

Report of the Lead Pastor for Summer 2019

Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner
September 10, 2019

Baptisms: Dean Barrows 8/25/19

Funerals: Dale Mummey 6/21/19; Joan Michelotti (internment) 8/10/19; Jon Fagan 8/23/19

Weddings: Susan Mather/Charles Sheasley 8/2/19

All moved!

It was a very busy summer for Linda and I as we prepared to move into our new house. We are in now and very excited to finally be settled...well once we get rid of some more boxes be more settled. Thanks for your prayers through the process.

Staffing

With the "retirement" of volunteer Ryan Hannigan we've asked Tim Koch to cover music for Saturday worship. My hope and expectation for Tim is to bring his usual passion for this eclectic, acoustic service and build a nice music ministry for that service.

Guatemala

In July I was a part of a very special mission trip to Guatemala. Pastor Jennifer Hope-Tringali has begun a school for girls in a village outside Antigua and Trinity has an opportunity to further partner with Hope Academy and its mission. I encourage us to continue the journey together.

Bethany and Messiah Village services

Just to say again what a great addition this has been to our worship ministry. We are regularly getting around 15-20 people each time.

Take me out to the Ball Game!

The staff enjoyed a lunch game with the Senators on July 31. Thank you to Steve Kaufmann who put all the details together.

"Sanctuary Denomination"

I have had conversations with multiple people regarding the ELCA National Assembly's memorial designating the ELCA as a "Sanctuary Denomination." Reception has been mixed. Most agree with the ELCA's long practice of compassion toward immigrants and/or refugees, but some disagree with the memorial's use of the term "sanctuary" which, though a biblical term, is being used differently in today's current charged political climate. If the intent of the memorial is to encourage us to love God and neighbor, I think we could all be in agreement. If it is to make a political point and marginalize those with whom we may have immigration policy disagreements, I think the memorial is unhelpful and needlessly promotes a disunity of spirit and purpose. Unfortunately, I'm not sure which was the case. In the meantime, as the church discusses this memorial and its implications, I propose we continue to love God and neighbor, listen to each other, and strive to build unity in Christ.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Jack Horner