

MOUNT CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Report of the Pastoral Assistant to the Congregation Council
March and April 2017

Ministry Tasks:

- Held office hours on Fridays in the church office
- Coordinated and did five home-bound / nursing home visits
- Attended the Wednesday night adult education sessions
- Led two of the Wednesday night adult education sessions
- Attended the mid-week Lenten soup suppers and assisted in leading worship
- Attended the 3D program, providing a "Caring Conversation" question for each session
- Preached on the Fourth Sunday in Lent and "Tent Sunday"
- Attended Make, Bake, Celebrate
- Worked with Cecelia Travick-Jackson and Stan Patcheck over several in-person meetings and email exchanges to analyze and present all data to the Church Council
- Attended Adult Education Committee meeting
- Attended the 2017 Bishop's Colloquy
- Attended the Channel Islands Conference spring meeting

The last two months have provided many opportunities for me to be involved in the life of Mount Cross in differing ways. The season of Lent brought Wednesday night soup-suppers and worship. Following the visioning session in early 2017, Cecelia, Stan and I worked together to collect, sort and analyze the data from the congregation at that event. Since then, I have been invited to be involved as I am able in the Adult Education Committee. So far, I have been able to attend one meeting and touch base with Cecelia around some ideas. Its exciting to see the new energy and planning happening in that re- committee. Most recently, I attended Make, Bake, Celebrate and preached on Tent Sunday. What a great weekend filled with community, generosity and fun!

For the past few months, I have been in a call process for a permanent pastoral call with a Lutheran church in Ventura county. I am now the remaining candidate for this call and the congregation will vote whether or not to call me as pastor on Sunday, May 21st. I would ask for your prayers as both the congregation and I discern where God is leading. I will keep you updated on the outcome of that meeting.

In Christ,
Pastor Elizabeth Nees