

Senior Warden's Report

Dear Friends in Christ,

My report will be brief, as most of our parish ministries have been reported by our Team Leaders. We had an extremely productive year, thanks to the efforts of the Vestry, our Beloved Community Teams, the Finance Committee, and the Kitchen Committee (and many others). And of course, great thanks and appreciation go to our Rector, Rev. Earl Kooperkamp, for coordinating all our efforts, and for cheering us on!

The Beloved Community we are building at Good Shepherd reminds me of the passage in Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, 12: 4-7:

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone."

Not only do we have varieties of gifts, but we are also in varieties of places in our lives, which gives us a wonderful palette to work with. After reading the Team reports, and following our discussions of discipleship during Annual Meeting, I hope we all can prayerfully discern what directions our ministries will take this year.

My hope for Good Shepherd this next year is that all of you are as excited about the possibilities opening up for us in the coming year as I am, and that all feel free to explore wherever the Spirit takes them.

Peace,
Marjorie Strong
Senior Warden