

February Council Report
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February Flew by! And it was filled with lots of planning for our Lenten season. Creating meaningful midweek lenten services and coordinating confirmation learning with worship.

I am a part of the team of people organizing our “Boundless Celebration”, a three day youth experience in lieu of this years ELCA Youth Gathering and have gotten to work to make this as meaningful of an event as possible. It will be held at Camp Nawakwa July 24-26, 2022. I am helping to plan ALIVE our middle school retreat at Nawakwa in April.

I was published in February in our Synods Toward Racial Justice blog with an article on #BlackJoy. You can find it here: <https://www.lss-elca.org/blackjoy/> as well as highlighted in the African Descent Leadership Associations celebration of Black History Month. Adult sunday school was joined by our high schoolers to do a bible study together and will join together in March to study the ELCA Social Statement on Race, Equity and Culture. I look forward to our congregation engaging in the 21 Day Race against Racism and encourage each of us to dive into this learning opportunity together.

After two years of meeting colleagues online St. John’s hosted an in person gathering of the First Call Theological Education group. It was a great chance to learn together, worship together and share our experiences as first call pastors. We were all very excited to finally meet and be together!

Our 9th Grade Confirmation class has been doing lots of learning. We headed over to the parsonage driveway for hot chocolate, conversation and burning the palms into this years Ashes for Ash wednesday. We had a lot of fun and meaningful conversation together. I love being able to incorporate physical activity and fun into our lessons!