

Council Report
Meeting Date: June 14, 2011
Intern Pastor's Report

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Longmont, CO

Things are coming to a close for me! With the end of the school year and with summer came the end of a number of ministries for the year: Confirmation, volunteering at Spangler, Adult Forums, and others. It feels like things are not quite as crazy as they were during the school year, which, I have to say, is a welcome change for this intern who is solo pastoring this month and in her last month of wedding planning! My last day at Bethlehem is July 17 so my responsibilities are coming to an end.

Here are a few things that have kept me busy this past month:

- Preaching: I preached May 22 and June 5. I preach again June 19 and July 17. Thank you for letting me practice my preaching skills on you this year - it has been SO helpful and I know I have grown a lot. Thanks for walking with me and encouraging me along the way!
- Social Action: Seems I have been busy with a number of things in this area lately. I volunteered at the OUR center on May 8. I led worship at the Vistas on May 15 and at the Peaks on May 25. I finished my time volunteering at Spangler on May 23. I participated in the church clean up day on May 21. I participated in Sharefest on June 4. These and others throughout the year have been great ways to connect with people in the congregation and in the community.
- Education: I am still leading Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at Aunt Alice's. I really appreciate the conversation that comes out of this group! DKB, PMP, and I worked together to finish out the Confirmation year with our confirmands. What a fun bunch to work with. I met with Luke Kunselman to organize the educational opportunity on June 26 - Social Media 101. If you want to know anything about Facebook, Twitter, or other social media, come to this Question & Answer session between services!
- Internship Handbook Project: My project is nearing the end! In the last month I led refresher trainings for the Readers and the Communion Assistants. Both went well and I am inspired by those conversations. This has been such a fun project. The only chapters left are the Ushers (which is in its end stages) and the Altar Guild. I had said last month that I wanted to share it with you in June, but I don't think it will be quite ready by our meeting. It will be by the July meeting - it has to be! :)
- Other: I was at Synod Assembly in May with PMP, Jasmine Tesdahl, and Cindy Taylor. I love these synodical events - they are a great time for learning, fellowship, and networking! I continue to make hospital visits, attend committee meetings and other ministry meetings. I am also part of one of our softball teams - we're having a lot of fun!
- With PMP gone this month, I am in charge - of worship, of keeping track of our people in the hospital, of making sure the bulletin and announcements are ready each Sunday... This Sunday and next Sunday, Pastor Deb Abbott will preside in our worship. It has already been fun to work with her and I look forward to leading worship with her on June 19. Tom and I will be out of town this weekend for my cousin's wedding in California.
- Speaking of weddings, we are 25 days away from ours! Our heads are starting to spin a little bit, but we are getting closer to being ready every day. Things are coming together! Thank you for walking with us and supporting us this year of engagement. Longmont will always hold a special place in our hearts. While we are looking forward to the next steps in our lives, it will be hard to say goodbye to this community. And that doesn't have to happen yet! :)

Peace,
Pastor Kirsten