

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

Worship

Contemporary (10:45)
 Preach/preside: 2
 Preach only: 1
 Preside only: 1
 Contemporary (8:30)
 Preach only: 1
 Thursday services: 2
 Healing service: 1
 Prayer service (Fri.): 1

Baptisms 1

On-Call Weekend 1

Pastoral Care

Hospital Visits: 3
 Counseling: 2
 Contacts: 32

Teaching

Bible Study (Thu.) 1
 New Members Class 1

Administration

Staff Conferences: 9
 Meetings:
 Mutual Ministry Team
 2nd Service Task Force

Pastoral tasks in early April also included the Triduum (“Three Day”) services. I was presiding minister on Maundy Thursday, preached the first sermon at the Good Friday noonday service, and served as liturgist at that evening’s Tenebrae and at Saturday’s Easter Vigil. This is a true marathon of worship leadership each year, and I hope those who joined us in worship were reminded once again of the grace of God who gave everything to reconcile us to him. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

I spent time evaluating our new 8:30 worship services (March 28 and April 4). A survey form filled out by a number of those attending the 8:30 on Easter morning was a helpful tool. The 2nd Service Task Force, Debbie Wilson, and I continue to develop this service, and have scheduled 3 summer worship opportunities in that time slot: June 6, July 11, and August 15. Debbie and I also met to select music through early June.

Several Trinity members and I traveled to Dauphin County Prison to lead worship with male inmates on July 11. We are also working with the Social Ministry Team in preparing for and hosting a Community Connections Breakfast at Trinity on May 15. This breakfast welcomes formerly-incarcerated persons to a breakfast where they can be nourished through meal and conversation, and encouraged by an inspirational message from someone who has traveled that same road from life in prison to productive life in society. This is an important new event that Trinity is taking on this year.

I enjoyed singing with FaithX in worship on July 25. That evening we were treated to an excellent *Expressions of Faith* concert (our 11th annual!). FaithX and the Cherub and Junior Choirs had us clapping and singing, and their energy, enthusiasm, and love for God were clearly visible and deeply appreciated by the audience. My own part in the concert—that of commenting theologically on the lyrics—is a satisfying role for me to have, and I thank Debbie Wilson for inviting me to offer a few words.

In Christ’s Service,
 Nancy Easton