



# 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 Deacon....

### What Episcopalians are saying Outside the Walls of the Church.

**Our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry** has been encouraging all Episcopalians to enter more deeply into the practice of the **Beloved Community** in our lives and ministries.

He said, “Beloved Community is an invitation for us to close the gap between our mind and our behind: practicing new ways of neighborliness, seeing and appreciating who we and our neighbors are.”

Josiah Royce created the term Beloved Community, but Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. popularized it. “When one cannot find the Beloved Community, she needs to take steps to create it, and if there is not evidence of it then the rule to live by is to act as to hasten its coming.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This year at the ECMN Clergy Conference I attended on April 29th through May 1<sup>st</sup> many definitions of Beloved Community were reviewed and discussed.

- “Beloved Community is nothing less than the purpose of religious communities.” – Clarence Skinner
- Royce: Beloved Community is about relatedness; requiring courage, empathetic presence, perseverance.
- “A new world who forgets themselves in their passion to find common life, where the good of all is the quest of each.” – Skinner
- “Beloved Community is the willingness to go to any lengths to restore community” – King
- Beloved Community is a response to something that already is – it exists in the Trinity; therefore we are co-creating Beloved Community.
- Beloved Community has and does exist in us unevenly and intermittently.
- Beloved Community exists in the end of time in God’s imagination and the imagination of the Church. It exists in the creed – and the life of the world to come.
- The purpose of the church is to heal, reverse the consequences of lovelessness; be a part of the movement waging war with LOVE on lovelessness.
- Beloved Community is the practice and realization of divine love in social relation.
- Beloved Community pulls us forward to seeing and appreciating each other.

- Beloved Community is: when I see you, I see the divine. You are mine. I am yours.
- Beloved Community is about liberty, where the spirit of God is the spirit of liberty.
- What would it be like for us to be a half step more free?

The Call of Beloved Community in our parishes and as individuals is to determine what capacity needs to be increased in us so we can deliver what is ultimately for us? How can we be more of the disciples in us?

God is looking for partners to join God in God's purpose in creating Beloved Community. God is looking for co-creators.

We were asked at Clergy Conference to assess what we are doing that is already there in our parishes? Bishop Wright of Atlanta asked us to determine our purpose. What is our calling?

Wright quoted from the book, *The Path to Purpose*, by William Damon. Damon described why purpose is crucial for thriving throughout life. Wright related Damon's findings about purpose to those in our society in relation to Christianity. He said, "Many are hedonists, some dreamers, others dabblers, and only about 20 percent are purposeful. Showing-up consistently is key to the Beloved Community.

- Praying and celebrating Eucharist together
- Caring for each other
- Taking care of others
- Be involved in social justice issues in our community
- What do we do when some don't want the radical gospel?
- Comfort those afflicted; afflict the comfortable
- Reflect on the life of Jesus; work in progress that we are not ever going to solve
- Jesus facilitated among people some new way of neighborliness.

Clergy Conference leaders informed us about some skills and tactics for working on Beloved Community:

- Christian love is for grown-ups, be curious
- Be curious in the resistance, can't co-create Beloved Community by blasting people
- People do not rise higher in emotional maturity than the person with the microphone – how can that be true for spiritual maturity?
- How dare you not spend time with God before you speak to people about God/Beloved Community.
- Beloved Community needs us to be continually persevering quest for ourselves, so it is critical there is a reservoir.
- Oblation – go to God and give it away
- What is the part you can't give away? Our lived and our labor for the purpose of God – can I give myself away?

The Dali Lama said, “Our shared politics or the same religion does not necessarily unite us in friendship and collaboration. What unites us in friendship and collaboration is a shared simple belief in compassion, in human dignity, in the intrinsic usefulness of every person to contribute positively for a better and more meaningful world. The problems we face cut across conventional categories; so must our dialogue, and our friendships”.

Reverend Andy Berry, our Total Ministry Team mentor added that what is missing from the Dali Lama’s quote is that the love of Christ is at the heart of the Beloved Community.

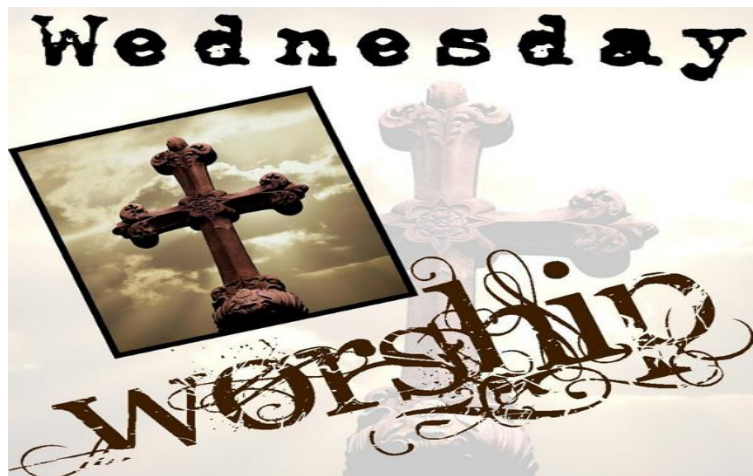
**Jody Williams said,** “I believe that words are easy. I believe the truth is told in the actions we take. And I believe that if enough ordinary people back up our desire for a better world with action, I believe we can, in fact, accomplish absolutely extraordinary things.

### **A Prayer for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in International Falls**

Today we desire to pursue a more purposeful and love-filled existence. Help us to turn away from cynicism and adjust our curmudgeonly spirits. May we be steadfast in our commitment to love each other. Amen.

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## ***Summer Ecumenical Wednesday Evening Worship***

*Churches involved: Zion Lutheran, Holy Trinity, First Lutheran,  
Faith United & St. John’s (Fort Frances)*

***All services hosted @ Holy Trinity Episcopal Church***

***June 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> July 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>***

***& August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00-7:00 pm***



- 6/1 ~ Caryn Noland
- 6/2 ~ Shane Mattsen (son Melanie & Randy Mattsen)
- 6/3 ~ Edith Jenkinson
- 6/6 ~ Riley Wright (daughter Alan & Kate, granddaughter of Georgeann & Andy)
- 6/8 ~ Christine Kent
- 6/9 ~ Connor Weir (son of Tara Rud, grandson Cindy Cassibo)
- 6/11 ~ Erik Strand
- 6/14 ~ Doug Tanem
- 6/21 ~ Mark Grim (son Lee & Carol)
- 6/23 ~ Tara Johnson (daughter of Byrne & Carole)
- 6/24 ~ Carly Toder (granddaughter Olga Reuter)
- 6/25 ~ John Klatt (son Brittany & Joe, grandson Jeanne & Bill Corrin)
- 6/27 ~ Jeannie Strand
- 6/27 ~ Jon Reuter (son Olga Reuter)
- 6/28 ~ Glenn Walls (son Bill & Karen, grandson Donna Day)



- 6/11 ~ Diana Russiff (Day)
- 6/16 ~ Laura Smith (Menefee)
- 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



*Sunday Service Dates @  
Voyageurs Park Will Be:  
July 21<sup>st</sup>, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>*

# June '19 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<b>2</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Jeanne Corrin Michelle Dahlin	Donna Day Karen Walls
<b>9</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Michael & Tricia Brennard	Michael & Tricia Brennard
<b>16</b> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Carole Johnson Lee Grim	Carole Johnson
<b>23</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright
<b>30</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Erik Strand	Wilbur & MaryAnn Tveit



# JUNE 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Altar Guild
						Tricia
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Tricia
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 am	<i>Ruby's Pantry Reg. 4:30 Dist. 5-6:30</i>	 9:30 am Coffee Landing  Vestry 4:45 pm	Wed. Evening Service @ Holy Trinity 6-7 pm			Georgeann & Donna
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Altar Guild
<b>Father's Day</b> Holy Eucharist 10:00 am		Newsletter Deadline	Wed. Evening Service @ Holy Trinity 6-7 pm			Georgeann & Donna
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.			Wed. Evening Service @ Holy Trinity 6-7 pm			Flossie
30 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						

