

Present: Sherry Scheider, Pastor Scott, Liz Beale, Linda Longardner, Susie Smalley, and Bev Wacker (a little later)

Page 39 from the Use of the Means of Grace was read and discussed. (Holy Communion is Celebrated Weekly)

Old Business:

- ❖ Reformation Sunday (10/28/18) – We used the propers for the normal lectionary Sunday, rather than those for Reformation Sunday. Five children were confirmed that day, as well.
- ❖ All Saints Sunday (11/4/18) – We remembered the saints, members and loved ones we've lost this past year, with the Litany of the Saints at the start of service. Liz wanted to state, for the record, that she missed *not* singing #422 "For All the Saints"! We will make sure we sing this next year. We also received 13 new members that day! Cake, nuts, and mints were provided for fellowship.

New Business:

- ❖ Fall decorations – If we put it up for this Sunday, it will be there for two Sundays and Thanksgiving Eve. Decorations will come down before Christ the King Sunday.
- ❖ Thanksgiving Eve service (11/21/18) – 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. The choir will be singing three anthems with Alpines' choir and bell choir. Donuts have been ordered from All Day Donuts.
- ❖ Christ the King Sunday (11/25/18) – no crowns will be put up on the altar (as in years past)
- ❖ Advent (12/2-12/23/18) – There was discussion on whether or not blue candles needed to be ordered, and also which song we will sing during the lighting of said candles each Sunday.
- ❖ setting changes – We'll be keeping setting 3 through Christ the King Sunday (11/25), then switch to setting 4 for Advent.
- ❖ Children's Christmas Program – There will be no children's Christmas program this year, due to lack of children.
- ❖ Christmas tree – There was quite the discussion as to when to put up the tree. Pastor thought of putting it up the tree after service on Sunday, Dec. 23, but there won't be Sunday School that day to help decorate it. Then he suggested considering the 16th, after the service. Linda suggested we go with putting it up after service on the 16th, then there will be two Sundays before Christmas Eve during which the kids can help decorate. It will remain up through Epiphany (1/6/19)
- ❖ Blue Christmas – Since very few people have attended in previous years, we will not do a "Blue Christmas" service this year.
- ❖ Christmas Eve – Like we have for the past several years, we will again have a musical prelude beginning at 4:30, with our Christmas Eve service beginning at 5pm.
- ❖ First Sunday of Christmas (12/30/18) – Pastor will be out of town.
- ❖ Altar Guild appreciation breakfast – Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Stockholm Inn, at 9am.
- ❖ Epiphany – We didn't observe Epiphany last year, because of when it fell, however it falls on a Sunday this coming year and we will indeed observe it.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018 – 1pm in the church library

Respectfully Submitted,
Susie Smalley