

First Lutheran Church Worship Committee

Minutes from Worship Committee meeting 2/19/20

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

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 has talked with LeAnne. She feels she has the live stream technology figured out and will hopefully get that going again.
 - *Discussion held regarding the need for more sound operators.
 - *Committee members should continue to document notes regarding issues noted with sound so we have documentation of problems.
 - 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!
 - *We are current with payments for the project with no concerns regarding enough money in our account.
 - *Discussion regarding the Behnke concert: Keith was asked contact John via e-mail regarding program information from him, adding of our choirs, etc., so we can be on track for publicity and planning.
 - c. Liturgy setting – continue current or change?
 - *Liturgy will change to Setting 4 through the season of Lent; the Gospel Acclamation (Return to the Lord) will not be used in Lent. On Easter Sunday and through the season of Easter, setting 8 will be used including the gospel acclamation from that setting.
 - d. Development of the role of Sacristan to assist with Sunday morning details.
 - * We could use a few more volunteers for this role. Linda and Harriet made a list of names who will be contacted with this request/invitation.
 - e. Altar Guild Update:
 - *Marjean has researched costs and received fabric samples for a runner to be placed on the new altar table. The committee offered opinions on fabrics and Marjean was instructed to go ahead and order the runner.
 - *Harriet will inform the church council of the monies spent which will be in the neighborhood of \$200. If the Worship Committee budget will be stressed with this expenditure, suggest that memorial funds be used.
 - *In an attempt to be more organized for communion in our worship service, it was suggested that all communion assistants meet in the altar guild room with the sacristan during the offering so that the correct number of persons can be prepared (wash hands) and enter as a unit through the side door. Harriet will communicate this plan to Laurie and they'll edit the postcard that is sent to include this change.
 - f. Congregational song version of the Lord's Prayer will be used each Sunday until Lent.
 - *Due to time in the service, Gretchen opted to use spoken Lord's Prayer the last two Sundays. Our committee will discuss/plan for use of sung/spoken Lord's Prayer in future services.
 - g. Look ahead 3 months for Festival/special Sundays.
 - ***February:** Transfiguration February 23rd – use Alleluia Banner and recess during closing hymn. We will be having a procession (includes banner, cross, pastors, lector, cantor) and recessional (banner, pastors) on that Sunday.
 - Ash Wednesday February 26th – Harriet has worked with P. Gretchen on the Ashes. Services will be at each home church. First Lutheran will hold ours at 12:10 and 7:00pm. Gretchen has a special service plan that she will be using. We will use the kneelers for these services. Assistants needed are: one for ashes, two for bread and two for wine (Pastor will do the other ashes). Marjean noted that there will only be two stations at the kneelers for communion set-up.
 - *Gretchen will communicate with Steve to place the kneelers

*March: Lenten services will 'travel' to each church as follows with services at 12:10 and 6:30pm; lunch and dinner provided by respective churches:

March 4: Bethlehem March 11: Hope March 18: First Lutheran March 25: Zion

*April: Lenten services April 1: Augustana.

*Sue Kilde will be contacted to add flute to the accompaniment for the Holden Evening service.

Holy week:

Maundy Thursday:

*We will be having a prayer vigil on Maundy Thursday from 12-6pm. A sign-up sheet will be put out requesting volunteers to pray in 30 minute intervals. It will take place in the Chapel with candle(s), soft music, and kneeler/seating provided. A two page listing of prayers/prayer options has been prepared. Individuals are also invited to use their own prayers.

*Services on Maundy Thursday at home churches, First Lutheran's will be at 12:10 and 7:00 with no meals included. Kneelers will be used again at these services.

Good Friday:

*12:10pm service at Bethlehem and 7:00pm at First Lutheran with plans being made to have a joint choir presenting for this service.

Easter Sunday: There was no discussion regarding Easter services at this meeting.

- h. Prairie Grace will be here again April 5th (Palm Sunday) with the Sunday School singing that day as well. They will be asked to present three pieces during the services.
- i. Harriet has had a conversation with Katrina regarding additional sorting capabilities of the accounting software so that tracking worship expenses will be easier.

*will continue to pursue this option.

- 2) See the updated schedule for hymn selection assignments.
- 3) Discussion regarding resources on worship planning and leadership with the purpose of education for the committee:

*There was no discussion today.

*Altar Guild book (Fourth Edition) is available for us to use as a reference.

*Committee members will bring thoughts from resources mentioned above for discussion/learning at future meetings.

New Business:

- 1) Time with Children has been going over the 2 minute expectation so Gretchen will be removing it from the order of service for now. The children will leave for Sunday School at the same time in the service, with "Jesus Loves Me" as a sending song.
- 2) Gretchen has a new "portable pulpit" built for her. She may choose to use either pulpit.
- 3) The Stewardship/Discipleship Committee will be doing a Gratitude Temple Talk the 1st Sunday of each month.
- 4) 150 Anniversary in 2022 – no discussion
- 5) Youth Service – how can our committee assist in planning. There was no discussion.

Next Worship Committee meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 4:00pm

WORSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA for next meeting:

Old Business:

- 1) Review last month's minutes and report on assignments:
 - Sound operator training – more sound operators
 - Organ Project and upcoming concert
 - Liturgy setting plans
 - Altar Guild update
 - Look ahead 3 months for festival/special Sundays - Easter
 - Discussion regarding worship resources

New Business:

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

Upcoming Assignments / Plans:

Hymn selection schedule:

March: Harriet	April: Linda
May: Keith	June: Pamela
July: Anne	August: Harriet
September: Linda	October: Keith

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

Tabled: Blessing of animals service

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.