

**Report of
Pastor for Parish Life
The Rev. John H. Brock
Summer 2021**

Stuff that I did over the summer:

Along with the usual weekend worship responsibilities, I presided at five funerals and/or graveside services. I did a remembrance of a mother on the 100th anniversary of her birth. I presided at a renewal of vows, a baptism, and an Affirmation of Baptism. And I presided at the final spring meeting of our Divorce Care group.

I took part in our annual VBS program, both on tape and in person. I met with Steve Kauffman and Mary Haar to do columbarium expansion planning (we have sold all of our current niches, and need to build more). I assisted the Synod Candidacy Committee when they met at Trinity by filling in as their chaplain. Speaking of Synod, I attended the annual Synod Assembly in June via Zoom (and I have to say, it was one of the shortest Synod Assemblies I have ever been part of).

Along with the other pastors, I attended the Camp Hill Business Association mixer that was hosted at Trinity. And we all were able to take part in the dinner for our guests from Guatemala and Tree 4 Hope Academy.

I've been working on the Men's Tuesday Morning Bible study, which we hope to start up again in just a couple of weeks. And I have been meeting with our new Faith Formation director, Moses, to discuss Affirmation of Baptism and some adult education opportunities.

There were, of course, other groups that met of which I am a part: Altar Care; Covid Task Force; Worship Team; and Mutual Ministry.

In addition to all of this, I was able to get a little self care time in. In June, Marianne & I attended a wedding in Florida for a cousin of her's. Near the end of July, I went to Chicago for the funeral of one of *my* cousins (who was eighteen days older than me).

In addition to all that, over the past three months, I've thrown out my back, got food poisoning, gone biking & hiking, read a whole lot (primarily fiction), played *Chuck-It* with our pup Magnus, worked on my mother's estate, keep trying to get to Planet Fitness on a regular and frequent basis, and pondered my ministry here at Trinity for the past nineteen years.

I'm looking forward to this new year, and all the ways the mission and ministry of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church can continue to grow and meet the needs of our members and community. Please continue to stay healthy!

God's peace,

Pastor John Brock