

January 2022 Report  
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A new year, a new beginning, right? It would be nice to say that all things are new, but yet, here we are still facing this virus, still being flexible, still taking things one day at a time – at least that's how I feel about it!

January was a good start, though. We are still seeing faithful numbers in worship and other activities. We did decide to put dinners on hold, and I think that was a good decision. We were able to stop and evaluate what we have been doing and I think that we saw there were definite benefits to our dinners – so we will get going again in February! Come to dinner if you get a chance, especially if you haven't been to one yet – it is a wonderful mix of church, school and community and I'm so glad we are doing them!

January also felt like a time of catchup and paperwork. Lots of reports to various places (synod, churchwide, etc) and those sorts of things to get done, and they always seem to fall in January. But it's all part of the job!

I did have my carpal tunnel surgery in January, so I was out for almost 2 weeks. I appreciate the time I was given to heal and recover, and I am doing very well. I'm still not 100%, but I am so much better than before the surgery, so I am very glad that I had it.

We (myself, Pr. Elizabeth, Will and Tom) met as a worship staff to plan ahead a bit for lent, which begins March 2. We are planning for mid-week services as well for worship on the weekends. We are looking forward to making a few changes, for example, in how we receive communion, to again move us a little bit closer to what we were used to before the pandemic. As with anything we have tried in the last two years, one step forward might mean 2 steps back, but we will see where it takes us.

Pastoral Acts:

Funerals:

- 1/26 – Joyce Evans
- 1/29 – Gail Croutharmel
- 1/31 – Leroy Manbeck