

Council Report February 2023  
**Bold is to help me remember to talk about**

- Working closely with the Preschool Board in posting job for Preschool Director (Mary's position) for 2023-2024 school year
  - o Mary retires at the end of July
  - o April 30, 2023: in-service thank you to Mary for her 25 years of directorship
  - o Preschool Board is getting together a task force of congregational members and preschool staff to interview potential candidates for Director position
  - o Posted on Indeed and Handshake (a digital job board for colleges and their alumni)
- **Christian Parenting Initiative Grant Application:** We did not apply. A lot of the vision for the grant involved collaboration with the preschool. In my observation, the Board was overwhelmed already with Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) stuff, staff issues, and Mary's upcoming retirement, and I didn't want to add to their work. Additionally, I was involved in these areas as well, using the time I would've spent on creating the application. I will continue to look for additional grant opportunities that we are eligible for, and seek Council approval again for any future grants. I'm sorry.
- Attending virtual training March 7 in the AM on leadership ("Sustaining While Disrupting") as part of my CEU

**Youth:**

- First Communion on February 5, 2023: Aiden S., Liam S., and RJ W. participated! Thanks to Pam E. for the Communion bread recipe. Lovely service
- Confirmation group met on 2/5, next meeting on 3/5 at Holy Love
  - o Palm Sunday Breakfast: traditionally youth led, would be 4/2. It is in the works!
- Trying a limited-run of separate Sunday School for preschool age, led by Karen T., starting in late February
- Confirmation: June 4, two eighth graders
- Rainbow Trail Confirmation Camp is June 25-July 1. I had planned on going, but I will be pretty far along in my pregnancy by then; it is best that I don't go. **Would anyone like to go for part of the week in my place?** The adult chaperone's cost is free! Pastor Chelsea and I were splitting the week

**Worship:**

- Baptism on 2/19

**Lent--**

- Theme is going to be on the communal nature of sin—not just an individual problem!
- Nancy C. is organizing midweek soup bringers
- Midweek service will focus on the promises made in baptism. Pastor Nic (St. Mark's), Pastor Chelsea (All Saints), and I will share preaching responsibilities.
  - o Midday service option: 11:30 at St. Mark's, soup lunch to follow
  - o Evening service options: 6 pm soup, 7 pm service at both Holy Love and All Saints; All Saints will live stream their evening service. Holy Love will promote the All Saints' live stream instead of pre-recording

**Synod Assembly 2023:**

- El Paso from 4 pm on May 16 till noon on May 18
- Two reps can go from Holy Love
- I bought my plane tickets!

**Building Use:**

- Previous Council had Exec approve building use requests by email—**still the case going forward?**

- The NMRA group (“Railroad Guys”) do not have a current COI on file with Holy Love. They sent their check to their insurer in December, but haven’t received one. We do not have a COI for them. **How much longer can we wait for this?**

Maternity Leave:

- Talking with Bishop Gonia on Feb 24 to discuss further details of Synod’s support options (finding pulpit supply, providing pastoral coverage, etc.)—I’ll update Council in March with information

Time off:

- 3/16-3/18, Pastor Harry Laubach to supply preach :D
- Sick on 2/1