

Report of the Lead Pastor for April 2018

Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

May 14, 2018

Baptisms:

Funerals: 4/17 Ken Bistline; 4/21 Joan Ryder

Weddings: none

What a month!

The spirit of resurrection is palpable in Trinity. The month began with great celebrations of the resurrection at Easter. Its wonderful to see the interest the capital appeal projects and the positive momentum. The Luther Rose Dinner Theatres were great fun and fellowship. Interviews began for an irreplaceable Nancy Martin. Guest preachers inspired us. The associate pastor call committee was busy indeed which led to so to be Pastor Liz Frey's call. Wonderful!

Leading the Capital Appeal

Now more than ever we need Council's leadership for our capital appeal to be successful. Talk to people. Encourage them to make a commitment. Encourage generosity and gratitude, Reflect on your own commitment. Sacrifice. Rejoice in what God is stirring here. We are setting the stage for the next two decades of Trinity's ministry and growth.

Director of Administration

Nancy Martin and I have conducted four interviews so far, with another tomorrow. Very happy with the talented, dedicated candidates. We hope to make a final selection by Friday.

ELCA Congregational Vitality Guiding Coalition invite

I have been invited to join a new ELCA team to study and promote congregational vitality in the ELCA. The group they are assembling is a who's who of bishops, DEM's, pastors and lay leaders of vital congregations. This is quite an honor for us. It will require 2-3 meetings a year at the churchwide offices Chicago.

Trinity Preschool Task Force

Our three-year strategic plan envisions reviewing and strengthening Trinity congregation's relationship with our preschool. I'd like us to form a task force to begin that process. Dave and I nominate Jon Andrews as chair.

ELCA Pastors of Large Church Conference

Linda and I served on the hospitality team this year and Linda led the spouse gathering which was very well received. Thank you for sending us. It is always a great time of learning and fellowship with pastors and spouses of ELCA large congregations.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Jack Horner