

Pastor's Report March 2024

Bold is to help me remember

Council Email:

- holylovecouncil@gmail.com has been set up! It was temporarily disabled by Google, but I contested that and they reinstated it.
- Use this email for Council inquiries

50th Anniversary

- May 5, 11 am – 2 pm: Open house with appetizers, free coffee cart by Tall Tales Ranch, bouncehouse, and different presentations
- Invites are ordered and will be mailed later this week (week of 3/17)
- Logan S. won the logo design!!! It'll be used on our website, eNews, Facebook, and bulletin

Youth

- Had 14 at lock-in! Great time. Thanks to Maridee for driving to Hampden Hills
- Confirmation set for 5/19, Pentecost
- Still working on this, likely bunking with Holy Trinity in Littleton → ELCA Youth Gathering: Trying to bunk our one male youth with another church's male youths in order to save money

Clothing Sale Fundraiser

- Proceeds split between Preschool's scholarship fund and the Property Budget, we're having a kid's clothing sale open to the public Saturday, June 8. Everything is \$1! Donations of good quality, gently used kids' clothing and shoes will be accepted beginning 5/6.
 - o We cannot accept toys/books/car seats/or other kid items
 - o Spread the word, and get ready for Spring cleaning!

Food Pantry

- Next collection: 3/31

Worship:

- Midweek Services: Explored various saints with All Saints and St. Mark's through a pulpit swap
- **Thank you to P. Harry for filling in last minute on 2/28!!!**
- Holy Week:
 - o Maundy Thursday: Since the liturgical emphasis is on serving others, this service is going to be adapted into a sensory-friendly Holy Week Service, going through the entirety of Holy Week (yes, even a little Easter thrown in there). GF Communion will be served. 3/28 at 6 pm, Fellowship Hall
 - o Good Friday: Traditional, in Sanctuary 3/29 7 pm
 - o Easter: 9 am and 11 am

FAMLI Leave:

- I've been approved by the state to take a parental bonding leave from 4/1-4/21
- Metro East Conference Deans, Pastors Chelsea and Nic, will provide pastoral care while I'm out
 - o 4/7, 4/14, and 4/21 Sundays' pulpit supply set with Rev. Rebecca Aardahl, Rev. Karen Ulestad, and Rev. Mandy Achterberg
- **Announcement going in the eNews 3/20, and I was going to say something verbally at service on 3/24 and 3/31... any other needs/avenues to communicate?**

Personal:

- I was diagnosed with strep on Amy's ordination, 2/24. Turns out the rash I had at that time was misdiagnosed. Dermatologist diagnosed me right away with guttate psoriasis: a rare form of psoriasis that happens only after throat infections, most often strep. It's most common in kids. However, in adults, it can last up to three months. It is NOT contagious; the strep is gone. But the psoriasis is very obvious, in bright pink patches all over. I've decided to have others serve the communion wafers so that there isn't discomfort from people receiving the elements from me.

Time Off:

- Vacation days: 3/6-9, 3/10. Sick days: 2/24, 2/28
- Out of town August 19-25