

Report of Pastor for Engagement

Pastor Liz Frey

November 2020

Weddings

Brittany Hill and Michael Burt, Saturday, November 7, 2020

I am sorry to miss this meeting of the council and respectfully request you excuse me. Kyle and I are enjoying a short stay-cation for a few days.

New Members

Last weekend, Kelly Falck and the pastors hosted a round of new member classes. We had an in-person and zoom session. We have a great group of folks interested in membership.

Community Outreach Ministries and Missions Teams

Both the Community Outreach Ministries and Missions teams have met to look at future events and ministry opportunities; we are looking forward to the Giving Tree this month. Both teams have put together their 2021 budget requests for benevolence and expenses.

Both teams participated in **the Week of Service**, which was a success. Thank you to everyone who was a part of it. **Sixteen folks completed outdoor cleanup at Trinity as a part of the Fall Cleanup. Five volunteers helped to unload 2 tons of food and provide 26 families with a 3-day supply of food. We collected 26 bottles of vitamins for Tree4Hope and assembled 52 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief.**

Bishop's Convocation

On Wednesday, October 21 and Thursday, October 22, our synod held our first digital Bishop's Convocation. This year we focused on "hybrid church," the idea that the future of the church is a mix of in-person and digital ministry opportunities, and spirituality during this year of Covid-19. Both topics were informative and fulfilling. I was glad to participate and learn!

Candidacy Committee Meeting

On Monday, October 19, I met with our synod's candidacy committee to endorse one of our candidates. Endorsement is the second stage of the candidacy process. It is still joy and privilege to walk with these candidates on their journeys.

Faith Formation and Confirmation

October was full of exciting things happening related to faith formation. I lead one of the sessions of Divided, our Wednesday Connect series, and participated in one of the prayer

writing sessions for our election day prayers. I also lead another session of the Pastors' Bible Study on Thursdays.

We also confirmed last year class of Confirmation students; it was awesome to gather with these young people and their families to affirm and celebrate this milestone in their faith journeys.

Worship Theme Planning

The staff has been hard at work planning the worship themes for the next church year, 2020-2021. We have worked through Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

Give Serve Lead

The Give Serve Lead aka stewardship team is putting together a series of videos this year. With Pastor Horner and Publicity and Communications, I have been working on my video addressing time and talents.

Recycle Bicycle

On Thursday, November 5, I had the privilege to visit with one of our members who has a bicycle ministry in Harrisburg. It was so neat to see how he is living his faith and learn about another group doing amazing work in our community.