

**Report of
Pastor for Parish Life
The Rev. John H. Brock
May 2020**

Livin' the Covid life, May 2020:

I've done many of the usual things: been on call; wrote the weekly Prayers of the Church/worked on the Every Member Prayer list; presided, preached, and lead the Children's message, as well as Friday Noon Prayer.

Educationally, I attended the on-line Lead Pastor's Conference with our other two pastors. I also lead the Affirmation of Baptism class on Death & Resurrection, and then lead one of the end of year discussion groups. Our students this year are truly a great bunch of young people.

I also had opportunity to lead the sermon Points to Ponder after preaching on Pentecost. And, along with Danelle Andrews. Lead a Monday night discussion on Walt Disney World (which is one of the places I will be going on my month long sabbatical this August).

I have kept up to date on what is happening with other Lutheran congregations by attending the weekly West Shore Conference Zoom meetings. Many of our sibling congregations are live streaming, offering daily or weekly posting from staff, as well as educational opportunities.

I was able to preside at a wedding for one of our members. This had been on the calendar before we went into lockdown, and we discussed several different scenarios as to how we might be able to get this couple legally married. Fortunately, Cumberland went to Phase Yellow the Friday immediately before the wedding, which meant we could have twenty-five people in the building. We had four Trinity staff, one photographer, and the rest were all part of the two families. I have three more weddings coming up, only one at Trinity. We will have to do social distancing with all of them. They should prove to be interesting.

We have begun distribution of the recorded worship on DVD's. I do need someone to assist in creating those DVD's, both in downloading the services off of our You Tube page, as well as in creating the discs themselves. Volunteers, anyone?

God's peace,
Pastor John Brock