

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Rev. Nancy R. Easton
Assistant Pastor's Report
May 1-31, 2009

Sunday a.m. services:	Thursday services:	2
Preach/Preside: 5	Baptisms:	4
Saturday service: 1	On-Call weekend:	1

May began with my spending time in our new disciples class, discussing Law and Gospel, preaching and Holy Communion. The month ended with celebrating as these disciples joined our congregation. Receiving them into membership at worship and enjoying their company at a delicious potluck following made for a great day.

In between those bookend events, I attended a Worship Committee meeting and a Strategic Planning meeting (as well, I handled some writing/research on the Strategic Planning sub-committee). As Debbie Wilson's supervisor, I met with Debbie and her mutual ministry rep, and prepared an annual evaluation on her performance as director of music for contemporary worship, per the directions of A & P. Pastor Hardy, my supervisor, met with my mutual ministry rep and me, and is busy doing the same evaluation process for me in my role as assistant pastor.

I led two small groups of students from our Affirmation of Baptism class (confirmation) through their final conversations leading to their taking on those baptismal promises on June 7. It is always interesting to see how young folks work to speak theologically—often without realizing they are doing so! Perhaps they think one has to use big theological words to speak the faith, but that is not true. Sometimes our simple stories speak the Christian faith very well. This was certainly the case in the conversations I had with these young folks this month.

Baptism preparation seemed to occur non-stop in May. I've worked with several families or individuals to make ready for this sacrament. As noted above, I officiated at 4 baptisms. The other pastors and I are busy scheduling more baptisms in June and July. In addition, I had significant pastoral conversation this month with about 20 persons.

I will offer pastoral prayers at the Baccalaureate service for Camp Hill High School on June 5. This worship service, traditionally held at Trinity, is sponsored by the ministerium of churches in the Camp Hill borough. It will be especially meaningful to participate in Baccalaureate, as I will be celebrating with my daughter Sarah, who graduates from Camp Hill High School on June 6.

Finally, I thank Debbie Wilson and FaithX, as well as Amy Koch and the Cherub/Junior Choirs for a wonderful concert on May 3. The lineup of music just swept me away with its evocative power. It was my privilege to offer once again a few pastoral comments on the music itself. The talent of our musicians, and the fellowship which included several FaithX alums from previous years, made for an evening of music I will not soon forget. Trinity is blessed by the gifts of our sisters and brothers who led us in concert!

In Christ's Service,
Nancy R. Easton