

## Reports for Council

April 2020

### Synodically Authorized Minister's Report

SAM Council Report – April 2020

Much of my time is spent trying and learning different platforms for our worship services which I continue to explore.

Led Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter and 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Easter services from my home via Facebook Live with call-in Zoom available.

Set up a Facebook Group page thinking it was necessary for Facebook Watch Party; however, I have yet to figure out how to get recorded videos from my phone listed in watch party.

Will post on Facebook the recorded message from Pastor Roger Hurlbut for April 26<sup>th</sup> service (However, memory of my phone was full, and part of service was cut off.

Participating in weekly zooms with Bishop and other pastors.

I have participated in weekly Zoom webinars offered by Faith & Learning Lab at Luther Seminary on the gospel text for the week and topics such as looking at death and grief during the pandemic.

I followed with Bev Preston upon the death of Bill and John Bloomfield after the death of his father, Alan.

Researched possible grant through U.S. Chamber of Commerce (nonprofits not eligible) and assisted with Paycheck Protection Program loan/grant submission to Durand Bank.

Working on a confirmation zoom class for the first week of May.

Have weekly zoom staff meetings with Shannon and Wendy

The synod is asking that we track weekly attendance on our live and posted worship services by tracking the number of watches.

Have had one zoom and one phone call with Pastor Pat and e-mail exchanges as of today.

Have begun making phone calls to members, checking in. I am incredibly grateful for four members who continue making phone calls to our “senior” aged members.

Assist Paula in filling the Blessing Boxes

Have reduced frequency of recording devotions from Christ in Our Home and posting to Trinity's Facebook page. (Takes more energy than I anticipated)

In consultation with Pastor Nicole from the Methodist Church regarding Baccalaureate; she would like us to put something together for the seniors.

Synod Assembly has been cancelled for 2020.

Submitted April 23, 2020 by Sharon Beksel

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## **Parish Administrator Report**

I continue to do most of my work at home and come in when I need to use the copier.

There have been a lot of mailings during this stay at home order. I mail to those who don't have email. Every week an order of worship with sermon gets mailed.

I have been mailing The Traveler to more people since they are not coming in the building to get a copy.

I print out weekly children's bulletins for Wendy to mail. Also post a children's video on Facebook almost daily.

Orders that I place are now being shipped to my home and then I bring them to church. The UPS delivery person knows both my church and home address, so I am okay with UPS delivery.

I have been posting worship videos on Trinity's YouTube channel.

Changed the sanctuary from Lent to Easter.

I have helped Paula count offering.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shannon Brown

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## **Christian Education**

Each week I send out to the Sunday school and Pre-confirmation student's activity sheets. The sheets contain a weekly story that ties in with the lessons for that Sunday. There are age appropriate activities, memory verses and puzzle games that go with that story. I write a personal letter from myself that explains what the story from that week means as I would if I was actually teaching them face to face. I'm able to send them 3-4 pages to do. Each student gets their own envelope addressed and mailed to them, which is fun to get their own mail! I have sent

coloring sheets and stamped envelopes to each student to color and mail to some of our home bound older members. Shannon has been such a big help with helping me gather ideas and prints off everything I need.

The week before Easter Sunday Dale and I did a little road trip and delivered the Easter bags that I put together for all the kids. It was fun seeing them-from a distance of course!

Shannon has been sharing our wonderful video from Deacon Shari on Trinity's facebook page each week. She does a series of videos that use the SPARK Bible stories which our kids have at home.

I have sent the ad for Vacation Bible school to the Neighbors and Lake Summerset newspapers. I will be advertising VBS in the Volunteer starting in June. I am so glad that we changed the VBS starting date from June to July 13<sup>th</sup>. If it was June I would definitely be rescheduling it. I'm not even sure how July will pan out but I won't just assume that VBS will be a no go this summer. Planning will continue!

Sharon, Shannon and I continue our Zoom staff meetings each week.

Stay healthy and continue in prayer that this dangerous virus will slowly disappear.

Your friend in Christ,  
Wendy

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