

## Rector's Report- August 20- September 16, 2021

### Worship Online and In Person

	In person/views	
August 22*	29/262	online and in person
Aug 29	6/157	online
Sept 5*	46/184	online + in person—surprisingly big crowd for Labor Day weekend!
Sept 12	13/140	online only (Rev Shug preaching and presiding)

### Other worship/offices:

### DAILY OFFICE (Compline)

Went to one compline service a week for August- September

	Views	Celebrant
Aug 21	52	GS
Aug 28	34	GS
Sept 4	65	GS
Sept 11	55	LG

### Worship:

Choir started rehearsals for the new program year on September 1.

We are going to start having in-person and online worship every Sunday at 10:30 am. We cannot add 8 back until we get ushers and greeters signed up for that service. We are looking at the 505 as being possibly the next service to add on, possibly in November-December.

We will have a blessing of the animals outdoors on October 2.

Bishop Deon will be with us as a surprise guest to preach and celebrate our 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our first Eucharist on September 19, 1965 this Sunday.

Regathering Committee has started allowing parish groups to meet, masked and distanced, if they put forth a plan and fill out a facilities use form with Janet.

With the rapidly changing situation regarding COVID, we will continue in person as we safely can, but we still need more volunteers as acolytes, ushers, greeters, readers etc.

Am hopeful to restart the 505 once we get the Rev. Shug started—her first day is Aug. 25

Looking forward: Celebration of New Ministry on September 25—hopefully, and at long last.  
Funeral for Joe Fletcher this Saturday at 2 pm.

### Administrative/ Programming:

Communications: Debra Matthews continues to a great job with the Beacon!

Looking to get some sexton help for Lincoln.

Getting ready to have technical upgrades today and next week regarding wifi and getting Rev. Shug fully connected.

We need to get the stewardship committee formed and operating—September is upon us!

### Formation:

Loretta Go's discernment committee completed its work, and finished their report. I now have to add mine. Loretta has been placed for training at Church of the Advent in Crestwood. Have asked the Rev. Shug to work on a speaker series for adult formation, possibly to take place on a weeknight over zoom with a speaker. The bishop visits for his annual visitation in November, and I would like to get confirmed all those who had prepared before COVID and anyone else who would like to be confirmed. We will offer Zoom classes for those who h gave not attended class.

### **Outreach/ Garden/ etc:**

The Outreach Committee at long last launched Laundry Love, under the leadership of Anne Fischer, on September 14, and we had another Walnut Grill Fundraiser the following day. Our garden continues to produce bountifully! We are looking for a new leader for the Peace Meal volunteer program at St. John's Tower Grove. Larry Cornelius has stepped down after 6 years at the helm, although he led a superb team out there last month.. United Thank Offering ingathering will be on September 19. Collect that change now—and you, know, checks will be accepted, too!

### **Pastoral Care:**

Continued to visit with parishioners where able; grateful to the Rev. Shug for visiting parishioners while I was under quarantine this week.

### **Self-Care:**

Did not get that retreat time I had hoped for—will be taking a week's vacation possibly spread over two weeks to complete our family's move from our old house. On September 8, I was called by my mother's doctor, who had spoken to her via phone and was concerned she had COVID. I went down that afternoon and she was confirmed as having COVID. I was able to get her antibody treatment and care for her over the weekend, thanks to Shug being able to step in to preach and preside. I appreciate everyone's support and prayers during this stressful, frightening experience. She is thankfully on the mend.

### **Diocesan:**

#### **Building and Grounds:**

Lincoln continues to keep on top of our ever-interesting facilities challenges. Steve Brunkhorst is looking over options to expand the columbarium as Capital Campaign Chair

#### **Appreciation:**

Thank you to the Regathering Committee and friends for their incredible flexibility as we all scatter for through summer.

Thank you to Anne Fischer, Dana Griggs, and the Outreach Committee for their successful launching of Laundry Love.

Thank you to Shug and all of you for your support and help as my mother's health has been challenging this month.