

Report of the Lead Pastor for February 2021

Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

March 9, 2021

Baptisms: Max Bustamante 2/21

Funerals: Robin Scaer 2/6

Weddings: none

Ash Wednesday

Our Ashes to Go were particularly helpful for people this year as you can imagine. Folks drove up, the pastors prayed a confessional prayer with them, we spoke about Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and generosity, and marked them with ashen crosses. These one-on-one contacts have been limited this year and we really appreciate the opportunity to connect in this way.

Faith Formation Focus Groups

I can say enough how impressed I am with our Faith Formation Task Force. Serena is an excellent leader/facilitator, and the other members are dedicated and insightful. We have a committed team working on strengthening Trinity's disciple forming. Make sure you encourage folks to sign up for the focus groups and sign up yourself.

Capital Appeal and Projects

It's been wonderful this month to see the capital projects take shape. I'm so excited for our congregation and community to see the improvements and how they will enhance our worship, fellowship, and hospitality. The capital appeal and building teams are to be commended.

Boy and Cub Scouts

I have signed the charters for the Boy and Cub Scouts for 2021. This is a yearly procedure. In Boy and Cub Scouts Trinity serves as the charter organization which means they are more just a group that uses the church but a part of our ministry.

Meeting with Bishop Dunlop

Bishop Dunlop shared with the pastors of larger congregations in the synod that they are expecting a rash of retirements (many delayed this year) and more churches to close as a result of the pandemic. Some smaller churches simply closed their doors at the shut-down. Others have let the synod know they will not be able to afford their pastors at full time any longer. Challenging times for many of our local ELCA congregations. I pray for the Spirit's guidance for all our leaders.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Jack Horner