

**Report of
Ministry Director for Parish Life
The Rev. John H. Brock
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The first thing that strikes me as I review my log or March is that I spent far too much time clearing snow from my driveway. I seriously consider moving to Florida when that happens.

I got to teach the Affirmation of Baptism students about the Theology of Glory vs Theology of the Cross. It's a concept that adults struggle, so I was impressed with how well the fourteen year olds did (hint: as Christians in the Lutheran Tradition, we strive to follow the Theology of the Cross).

As we are quickly approaching Holy Week, we celebrated Ash Wednesday at the beginning of March. I feel Pastor Liz had a very good message for us. All four of our worship experiences I feel were well attended

In a followup to my report of last month, we have begun monthly worship at both Messiah & Bethany Villages. We had first one at Messiah, on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The Bethany worship will be the second Wednesday of each month. We had decent attendance (ten Trinity affiliated folks, and one guest. Out of twenty-one total, I think that was a decent number). We will have the first one at Bethany on Wednesday 10 April. They are scheduled from 2-3:30P each month. Any one is invited to come, so if any council members are interested, you are welcome to stop by.

Ginny Honeysette and margie Fox do a great job with our Trinity Visitors. We had an orientation meeting on March 10, and had many new additions. I will be meeting with them again to help train all those interested in doing home communion.

With the help of our Director of Administration Steve Kauffman's able assistance, we were able to locate and print out the personal records from our previous database. We have discovered that when we switched membership programs, much of our information transferred incorrectly. With these printouts, we can now correct our current records. The process will, however, take some time.

Two closing personal asides. First, Sister Marianne Brock lead a small group of women on a trip to Israel this past month. Many of you followed along on her Facebook page. She had a wonderful time, as did the women on the trip, and is seriously considering leading a similar trip sometime in 2020. If any of you, or someone you know, would be interested in such a trip, I encourage you to talk with her.

And, second, my mother's health continues to improve, but not nearly as quickly as she would like it to. Her brief stay in West Shore Hospital has lead to two weeks (and counting) in rehab. It also appears that she may be moving from her independent living apartment into an assisted living one. So, as I strive to be as available to Trinity members as I usually am, I will most likely, for the next month or so, **also** be found at Bethany, moving her from one apartment to another.

May you all have a blessed Easter!

God's peace,

Pastor John Brock