

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

Worship

Contemporary (10:45)
 Preach/preside: 3
Saturday (5:30): 1
Thursday (6:30): 2

Administration

Staff Conferences: 5
Meetings:
 Community Connections
 Mutual Ministry Chair
 Worship Ministry Team
 2nd Service Task Force

Pastoral Care

Hospital Visits: 3
Counseling: 2
Contacts: 16

Baptisms 1

Teaching

Confirmation
 “Conversations”: 2

Work goes on as we develop the 8:30 a.m. contemporary service. Our first summer “trial run” is June 6, which I trust will ease the seating “crunch” at the 10:45 that day, when our youth affirm their baptism. Besides making certain volunteers are scheduled to assist, and planning for worship content, we are attempting a “bulletin-less” 8:30 service that day. Worshipers will follow the service via screen only. That requires precision regarding the graphics projected, and the preparation of a “script” or simply-formatted order of service that the pastor, musicians, ushers, and video/sound technicians have in hand so we all know what we are doing next! Hosts will still greet worshipers at the door, but with only the *Trinity Today* and a survey form, not a huge bulletin.

Additionally, I worked with Debbie Wilson in music selection, received new members at our 10:45 and attended the potluck lunch that followed, wrote an introduction to the book the WOT will “blog” about during the summer months, and prepared my annual evaluation of my supervisee—Debbie Wilson.

While many aspects of my pastoral role are satisfying, some are even more so. Three events in May come to mind: First, I officiated at the baptism of an adult at Thursday evening chapel (5/20)—what joy to greet a new sister in Christ! Second, I led worship at Dauphin County Prison (5/23) with Trinity friends and a number of male inmates. The gentleman who so beautifully read Acts 2:1-21 made us realize we ought not presume prisoners cannot read or be articulate and sensitive to the Spirit’s power. Finally, I participated in our first-ever Community Connections Breakfast here at Trinity (5/15). This was an opportunity for the formerly-incarcerated, beginning the transition back into society, to gather for both a nourishing breakfast and a nourishing word of encouragement to continue on their journey. I was humbled by both the stories of those who had been in prison—their long-term separation from family, their struggles that are like ours and yet unlike—and by the story Trinity member David Harrington offered as inspiration for us all. The music of FaithX, Becky Enney’s storytelling, delicious food, and warm fellowship made it a morning I will not soon forget.

In Christ’s Service,
Nancy R. Easton