

December 2021 Pastor's Report

- Stewardship Sunday 12/5
- Partnering with Wholly Kicks for Advent through Epiphany, collecting shoes. Rev. Tyg will be here to preach and co-officiate on 1/9, and we'll have a moment in the service where we bless the shoes for Wholly Kicks (we do not need to pay him for this service; I checked)
- Christmas Carols, Cookies, and Cocoa on 12/15—**What worked, what could've been better?**
- Home visits and phone calls continue; email me if you think of people I ought to connect with! (You can tell me too—but if it's in an email, it'll help me remember!)
 - o Harris family asked to be removed from membership; did so in Servant Keeper
- Toilet issue: potty partner on 12/9. Repairs begin 12/28, should be completed by 1/3 when Preschool Resumes
- Created a flow chart for who to contact about XYZ—see attached. There have been complaints and suggestions brought up in meetings non-specific to the issue, and in trying to be sure people's requests are addressed and for the sake of efficiency, there needed to be some sort of clear communication about who does what. **Thoughts? What'd I miss?**
 - o Similarly, in January/February, I'm going to have a list of every committee's purpose and team member posted in the Narthex with our 6 Core Values and this flow chart (if approved). Then people can address their concerns to the appropriate committee
- Easter Seals scratched a table on 11/27, worked with them to determine repair costs
 - o Had a discussion with the supervisor, Peggy, if this partnership is mutually beneficial.
- **Thoughts?**
- Synod Assembly is April 28-30. I think we get 2 voting members. **Any takers?**
- **Do you, as Council, want a list of the meetings I've been part of or pastors I've met with in these reports?**
- I want to create a Building Use Task Force to re-examine the current building policy use and create some suggested donation amounts for use.
 - o So far, I've recruited Bob A. and Gayle R. to be part of it.
 - **Permission to form and continue?**
 - o Goal: new policy for Council approval by April 2022, for use beginning in June 2022
- All-Stars Program: Cindy H. and Jennifer W. are working with the All-Stars group and Colorado Community Church to get a group of people together from Holy Love to start our own All-Stars program once a month here. Goal is to have that up and running on our site in August 2022.
- Adult Ed Forum returning in January. I'll commit to teach 1 a month, goal is to have 2 each month. The other will be led by a congregational member. Theme will be connected to that Sunday's message and Scripture—if people are presented with two different messages on a Sunday, they'll only remember one of them. That makes one of the presentations (sermon or Adult Ed Forum) unnecessary. With Christian Ed Committee, I'll recruit congregants to lead these once a month
- Out of town: 12/26-12/28 (I'll be here for the morning service); 1/31-2/7
 - o Amy will be the emergency pastor contact for the December dates
- Preschool Specific—
 - o Hosted a "Pastries with Parents" for the Preschool families on 11/30 and 12/1. Thanks to the Preschool Board for coming by! Had a good number of parents on 12/1
 - o Thanks to Beth W. (and Lindy!) for making cookies for the preschool kids and staff
 - o Attended and did a "Kids' Korner" at the Preschool Christmas Program 12/14 and 15

- Gave small Christmas presents to the preschool staff
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- Upcoming:
 - December 21—Longest Night Service
 - December 24—Christmas Eve
 - January 5—Evening Bible Study via Zoom on Exodus for ALL people! Rev. Harry Laubach will be co-leading with me
 - January 23—Adult Ed Forum on “What’s a Christian?”
 - January 30—Congregational Meeting (Right?)
 - Midweek Lenten Services—Looking to combine with St. Mark’s (Pastor Nic) and All Saints (Pastor Chelsea) for Lent, doing a midweek supper and service, and sharing Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil responsibilities. **Permission to go ahead on this?**