

Worship & Music Committee meeting online: via Zoom Dec. 1, 2020

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

Pastor read Micah 4:6-13 from the daily lectionary

Old Business:

- † Christ the King Sunday – Some people liked the format of the service of lament that was pre-recorded by the Synod, some people didn't as much. Some missed singing "Crown Him with Many Crowns"!
- † Thanksgiving Eve – We had a nice Thanksgiving Eve service on November 25, 2020, at 7pm. We had about 22 participants, plus a few extras (couples in same household).
- † Advent – Susie talked to Bob Black, and he and Dave were going to try to get in to church to get some footage of the Advent paraments to display behind the words as we sing "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah", but they didn't get to do so before this past Sunday. We are going in to record this months' hymns tomorrow, so Bob will be able to take some video then. (Linda, Karen, Alexa, Axandra, and Susie recorded each verse separately in October when we recorded the Oct./Nov. hymns.)

Some people had their own candles at home this past Sunday and lit them while we sang 'Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah'. Sherry asked if there were any other ideas to enrich worship during Advent; none of us came up with any ideas.

New Business:

- † Judi Fields' retirement – Sherry made a decorative wall hanging to give to Judi for her retirement. We talked about what we want Susie to write for the back and decided on the following:

Presented to Judi Fields

In gratitude for your faithful service to Christ's church

December 13, 2020

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

We will 'present' it to her on Dec. 13th during our Zoom worship, then deliver it (somehow, TBD) to Judi afterwards. Sherry will hold it up during our service to show Judi (and everyone else); we will ask Judi what the ideal way would be for us to deliver it.

- † Christmas Eve & Christmas – Pastor thinks that the Northern IL Synod is planning on recording and providing the ELCA churches with a "Lessons and Carols" service, but he hasn't seen anything come through yet. If something is sent and it is Advent themed, then we will do it on Advent 4 (Sunday, Dec. 20th). If it is Christmas (Eve) themed, then we will do it on Christmas **Day** at 9:30am. If he doesn't receive anything, we will *not* do a Christmas Day service.

We will hold our Christmas Eve Zoom worship service at 5pm, regardless of what the Synod sends. Pastor is going to ask Monica to play "O Come, All Ye Faithful" on the violin as a prelude or call to worship hymn so the congregation can sing along (he can just show the words on the screen...hopefully!). We will also record Linda playing "O Holy Night" on the organ tomorrow to be used during service, Claire will record something to be played during service, and the Smalley Family Singers (for lack of a better name) and Linda will record "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" to be used for the typical Hymn of the Day, and "Silent Night, Holy Night" to be sung later during the service. (Will start with German verse first, then sing the three verses in English.)
(We will also be recording the rest of the hymns for the month of December tomorrow evening.)

Meeting was closed with prayer.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021 – 1pm, via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,
Susie Smalley