

Pastor's Report – May 2021

Greetings People of Peace,

Peace be with you!

After a very hectic Lent/Holy Week/Easter season, I'm happy to say that things have been calming down a bit over the last couple of weeks. Over the last month we've had a healing themed service by the Health Cabinet, as well as our Olive Branch themed services. We also took part in an important visioning session. Thanks so much to Fiona for leading us through this vital process!

In the upcoming weeks, my primary focus will be on the Synod Assembly. Our Music Team is leading a selection of hymns from the new ELW supplement All Creation Sings (ACS). In addition, Trevor Hicks has composed A New Thing for the assembly. We are also supporting another Inshallah project for the assembly, Este Momento, by composer Pablo Sosa of Argentina. I will also be attending the assembly June 25-26.

I am amending my vacation schedule slightly. My last Sunday will be July 18th (my b-day!). I'll be gone July 19 - August 15. There will be a sermon series available to congregations, so pulpit supply is not necessary. Speaking of sermons, Arnold is now preaching regularly. I have been meeting with him to breakdown his sermons and discussing the craft. It's so great to be able to support someone following their call.

Below are some stats from our Youtube channel and Zoom account over the last 28 days. If you recall, last's months numbers were inflated by our Lenten series and our Holy Week offerings. The numbers below reflect a "normal" month.

Zoom

4 Worship services
4 Coffee Hour sessions
3 Podcast recordings
4 Confirmation classes
4 Bible study

31 Zoom meetings in total, 28 on Peace account, 3 on Other.

* 2 funerals through McEachnie Funeral Homes.
* Phone calls, texts, FB messages, etc. not included; no stats for this.

Youtube

5 videos in total

Views: 794 *295 new views across our 5 part Lenten series, the gift that keeps on giving! At least 46 people have watched the complete series since the last report.

Hours Spent : 203.3

+5 Subscribers (49 total)

Unique viewers 257 – 95 returning viewers (even had views in Romania and Indonesia this month!)