

Worship Services

Word & Sacrament: We had 12 regular services of Word & Sacrament.

Baptism: Jamie Weaver to be baptized Easter Sunday

Confirmation: Scheduled for the Easter Season.

Marriage: none planned

Funeral: Marjorie Engum, February 2nd

Clergy Text Study: Bethlehem hosted February 12th, 19th, 26th

Pastoral Care

Homebound Visits: All of our homebound members received communion.

Health Issues & Family Deaths: Not uncommonly low or high.

New Members: Easter is a very nice season to welcome new members. Also, Andrew Smith volunteered to join the membership committee.

Social Visits: Weather interfered with scheduled social visits, but I did make a few home visits.

Social Justice - Community Engagement I've had a few conversations about hosting a Billings-wide social at Bethlehem in the near future. No plans yet.

Wider Church

Preparing persons for ministry: Did not meet with LPA group (weather), but have been in contact with each individually.

Impart Knowledge of ELCA: Including synod prayers in our weekly services is one way we do this.

Increase support of whole church: This is a growth area for us.

Collaboration: nothing to report

Christian Education

Sunday School: We don't currently have any children coming.

Vacation Bible School: When should we start thinking about this?

Adult Forums: Completed The Five Gifts of Baptism, facilitated by Gary Koch and Johnna Voto. Nothing currently planned.

Bible Study: Naomi Circle did not meet in February. I attended Mary & Martha Circle.

Theological Study & Reading: I continue to focus on Luke's Gospel. I've started the book Them: Why We Hate Each Other - - and How to Heal by Ben Sasse and think it might be a good summer book club and/or adult forum discussion series.

Continuing Education: I registered to attend the Festival of Homiletics (Preaching) May 13th - 17th

Faith Formation (Middle/High School): Weather interfered with some of these meetings.

Church Business

Various Workshops and Conferences: NRIT asked us to host a workshop in April, called "Face-to-Face Faith Formation" with Dr. Dick Hardel.

Congregational Council: Retreat

Church Committees: Met with Worship & Music Committee; Connie Sider would consider joining the stewardship committee.

WELCA Business Meetings: I missed the February business meeting to make a pastoral visit.

Miscellaneous: I spent a lot of time shoveling in February.