August Pastoral Report

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The month of July was full of relationship building, preparations to move into the parsonage, and preparing for the fall program year. I continued to eat, walk, talk with more members to get to know them outside of Sunday mornings. This continues to be extremely helpful relationship building and a chance to learn everyone's story.

I’ve been reading, researching, planning and dreaming for the fall program year. Confirmation, Wednesday night dinners, and ELCA youth gathering have been keeping me busy as we navigate the challenges of planning who can be volunteers in this uncertain time we are in. Stephanie Alsvan and I are partnering together to create a robust year for the youth. As well as revisioning the youth room to create a meaningful environment for the youth.

Did you notice we have a new website? Our new website is officially live and it looks great! Deanna is already taking online classes to learn a few of the programs to expand how we use the website. The plan is for the website to be a hub for information so people can search there first to find answers!

Jay and I are officially moved into the parsonage and unpacking the boxes! Everything went well with the move and are excited to finally be in the house in such a lovely space. New back storm door was installed, house was painted, and landscaping was done. We are finding some minor things that need repaired (like leaking faucets and broken bathroom fans) and are working on a repairman to fix some of these items. After the last big rainfall the basement did not flood. The rusted window wells were replaced and the hope is that will help. Our open house is planned for August 28th from 3-5:30 for people to stop by, invite a friend to see the house and come to worship! I will be making door to door invitations to our neighbors as well.