

Report of the Senior Pastor
January 1 - 31, 2009

Happy New Year to you all. The year promises to be one of great significance as we work to refine Trinity's Mission and Ministry. I want to thank our retiring President Bob Frymoyer for his detailed management of the last year and his playing a significant role in the refinancing of our major debt. Thanks are due Joe Fidler from his contribution to Trinity especially his chairing of the Stewardship Committee. Thanks also to Maria Hegedus who, in contradiction to the song, was no problem at all and who served as our secretary and as council liaison to the Arts Committee. And last, but not least, thanks to Betsy Knarr for filling a partial term, chairing our Evangelism Committee and returning to serve a full term on Council..

It is a delight to welcome Lorraine Graybill, Ryan Hannigan, and Dave Miller as they begin their term on Council.

Congratulation to Judy Collins on her reinstatement to the Roster of the ELCA and her installation as our Spiritual Gifts Co-ordinator. The service was excellent and it was an honor to have the Dean of our District, Pastor Lorenz, preach. Having visiting preachers gives our members an opportunity to hear a variety of voices proclaim the one gospel. Thanks to Craig Staller and the Missions Committee for inviting Pastor Roger Prois to bring us a wider understanding of the ELCA.

I want to thank Bill and Sylvia Stotler for the series of Affirmation of Faith (New Members) classes they organized and moderated. Judy Collins will be taking over from them. Thank you Judy. I enjoy meeting with this group and have the privilege of beginning each series. I was also delighted to be able to instruct the Affirmation of Baptism Class (Confirmation) although the great majority of the session was taught by Pastor Prois. But, the most wonderful educational experience I had was meeting with the Kindergarten through Grade 1 class to talk about Holy Communion. The session also involved a tour of the altars and sacristies involved with Communion. The adults who accompany the class are as interested as the children. It is great fun.

I have been training with the Camp Hill Fire Company, and a childhood dream fulfilled. Riding high over town on a freezing night perched in the fully extended bucket of the new ladder truck extended is the best ride in town. I now have my full uniform and look the part.

I enjoyed reminiscing at the Lutheran Men in Mission dinner as I looked back over my ministry here. Thank you for that opportunity.

Other than that, and preaching and teaching and meeting, I officiated at one baptism, met with three people for Spiritual Direction, and had 25 significant pastoral conversations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Stewart Hardy