

First Lutheran Church Worship Committee

Minutes from Worship Committee meeting 11/5/19

Present: Keith Melberg, Gretchen Enoch, Pamela Schroden, Harriet Wicklund, Marjean Hanson, Linda Mellon, Nancy Swenson **Not attending:** Anne Taylor, Janel Trosvig

Our meeting opened with Prayer.

Old Business:

- 1) Review of last month's meeting minutes and report on assignments
 - a. Special instructions for sound operators.
 - *there has not been another training; no date has been set for this session. P. Gretchen will contact LeAnne.
 - *Committee members should continue to document notes regarding issues noted with sound so we have documentation of problems
 - *Supply of batteries is low – Pamela will purchase some; Nancy will bring in some recycled batteries.
 - b. Organ Project and concerts:
 - *Keith has confirmed the concert date for John Behnke's visit for 10/11/20 at 3pm.
 - *Celebrate! Our musicians presented this fundraising concert on Sunday, 10/6/19. It was very well done and well received. Proceeds were over \$9,000. Funds have continued to come in since the concert and we have already reached our fundraising goals for the project. Expenses for printing and mailing have not been received. We looking ahead to the costs related to the John Behnke concert and will be working on that closer to the time of his concert.
 - *Harriet will check with Katrina to verify the expenses we had come out of our raised funds.
 - *The next payment for the project won't be due for a few months.
 - *Harriet will pick up thank-you cards to be sent to our contributors and our committee will hand write them at our next meeting.
 - c. Liturgy setting – continue current or change?
 - *Liturgy will change to Setting 3 starting Sunday, December 1st, using the "Glory to God." On Christmas Eve and continuing through the two Sundays of Christmas, we will use Setting 3 with the "This is the Feast."
 - d. Development of the role of Sacristan to assist with Sunday morning details.
 - * Gretchen will act as sacristan on the Sundays she's here when either P. Stan or P. Strom are preaching. She provided the preaching schedule for 2020.
 - e. Discussion of usher's tasks:
 - *The committee feels the changes made for ushers tasks is working well and this item will be removed from agenda.
 - g. Altar Guild Update: met on September 3rd and next meeting is set for November 5th.
 - *Re: use of silk flowers on Sundays if no one signed up to provide altar flowers-no specific discussion today.
 - h. Thanksgiving service. Will be on November 27th at 6pm.
 - *Pastor Sue Koesterman, director of Churches United will be preaching.
 - *Each congregation will contribute 6 pies and 2 people to serve a "Pie Fest" following the service. JoAn Whitlock, and Fellowship Committee will arrange these details
 - *Offering taken will be given to the Salvation Army and Churches United in Moorhead, Mn.
 - *there will be a joint choir (Janel T. will work w/Laurie to extend invite to other churches) w/handbells for special music. Invitations to other singers have gone out.
 - i. Generosity Sunday will be on November 10th – the Bishop has been invited to preach this service. The committee reviewed the Time and Talents form people will be asked to fill out.
 - *Nancy's suggestion that we add a statement inviting people to contact the church office or committee chairs if they have questions regarding what specific committees, etc., has been added to the form.
 - j. New Member orientation is scheduled for November 10th & 14th, with New Member Sunday on November 17.
 - k. Advent Services for 5 FF churches will all be hosted here at First Lutheran at 12:10 and 6:30 with lunches provided following noon service.
 - *Fellowship Committee will be responsible for planning/serving the lunches.
 - *Pastor Tom (Bethlehem) will preach at all three noon services. Evening service preachers have not yet been determined. Also to be decided: using of Holden Evening Prayer for evening services.
 - *a sacristan has been assigned for each of these midweek services

- l. Pamela presented a congregational song version of the Lord's Prayer. It was decided that we'll use this each Sunday of Advent.
*She will contact Anne and Janel to discuss the plan as well as Laurie for her work on the Bulletins.
- m. Pastor Gretchen will be gone for two Sundays in December. Pastor Stan will preach for one and Pastor Strom for the other.

New Business:

- 1) Discussion was held regarding the questions raised in Marjean's e-mail following our September meeting. At our last meeting, Harriet offered to research some resources to help our committee learn more about worship practices and why we do what we do. These resources were made available to the committee and we will be opening discussions according to the reading members have done. Gretchen will use one of the Study Guides in Sr. Bible Study and bring responses to our meeting. Pastor Gretchen has a copy of the Altar Guild book for us to use as a reference. Harriet purchased a copy of the Fourth Edition (newer version).
*Committee members will bring thoughts from resources mentioned above for discussion/learning at future meetings.
- 2) 150 Anniversary in 2022 – no discussion
- 3) Christmas services will be at 3pm and 5pm on the 24th. We will be discussing whether or not to have a service on Christmas Day at 10am. Possibly doing another cooperative service with the Lutheran 5. Possibly hosted by Bethlehem...
- 4) Look ahead 3 months for Festival/special Sundays.
*November: Thanksgiving 11/27 (see plans above) and Christ the King Sunday 11/24 (special music by Prairie Grace). December: Advent and Christmas services (see plans above)
January: Baptism of our Lord Sunday 1/12. (some ideas discussed, no specific plan made)
- 5) Youth Service – how can our committee assist in planning.
- 6) See the updated schedule for hymn selection assignments.

Next Worship Committee meeting: Tuesday, December 17, 4:00pm

WORSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA for next meeting:

Old Business:

- 1) Review last month's minutes and report on assignments:
 - Sound operator training
 - Organ Project and concerts
 - Sacristan volunteers
 - Liturgy setting plans
 - Altar Guild update
 - Generosity Sunday
 - Thanksgiving service 11/27/19
 - Advent – December 4, 11, 18th
 - Christmas services
 - Look ahead 3 months for festival/special Sundays
 - Discussion regarding worship resources

New Business:

- 1) 150 anniversary in 2022
- 2) Additional items:

Upcoming Assignments / Plans:

Hymn selection schedule:

December: Linda

January: Pam

February: Anne

March: Harriet

April: Linda (Nancy possibly participate)

May: Keith

Linda will write Messenger articles on liturgical purpose/history. *Well done and appreciated.

Tabled: Blessing of animals service

*Ash Wednesday – practice with ashes...

Faith & Fellowship shared mid-week services; Wednesdays through the summer months: Overall, the committee was pleased with how these went and felt these services met the needs of our congregation.