

Present: Myrna Hagemann, Linda Longardner, Catharine Edlen, Sherry Scheider, Pastor Scott, Bev Wacker, and Susie Smalley

Page 28 from the Use of the Means of Grace was read and discussed.

Old Business:

- ❖ Bell repair – Mary Alice scheduled the bells to be serviced with Jeffers the week of Jan. 22, and has an approximate cost of service at \$1165. This does not include shipping the bells to Jeffers, so she will get an estimate on that as well.
- ❖ Christmas decorating – (SVE) – All went well. Kids enjoyed it.
- ❖ Blue Christmas – Was held Wednesday, Dec. 20, at noon. Only two people attended.
- ❖ Christmas Eve – Prelude started at 4:30 and went very well, though it was not included in the ½ sheet bulletin inserts that had the Christmas Eve service information on it. This info should be added. Service only had 87 in attendance - smallest it's been in a long time. Lighting of the candles: Sherry pointed out that the people who didn't go up to receive Communion would not have received a candle.

New Business:

- ❖ Epiphany – Epiphany was not observed this year due to when, during the week, it fell
- ❖ Transfiguration – Feb. 11 – We will bury the “Alleluia” until Easter Sunday.
- ❖ Ash Wednesday – Service will be Wed., Feb. 14, 2018, and will include imposition of ashes.
- ❖ Wednesday Lenten Services – The Holden Evening Prayer Service has been enjoyed by many throughout the years, so we will continue to do this every Wed. eve during Lent. Patte cannot lead this year, and Susie will be missing two weeks. Pastor could fill in, or if there are some choir members who are interested in leading, that may be an option too. Pastor and Susie will discuss further.

Simple suppers: Much discussion was had regarding there being too many dessert choices for our “simple” suppers on Wednesdays during Lent. Susie suggested putting fewer lines on the sign-up sheet, if in the past, we have had too many dessert choices. Apparently, the objection was not the *quantity*, but rather it was the *type* of desserts brought. Some thought it should be limited to just cookies. After more discussion, Susie sought to clarify for the minutes what would be changed from last year, and the only answer she heard was that, on the sign-up sheet, to change “dessert” to say “cookies/bars”...

...and in other Lenten news..

Pastor was thinking of discussing the book of Acts for the lesson each week.

- ❖ Palm Sunday – Sherry will order new passion readings (Mark this year). She will also order Eco Palms again.
- ❖ private parties – Sherry would like to request that no parties be scheduled during Lent, especially before Palm and Easter Sundays, due to some extra clean-up work that has been required after some groups.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018 – 1:00pm at Catharine's house

Respectfully Submitted,
Susie Smalley