

Sample Pastor's Report

From March 13, 20__ - April 12, 20__

Worship Services:

Sundays
Wednesdays
Online

Education

Adult Bible Study
Confirmation
Synod Lifelong Faith Formation dates
Pre-marriage counseling
Baptismal Prep
New member classes

Meetings and Activities

Clergy Text Study dates
Staff meetings
Stewardship meeting
Altar Guild
Worship Committee
Synod committee meeting
Installation of colleague

Visitations

Hospital – 5
Shut-ins, nursing home, pastoral care (includes phone calls) – 10

Pastoral Acts

Commendation of John Smith 3/29
Funeral of John Smith 4/5
First Communion of 4/9
Wedding of ... 4/10

Coming up and Things to consider:

Baptism of
Special Worship service
Coming events

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Pastor's Report to Church Council
September 22, 2011

We will soon be launching into calculating budget plans for the year 2012. We will want to keep supporting many of the ministries we already do. But, budget time, or "ministry spending plan time," is a good opportunity to reflect on what we need to continue, what we need to try new, and what we can cast aside. It is a time of not just financial reflection but ministry reflection—"What would God have us do?"

So, prayerfully consider in your various committees how best to proceed faithfully forward.

There are many worthwhile ministries to support. Perhaps it is time to consider have a yearly commitment of support for Lutheran Social Services.

One piece of the picture for 2012 is the likelihood that I will be joining Bishop Skrenes and perhaps other pastors from our area on a trip to Tanzania in July. I brought this up several months ago and want to remind you of this possibility. Length of the trip would be around days. I would request that you would consider those days as not counting as vacation time but as "continuing education or ministry times" since I certainly will be doing ministry work there. This trip will cost about \$4500 to \$5000. I invite you to consider what is reasonable for you as a congregation to pay for this extensive trip. According to Bishop Skrenes, congregational support for their pastor to go to Tanzania has varied. Some congregations have paid all or part of the expense. Other congregations have paid no assistance. In all likelihood I will make this trip happen whether Prince of Peace is able to offer assistance or not. But certainly, any assistance would be appreciated. So, I offer this information for your consideration in the next weeks and months as budget plans are being made for 2012.

Briefly stated, I see this working trip to Tanzania benefiting myself and Prince of Peace. In visiting with other pastors who have gone and lay people too, an experience among the Christians in Tanzania is most rewarding and empowering for taking that energy back to America.

Bless us all as we consider priorities and purposes of our ministries together.

Christmas this year is on Sunday, December 25. I would suggest that we continue our traditional Christmas Eve services at 5 and 8. Christmas Day could be a shorter service of carols, prayers, and readings (no sermon) at 9:30 with an invitation for people to bring their Christmas leftovers to fellowship time. I feel that even though attendance on Sunday, December would likely be low, it is wrong to cancel a Sunday worship service time. I'm open to creative ideas about the day. Lots of music would seem to be a great choice for any December 25 service.

FYI, Long Range Planning Committee has their first meeting, Wednesday, October 19 at 7PM.

I will be taking 6 days of vacation October 10-16. Gisele and I will visit family in Iowa and Wisconsin, and also attend my college reunion at Wartburg College, Waverly, IA. I will then have taken a total of 16 vacation days in this year's cycle including 3 Sundays. Pastor Pete Andersen will preach and preside on October 16 and Pastor Kate Schrubba will be available for emergency pastoral care.