



# 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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## Ramblings from the Sunday School....

Is it spring, is it morning?

Are there trees near you,

and does your own soul need comforting?

Quick, then—open the door and fly on your heavy feet; the song

may already be drifting away.

-Mary Oliver

Well, Spring is here again despite, or perhaps tightly interwoven, with the snow on the new grass outside. Our HTE Youth Group members have been noting many signs of spring here in our northwoods home. They have spotted crocuses and early spring flowers blooming, longer daylight hours to play, grass greening, the ice going out on the lake, the smells of mud and thawing soil, and the return of birds and insects. One thing we love about the Northland is how gradually this early part of spring occurs. It really lets us appreciate every little piece of rebirth. The youth are concerned, as are many of our adult congregates, about the care for our environment both locally and globally. They have created a list of reminders of ways that we can take action in both small and large ways to care for our environment. Here are some suggestions from the fertile young minds of the HTE Youth Group:

- Ride your bike, walk, or skateboard more- Drive less. If you drive, share your ride
- Take shorter showers, turn off the sink while you brush your teeth, hand wash dishes or run a full dishwasher. Wait for a full load to do laundry
- Turn the lights off when you leave the room
- Compost and recycle whenever possible
- Reuse items, repair and buy used whenever possible
- Buy local! This reduces fuel use on shipping and keeps more money in your local community.

- Grow your food and share with your neighbors. Plant vegetables and flowers together to provide more food for pollinators and support a mix of insects in your garden. **Do not** use pesticides and toxic sprays on your garden and lawn! These decrease the health of your soil, leave toxic residue on your food, and make your soil and garden unhealthier and more likely to have problems with pests because they kill good and bad insects.
- Air dry your clothes. Take advantage of free sunlight and air.
- Plan your grocery list around your meals. This helps with less waste. Eat leftovers!
- Use a refillable water bottle
- Don't smoke. You share the air with everyone.
- Protect animal and plant habitat
- Don't add fertilizer to your lawn. Most additives that are put on lawns and sidewalks (including salt, fertilizer, weed killer etc.) ends up in our rivers and lakes and hurts the fish, turtles, and frogs. Consider lawn alternatives like landscaping, shrubs, and garden beds. These require less water and work and actually give you food, or other gifts. Think what you could do with all of that time you spend mowing and tending a lawn!
- Take care of the people in your community. Remember the Corporal Acts of Mercy and feed the hungry, house the homeless, welcome strangers (including refugees), comfort the sick and show love to all in your community.

I think that I want to live in the world that our young people envision. We wish you all a wonderful Spring and hope that these reminders can make our lives more sustainable and enjoyable! Happy Spring!

Ariana Daniel  
Holy Trinity Youth Minister





- 5/2 ~ **Brad Johnson** (son of Byrne & Carole Johnson)  
 5/4 ~ **Claire Fontenot** (grandson Byrne & Carole Johnson)  
 5/6 ~ **Tom Grim** (son of Lee & Carol)  
 5/7 ~ **Pam Oettinger** (daughter of Gary & Carolyn Davison)  
 5/12 ~ **Olga Reuter**  
 5/12 ~ **Tricia Brennard**  
 5/19 ~ **Thatcher Jenkinson** (son Matthew & Edith, greatgrandson of Byrne & Carole Johnson)  
 5/23 ~ **Jill Tanem**  
 5/26 ~ **Rob Meyer** (son of Lynn Naeckel)  
 5/27 ~ **Scott Schlieff** (son of George Schlieff)



- 5/9 ~ **Dean & Karen Tveit**  
 5/21 ~ **Diana & Bob Russiff**  
 5/30 ~ **Jon & Anne Reuter**  
 5/30 ~ **Jim & Cori Davison**



- 5/13 ~ **Andrew Kennedy**  
 5/26 ~ **Bill Corrin**



*RLMC Hosting a Community Baby Shower for  
 Kooch County Health Dept  
 Infants & Toddlers in Need @  
 Coffee Landing Café*

*Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-12:00 noon*

*(Diapers, Bibs, Onesies, Clothing, Soothers, etc.)*




**Church Kitchen Cleaning Day**

**Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am**

**All helpers welcome**

# May '17 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities




Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<b>7</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright
<b>14</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Melanie Mattsen Michele Dahlin	Gary & Carolyn Davison
<b>21</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Lee Grim Jeanne Corrin	Donna Day Karen Walls
<b>28</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard





# May 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Altar Guild Flossie Kitchen Cleaning 9:00 am 
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Ruby's Pantry Reg. 4:30 Dist. 5-6:30	9:30am Coffee Landing  Team Meeting 6:00				Carolyn & Helen
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. 						Carolyn & Helen
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Newsletter Deadline				Tricia
28	29	30	31			
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Good Samaritan Service	