

## First Lutheran Church Worship Committee

### Minutes from Worship Committee meeting 12/17/19

**Present:** Keith Melberg, Gretchen Enoch, Pamela Schroden, Harriet Wicklund, Marjean Hanson, Linda Mellon, Nancy Swenson, Anne Taylor **Not attending:** 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.
    - \*feedback was noted during Sunday School program when using the twin mics with smaller groups.
    - \*Supply of batteries has been replenished.
  - b. Organ Project and concerts:
    - \*Keith has confirmed the concert date for John Behnke's visit for 10/11/20 at 3pm.
    - \*Funds required to complete the organ expansion have been raised!
    - \*Re: expenses for printing and mailing – Nancy verified with Paul Lundeen that the printing was donated and we will not be receiving a bill for it. A thank you card will be sent to the Lundeen Co.
    - \*The next payment for the project won't be due for a few months and the money is in our account.
    - \*list of donors was split up among committee members to write and send thank-you cards.
    - \*we are close to having money for expense of the Behnke concert.
  - c. Liturgy setting – continue current or change?
    - \*Liturgy will change to Setting 3 will be used through the season of Epiphany. The 'Alleluia' will be added to the order of service.
  - d. Development of the role of Sacristan to assist with Sunday morning details.
    - \* working well; schedule updated.
  - e. Appreciation for the updated usher instructions/diagram was shared with our committee.
  - f. Altar Guild Update: met on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and next meeting is set for November 5<sup>th</sup>.
    - \*no new issues reported.
  - g. Thanksgiving service on November 27<sup>th</sup> was wonderful.
    - \*Pastor Sue Koesterman, preached. Each congregation contributed pies for the "Pie Fest" following the service. Fellowship Committee took care of the details. Offering taken for the Salvation Army and Churches United was very good (over \$1,000) and the joint choir was well received.
  - h. Generosity Sunday on November 10<sup>th</sup> – went well, with no concerns discussed.
  - i. Advent Services for 5 FF churches have been hosted here at First Lutheran at 12:10 and 6:30 with lunches provided following noon service. The services have gone well.
    - \*Fellowship Committee has reported that between 30-40 have attended lunches. Not all churches have provided assistance with serving or bars requested. Offering has been too low to cover expenses of soup/etc. These details should be considered when planning for next year.
  - j. Pamela presented a congregational song version of the Lord's Prayer. It was decided that we'll use this each Sunday of Advent.
    - \*Thanks to Pamela for introducing this; it has gone well.
  - k. Look ahead 3 months for Festival/special Sundays.
    - \***December:** Christmas services will be at 3pm and 5pm on the 24<sup>th</sup>; no service on Christmas Day.
    - \*the Fellowship Committee discussed bringing back the 'Family Blessing' during the Christmas service. In discussion, this committee felt it would not be possible with only one Pastor.
    - \*Pr. Gretchen was asked to contact Pr. Strom and Pr. Stan regarding their availability to help with this at the service. (following the meeting, Pr. Gretchen reported that she contacted them and they are not available to participate this year as they have other plans already in place.) She has secured their participation in the services for next year.)
    - \*Communion will be offered at the service using four stations. This will require one more communion assistant.
    - \*Decorations will remain up until after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas on 12/5

