

First Lutheran Church Worship Committee

Minutes from Worship Committee meeting 5/1/19

Present: Nancy Swenson, Keith Melberg, Gretchen Enoch, Linda Mellon, Harriet Wicklund, Pam Melberg, Jennifer Stans. Adding later: Anne Taylor

Old Business:

- 1) Review of last month's meeting minutes and report on assignments
 - a. MN Boys' choir concert 4/28: everything went well.
 - b. Holy Week Services: the committee agreed that the services were all well received, and without any major issues to address.
 - *It was noted that the offering was not collected following one of the services where the 'chest' was used; the ushers responsible may not have been aware of this assignment.
 - *There was some confusion directing flow during communion in the narthex on Easter Sunday there were three stations (not four as were discussed at our last meeting) – we will be looking at how we can make this work better.
- 2) Confirmation Robes: Calie has taken them out already so they can air out. They seem to be okay.
- 3) Organ Project: Last year's contribution will appear on statements soon, with this year's contribution coming later in the year.
 - An Organ Project specific meeting will follow today's meeting. Janel will be joining us to discuss/plan for the concert our musicians will be doing on Sunday, October 6.
 - *time of the concert was changed from 3pm to 1pm.
 - *Keith has contacted Allen Moe and John Behnke and confirmed that either October 4th or 11th, 2020, will work for a dedication concert.
 - *The committee decided to plan for the concert on October 11th at 3:00pm. Keith will contact John Behnke to get it on his calendar.
 - *Linda will talk with Katrina to get these two concert dates/times on the community Chamber of Commerce calendar.
- 4) New liturgy, setting 8 will happen on May 5th. Laurie has made a 3-ring binder with the words and music for the cantor (notes for cantor are not included in the hymnal) to use during services. They'll need to pick it up in the office prior to the service they are singing.
 - *Janel will have the choir sing through the new liturgy at practice tonight.
 - *Linda will introduce it to the bell choir
 - *Keith will help lead the congregation with keyboard
- 5) More children's activity bags have been made.
- 6) Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 12. There will be two services that day with Confirmation at 11:00am. There will not be communion at the 11:00 service. Laurie has put out volunteer sign-up sheets for both services.
 - *Harriet will talk with Marjean Hanson to inform her there will not be communion at 11:00 that day.
- 7) Senior Recognition will be on Sunday May 19, with worship team leading the service. Maddy Trosvig will be singing with Janel for special music. This is also 'Bike to Church' day

- 8) Special instructions for sound operators. LeAnne Jaenisch will be available after May 15th to provide training.
 *Ideas discussed: 1) ask the operator to arrive by 9am so they can check with the Pastor and others involved in the service that day. 2) find out and work with Choirs, soloists, etc. who may need microphones placed/used. 3) Batteries should be checked, etc. 4) assign or at least know which portable microphones are going to be used and by which participants. 5) this could also include doing the live-stream. 6) learn to anticipate mics needed so there is no delay in turning on mics for cantor, lector, choirs, children's sermon, etc.
 *Harriet will talk with LeAnne
 *the office will call the meeting/training once it's been set.
- 9) The five Lutheran churches have agreed to hold mid-week services together in the summer for members who are gone regularly on weekends (lake, etc). These will be done the way we've been doing our Lenten services this year. They'll be held at 5:30pm with food/refreshments following. What is served will be determined by the individual churches (meal or ice cream, etc).

June 5: Bethlehem	June 12: Augustana	June 19: Hope	June 26: Zion	
July 3: First Luth.	July 10: Hope	July 17: Bethlehem	July 24: Aastad	July 31: Zion
Aug 7: Augustana	Aug 14: First Luth	Aug 21: Rock Prairie	Aug 28: Bethlehem	

Gretchen has agreed with the pastor from Hope Lutheran to have an outdoor worship service together on Sunday, August 25. Hope Lutheran will host the service (they have outdoor space), and we'll provide the sound system.

- *Anne will be asked to check on availability of the Worship Team for that service.
- *Gretchen will bring this up with the other pastors.
- * LeAnne and Steve will need to be contacted regarding transport/set-up of sound equipment.

- 10) Binder for details for each service – brief discussion. Discussed what kind of format this might have. This idea was originally discussed to assist Gretchen in knowing our congregation's patterns/history, and how to keep things from 'falling through the cracks.' Now that she's feeling more comfortable with things here at First Lutheran, this may be a more specific project than we need.
 *Suggestion was made during discussion that we develop the role of Sacristan to assist with Sunday morning details
 *Nancy will review the listing of usher's tasks and bring that to our next meeting. Revising this list may also provide consistency and assistance before, during, and after services. Training for ushering worshipers to communion in the narthex may be needed.

New Business:

- 1) Additional items:
- The Altar Guild has discussed reducing communion stations from three to two. Pastor Gretchen explained her preference to continue to have three stations. The Worship Committee unanimously agreed that we should continue with three stations.
 *Harriet will make a call to inform Marjean Hanson of this decision.
 - Men of Note will provide special music at a service this summer. We are able to choose the preferred date. Their requirements include 12 minutes at the beginning of our 9:30 service.
 *Gretchen will make a contact and request either Sunday 6/23 or Sunday 7/21
 - Brief discussion on a "Blessing of Animals" service. No specific plan was made. Suggested services to include this were Rally Sunday or at the outdoor service in August.

- Jennifer floated the idea of starting a community wide High School age girls' choir and would like to use our facilities to practice. No specific details of this arrangement were discussed (budget, church access, safety requirements); only briefly discussed website access and Janel offered access to music library for SSA scores.

Next Worship Committee meeting

Wednesday, June 5, at 3:30pm

Agenda: TBA

Upcoming Assignments / Plans:

Hymn selection schedule:

May: Linda June: Keith
July: Pam August: Anne
September: Harriet October: Jennifer
November: Keith

Liturgies:

Easter Sunday: setting 4

Easter season: setting 8 (new)

Linda will write Messenger articles on liturgical purpose/history.

*Ash Wednesday – practice with ashes...