

Synodically Authorized Minister's Report

SAM Report – July 2020

- Met with Kim and Shannon to plan outdoor communion service, began planning for indoor services and put together a congregational survey
- Weekly staff meetings with Shannon and Wendy as we plan for Sunday School and confirmation
- Participated in the following two zoom continuing ed programs: Until All Are Fed (ELCA World Hunger and Five Gifts of Discipleship).
- Met with Monica Mallory and her husband Dan three times setting up and testing FM transmitter. So thankful for their assistance
- Did a home visit socially distanced with a couple
- Pastoral care calls with five members and with a family member
- Taped Pastor Roger's service
- Face book live and zoom worship services
- Emailed Michelle Chatfield and Jill Proctor asking to move up the confirmation service so we can meet outdoors not knowing what will happen in the fall with the coronavirus.
- Offered two noon time prayers via zoom for members; no one attended.
- I just received notice of a zoom Monday evening on Best Communion practices during COVID panel discussion hosted by the Chicago ELCA Synod and Lutheran School of Theology which I will attend even though on vacation...This is a very important topic since the ELCA has not made a churchwide statement.
- I am also participating in Bishop's book study on White Fragility which begins Wednesday evening.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Beksel
SAM

Parish Administrator Report

Participated in the planning of the outdoor communion service. I prepared baggies containing what was needed for communion. I also helped with distribution. It was disappointing to see one group of cars who didn't follow guidelines and had windows open and were talking to each other without masks on.

I am working on trying to figure out how to make an online survey for Worship preference choices.

I continue to do a combination of working from home and in the office.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Brown

Christian Education

I am continuing the kids summer fun packs like I did last summer. Sharon was able to get a Thrivent card for the expenses! There are 16 kids and each tote will have age appropriate games, crafts, worksheets, and just plain summer fun stuff. I will deliver each tote to the kids in July.

Rally Day will be on Sunday September 20th. I'm hoping to be able to gather outside. If not, social distancing guidelines will be followed. Bibles will be distributed also to 3 year olds, 3rd grade students and new students.

I have contacted all of my families with a questionnaire on how they feel regarding the return to Sunday school. I have heard back from all but one family and they are all ready to return. I will follow the same guidelines for safety as the schools and ELCA. Mary Nuss said she will make us masks to keep on hand for the kids in case they don't bring one. I think all kids will have their own since they will need them at school.

Sunday school (2020/21) will start after worship, which as of now I understand will be shorter. So, I will have class and for 30 min. down from 60 min. to keep exposure time limited. If we aren't able to meet in person, I will have to do either pre-recorded class time or Zoom. We will see.

Good news....The VBS company that I use will be re-running the VBS program from this summer again next year so that is great news! Shannon had received a Thrivent card for our VBS costs for this year and she has ordered the items that we need so we should be all set but if not, we will still be able to order things.

Your friend in Christ,
Wendy

Treasurer's Report

Trinity Mortgage is renewing for another 5 years

Trinity's last 5-year term of our mortgage financed \$295,603.24 at 3.875% 5yr ARM. Monthly payments were \$1,664.

During that 5-year span there were 7 times that offering wasn't enough to make to the monthly payments, so the balance of payment was taken out of the designated fund for the mortgage. Two of those times were in January and April of 2020.

Trinity is starting a new 5-year term. The loan's principal is \$197,441.71 at 4.375% 5yr ARM. Monthly payments are now \$1,359.65 starting on 09/01/2020.

The 7 times that there was a shortage in the past 5 years would not be a shortage with the new payment amount. An increase in giving for mortgage is not necessary because of lower payment.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Brown
