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“Since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart...For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves for his sake.” 1 Corinthians 4:1, 5

I recently asked Pastor Dave a question disguised as a Lutheran protest, “*Besides our processional cross in the sanctuary, where are the crosses here at Faith?*” He showed me and told me of the crosses here—somewhat hidden in plain sight, kind of like Dan Brown’s enigmatic symbols in *The Da Vinci Code*. I learned to my delight of the many crosses all over our building—in windows, floor tile, wood beams, and even in brick. One must look for them, but the many crosses are certainly here, there, and everywhere in and around Faith! Check out the new second story windows on the north side of the new addition, designed by our own Ryan Larson. See the three crosses?

I wonder also about the crosses among us, hiding in plain sight, within the hearts and lives of those hurting people who seek community because they are in physical, emotional or spiritual pain crucified by life. I wonder, do I and others look for them? See them? Or, are they lost in the blend of the landscape?

Pastoral Tasks

Meetings—33
Sermons—12
Preside at worship—14
Hospital visits—4
Homebound visits—3
Counseling—3
Classes—2
Small groups—3
Social dinners—2
Funerals—1
Weddings—1
Commitment to Grow Proposals—5

Pastoral Goals

1. Plan Hunger Sunday, October 10 and 11—write youth skit
2. Plan Blessing of the Animals, October 17 and 18
3. Plan All Leaders Meetings (small groups) for November 10
4. Plan staff training on small groups—tba
5. Plan Small Group Sunday—tba
6. Plan training for leaders of new small groups—tba
7. Schedule 12 groups to serve 12 first of the month Sunday breakfasts
8. Support two new Wednesday Faith Night classes
9. Schedule Sunday adult education
10. Plan LSI Sunday