November Council Report Associate Pastor Elizabeth Eckman Submitted November 30, 2023

November began with the Annual meeting which began with the youth group breakfast. That was a joyful time to get together and I think it really helped to get more people to church and the meeting.

I continued to do my work with the synod on Winterfest as our final weeks of writing curriculum and planning happen. I Spent some time with my fellow first call clergy at Gettysburg for a few days of learning and worship together. This was my final year gathering with them in First call education.

The plans to purchase and install a dishwasher are underway and is in the process of happening mid december. This will hopefully make the altar guild clean up process simpler.

We had 20 children and adults help set up the church for advent and christmas. We had so much fun listening to music and decorating. This year we had Jeffrey Hoffman make fuse bead ornaments to add a little color to our tree. Children will be able to pick out an ornament on christmas eve to take a little bit of St. John's home with them.

Renovation team met twice to evaluate and interview General Contractors.

I had lot of time this month to make my home and hospital visit. It was nice to spend quality time with our homebound members and share prayers and conversation with them.

Home/Hospital visits: 7