

Report of the Lead Pastor for April 2022

Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

May 10, 2022

Baptisms: Titus Day 4/16/22; Patrick Kreiser 4/24/22

Funerals: none

Weddings: none

Chrism Mass

Holy Tuesday, April 12th, Trinity hosted the Lower Susquehanna Synod's Chrism Mass where pastors and deacons renew their ordination vows and oil is blessed by the bishop for use in baptisms and anointing of the sick. I always find it a moving service.

Leadership Summit on Social Media

Thank you to Elizabeth Schenk and Danelle Andrews for providing Trinity's leaders with insight into the power of social media to connect our members and friends. Its up to all of us to post to our friends page and share the great things we are doing in ministry.

Stewardship Opportunity

Members of the Give, Serve, Lead Team, which organizes the congregation's teaching of generosity and gratitude, has had a few conversations about bringing in consultants to help with our annual appeal in the Fall. At the Larger Church Conference I learned the ELCA has created a stewardship pilot program called "Stewardship for All Seasons" for larger churches working with the fundraising consultants GSB. I have attached the program outline. Each congregation participating in the program pays \$2400/year toward the normal \$3800/yr fee. The ELCA is supporting the remainder. The fee covers the manual for the team, graphic design, and work with consultant. It is a two year commitment so a total of \$4800 over the two years. They expect a 10% increase in giving the first year and 5-8% each following year using this program. I recommend we do it.

Retirement

Paul Hensel has shared with me his desire to retire in August. Paul has served Trinity faithfully for 19 years, bringing a pastoral, mission-focused approach to stewarding the congregation's financial resources. He is a great team mate and will be missed by all of us. I will work with A&P and the Finance Committee in reviewing the job description and setting up the hiring process.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Jack Horner