

The In Touch

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

Rambling from the REV. . .



On a personal note, there's good news and bad news, but you have to decide which is which. David and I are leaving this week (July 20) to return to Lake Forest to pack up his house there, which we believe has been sold. I say believe, because although the contract was signed some time ago, the earnest money has not been paid pending an appraisal, so we're not positive it's a done deal. But we certainly hope so.

If so, we will be back August 10th and will become Minnesota residents, as this will be our permanent home. We are well and truly tired of moving back and forth and are looking forward to settling down a bit in one place. I imagine we will do some traveling to warmer climes during the winter, but do not expect it to be long-term travel.

A year and a half ago, we planned a European holiday for this September, so we will be gone from September 11 through October 7. Unfortunately we booked it before we knew that the date of convention would be changed, so for the first time in many years I will miss convention. However, I know that Lee and Mel will handle that in fine form.

The MDG dinner is coming up the first week in September, and I know you will all pitch in to help as needed. Tell all your friends to come too!

Speaking of food, we are planning to host the parish picnic at our house on Saturday, August 25. Sandi Holmburg is coming that weekend to celebrate and preach and we hope she'll come early enough on Saturday to join us for the picnic. Please mark your calendars now! We'll start at 3:00 PM.

I hope each of you are taking some time this summer for R and R, doing something that really recharges your batteries. It's such a fine time to sit back and enjoy the beautiful weather here in God's country. We'll kick off the new year with a great meal at the MDG dinner, Thursday, September 6, at the Elks Club.

Blessings and peace,

Lynn+

From the Bishop's Blog

Dear Friends,

I have been attending [General Convention](#) since I was a very young adult. I have served in a variety of capacities from Youth Presence to Vice President of the House of Deputies, from chairing a legislative committee to working on the dispatch of business. Through it all I have found the relationships formed through General Convention to be deep, rich and diverse. And I have found the work rewarding, frustrating and even transformational at times.

In my early years my focus was on advocating for full access of young people, people of color, and women. As time went on my attention shifted to systemic change in an attempt to connect the work of the larger Church with the local context. And now as the Bishop for the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, my focus has shifted yet again. Or maybe it would be more accurate to say it has refined all of my previous experience and focus into making the work of General Convention as relevant to our faith communities as possible.

Here are a few highlights:

Structure: A task force is being assembled to review and then make recommendations to the next General Convention. This is relevant for our faith communities because there is lots of conversation about the shift in focus to local context - something ECMN has already done and more support to do so may be coming.

Budget: ECMN's apportionment to the Episcopal Church, which is \$111 million plus budget, and based on the 5 Marks of Mission, for the next three years will be 19%. In the next triennium it will be reduced to 15%.

Liturgical Resources: There are now provisionally approved resources available for the blessing of same-gender relationships for those faith communities that request it.



Denominational Health Plan: After three years of hard work modifying the Episcopal Church Medical Trust this will now become mandatory for all faith communities with employees.

Here is the link if you want to dive in a little

deeper: <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/gc2012/>.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation to all of our deputies from the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, including Emma Grundhauser (pictured above) who participated through the Official Youth Presence, for their unselfish willingness to use their gifts for ministry at General Convention. Long before Convention began, these folks committed countless hours to studying and preparing

And then once there most deputies easily put in 15 hours a day working on legislation.

It goes without saying the Episcopal Church in Minnesota was well represented.
Blessings,



+Brian

General Convention

Read blog posts from deputation

blog post by the Rev. LeeAnne Watkins Led by Sally and Devon as chairs of our deputation, we took strong leadership positions on committees and on the floor. Doug worked extra hard for many months on the budget process. Devon served in Prayerbook and Liturgy, and Jim served on Stewardship. Sally and Devon both stood for elections. Sally has also served on the President of the House of Deputies Council of Advice, in addition to serving on the Constitutions and Canons Committee, plus being the all-around 'go-to' person to anyone with a procedural question. Read more on the [General Convention deputation's blog](#).





Parish Picnic

Saturday August 25th

3:00 p.m.

Lynn & David's residents

Beer, Pop and Meat provided.

Please bring a salad, desert or appetizer to share.

We hope Sandi Holmberg will join us.



Directions will be on the back table in the vestibule.



August Birthday's

8-1-12 Bill Walls

8-1-12 Willie
Corrin

8-4-12 James Briggs

8-12-12 Gavia Crossley Yount

8-13-12 Art Corrin

8-13-12 David Menefee

8-17-12 Jim Stone

8-20-12 Donna Strand

8-30-12 Sarah O'Kane



Wedding Anniversaries

8-7-12 Gary & Carolyn
Davison

8-9-12 Lynn Naeckel & David McKee

8-13-12 Erik & Jeannie Strand

8-15-12 Bill & Karen Walls

8-20-12 Wilbur & Mary Ann Tveit

8-29-12 Andy & Georgeann Wright



Baptism Anniversaries

8-9-12 Andrew Strand

8-10-12 Morgann Rud
Stevens

8-14-12 Glenn Walls

8-15-12 Tom Grim

8-24-12 Pam (Davison) Oettinger

8-28-12 Davide Menefee

8-30-12 Heather O'Kane

2012 Outdoor

Church Service
Schedule

Voyagers National Park Visiter
Center Picnic Area



August 12th

Parish Picnic

Saturday

August 25th

3:00 p.m.

Lynn & David Resident's



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

Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

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Dates	Lay Officials	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
5 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Tessa Walls	Mavis Tanem Robert Nye	Mavis Tanem Lennis Conners
12 Outdoor Service Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim		Becky Lucas Robin Monahan	Gary Davison Carolyn Davison
19 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	George Schlieff	Kay Herman Waiva Menefee	Wilbur Tveit Mary Ann Tveit
26 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Melanie Mattsen	Georgeann Wright Andy Wright	Georgeann Wright Andy Wright

** Voyageur's National Park Visitors Center Outdoor Service - August 12th **