

**Report of
Ministry Director for Parish Life
The Rev. John H. Brock
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During the Season of Advent, I had one wedding (Sarah Messinger & Casey Clyde), a funeral (Bob Miller), several pre-baptism meetings (of which one is for an adult baptism), and a pre-marriage session.

I was able to do several home visits, hospital visits, and had a few in-house counseling sessions with members.

My December Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study focused on King Ahab and his numerous run-ins with the prophet Elijah.

I was invited to and attended a couple of open-houses from members (the Horner's and the Schwalm's).

Along with Marianne, I took part in the West Shore Cooperative Advent Festival Celebration held at Zion Lutheran in Enola - Marianne sang and I played guitar.

I got to meet with a returning member, and talk about ways that he could become involved in the ministry here at Trinity.

I took part in our Christmas Eve / Day worship, either presiding or assisting with communion distribution. I think both Pastor Horner and Pastor Frey delivered strong sermons.

I was also able to take some vacation time at the beginning of the month.

Finally, some of you might remember a college student who shadowed me for a summer several years ago, Laura Ramsey (*nee* Lengel) (she is a granddaughter to our members Ed & Romaine Boyonowski). She was considering seminary, and eventually became rostered as a Deacon in the ELCA. After further discerning her call, she was ordained in December as an associate pastor to Christ Church United Church of Christ in Elizabethtown. I was able to attend her ordination service, although it mean I had to miss our annual Christmas at Trinity concert. I am very proud of Laura, take no credit in her discerning this call, and am certain she will make a very fine pastor.

God's peace,

Pastor John Brock

