

MOUNT CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Report of the Pastoral Assistant to the Congregation Council
September 5th – October 10th, 2016

Ministry Tasks:

- Held office hours on Fridays in the church office
- Coordinated and did three home-bound visits
- Attended the Wednesday night adult education sessions
- Led one of the Wednesday night adult education sessions
- Coordinated with Lisa Higgenbotham for the 3D program and secured the November program
- Led the October 3D program
- Met with Pastor John to discuss additional ways I might be involved in the life of Mount Cross

It has now been two and a half months since I began serving at the Bridge Pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Goleta. As expected, this changed the amount of time I am at Mount Cross on Sunday mornings. Thank you again for your willingness to be a flexible partner in ministry so that I can be present with the congregation in Goleta. I have missed the communal aspect of Sunday mornings as well as worshiping with the Mount Cross community. However, I am very encouraged by the ways I have been able to be present in the new Wednesday evening gatherings. I am encouraged to see multiple generations gather around the Word and a meal. The buzz (and a healthy amount of chaos!) are life-giving and to me, a picture of what the church is called to be; a gathering of all generations around the study of Scripture and breaking bread together. I continue to be a pastoral presence in the office on Fridays at Mount Cross. This is also the primary day I do home-bound visits. Those visits continue to be life-giving to me and I trust to those I visit. Thank you for your continued partnership in the Gospel. I look forward to celebrating with you on October 23rd!

In Christ,
Pastor Elizabeth Nees