Pastor's Report February 2024 **Bold is to help me remember**

50th Anniversary

- May 5, 11 am 2 pm: Heavy hors d'ouevres/passed appetizers as part of an Open House
- Online RSVP will be set up and due by 4/24 for a general headcount
- Printed invites will be mailed to congregation members the week of March 17
- Other promotions will be done via the website, Facebook, synod communications, and word-of-mouth
- Logo design for the 50th anniversary context is up and running

Youth

- Lock-in set for March 2 into March 3. Looking for meal helpers of chauffeurs to take us to Hampden Hills
- ELCA Youth Gathering: Trying to bunk our one male youth with another church's male youths in order to save money

Preschool

- Last year, an employee slipped on ice and hit her head. She went to Urgent Care. In January 2024, she just received a bill from the medical provider. Preschool didn't have an incident report on file for the occurrence. With Stephanie, I talked with our insurance provider: Stephanie will fill out the paperwork to create a Workman's Comp claim.

Food Pantry

- 5th Sunday collection, week after volunteers drive it to either Aurora Interfaith Community Services (AICS) or All Saints
 - Works out to be once a quarter
 - o Each food pantry will receive donations twice a year

Worship:

- Two Ash Wednesday services, and went to Hampden Hills for Ash Wednesday Communion & Imposition of Ashes
- Midweek Lent Services: Holden Evening Prayer; pulpit swapping with All Saints & St. Mark's and exploring the lives of some saints
- Easter: 9 am and 11 am

Time Off:

- Took Thursday, 2/15 off
- Will be gone March 6-8