach the time for our MDG dinner on September 6. Let's all pitch in and have a great time!

### Reflections on the Opening Ceremonies

Friday night, Frances and I stayed in to watch the opening of the Olympics: almost everything you'd ever want to know about the history of the British Isles which included, how shall we say, a range of characters. It began with about 3 or 4 million people on the stadium floor dressed as peasants (or Monty Python characters. Not sure.) doing what looked like some Celtic version of the Macarena, which was followed by the removal of sod and the emergence of smokestacks, which was followed by a moving moment of silence to remember those lost in the war to end all wars, soon followed by lots of children in radiant hospital beds, then lots of people in spandex (a privilege, not a right) dancing to music of the 70's, 80's and then apparently more recent music which I'm too old to recognize. Included in the cast were the Sex Pistols, Queen Elizabeth and James Bond (in parachutes, of course) Captain Hook, Kevin Branagh, Mr. Bean, Hugh Grant, lots of sheep, lots of adorable childrens' choirs, lots of Mary Poppins, lots of people playing lots of drums, Adele, the Bee Gees, and the guy who invented the world wide web (who is not Al Gore), ending of course with Sir Paul McCartney. When I list them all like this, it may sound snarky, even snide, but for what it's worth, I not only really liked the show, especially the fireworks and the floating gold circles and the computer graphics emanating from each stadium seat. I was impressed with how they pulled it off.

Having said that, allow me some Monday morning quarterbacking (though American football is apparently not an Olympic sport). I think they missed somebody really important. By divine coincidence, today, Monday, July 30, is the feast day of what I consider to be one of the most important people in British history, William Wilberforce, whose ministry had impact on the history of our country as well. He really deserved a few

moments in the opening ceremonies. Here's why I think so:

Born in 1759, educated at Cambridge, Wilberforce became a member of Parliament for Hull, then Yorkshire, forming a close friendship with William Pitt. Under the influence of New Testament reading, he had a conversion experience which led him to a deeper intention to lead a Christian life. He was guided by John Newton, who encouraged him not to become a priest, but to stay in Parliament. Deeply committed to the abolition of the slave trade, he fought for passage of the law doing just that, which passed in the House of Lords in 1807, after a lot of resistance. He continued to work tirelessly for the complete abolition of slavery, effected by the Emancipation Act of 1833. If you have some time this week, watch the movie *Amazing Grace*, which tells about his life, ministry and witness, and focuses on his connection with John Newton (author of the famous hymn), the slave trader whose conversion to Christianity caused him to quit selling other human beings. Wilberforce showed how to put faith to work in the world. He worked for justice and peace. He didn't give up. He did it because he was a follower of Jesus.

Take some time this week to think about the world in which we live, big and beautiful and broken. Take a minute to think about where you see a need for justice and service and healing. Pray for those in need. For Christ's sake, ask God to equip you to be of service, even if in just a small way. As September approaches, think of how you might want to connect with one of the service opportunities at the church. And next time there's an Opening Ceremony of the Olympics in London, let's try to get William Wilberforce included.

**-Jay Sidebotham**

Blessings and peace,

Lynn+



To the Congregation,

In July, the Vestry presented a proposal to the congregation for an addition to our building to improve our accessibility to our building. The Vestry goals were to compile a 'Yes' or 'No' vote and indicate a level of financial commitment that may be expected.

To date, we have received indications from just over half of Holy Trinity members.

To make our most informed decisions on this project, we would request responses from those who have not yet done so.

If you do not have a packet of information, please contact Cindy at the Church at 283-8606 and one will be sent.

Having gone through the initial design phase of the concept of the addition, we are not at a decision point to invest additional dollars in the 'Design Development' phase. This will 1) define the project and materials in much more detail and 2) work toward preparation of construction documents. This will also allow us to get a much more accurate cost of the project.

Please, we would appreciate your vote!

If you have questions or concerns before you vote, please contact a Vestry member. Our numbers are on the cover letter of the informational packet.

Submitted,

Erik Strand, on behalf of the Vestry

Name \_\_\_\_\_

We are willing to pledge a total of

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the proposed addition.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ immediately

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ before October 1, 2012.

***Please return no later than JULY 29, 2012***

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**Yes** I am in favor of the  
NEW Handicap Addition

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**No** I am not in favor of the  
New Handicap Addition

# Holy Trinity Fundraising Dinner

## A Delicious Roast Pork Dinner

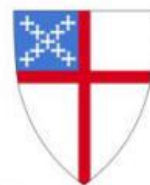
Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012

5:00 to 7:00 pm

**ELK's LODGE**

**Admission \$10**

*The*  
**EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**



*Welcomes You*



**A Fundraising  
Dinner to  
support  
Emergency  
Housing for the  
Homeless in  
International  
Falls**

*Tickets available @ Holy Trinity Church, City Drug & Coffee  
Landing Metro*



## September Birthday's

9/1/12 Joan Stone

9/8/12 David McKee

9/13/12 Karen Tveit

9/17/12 Kevin Connors  
(son of Jim & Lennis)

9/18/12 Carol Stillar

9/19/12 Brittany Corrin  
(daughter of Bill & Jeanne)

9/22/12 Lynn Naeckel

9/22/12 Carole Johnson

9/25/12 Andrew Strand  
(son of Erik & Jeannie, grandson of  
Wilbur & Mary Ann Tveit)

9/29/12 John Shewchuk

9/30/12 Dixie Juel  
(daughter of Donna Day)

9/30/12 Bob Stone  
(son of Carl & Joan)



## Wedding Anniversaries

9/3/12 Jim & Lennis Connor

9/4/12 Byrne & Carole Johnson

9/5/12 Lee & Carol Grim



## Baptism Anniversaries

9/4/12 Jon Reuter

9/18/12 Linda Krieger (Tveit)

9/26/12 Andrew Noland

9/30/12 Grace O'Kane

## ATTENTION:

September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday Service will be  
at NOON

Father Wayne McIntosh  
Will be here that Sunday



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>back to School</div> <div></div>					<div></div>	1 Altar Guild
						Mavis Tricia
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.				Holy Trinity Fundraising Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm ELK's LODGE		Mavis Tricia
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline	9:30 a.m. Coffee @ Coffee Landing 6:00 p.m. – Total Ministry Meeting				Donna Georgeann
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting					Donna Georgeann
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Altar Guild
Quiet Service 12:00						Flossie Jeanne
30 Quiet Service 10:00						

## Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

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Dates	Lay Officials	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<b>2</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Jeanne Corrin	Jeanne Corrin Mavis Tanem	Mavis Tanem Lennis Connors
<b>9</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Tessa Walls	Mike Brennard Tricia Brennard	Mike Brennard Tricia Brennard
<b>16</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Melanie Mattsen	Melanie Mattsen Kay Herman	Kay Herman John Shewchuk
<b>23</b> <b>Quiet Service</b> <b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Rev. Wayne McIntosh Deacon: Lee Grim	Jeanne Corrin	Georgeann Wright Andy Wright	Georgeann Wright Andy Wright
<b>30</b> <b>Quiet Service</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Erik Strand	Erik Strand Tessa Walls	Wilbur Tveit Mary Ann Tveit