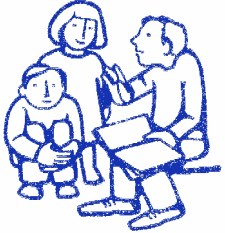


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February 18, 2010

Grace and Peace to you.



Oh, what a week: the big news!

On Sunday, Trinity's congregation voted to approve my deployed, half-time position with the national church: Assistant to the Bishop for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations. In the days to come, Council and staff will be living into this new reality and will be transforming our ministry in the directions set out in the *Bulletin of Annual Reports*. The first evidence of our reshaped ministry will be the increased visibility of Pastor Helen Toman in our parish visitation. Bob Thaler will be on-deck to preach once a month beginning later this spring. Last evening, Council asked Pastor Anne to begin a conversation with Waterloo Lutheran Seminary around internship possibilities for September. Anne and I are very excited. Sunday's vote, like that for the renewal of Pr. Anne's call, was very affirming. Great days and exciting ministry ahead!



In other news: big "whoops!"

A couple of weeks ago, we began to distribute our new parish album. It wasn't long before people wondered about our anniversary pictures. Where were they? Bottom line, there are four pages missing from the front-end, "activity section" of the new book.



The directory people have the anniversary pictures that were not included and they are reprinting the book with the anniversary pages intact. They ask simply that we recover the present books in exchange for the new ones. Fair enough. Jill Merner is collecting the present books and we'll make the ones with the anniversary material available as soon as they arrive. As you have opportunity, *please return your present album to the office* —put your name on it, give it to Jill or slide it under the door— and we'll issue you with a new one as soon as they come in.

Still other news: terrific anniversary requests!



On the flip-side of this page, our Anniversary Task Group has made a number of requests. Please participate as you are able and have opportunity. We've also received word that our Faith Adventures families are collaborating with our Trinity Quilters on an anniversary quilt. Fabulous! Watch for news in next month's TRINITY DOVE. Quilt squares will be issued to families who will decorate and return them. These will be fashioned into the anniversary quilt.

So for now. Please hold our congregational leadership in your prayers as we grow into our new reality. Please support our various continuing anniversary projects. Don't forget to bring in your parish album. We'll exchange it for a new one featuring the terrific anniversary pictures.

Lenten blessings.

