

Present: Liz Beale, Sherry Scheider, Pastor Scott, Linda Longardner, and Susie Smalley

Page 40 from the Use of the Means of Grace was read and discussed. (The Holy Communion has a Variety of Names)

Old Business:

- ❖ Fall Decorations – Harvest display was up 11/11 – 11/21 (Thanksgiving Eve) and looked very nice.
- ❖ Veteran's Day: – Sunday, 11/11/18 happened to fall on the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. ELCA had a special call and response that we used in service. It was nice and went well.
- ❖ Thanksgiving Eve (11/21/18) – We had great attendance of 88 for our combined 7pm service with Alpine Lutheran! The combined choir sang three anthems, two of which were also accompanied by Alpine's bell choir. Afterwards, we offered hot and cold cider, apple cider donuts from *All Day Donuts* on State Street, and they were a big hit!
- ❖ Setting Changes – We switched to setting 3 from Reformation Sunday through Christ the King Sunday. Throughout Advent, we are using setting 4.
- ❖ Altar Guild appreciation breakfast – cancelled because of funeral – will try to reschedule in January.

New Business:

- ❖ Poinsettias – Sherry ordered them from Pepper Creek
- ❖ Advent Wreath – During the lighting of the candles during Advent this year, we're singing *We Are Waiting for Jesus*.
- ❖ Christmas decorating – The tree will go up after service on Dec. 16 and all are asked to help put ornaments on during fellowship time. Additional decorations will go up during the following week. Tree will stay up through Epiphany 1/6/19.
Sherry suggested we publish the tree decorating date in the bulletin insert to encourage all families to participate. Liz said she had a few people ask her if she knew why it wasn't up yet and reiterated the importance of letting people know what is happening, as far as Christmas decorations and the tree.
- ❖ Christmas Eve – As in years past, we will again be having a half-hour musical prelude before the Christmas Eve service. Prelude will begin at 4:30, service at 5.
Hand-held candles: For the past few Christmas Eves, right after Communion, we have been distributing hand-held candles that we light before we sing *Silent Night*. Those who don't go up to the rail for Communion, however, aren't able to get a candle. After discussing a couple ideas of what to do about it, we decided we should just alert the ushers that evening to pay attention and watch for those who don't go up and make sure they deliver a candle to them.
- ❖ setting changes – beginning on Christmas Eve, and ending with Transfiguration Sunday (3/3/19), we will switch to setting 2
- ❖ Baptism of Our Lord (1/13/19) – We are expecting new member(s) and baptism(s)
- ❖ "Ideal" days to accept new members (aka Cake Days!): Baptism of Our Lord, Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints Sun.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019 – 1pm in the church library

Respectfully Submitted,
Susie Smalley