

Evangelism Team Report 2017-2018

The Evangelism Team had another busy and fruitful year. Our primary ministry is Water + Word, a faith formation experience that prepares people for baptism or affirmation of baptism

Following the ancient tradition of catechism, small groups met on Sunday evenings in the autumn to share a meal and to hear the Word of God and explore His promises and actions in our own lives. This Lectio Divina style of faith formation is very different from our familiar Sunday morning Adult Christian Education, in that we don't have lesson plans, homework, or study guides. We listen to the Gospel, reflect on three specific questions, share-as each one chooses-some of our thoughts and pray for one another. Everyone is invited and all are free to participate as they feel called by the Holy Spirit. The only commitment is God's Word of Promise to us.

During Lent we focus more specifically on preparation for baptism and affirmation of baptism. People who wish to become candidates are paired with sponsors who share this faith journey with them. The cycle concluded with the Easter Vigil, where Cary Youmans formally affirmed his baptism and was received into membership of Prince of Peace; and all in attendance were invited to return to the waters to remember their own baptism.

During the Easter season we will focus on mystagogy (ask Pastor Scott!).

Many people contributed their time and skills as catechists, meal providers, child minders, and planners and we are very grateful for their help. It takes an entire congregation to do this sort of ministry and we are also grateful to everyone for holding us in their prayers.

We'll do it all over again starting in the fall, so please join in if you haven't tried it yet.

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