

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**The Rev. Nancy R. Easton**  
**Assistant Pastor's Report**  
**December 1-31, 2010**

Sunday a.m. services:	Thursday services:	1
Preach/Preside: 4	Baptisms:	1

Christmas Eve offers four wonderful worship opportunities at Trinity, and once again I was privileged to lead the 7:00 p.m. Contemporary service. This was my 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve at Trinity, our 11<sup>th</sup> Contemporary Christmas Eve service, and our 10<sup>th</sup> such service in Fellowship Hall. It has been quite a journey in music, liturgy, and environment. Each year has had its own interesting twist—this year being the lack of amplification. Despite problems with our speakers, requiring at least the first portion of our service to be sung without amplification, I still found the entire service a moving celebration of our Lord's birth.

Many, many folks offer their time and talents in order that this service will be a meaningful experience for our worshipers, and I am grateful to them for their assistance. Of course, I spent much time in December communicating with those volunteers and staff persons to make certain necessary preparations were completed, and things would be ready on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Special services require special care all the way around.

I led a discussion on the sacrament of Holy Baptism with our confirmation class. A couple families brought in items from their baptismal days, such as photographs, baby booties, and baptismal gowns. I appreciated the questions and conversation from students and mentors alike.

Other events included my attendance at a meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee, and a delightful and delicious Christmas luncheon with our staff. I met with or had significant pastoral conversation with at least 12 individuals.

The month ended with an opportunity for my family and me to travel to my parents' home and celebrate a late Christmas with them. As my father's health continues to decline, and his traveling days come to an end, these visits are important for us all.

In Christ's Service,

Nancy Rouse Easton