

## Report of Pastor for Engagement

Pastor Liz Frey

November 2021

### **Weddings**

Lauren Halla and Mark Krier, October 16, 2021

### **Funerals**

Jacob Blust, November 1, 2021

### **Lutheran World Relief (LWR) – October 12**

I met with the Congregational Engagement representative with LWR in October. The purpose of her visit was to thank us for our generosity, but also to hear more about Trinity. We had a great conversation about their ministry and how our support has benefited LWR.

### **Leadership Summit – October 13**

With other staff members and leaders of the congregation, I attended the leadership summit in October. I loved the opportunity to collaborate with lay leaders in our congregation.

### **Give Serve Lead Team – Serve Challenge**

I have been hard at work putting together the pieces for the Serve Challenge happening during the Give Serve Lead Fall Campaign. I hope the council will participate in this endeavor. I am looking forward to seeing how members of our congregation challenge one another to serve!

### **Podcast**

We recorded a few episodes so far this fall, one on Halloween and one with our new Director of Faith Formation, Moses Kavishe.

### **Faith Formation**

Now that Faith Connection classes are back the pastors are busy leading Made for It, an adult class, Confirmation classes for 7<sup>th</sup> graders and 8-9<sup>th</sup> graders, and the Thursday bible study.

### **Covid-19 Task Force Meeting – October 19, 27**

The task force collected and analyzed the data from the survey we conducted. It was helpful to see where the congregation is at regarding the pandemic.

### **Community Outreach Ministries and Missions Teams – October 19 and October 20**

These teams met in October to discuss their 2022 budget requests. They also met to discuss the upcoming Giving Tree and other holiday giving opportunities.

### **Creative Worship – November 3**

We discussed in depth the plan for the season of Epiphany and follow up on details for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

### **Synod Candidacy Committee – October 14**

I met with our synod's candidacy committee in October for an entrance interview, the first interview in the process. I have also been meeting with the candidates I relate to this month to check-in during midterm season.

### **Young Family Check-ins**

Throughout this month, I have been meeting with or chatting on the phone with several of Trinity's young families. I was curious to see how they are doing, especially because many had not yet returned back to in-person worship.

### **Vacation**

I was away two weekends in October for weddings. I presided over a friends' wedding on October 16 in Maryland and on October 23, I participated in the wedding of friends in Chicago. Because the pandemic has separated us, it was a joy to finally celebrate these special days with my friends. It was good for my soul to see special people in my life who I haven't seen in so long.