TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Rev. Nancy R. Easton
Assistant Pastor's Report
September 1-30, 2009

Sunday a.m. services: Thursday services: 2
Preach/Preside: 4
Preside: 2

Besides my regular worship leadership/preaching responsibilities as noted above, I worked with others who volunteer their time at the 10:45 contemporary service to enhance our video projection work. It is time for us to enlarge the volunteer pool of folks who handle video presentation each Sunday—not only so more people understand and can work with the intricacies of the MediaShout software program we use for our graphics during worship, but also so that no one or two volunteers feel excessively burdened by the responsibility of projection every Sunday. This was a move long overdue, but will bear much fruit in the future. Debbie Wilson, Barb Henderson, Chuck Roy, and I are busy determining the best way to introduce MediaShout to a group of volunteers, and train them to assist us in this important part of our worship experience at the 10:45 service. As for myself, I read the MediaShout instruction manual online, which was not quite as dry a manual as I expected. Even this somewhat technology-illiterate pastor learned a few things. I will report in the coming months on our growth in this area.

During September I attended a Worship Ministry team meeting and a Strategic Planning team meeting. I also completed tasks I was assigned following that Strategic Planning meeting. I participated in our Fall Staff Retreat and met with Debbie Wilson to select music through the end of the Pentecost Season. It was especially enjoyable leading the New Disciples class (there were some very thoughtful questions and comments—always a stimulating time). My Mutual Ministry team met this month, after a couple months off, and it was good to discuss a host of ministry issues with those team members. I also attended a Sunday morning forum about the actions of the ELCA churchwide assembly, and, again, I heard thoughtful questions and comments as we discussed the variety of actions taken at the assembly.

I met with a family to plan their child's baptism in October, and had significant pastoral conversation with at least 35 persons. Asked to post a book review on Trinity's newest Women of Trinity book blog, I was delighted to write my critique of a book by Lauren Winner (*Girl Meets God*). Winner is quite a fine writer, and her book details her faith journey in a most moving way. I trust that those who participate in the book blog will find they gain even more through their discussion together about the book.

Finally, I was honored to sing at a funeral of a Trinity member earlier this month. I joined Nancy Martin in a duet at both Traditional services. And as part of the "Chestnut Street Four," I also sang at the 10:45 Contemporary. It was a month where my voice received a great workout, which I both appreciated and enjoyed.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Nancy R. Easton