



# 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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## From the Vestry & Total Ministry Team.....

### 2023 VESTRY REPORT

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Junior Warden: Sandra Jean  
Secretary: Michele Dahlin  
Member: Jeannie Strand  
Member: Mike Noland  
Member: Jeanne Corrin  
Member: Molly Pavleck  
Treasurer: Andy Wright

**By: Erik Strand, Sr Warden**

### Comments from 2023 Vestry

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of our members and added volunteers that have contributed to another successful year of Holy Trinity's ministry in all its areas. The word synergy comes up again and again, showing that work from many hands accomplishes much more than the efforts of one. As Episcopalians, most notably since becoming a Total Ministry Church, we have shown that we are more effective wearing an apron to chip in and work that a bib, having our ministry served to us.

From a financial perspective, Holy Trinity maintains a strong financial position and our Home is in good physical condition. A copier here, a furnace replacement there, we have the resources to ensure a successful future, from the financial gifts received to accurate accounting and managing of the dollars.

Thank You to the Vestry for the year of service! We have had a great team working together, even enjoying a laugh or two, and would welcome those who may feel the desire to step forward and help serve on the Vestry.

The reports from other areas of the Church will likely be modest in their summaries, but if we look around to all the areas and what is being accomplished they all deserve tremendous credit for their commitment to serving.

We have a wonderful Home to worship in and as we say; when the worship has ended, the service begins!!

Peace to all,

## A Total Ministry Team Report for the 2024 HTEC Annual Meeting

The governing body of HTEC responsible for managing spiritual matters is the Total Ministry Team. Total Ministry is a shared ministry, which sees the whole Church as a body of ministers: baptized, sealed, ordained, commissioned – faithfully and perceptibly striving to honor their commitments to the Baptismal Covenant. Total Ministry embodies mutuality and accountability. The TMT shall provide for the regular and well-ordered worship of Almighty God, in all efforts to develop the spiritual life of the Parish (ECMN Canon 604).

### Total Ministry Team Accomplishments in 2023

- TMT members, technicians and the Vestry authorized 53 worship services on Facebook Live and KCC-TV as outreach on social media.
- TMT clergy and technicians provided 53 Facebook Live services that attracted 2,520 views in 2023. That was a 46.1 average of views per service.
- TMT **Pastoral Care Commissioner** and her companions made **registered** homebound **visits** to lead prayers and Eucharist with 40 participants.
- TMT clergy and lay members conducted: **53 Holy Eucharist, 2 Morning Prayer, 2 Funeral, 1 Lessons and Carols, 2 Ministration of the Sick at Time of Death, 5 Mid-week Lenten, 2 Advent Interludes, several Ashes to Go, 1 Civil Marriage, 1 Palm Burning and 15 pastoral care--services.**
- TMT members conducted and participated in 86 worship services in 2023.
- TMT clergy taught **confirmation class** at First Lutheran Church.
- TMT clergy planned and conducted three summer outdoor worship services at the **Rainy Lake Visitor Center-Voyageurs National Park Picnic Area** with Faith United Church of Christ.
- TMT members and the Liturgy Committee arranged for inspiring music and **Professional Music Services** with musicians.
- TMT members were active and innovative on the **Liturgy Committee** that planned all liturgies for services.
- A TMT member served on the **Altar Guild** that managed sacristy activities.
- A TMT member planned and provided **Hospitality Refreshments** after worship services inside and outside of the Church.
- A TMT member provided **Greeter and Usher Services** before worship services.
- TMT members helped prepare the annual Parochial Report.
- TMT members organized and regularly participate in a spiritual **Contemplative Knitting Group**.
- TMT members are associated with **The Borderland Ecumenical Churches Group**.
- TMT members actively participated in seasonally decorating the church.
- TMT members, RRCC Nursing Program staff and students and other volunteers planned and conducted **The Kids Christmas Shop Program** for children. It enabled kids to give a free wrapped present to someone in exchange for un-bargaining service to someone. The program was scheduled on six days and about 200 children were served.
- TMT members provided volunteer assistance at **Backus Community Center Programs and Dinners** and **Backus Community Center Café** sponsored activities.
- TMT members served at the **Shrove Tuesday** and **Rigatoni Suppers**.
- TMT members assisted at **9 Ruby's Pantry** monthly distributions. An average of over 200 guests attended monthly.
- A TMT member has a leadership role at **Ruby's Pantry Program**.
- A TMT member has a leadership role at **Servants of Shelter** for the homeless in the community.
- TMT members helped organize and conduct the 2023 **International Pride Event**.
- A TMT member serves on the committee organizing and conducting the Rotary Club of **International Falls Welcoming Community Initiative**.
- A TMT member has joined a women's **Benedictine Sacred Orders Program** in Minnesota.

- A TMT clergy member prepared news releases to support Ruby's program in International Falls.
- A TMT member had a leadership role in planning the **17th International Falls Annual Christmas Day Dinner**. Four members volunteered at the dinner.
- TMT members, the Vestry and Small-Town Tech worked to upgrade our virtual live Facebook program for delivering worship services on the internet.
- TMT and Vestry used the Zoom apps program to conduct HTEC meetings and business with ECMN.
- TMT members participated in Zoom meetings with all of ECMN clergy, Missioners and Bishop Loya to stay connected to the latest updates relevant to faith communities, and to engage in formation together.
- TMT clergy organized opportunities for youth involvement in weekly worship services.
- TMT conducted monthly planning meetings with mentor Reverend Andy Berry from Littlefork Lutheran Church.
- TMT clergy prepared and distributed team meeting agendas prior to meetings and kept written notes of meeting discussions.
- TMT clergy planned and participated in midweek Lenten Worship Services on Wednesday evenings at Zion Lutheran which were conducted live on Facebook.
- TMT members wrote articles for **"IN Touch"** the monthly newsletter.
- TMT members attended **ECMN Northeast and Northwest Mission Area** Zoom and in person meetings and served as officers.
- TMT members participated in **ECMN 2023 Annual Convention** activities.
- TMT members participated in **ECMN 2023 Annual Clergy Conference**.
- A TMT member participated in **ECMN 2023 Meeting of ECMN Elected Bodies Conference**.
- A TMT clergy served as an ECMN officer on the three member Archdeacon Team in partnership with Bishop Loya.
- A TMT member served as Bishop Loya's chaplain at eight northern parishes the bishop visited in 2023.
- A TMT clergy served as a representative to the **ECMN Council**.
- A TMT clergy served on the **ECMN Council of Deacons**

The TMT shall have authority over funds designated to be a **Clergy Discretionary Fund** as required under the Canons of the Episcopal Church and ECMN. TMT clergy are accountable to God and to the Church for how discretionary funds are managed and dispersed to meet requests. The fund provides short-term assistance to individuals in legitimate need. Persons helped by the discretionary funds may be within the Church or those outside of HTEC who come to us for assistance. Distributions shall be made for specific purposes consistent with Christian charity and the church's mission, as determined in the discretion of the TMT.

- **The HTEC TMT Discretionary Fund** received 3 donations of \$500 in 2023 and dispersed \$575 of outreach funds in our community during 2023. There was a \$274 balance in the fund on December 31, 2023. At HTEC for the purposes of the Discretionary Fund, the vestry has annually budgeted an amount for the TMT Discretionary Fund, aside from any special gifts that may be made to that fund. We will request those budgeted funds from the Vestry in 2024.

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| ○ Personal grievance assistance  | 7/6/23    | \$100        |
| ○ Thank you for services to HTEC | 8/27/23   | \$50         |
| ○ Falls Cancer Walk donation     | 10/6/23   | \$200        |
| ○ Youth Event Sponsorship-       | 9/12/23   | \$100        |
| ○ HTEC Kids Christmas            | 11/29/23- | <u>\$125</u> |

Total \$575

Respectfully submitted by, *The Reverend Leland H. Grim, Deacon*



Feb 1-29 ~ Morgan Rud  
~ Neve Oettinger  
~ Jessie Ottem  
~ Carolyn Davison  
~ Grace O'Kane



2/9 ~ Dean Tveit  
2/12 ~ Dacota Lehman  
2/23 ~ Jim Davison

## Community Café 2024

Holy Trinity Volunteers 4:00 pm

April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 16<sup>th</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup>, October 22<sup>nd</sup>



5:00- 6:30 pm

All are welcome. Free will offering.

(Gluten free also available)



Faith United Church of Christ, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and Zion Lutheran Church cordially invite you to join us for our midweek Lenten series – In Community Series.

### Dates

Wednesdays, Feb 21, 28, Mar 6, 13, 20

### Time


6:00 pm soup supper

7:00 pm worship

### Location

All will be held at Zion Lutheran Church,  
530 6<sup>th</sup> Street, International Falls

# Feb '24 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

| Dates   | Celebrants   | Acolytes                          | Lectors & Lessons | Greeters |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| <b>4</b><br><b>Holy Eucharist</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br><b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>   | Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley<br>Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen | Lee Grim<br>Or<br>Melanie Mattsen | Carole Johnson    |          |
| <b>11</b><br><b>Holy Eucharist</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br><b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>  | Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley<br>Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen | Lee Grim<br>Or<br>Melanie Mattsen | Georgeann & Andy  |          |
| <b>14</b><br> <b>Holy Eucharist</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br><b>Ash Wednesday</b> | Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley<br>Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen | Lee Grim<br>Or<br>Melanie Mattsen |                   |          |
| <b>18</b><br><b>Holy Eucharist</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>   | Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley<br>Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen | Lee Grim<br>Or<br>Melanie Mattsen | Molly             |          |
| <b>25</b><br><b>Holy Eucharist</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>   | Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley<br>Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen | Lee Grim<br>Or<br>Melanie Mattsen | Jeanne C          |          |



# February 2024



| SUNDAY                       | MONDAY                          | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY            |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|----------|---|---------------------|
|                              |                                 |   |   | 1        | 2   | 3 Altar Guild       |
|                              |                                 |   |   |          |  | Georgeann & Michele |
| 4                            | 5                               | 6   | 7   | 8        | 9   | 10 Altar Guild      |
| Holy Eucharist<br>10:00 a.m. |                                 |   |   |          |   | Georgeann & Michele |
| 11                           | 12                              | 13  | 14                               | 15       | 16  | 17 Altar Guild      |
| Holy Eucharist<br>10:00 a.m. | Ruby's Pantry<br>5:00 - 6:30    | <br>Shrove Tues<br>Supper 5-6:30 | <br>Ash Wed<br>Service<br>7:00 pm |          |   | Carolyn & Molly     |
| 18                           | 19                              | 20  | 21  | 22       | 23  | 24 Altar Guild      |
| Holy Eucharist<br>10:00 a.m. | Newsletter<br>Deadline<br>(Sam) |   |   |          |   | Carolyn & Molly     |
| 25                           | 26                              | 27  | 28  | 29       |   |                     |
| Holy Eucharist<br>10:00 a.m. |                                 |   |   |          |   |                     |

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