

Report of Pastor for Engagement

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Since we would not ordinarily meet in July, but are due to the nature of the pandemic, I wanted to inform the council of a few things going on in relation to the pandemic and our ministries response to it.

Community Outreach Ministries

At this point, I hope you have heard about the Christmas in July Giving Tree. Ordinarily a tree adorned with ornaments would have been placed in the Gathering Space this July. Folks would be invited to take an ornament and purchase an item or gift card for one of Trinity's ministry partners. The pandemic changed this plan.

The team has organized a creative way to address the immediate needs of our ministry partners (Ecumenical Food Pantry, Camp Curtin YMCA, Christ Lutheran Medical Mission, and Trinity Tutors) with a special collection event on Sunday, July 26 after the livestream worship. I encourage you to consider supporting this event. Information is on Trinity's website.

Additionally, this team will be meeting in the coming weeks to address more needs related to the pandemic in our community through the distribution of its designated funds.

Missions Team

As mentioned in my June report, this team is considering sponsorship of new missionaries. In our last meeting, the team decided to ask for more options from the ELCA's Global Mission Unit. They hope to support missionary(ies) who are in the greatest need for sponsorship. The team will meet next week to discuss these options.

Additionally, the team is working toward modifying its Bread Sunday event that would ordinarily be held the first weekend of August. The team is encouraging Trinity members and friends to support the ministry of ELCA World Hunger, especially during this time of a pandemic that affects the most vulnerable among us.