

## **Report of the Lead Pastor for October 2018**

Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

November 10, 2018

Baptisms: 10/20 Evie Nornhold; 10/21 Hannah Grettler

Funerals: 10/19 Nancy Restagno; 10/26 Rick Dapp

Weddings:

### **Holding our own-**

Our attendance for the first three quarters of is down 1%. Like most years, some services are up, some down. What makes it all the more interesting is the number of funerals we had over the year. This All Saint's Day we rang the bell 42 times for those Trinity members who entered the church triumphant the past year. It feels to me like we are going through a period of transition and must continue our efforts to invite and welcome our community to worship and life in the church.

### **New Staff**

Steve Kaufmann was hired as Director for Administration. Steve is a proven volunteer leader at Trinity and will bring his enthusiasm, organizational skill, and love of Trinity, its mission and people, to this important position.

Danelle Andrews was hired as Director of Children's Ministry. We adjusted Kelly Falck's hours to make this possible so Kelly can focus on Adult Formation and

### **Hosting-**

In October, Linda and I were able to host Dan Rift and Mark Allen Powell in our home. Dan was one of speakers at Sup and Study and Mark served as our Stewardship preacher.

### **Stewardship Event-**

Trinity hosted stewardship event with our synod on October 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a small (50+) but enthusiastic crowd. It was very well received by attendees. We will be exploring hosting again next year.

### **Vacation/retreat**

I was able to get away for a few days for vacation (Steelers game) and spiritual retreat at the Lutheran monastery in Michigan.

### **Installation**

It was a great joy to celebrate with Pastor Frey and her family at her installation!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Jack Horner