

Report of Pastor for Engagement

Pastor Liz Frey

September 2023

Funeral

Mary Lou (Mel) Robertson, August 31, 2023

Baptism

Charlotte Rose Sassani, July 23, 2023

Refugee Project at Trinity

In January, Trinity member Laura Butcher approached me about a refugee service organization, International Resources Center in Harrisburg where she has been volunteering. She wanted to share information about their work and wondered if Trinity might partner with them. I encouraged Laura to share this information with staff and the Community Outreach and Missions teams while I was on leave. Once I returned and over the course of the summer, Laura and these two teams met to discuss the possibility of Trinity engaging in work to support refugees. We are still in the discussion and discernment phase at the committee level as of September. Laura and I are exploring the next steps and allowing the Spirit to guide us in this process.

One Congregation. One Book. Romans Sermon Series

We began this summer series in June. The pastors enjoyed this deep dive and class discussion on the Letter to the Romans.

Give Serve Lead – June 14, July 11, and August 15

This team met a few times this summer in preparation for the fall appeal.

Creative Worship – June 20 and July 18

The staff met to discuss the themes for the remainder of the summer as well as to discuss fall themes.

LSS Candidacy Committee

My work with the Synod's Candidacy Committee continued through the summer with three meetings in June, July, and August.

Missions Team Meeting – June 21 and July 19

The team met to discuss Bread Weekend, Quentin Bernhard's YAGM visit, our policy page, and the Guatemala mission trip. All of these events were

successes. Quentin gave us an awesome presentation on his time in Senegal. Bread Weekend raised a good amount of money for World Hunger. The July trip to Guatemala was great. Many thanks to Moses and Janis Martinez, who led this group through their travels to Guatemala and back!

Summer Patio Bible Study

It was fun to be a part of the discussion on the Confessions on July 27 at the Horner's home.

Worship Team – August 9

The team met to discuss Impact Lives Weekend in September, Blessing of the Animals in October, and Christmas Eve.

Community Outreach Ministeries – August 9

The team met in August to discuss giving for our ministry partners in need. We also welcomed a new member to our team, Martha Herold, who will be leading Trinity Tutors in place of Holly Frymoyer. We are grateful for Holly's leadership! She has been leading the tutoring group for over 10 years!

Homebound Visits

Throughout the summer, I've been making visits to several of our homebound members because I haven't seen them since February and March.

Personal

I enjoyed some vacation in August with my family. Elijah continues to grow and develop. He was baptized here at Trinity on July 16. I am grateful he is a part of this community.