

Rector's Report to the Vestry, March 14, 2026, The Very Rev. Katherine Lewis

As has been my practice, I've organized my report to the vestry using the 4 ECMN priorities as categories for reflecting on my ministry at St. David's over the past month.

JUSTICE

Isaiah

I continue to work with Susan Taylor and other Isaiah leadership to activate participation in Isaiah/justice events and campaigns. I attended the February 18 *Repent and Restore* protest at the capitol which, among other things, called for the legislature to provide financial support for individuals and communities struggling in the aftermath of the ICE raids. I have attended multiple Zoom sessions with the attorney representing the 99 clergy arrested at the airport on January 23; we have a coordinated legal strategy and my arraignment date is set for April 9. Finally, I attended a training to prepare for our upcoming Palm Sunday procession to the Capitol.

ICA

Cathy Schwichtenberg, Allison Ferro, and ICA Executive Director Dan Narr, and I are nearing completion on our new ICA 5-year lease. It will need to go to ECMN for final approval. Allison will provide a brief overview of the lease at an upcoming Sunday forum when Dan is scheduled to give an ICA update to the congregation (April 12).

Casa Maria

I am so glad I finally volunteered at Casa Maria and was able to see the remarkable support they are providing for immigrants and neighbors in need. Wales pilgrimage leader Tony Pompa joined me in this volunteering as he wanted to see first-hand how our communities are organizing and responding in this political moment.

Sacred Pilgrimage

I also took Tony to see the Renee Good and Alex Pretti memorials. In addition, we visited George Floyd Square, where the chaplain for that memorial gave us an hour-long tour. I am exploring the idea of planning a St. David's tour/pilgrimage to George Floyd Square to coincide with the anniversary of his murder and welcome your opinions and thoughts on this.

CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY

Staff

The staff went on a day-long retreat at St. Mark's Cathedral. We are also beginning to get organized for our annual retreat to dream about and plan for the 2026-27 program year.

HR

Allison Ferro, Karin Lindquist and I met with ECMN HR consultant Molly Weiss to envision a new path for our HR Committee's work. In a nutshell, we are looking at shifting this committee from being an advisory committee to the rector to being a working HR team (not that they didn't work before!).

DISCIPLESHIP

Lent

I worked collaboratively with others to plan our Lenten season. Julia Moser-Hardy created a beautiful brochure with the various offerings.

I have been leading Bible Study again via Zoom during Lent and will meet with 2 lay leaders in the coming weeks to decide how to continue our group study.

I attended the Lenten book study Zoom facilitated by Scott Clark where we discussed the book *Small Things Like These*, by Clair Keegan. I have finalized plans with our docent for the Mia art tour that will take place next week.

FAITHFUL INNOVATION

Easter Vigil

I'm working with others to plan our joint Easter Vigil which will be held at Epiphany in Plymouth. Other participating congregations are Trinity, Excelsior and St. Edward's, Wayzata.