

Report of Pastor for Engagement

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February 2021

Candidacy Committee Meeting

I continue to meet monthly with our synod's candidacy committee. We met on Thursday, January 21.

Community Outreach Ministries and Missions Teams

The Community Outreach Ministries team voted to send an offering of \$200 to our ministry partners at Cumberland Vista (CROSS) for paper towels.

The Missions team met on January 20. We discussed updates on our mission partners. We made preliminary plans for doing something to the ELCA Military Chaplaincy program in May. We also discussed who our Lent offering recipient would be for 2021; the team chose to support Tree 4 Hope by helping to pay for phone plans for the students' distance learning at Hope Academy.

I have been working with both of our partners at Tree 4 Hope (the Hope-Tringalis) and Christ Lutheran Medical Mission (Pastor Drew Stockstill) for our Lent offering. We are hoping to share videos about these two ministry partners during Lent.

Podcast

The podcast adventure continues. We have now recorded three episodes and have prepped for the fourth. I hope you check it out! This next episode focuses on love and relationships with an interesting tie in with Ash Wednesday.

Worship

Now that Christmas is over, it's time to plan for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. We have planned the worship themes and some new worship opportunities during Lent. We are planning a mid-week vespers service. Alongside the worship themes for Lent, we will be doing another "all congregation" faith formation program during this season called "The Way Home." I am working with Peter Fox to figure out how to incorporate this adult program into our children's message during Lent.

Covid-19 Task Force

The task force continues to meet every other week or as needed to discuss the situation surrounding Covid-19. The team met on January 19 and February 2.

First Call Theological Education

I met with my first call colleagues of our synod as well as my Episcopalian counterparts via Zoom on January 12. We were joined by Bishop Nathan Baxter, former bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and former dean of the Washington National Cathedral. It was an honor to hear him speak.

New Members

I am prepping for another new member class before Easter. We will have another “new member meetup” on February 21 as well as our next new member class on March 7.

Finally, I want to thank Peter Fox for his service and partnership at Trinity. I feel blessed to have worked alongside him for the last few years. I wish him God’s speed during this transition.