

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...

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

Thomas Merton

More than a year ago, at clergy conference, I met a woman whose young daughter had died from cancer. "That's why I don't pray for healing," I told her. "What is my life compared at nearly 70 to hers in her 20's?"

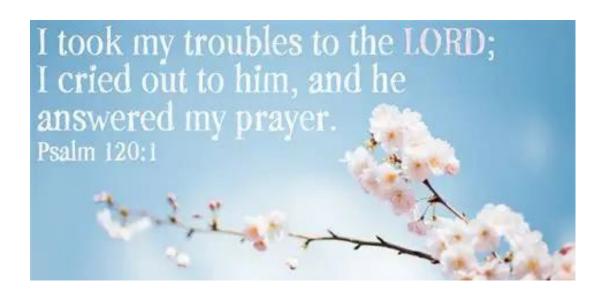
"There are all kinds of healing," she replied. And what a difference that has made. To pray not for what I thought I needed, but to ask God what he wanted to give me. Then, sometime last year, during the confession, I had a thought that went right from behind my left ear and shot across to my right eye and I heard a voice saying, "You are healed."

Of what was my first thought! The next was, well you have a brain tumor. Turned out that I did. But does that mean that the two went together? It was deep and personal and had a lot of meaning to me.

Every time I speak with kindness rather than sarcasm I am healed. When I own my no and set boundaries I am healed. Every day brings some sort of healing that I may have missed without that talk, and I am left wondering if this is healing God sent to me. Or maybe it was just telling me that I had a brain tumor. But, without those questions would I have had the insight to see the other things? I'm so glad that I didn't miss them.

So, with my faith, it doesn't matter if it was a brain tumor or not because of what I've been shown through the journey. And I'm forever grateful.

Peace, *Mel*



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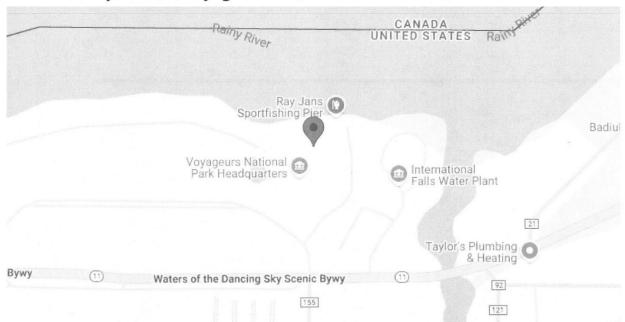
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Sundays @ 10:00 am
Services can also be viewed on KCC-TV

Irvin N. Anderson Amphitheater

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New Location of "Park Services" Irv Anderson Amphitheater Dates Will Be:

July 20th, Aug. 3rd & 17th



July '25 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	
6 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 4th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Molly Pavleck	
13 Holy Eucharist? 10:00 am 5th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Linda Vance	
20 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 6th Sunday after Pentecost "Irv Anderson Amp"	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Tricia Brennard	
27 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 7th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Carole Johnson	



JULY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Happy 4 th	5 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Carolyn & Molly
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Altar Guild
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Ruby's Pantry 5:00 - 6:30					Tricia
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00a.m.	Newsletter Deadline (?)					Tricia
27	28	29	30	31		
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