

## November 2021 Report

- PM Bible Study starting in January!
  - o Wednesdays on Zoom at 7pm
  - o Starting with Exodus.
  - o Rev. Harry Laubach, member and retired ELCA pastor, will co-lead
- Trunk or Treat—estimated 125 people came through
  - o **What worked, what didn't work?**
- **Coffee Hour: See Amy's email dated 11/1**
  - o Can we change how we do Coffee Hour starting in January?
- VRSM Congregational meeting set for 11/21 for feedback on the 6 Core Values
- Commitment Sunday set for December 5. Stewardship letter 1 mail 11/11/2021
- Holy Love Village [working name...] for Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks
  - o Reached out to Lori, Halo, & Steve K. about teaching courses. They're getting back to me about dates and times
  - o Thinking about asking JA, ATA FMA Aurora
- Contacted St. Mark's, Lord of the Hills, and All Saints re: choirs and masks.
  - o 1 choir on hiatus because no music director
  - o 1 choir group had no masks but learned weeks into practice that one of their choir members wasn't vaccinated so are now requiring masks. Has caused a big problem in the congregation re: trusting one another and honesty
  - o 1 choir group has every singer masked and singing in worship on Sundays. This has been working well for them.
- Worked from home Nov. 1—Lincoln's daycare shut down for a week due to staff illnesses; 11/8 took off because I was sick [but I still worked... I know, bad]
  - o **Do you want me to report days I take off each month? I'm used to doing it this way, but can report it directly to Personnel if preferred**
- As a heads up, here are our special December services (will be in the Mission Bell):
  - o 12/12, 9:30 am: Kid's Christmas Program!
  - o 12/15, 6pm: Cookies, Carols, Cocoa, and Cider. Family fun event where we sing Christmas carols, decorate cookies, and drink festive holiday drinks!
  - o 12/21, 6pm: Longest Night Service. This is a worship service that emphasizes our need for the birth of the Savior by acknowledging the hurt in our lives, our loved ones' lives, and the world at large. It is not a joyful Christmas service.
  - o 12/24, 3:30 pm and 7:30 pm: Christmas Eve. Identical; candle light at both
- **I value direct communication. As issues arise, please encourage people to come talk to me. I am happy to meet with any and everyone. I can arrange for meetings any time or day with enough heads up.**
  - o As folks vent to you, some helpful responses can be:
    - Have you talked to Pastor Brittany about that?
    - Do you want me to bring that up at Council on your behalf?
    - Is this something that you would really like changed, or do you need space to vent? If you want something changed, let's go talk to Pastor Brittany.
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