

Pastor's Report March 2025
Bold is to remind me to share

Youth:

- Lock in 3/1 – 3/2 was fun
 - o 11 middle and high schoolers
 - o Made pet blankets for a local animal rescue
 - o Worship: burned palm leaves for Ash Wednesday ashes
 - o We did set off the alarm: I forgot my code. Cops showed up 30 minutes later.
- Palm Sunday Breakfast (4/13) is coordinated by Debbie Anderson and Katherine Allen. A food sign-up will be available
- Confirmation will take place on 6/8 (Pentecost), potentially 3 confirmands

Day Camp 2025:

- Dates 6/16-6/20
- Campers: 3 y.o. and potty trained through 8th grade
- We've asked for a 5th counselor from RTLC for anticipated kid size
- T-shirt design contest
- Registration will open 3/24/25

Worship:

- Lent Midweeks: Going well!
- Sundays in Lent: Metaphors for God
 - o Pastor Matt Kooi pulpit swap ~~3/19~~ (God as Mother Hen) → changed to Sunday 3/23
- Good Friday: We'll have Stations of the Cross

Communications and Record Coordinator (CRC) Position:

- Over 20 applied, scheduled interviews with 8
- Bruce Merrit, Rich Newman, Pam Engel, and Stephanie Staab were part of the interview team
- Lori MacKenzie is the final candidate

Proposed Capital Campaign:

- Based on the January 2025 Property Priority List, we have a couple of more expensive repairs/upgrades
- Instead of individually fundraising for each one, could we combine the "High Priority" estimated costs into one, large capital campaign push?
 - o Thoughts? Comments?
 - We will solicit donations from the PTO, HLPS families
 - Will also solicit donations for this purpose from outside groups who use our space
 - Can we identify a subcommittee to work on this?
 - Ideally, I would like to have this launched/public by Easter (4/20).

Continuing Ed: Clergy Day at Buckley Space Force Base ~~2/28/25~~ 2/20/25, I had the date wrong!

- Learned there is a need for non-perishable food items on base: **Send our March and June food pantry collections to this organization?**

Participating in the ordination of Deacon Michaela Eskew on Thursday, March 20, in Colorado Springs

Time Off:

- Out of town June 2-5, pastoral coverage TBD