



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 Archdeacon...

Our superb priest, Reverend Dr. Samantha Crossley often quotes the New York Times best-selling book author, Episcopal priest, professor, and theologian Barbara Brown Taylor during her enlightening addresses. Recently her mention of BBT motivated me to purchase two of Taylor's books: *The Luminous Web: Essays on Science and Religion* (2000 - 80 pages) and *Always a Guest: Speaking of Faith Far from Home* (2020 - 242 pages) is a collection of 31 sermons of faith, grace and hope she has given throughout the USA and Canada. They are designed from the sacred Biblical text, a trust in the spirit, an experience of being human, the desire to bear good news and give voice to the faith that is within the reader or listener. Then she trusts that The Great Spirit will do the rest.

BBT's writings are challenges to Christians to live out the Gospel message outside the walls of church and within our secular world. *The Wise and Foolish Church* chapters 30 and 31 reflect on Matthew 25: 1-13 and Matthew 26; 6-13. One is about virgins at a wedding of the bridegroom keeping their lights lit with oil until the bridegroom arrives and the other details the use of expensive oil anointed on Jesus' head by an unknown woman at the home of a leper.

A question Taylor asks is, "Do we as churches have the oil we need, to consistently bear the good news of the Gospel? "One wedding story stresses how important it is to conserve what you need to get through the night to keep your lamp lit. The other stresses how important it is to pour out what might have been saved for all sorts of other good purposes, but is needed right now to express something that cannot be expressed any other way, before it is too late."

What are we at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church supposed to be doing with the oil of the Gospel entrusted to us? Taylor says, "The oil of the Gospel is hardly scarce as Jesus tells us in *The Sermon on the Mount* about the kind of life that lights up the world."

*Curb your anger. *Cut out insults. *Be reconciled to your kin.

*Keep your hands off what's not yours. *Stay with your partner.

*Keep your word. *Stop swearing. *Turn the other cheek. *Go the second mile.

*Give to everyone who begs from you. *Make a loan to anyone who asks you.

*Love your enemies. *Pray for your persecutors. *Give alms quietly.
*Be perfect, as the one who made you is perfect. *Pray modestly.
*Forgive others their trespasses. *Fast discreetly. *Don't hoard.
*Stop worshipping wealth. *Go—all out for the kingdom. *Do not worry.
*Do not judge. *Notice the log in your own eye.
*Do not be careless with what is holy.
*Ask for what you need. *Search for what you want.
*Knock freely on doors. *Do to others as you would have them do to you.
*Enter the narrow gate. *Do not fall for false prophets.
*Do the will of my father in heaven. *Act on these words of mine.

That is a lot of oil Taylor wrote, “And it is the churches job to conserve it—to make sure this fuel is available from generation to generation—so that people know both where it comes from and how to convert the fuel for light for the world.” Jesus said (The Message Bible), “You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven”-- Matt. 5:14-16.

Our Holy Trinity total ministry church is here to be the oil for the light, bringing out the God-colors in the world and to make sure this fuel is available from generation to generation within the International Falls community. By increasing and living out our discipleship, innovation and vitality while trusting that The Great Spirit will do the rest, we will continue to sustain our Mission: To Seek, Know, Love and Serve Christ in all Persons and in all Creation.

Respectfully submitted,

Archdeacon Lee Grim

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6/1~6/30 ~ Caryn Noland
~ Shane Mattsen
~ Edith Jenkinson
~ Riley Wright
~ Christine Kent
~ Connor Weir
~ Erik Strand
~ Mark Grim
~ Tara Johnson
~ Carly Toder
~ John Klatt
~ Jeannie Strand
~ Jon Reuter



6/11 ~ Diana Russiff
6/16 ~ Laura Smith
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

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Sundays @ 10:00 am

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Voyageurs Park Service Dates Will Be:

July 20th, Aug. 3rd & 17th

June '25 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	
1 Morning Prayer 10:00 am Ascension	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Jeanne Corrin	
8 Happy Mother's Day Holy Eucharist? 10:00 am Pentecost	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Molly Pavleck	
15 Father's Day Morning Prayer 10:00 am Trinity Sunday	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Erik Strand	
22 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Wrights	
29 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Carole Johnson	



JUNE 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Altar Guild
Morning Prayer 10:00a.m.						Donna & Karen
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist? 10:00 a.m.	Ruby's Pantry 5:00 - 6:30					 Donna & Karen
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Altar Guild
 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY Morning Prayer 10:00a.m.	Vestry Meeting 5:00 pm					Georgeann
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00a.m.	Newsletter Deadline (Mel)					Georgeann
29	30					
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						