

Pastor for Parish Life
The Rev. John H. Brock
Report for April 2024

Recurring Events:

- Staff meeting
- Pastoral Care meeting
- Production / Live Stream Prep meetings
- Live Stream Worship, In Person Sunday / Saturday
- Weekend Preach: Lent 4 (*6 Things Jesus Wants You to Know: I Love You*)
- Write weekly *Prayers of the Church* (along with Every Member Prayer list) and Pastoral Care reports
- Friday Prayer Service/On Call weekend March 2-4, 22-24
- Creative Worship
- Council
- Property
- Home Visitation (Easter flower delivery planning)

Additional things:

- Baptism of Justin Ellis Chang, grandson of Kathy Gottlieb, and grandnephew of Elizabeth Winters. This was at a Saturday evening worship. We brought over the nave font to use, as that font was given in honor of Rev. Matthew Winters.
- Brother's Tuesday Bible Study and prep: 1st Corinthians 14
- Thursday Bible Study: *Images of the Cross - Cross as Sacrifice*
- Home / Hospital / Phone Visitations
- Member Conversations at Trinity
- Financial Aid to several individuals
- Cumberland Conference annual assembly at First Lutheran, Carlisle
- Met with Pastor Horner, Pastor Liz, Moses & Steve to have a tour of Christ Lutheran Dillsburg
- Planning for, and then teaching, three of four session on Baptism for Affirmation of Baptism class
- Funeral for H. Heck
- Funeral planning for K. Beamer and R. Rostalski. Preside at Heck funeral
- Assist with Lenten Vesper worship twice
- Attend Renewal of Vows worship at Christ Lutheran, Elizabethtown
- Had to deal with IT issues - my printer would not print, and our IT person was unable to remote into my computer
- EXTRA HOLY WEEK Worship: wrote and filmed meditation for Holy Tuesday. Assisted in presiding at Maundy Thursday worship. Lead/preached at one of seven sessions of the Noon to 3P Good Friday worship (*Personalities of the Passion* - I did Judas). Assist at Good Friday Tennebrae worship. Preach at Easter Vigil worship.

Other things:

- Bill Stotler invited Marianne and myself to have lunch with him & Sylvia at the Masonic Village, and then had us over to their cottage for a viewing of his Powerpoint presentation of his work on the Via de Cristo. Afterwards, while still in Elizabethtown, we ran into former Trinity Vicar Bill Chamberlain and his wife

April. Bill is currently a chaplain at the Masonic Village

- I had lunch with my Mutual Ministry Chair, along with another member of my group. Among the things we talked about, this member was struggling with my Lent 4 sermon, *6 Things Jesus Wants You to Know: I Love You*. This message was causing some existential angst in this individual who had been raised with, and held dearly to, the Protestant Work Ethic. The idea that doing good works does not earn us Gd's love is one that I believe many of us have difficulty truly believing. Gd gives us grace, freely and as a gift (Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast.*) We had a good discussion, although I am still not certain that angst was eliminated.

God's peace,
Pastor John Brock