

Report of Pastor for Engagement

Pastor Liz Frey

April 2022

Funeral

Ramona Rabuck, mother of Samantha Luvison – March 19, 2022

Podcast

We recorded two great podcasts in March: one about the Creeds and one about how we care for each other at Trinity.

Ash Wednesday

What a blessing? We provided ashes for so many folks during Ashes to Go and we had a beautiful (in-person!) worship service in the evening. It was a beautiful and poignant start to Lent.

Give Serve Lead – March 10

This team met in March to discuss giving and the leadership summit coming up.

Synod Candidacy Committee – March 10

I met with our synod's candidacy committee in March via Zoom. We met with two new candidates for ministry for entrance interviews (the first interview for folks pursuing leadership in the ELCA).

Strategic Plan

In March, I finalized my contribution to the strategic plan. Some highlights: updating and refreshing the new member class and introducing a gifts and talents survey for our newest members and implementing plans with the results of these surveys.

Missions and Community Outreach Ministries – March 16

Members of both teams met in March to collaborate on a future event. The Missions team met to discuss plans for the summer, which will be busy for this team. In July, we will welcome our sponsored missionary and our sponsored Young Adult in Global Mission (YAGM) volunteer. Then, in August, we will host the bread sale and raise funds for World Hunger.

Conference Meeting – March 20

The Cumberland Conference (our conference) met for our spring assembly in March in preparation for the synod assembly in June. I attended this meeting with the other pastors and our lay delegates to the assembly.

Book Group

The pastors and Faith Formation director, Moses are reading a book together. We have been meeting every Wednesday to discuss what we've read. We are having some interesting conversations.

CCU Focus Group – March 22

Trinity hosted our partner, Christian Churches United in March. CCU is having a series of focus groups to discuss future plans for the organization. I attended the focus group session with several members of Trinity.

Holy Week Preparation

March has been a busy month, especially in preparation for Holy Week. The pastors and staff met a few times to discuss liturgy, logistics, and technology for this week's worship experience.

First Communion – March 27

I had the privilege to teach a group of young people about communion in March. This group was enthusiastic and it was a blessing to see so many young people come forward to receive communion for the first time the following Sunday.

Continuing Education

Every Thursday in March, I participated in a class led by Professor Crystal Hall at United Lutheran Seminary via Zoom. We focused our discussions on the book, *She: Five Keys to Unlock the Power of Women in Ministry* by Karoline Lewis. It was wonderful to gather with other women in leadership and to learn from one another.