

Report of Pastor for Engagement

Pastor Liz Frey

January 2022 and 2021 Year End Review

Baptism

John Sourbeer, child of Jason and Sheena Sourbeer on Sunday, December 12, 2021

Funeral

Joyce Elfreth on Thursday, December 16, 2021

Podcast

We recorded two podcasts in December: Christmas Memories and 2021 Review.

Creative Worship

The staff discussed the worship offerings for the next month. We prepared for Christmas and Epiphany in early 2022.

Covid-19 Task Force Meeting – December 7

The task force discussed any possible changes. We have decided to reconvene in the new year.

Give Serve Lead Team – December 9

Throughout the fall, this team met to discuss new council members. In December, we discussed the final list of folks to present to the council.

Christmas Events – December 10, December 13, December 18

It was nice to see the return of in-person Christmas events at Trinity. We watched a cute movie and enjoyed some pizza with our youngest members and friends. It was a joy to see the return of Christmas at Trinity! We also put together our first Blue Christmas service at Trinity. It was a beautiful and meaningful service.

Confirmation – December 16

In December, the pastors met with Moses and our confirmation leadership team to discuss possible changes and upgrades to our existing confirmation program. We are implementing those changes in January 2022.

Christmas Worship – December 24 and 26

We did it! Christmas Eve worship happened in-person, and it was beautiful! The Lessons and Carols service called Joyful Praise on December 26 was fun and different.

Pastor Liz's 2021 Highlights:

- **Worship -**
 - We returned to some semblance of “normal” worship this year. I am grateful for the partnership of the other pastors and musicians that made this possible. Both Easter and Christmas were in-person in 2021!
 - Synod worship opportunities: I participated as a leader in multiple synod-wide worship services this year. It was an honor to participate in our synod's spring service, Elizabeth Eckman's ordination, and her installation at St. John's.
- **Connect -**
 - The Good Things Come in Threes Podcast was a touchstone for the pastors and members of the congregation and community.
 - New Member Classes: we welcomed several new members in 2021.
 - Faith Formation: Being a part of the Faith Formation Task Force was rewarding and I was honored to be a part of the team that put together IKEA Church in September. I am also grateful for the return of in-person Faith Formation events and classes; it was a joy to participate in and lead them.
- **Serve -**
 - Trinity had two successful Giving Trees this year. Our congregation was very generous in supporting several of our ministry and mission partners.
 - Our Missions team organized the return of Bread Weekend and we supported Lutheran World Hunger.
 - As part of IKEA Church, we put together hundreds of personal care kits going around the world for Lutheran World Relief.
 - The Fall Give Serve Lead Challenge was a success. Many folks participated by serving in a new way and we filled the Gathering Space wall with photos of Trinity members in action.