

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Rev. Nancy R. Easton, Assistant Pastor
Report—March 2010

Worship

Contemporary
 Preach/preside: 1
 Preach only: 2
Traditional
 Preach/preside: 2
Saturday service: 1
Thursday service: 1
Holy Wednesday service: 1

Teaching

Sup-n-Study: 4

Pastoral Care

Contacts: 35
Counseling: 2

Administration

Staff conference: 8
Meetings
 Mutual Ministry Team
 Mutual Ministry Chair
 2nd Service Task Force
 Re-Entry Breakfast Meeting

As Triduum services and Easter Sunday fell in April, those events will be covered in my April report. Suffice it to say, however, preparation for those services began long before April. Planning for the unique elements of these services, communicating with numerous volunteer helpers, giving necessary information to Support Staff for bulletin preparation, and my own sermon study/writing took considerable time in March. The specific effort needed to plan, lead, and evaluate an additional contemporary service on Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday (8:30 a.m.) is also noteworthy. Attendance at that service was around 65, fulfilling at least one important goal—it siphoned off enough worshipers from the 10:45 service that day, making Fellowship Hall less crowded, and enabling the Cherub Choir and other children a safe, joyous procession with palms.

The pastors, Vicar Tom, Tim Koch and Nancy Martin had our annual Triduum rehearsal on Holy Tuesday. How helpful it is to coordinate our worship roles and determine all those little details that make our worship flow “seamless” (such as who has what microphone and who sits where). Many folks may not realize how critical this planning is for good worship.

Other tasks taken up in March included making use of both still visuals and also video clips in my sermons at Contemporary. This continues to be something I find challenging to do, and always my endeavor is to have what’s projected on the screen enhance the message I proclaim. I attended another Thursday morning Bible Study in preparation for my subbing for Pastor Ludwig on April 8. I assisted Pastor Brock with the reception of new members and Holy Communion distribution at the 10:45 on March 7. In early March, when the snow seemed to be held at bay, I traveled to visit my parents for two days. I hope to visit with them in early May, as my schedule allows.

A final word about my Sup-n-Study—I had a marvelous time! The “students” in my class were more than willing to discuss the challenges and joys of sharing their faith with others. I appreciated the honest conversation, and hope each person went away from this course feeling a bit more open to those opportunities that arise each day where we can speak and do the Good News.

In Christ’s Service
Nancy R. Easton