



EMMANUEL NEWS

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Celebration for Tom on October 7

Twenty-five years ago, Rev. Tom Sinning was ordained as a Deacon of the Episcopal Church. Tom was ordained at Diocesan Convention on October 24th, 1987. Since that time, he has served as the Deacon at Emmanuel and has been a true blessing to our congregation.

Father Charles Preble officiated at our church service as Tom renewed his vows to become a Deacon. Father Charles was also present when Tom was ordained 25 years ago.

Since Tom's ordination took place during Game 6 of the 1987 World Series, it was only natural that we celebrate his ordination with a baseball-themed party. If you are not a baseball fan, the Twins have won the Series only 2 times - 1987 & 1991 (3 times if you count 1924 when they were the Washington Senators).

The church basement was decorated with a baseball theme; and ball-park food was served. The crowd enjoyed hot-dogs, beans, chips, and cake. There was a program where people were able to share their thoughts about Tom.

Everyone enjoyed helping Tom celebrate this important milestone.



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Tim Johnson	('14)
Wendy Zander	('14)
Edith Kelly	('13)
Betty Wolf	('15)
Mark Reicks	('13)

Delegates to Region and Convention:

Rev. Tom Sinning, Deacon
Laird Barber
Mary Sinning, Edith Kelly.

A celebration of the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Thomas J. Sinning, Deacon

“As a twelve-year-old boy in a small town in South Dakota my young life was challenged by an automobile accident in which I should have died, but for the grace of God. I can still remember to this day the each vivid detail of what happened and most of all the sense that there was a hand that protected my face and head while I was being dragged under the car. During my stay in the hospital, the local Baptist minister and his wife came and prayed over me and I recall the overwhelming sensation that I was saved for a purpose and have spent most of my life since searching out everyday, what He has in store for me.

“My family and I came to Alexandria with a job transfer in 1981, and we were welcomed and blessed by the people of Emmanuel Church. We felt not only that this was where we were called to be, but were also called to serve in ways we could not have imagined. We were involved in helping Wally Bloom when the Food Shelf started in the attic at the church. We worked for many hours in converting it to shelf space and hauling food up and down the stairs. Not by my own realization, but by many members in the parish, was I encouraged, discerned, and finally called to study to become a deacon in the diocese. We started the formation study process in late 1983 with 3 other candidates from the region, and for the next 3-1/2 years, one weekend a month in Paynesville and a week each summer, along with our homework and study. Bishop Anderson and the Commission on Ministry decided my call and my education were genuine and complete. During game six of the 1987 World Series, I was ordained deacon during the Diocesan Convention at St Patrick’s Church, Bloomington.

“My ministry serves Emmanuel as a pastor visiting in the hospital and nursing home in addition to serving at the altar on Sundays and preaching the Word between 10-14 Sundays each year. I also served with a ministry team called Residents Encounter Christ that provided 3 weekend spiritual encounters each year at the Prairie Correctional Facility in Appleton (now closed), for 10 years. My call continues to expand and take me into areas that are sometimes unexpected and challenging, but always allows me to see some new aspect of God working through the Holy Spirit.”

2012 Convention Notes

The Convention centered around the theme: “Who is my neighbor?” This led to heavy emphasis on outreach and missions; Episcopalians in Minnesota were urged to approach and include those different from ourselves, those not in the normal range of our acquaintance.

New names were proposed: Not the Diocese of Minnesota, but the “Episcopal Church in Minnesota;” not Regions of the Church, but “Mission Areas of the Church;” and not “individual parishes, but “Faith Communities” – to include schools, Episcopal Homes, and other Episcopal groups. The budget which was passed reflects these newer approaches and ideas.

Total Ministry Nominations

Remember the deadline for returning Total Ministry Nomination forms is **October 20**. Please either bring the form to church on Sunday or mail them to address on the bottom of the form.

Ushers and Lectors

Every month, Bette Wolf calls people to set up the schedule for lectors, ushers, and coffee. Please help Bette by letting her know when you are available to serve. We are a small church so everyone need to share in these important ministries. If you are scheduled for one of these roles but cannot attend church that day, please find someone to fill in for you. If you are scheduled to usher, please be at church by 9:45 so you can prepare the handouts and greet people as they arrive. Thanks.

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October, 2012

10/7/2012	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	<i>Rev. Charles Preble</i>
Organist	<i>Margaret Kalina</i>
Lector 1	<i>Karen Reicks</i>
Lector 2	<i>Edith Kelly</i>
Altar/Intercsr	<i>Bette Wolf</i>
Usher	<i>Bob & Lecia Baas</i>
Coffee	<i>Anniversary Celebration</i>
10/14/2012	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	<i>Rev. Charles Preble</i>
Organist	<i>Nancy Anderson</i>
Lector 1	<i>Mark Reicks</i>
Lector 2	<i>Laird Barber</i>
Altar/Intercsr	<i>Mary Sinning</i>
Usher	<i>Reicks</i>
Coffee	<i>Karen & Mark Reicks</i>
10/21/2012	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	<i>Rev. Glenn Derby</i>
Organist	<i>Margaret Kalina</i>
Lector 1	<i>JoEllen Doebbert</i>
Lector 2	<i>Belvin Doebbert</i>
Altar/Intercsr	<i>Karen Reicks</i>
Usher	<i>Bob & Lecia Baas</i>
Coffee	
10/28/2012	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	<i>Rev. Glenn Derby</i>
Organist	<i>Nancy Anderson</i>
Lector 1	<i>Edith Kelly</i>
Lector 2	<i>Bette Wolf</i>
Altar/Intercsr	<i>Edith Kelly</i>
Usher	<i>Doebberts</i>
Coffee	

Important Dates

- 10/7 25th Anniversary Celebration of Rev. Tom Sinning, Deacon
- 10/17 Vestry Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 10/20 Nomination forms for Total Ministry Due.

Birthdays

Elizabeth Hormel
Gavin Doebbert
Rachel Sinning
Fr. Charles Preble
Brad Parsons
Colin Parsons



Anniversaries

None in October

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Bishop Brian Prior—all clergy serving Emmanuel—Edith Kelly—John & Cleone Sherman—Riley—Al—Doug & Buzzi Rollins—Sally—Bill—Donna's brother Ken—Keith—military personnel wherever stationed, especially Summer & Andy—Bill and Josie Heegaard—Mike and Lana Ennis—Pat & Bill Weinmann—Peace in the World—Pray for the future of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion—The Transitional Housing & Food Shelf—Our friends in Rwanda.





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