

Present: Sherry Scheider, Pastor Scott, Bev Wacker, Susie Smalley, and Linda Longardner

Page 38 from the Use of the Means of Grace was read and discussed. (Holy Communion)

**Old Business:**

- ❖ North Conference Rostered Leaders' Meeting – Service with Holy Communion was held September 27, meeting in Moline Hall. About 30 were in attendance. Linda Longardner, Judy Miller, and Linda Severson were the hostesses. A sign-up asking for coffeecakes, fruit, and juice was posted a couple weeks before. [Note for next time: We don't need much juice!]

**New Business:**

- ❖ setting changes – We'll be keeping setting 7 through Advent, except for Thanksgiving Eve, during which we'll use setting 3.
- ❖ Pastor Appreciation Sunday – This coming Sunday, October 14. Church Council will host the fellowship table, in honor of Pastor Scott and Deaconess Cheryl.
- ❖ One Body Collaborative – On Oct. 21, Mary Pulliam, Senior Director of Church Relations, will be here to talk about their mission during our Faith Forum. Our church is collecting kitchen items.
- ❖ Reformation Sunday – Red paraments will be used. This will also be Confirmation Sunday.
- ❖ All Saints Sunday – ...a very busy and important day! There will be a baptism, First Communicants, some new members received, and possibly a Bible presentation (Pr. Scott will talk with Patte regarding this matter (whether it be on Reformation Sunday or All Saints Sunday)).  
To commemorate such an important day, Pastor thought having a cake would be nice. Worship and Music Committee will host the fellowship table after service. Bev will order a full sheet cake (or 2 halves). Linda will get cupcakes to have on reserve. Perhaps also a bowl of fruit...?

In past years on All Saints Sunday, we have had **white** candles on the altar, one for each member who had died during the past year. Towards the beginning of service, we would read names of people, dear to our members, who had passed away, as well as members' names. During this, we would toll a bell after each name. Also, as the names of the members were read, one of the **white** candles on the altar would be lit.

Last year, we began our service with the Litany of the Saints, out of the red hymnal, and we will do this again this year. Since we pray for each deceased member by name during this, and they are also named during the intercessory prayers later in service, our members who have died are honored and remembered in this way. To light a candle and/or toll a bell after their names are read would be disruptive to the prayers, so we will not be doing either.

That being said...the tea lights will again be set up in the back of the sanctuary, allowing people to light them in remembrance of a loved one.

- ❖ Nov. 11 – Commitment Sunday. Stewardship Committee will provide treats during fellowship. Also, it will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armistice Day. Pastor has found a special litany, honoring Veterans, on the ELCA website, that we will incorporate into our service.

- ❖ Thanksgiving Eve service – We will have a joint worship with Alpine Lutheran. It will be at Shepherd of the Valley again this year, at 7pm. Setting 3 will be used.  
Last year, Alpine Lutheran provided pie after service and we would like to reciprocate by providing something as well. We talked about what to provide and come up with donuts as a possibility...specifically apple cider donuts. [Sherry was trying to remember where Kendra got donuts and we were thinking it might've been All Day Donuts, on State St., close to Fairview.] Sherry volunteered to pick some up. Cider was mentioned too, so perhaps someone could bring some cider. We will talk about this more during our next meeting.
- ❖ Fall decorations – Our fall decorations (“harvest display”) can go up right after All Saints Day and remain up through the Thanksgiving Eve service.
- ❖ Christ the King Sunday – white paraments will be up, along with the Holy, Holy, Holy banner.  
We will sing the Kyrie and This Is the Feast (setting 7) this day.
- ❖ Children’s Christmas Program – The Children’s Christmas Program will be on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. We will need to put the tree up on (or after) the 9<sup>th</sup> (no decorations yet) The kids can decorate the tree after service on the 16<sup>th</sup>. More on this next meeting.

Meeting was closed with a prayer, led by Pastor Scott.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018 – 1pm in the church library**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susie Smalley