

Report of Pastor for Engagement

Pastor Liz Frey

December 2020

Baptisms

Lauren Elizabeth Grettler, child of Chris and Whitney Grettler on Sunday, November 22, 2020

Silas Michael Merritt, child of Mike and Emily Merritt on Sunday, November 22, 2020

Candidacy Committee Meeting

On Thursday, November 12, I met with our synod's candidacy committee to endorse and entrance two of our candidates. Endorsement is the second stage of the candidacy process and entrance is the first step. It is still joy and privilege to walk with these candidates on their journeys.

Give Serve Lead

The Give Serve Lead team worked with the Publicity and Communications team to record videos about Stewardship. I worked with Danelle Andrews to put together a video about stewardship of self. God calls us to use all our gifts to serve God and our neighbor. That video was showed during worship on Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6.

New Members

We welcomed 22 new members to Trinity on November 15. I had the opportunity to chat with several of our new members; each of the pastors spoke with a group of new members over the phone.

Community Outreach Ministries and Missions Teams

The Giving Tree was a success! Thank you to all who participated in this event. **We collected \$1475 in gift cards for our ministry partners and 164 hats, 106 pairs of mittens/gloves, 85 scarves and 30 kids coats.**

The Missions team met on November 18 to discuss 2021 events and distribute some of our designated funds. The team voted to give an offering of \$2000 to the ELCA Fund for Leaders earmarked for military chaplaincy candidates. This fund will help future leaders in our church pay for seminary. Did you know that the number of military chaplains has declined significantly? We hope this offering helps make a difference in the future of our church.

Podcast

The pastors recorded our first podcast episode on November 11. We are excited for this new ministry! Many thanks to Kelly Falck for recording our first conversation and keeping us in

check, and many thanks to Danelle Andrews for her insight and feedback. We have a great team! We have planned our first 4 episodes for 2021.

Worship

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. Additionally, the Worship team met on November 11 to discuss Christmas Eve. The pastors, staff and volunteers put together a beautiful worship service for Thanksgiving. Many thanks to Jon Lobaugh for making this happen! I was also blessed to write and lead the congregation in prayer on Thanksgiving Day via Facebook Live.

Covid-19 Task Force

The task force continues to meet every other week or as needed to discuss the situation surrounding Covid-19. I am grateful for the leaders who are a part of this team! We met November 17, 24, and December 1.

Continuing and Self-Care

Our synod has put together several opportunities for Zoom classes for rostered leaders in the Lower Susquehanna Synod. I attended a seminar on Thursday, November 19 on stress management and relief. I am blessed to be a part of a synod that cares for its leaders.

Member Phone Calls

I have been making phone calls to members for the last two weeks. I have enjoyed speaking with members.

On a personal note:

I would appreciate prayers for my family. My father tested positive for Covid-19 on Monday, November 30. Please wear a mask, wash your hands and social distance. Do your part to slow the spread. This illness is no joke.