

FFD November 2020 Council Report

Meetings Attended/Held

Monthly Christian Ed. Committee meeting
Monthly Synod Faith Formation meeting
Monthly Young Adult online check-in meeting
Weekly HL staff meeting Tuesdays
Courageous Conversations on Racism (3)
Tech Team meeting and “mock service” recording
Advent/Christmas planning meeting

Sunday School- Laura has adapted an awesome Christmas program for pre-recording and sharing on zoom. I was laughing with my mute button on today during our first practice. It’s going to be so good!

Confirmation: Monthly class meetings continuing. Our work day at the Wholly Kicks storage unit was great fun. Thanks to Pr. Jim, Pam, Tom Teynor, and my angel of the day, Jason Kennedy who drove our group at the last minute because my mini-van had a transmission crisis! We sorted, organized, and labled TONS of shoes for Wholly Kicks, and will probably do it again. The two hours went by fast. We had four great MS student workers! Also, our shoe drive was a success! 78 total prs. of shoes between us and LOTH, plus some online donations. Pr. Tyg shortly after reported he placed his 999th and 1000th pairs on the feet of two siblings last week. WOW! ☺

High School- Our trip to RTLC for the HS retreat this month has been cancelled due to rising Covid-19 cases in Colorado at this time. They are holding an on-line trivia night Saturday Nov.21st for HS students. I will be hoping to recruit them to participate.

Courageous Conversations- Our series on racism continues and has been a good experience! Plans are underway for a series on immigration. We will be kicking it off with a screening of the short documentary, [Welcome Strangers](#) and a “talk-back” time afterward with the stars. The documentary focuses on the story of Sarah Jackson and her amazing group of volunteers who founded Casa de Paz in Aurora, CO, and provide help and hospitality to our neighbors as they get released from the GEO ICE detention facility and connect them to the family they seek. Save the date: December 22nd at 6:30 PM. For more info on the Casa de Paz work: <https://www.casadepazcolorado.org/>

3rd Annual Advent Devotional project: Contributing writers are trickling in, but our time of Advent starts very very soon, and the editor in chief is getting nervous. Please consider signing up, and try to get us a devotion written and submitted by Nov. 20th to help us meet our deadline and distribute the booklet out **before** Advent starts. Thank you, leaders! [Advent Devo sign up](#)

Fun time: Save the date! Lori and I get itchy and like to “party” with people, so we decided to host a “Advent Wreath Crafting Party” **Nov. 27th at 7 PM** on zoom. We hope a lot of friends will join us and invite their interested family members that they may be missing seeing this Thanksgiving to play along.

Prayer request: I need to drive across the Midwest and back to collect Adam from Wartburg for his 6 week time at home for the holidays right before Thanksgiving. I’m nervous because the Midwest areas I’ll have to stop in for gas/food etc. are still not consistently showing respect for the spread of this virus. Thanks in advance for your special intentions for us Monday the 23rd to Wednesday the 25th- and prayers for all of you as you face a challenging Thanksgiving!