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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 Rev...

I was lying in bed the other night. If I had any sense I would have been sleeping, but I was listening instead - listening as the wind whistled through the chinks it discovered around my north facing door and windows; listening as the precipitation hit said door and windows with a suspiciously solid sounding splat; listening as the environmental turbulence snatched my storm doors open and slammed them closed again with exasperating irregularity. I was listening to these things, and to the dog whining nervously about these things and to my own inner voice. "Tell me again," said the voice, "tell me again how you moved to the northernmost reaches of Minnesota because you like the seasons so much."

I do actually - I love the seasons. Summers here are second to none. Even accounting for the mosquitoes, I can't imagine a more beautiful season. I'm a little less sure about the semi permanent Minnesota mud puddle that is the month of March, but I celebrate the green haze that develops on the distant trees just on the verge of leafing. And the snow and frigid temperatures that make us famous? That deep silence, that crisp crackling air? A person appreciates with complete certainty that she is ALIVE in that wintry blast. I am, in spite of our recent soggy, grateful for the seasons.

I am grateful for the seasons of the Earth, and the seasons of the church. I experience an almost irrational excitement as we enter each new season: the up-coming contemplative, quiet of Advent; the gentle, warm jubilation of Christmas; the startling enlightenment of Epiphany; the stark, introspective honesty of Lent; the devastating heartbreak of Holy Week through the triumphant exaltation of Easter; the fiery insistence of Pentecost and our current season - that long stretch of Ordinary time. The green time. The growing time.

I hope by the time you read this, you won't need a Psalm for a Soggy Day. The sodden ground will have dried, the blue sky will have broken through, the wan autumn sun will have peeked through the clouds, and the many-hued leaves will have dried enough to crunch under your feet. I hope. But Soggy will come again - such is the nature of seasons, each offering what we need, what we can use, what will let us grow, each in their time. God walks through each season with us - living, loving, being...

Psalm for a Soggy Day

*The sky has disappeared
and shapeless clouds hang low.
Dripping water leaks into my life
as I listlessly begin this dull day.
The electric blue of the sky is gone,
as is the yellow song of the sun,
which spurs enthusiasm,
spreads smiles,
and breaks depression's grip.
Dear and Faithful Friend,
who created both blue and gray,
both sun and rain,
show me the gift of this dull day.
Expand my spirit outward
before this sulky day
drags me under like a tide
into the basement of my soul,
drowning me in the gloom.
Help me turn the tide of depression
and lighten my heavy body
by the recollection of your love.
Let my smile be sunlight for others,
my zest the blue sky,
my hope like towering white thunderheads
swollen with the promise
of your presence.*

Amen.

(Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim, Edward Hays)

May God's blessings be on you, and may you continue to be a God-given blessing to the world around you - this season and all the coming seasons.

Dr. Sam



Notice

We Need volunteers

Readers & Greeters for Sunday's

& Altar Guild Members

(Please leave a note if you are interested)



11/11 ~ **Cori Davison** (daughter in law
Carolyn)

11/14 ~ **Joy Frank**

11/17 ~ **Tyler Downs** (son of Kelly,
grandson Melanie & Randy Mattsen)

11/20 ~ **Samuel Schlieff** (son of Brent,
grandson of George)

11/26 ~ **Linnaea Crossley Yount**

11/27 ~ **Taylor Wright** (daughter of Alan &
Kate, granddaughter of Andy & Georgeann Wright)



11/22 ~ **Brittany Klatt (Corrin)**

11/22 ~ **Rocky Strand**

11/22 ~ **Donna Strand**



11/28 ~ **Bill & Jeanne Corrin**

Unable to attend? View our livestream on
Facebook every Sunday !



November '19 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
3 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 21st Sunday after Pentecost (All Saint's Sunday)	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Michele Dahlin Lee Grim	Carolyn Davison
10 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Carole Johnson Lee Grim	Flossie Knutson Carole Johnson
17 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Michael & Tricia Brennard	Michael & Tricia Brennard
24 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Last Sunday after Pentecost (Christ the King)	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright



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

