

**Pastor for Parish Life
The Rev. John H. Brock
Report for October 2023**

Recurring Events:

- Staff meeting
- Pastoral Care
- Production / Live Stream Prep meetings
- Live Stream Worship, In Person Sunday / Saturday
- Sunday Preach September 16/17
- Write weekly Prayers of the Church (along with Every Member Prayer list) and Pastoral Care report
- Friday Prayer Service/On Call weekend September 16/17
- Council
- Property Committee

Additional things:

- Brother's Tuesday Bible Study and prep (we're looking at 1st Corinthians)
- 1 Kings prep & presentation for Thursday Bible Study
- Cumberland Conference meeting at Zion, Enola. This building will be sold by the end of October. The congregation is looking for a temporary facility to meet in.
- Funeral Planning & Service: Bob Zimmerman
- Home / Hospital / Phone Visitations
- Member Conversations at Trinity
- Financial Aid to several non-members
- Give / Serve / Lead meeting
- Drove to Christ Lutheran in Elizabethtown to get the third oil (for confirmation) for our new display cabinet.
- Weekend of One Worship, I worked with the group of painters in the basement hallway.

Other things:

- For those wondering why I continue to limp, I have been diagnosed with arthritis in my right hip. I have had a couple of weeks of rehab. My next step is to meet with an osteopathic doctor to see if there is anything in the way of meds that may be of help.
- On a closing note, I'd like to briefly tell you all about a few books I came across recently. The first is ***Unclobber*** by Colby Martin. He is a former conservative evangelical pastor, who left that branch of Christianity when he was no longer able reconcile his understanding of both Gd and scripture concerning our fellow believers who are part of the LGBTQ+ community.
- The next is ***The Great Dechurching*** by Jim Davis & Michael Graham. Rev. Lisa Leber (First Lutheran, Carlisle) spoke about this book at our monthly conference meeting. It was published earlier this year, and talks about "*who's leaving, why are they going, and what will it take to bring them back?*"
- Finally, ***The Nones*** by Ryan P. Burge. This book came out a few years ago, and is cited the ***The Great Dechurching***. It is still relevant. I'll be reading these over the next couple of months (in all my spare time).

God's peace,
Pastor John Brock