

Worship & Music Committee meeting [online: via Zoom](#) Feb. 1, 2022

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

Pastor opened the meeting with a reading from 2 Kings.

Old Business:

- † Annual Report: The m/w committee thanks Sherry for compiling the annual reports for both the Altar Guild and the Worship and Music Committee! Sherry sent these reports to Pastor to be included in the Annual Report.
- † The Living Lutheran: There was an article in the December issue regarding hybrid worship: how to blend online and in-person worship services. Discussion started about what we could perhaps do better at SVLC, and quickly went to sharing Holy Communion. Of course, those who worship via Zoom, cannot commune *with* those that are physically in church.

Several months ago, Pastor tried to coordinate pairs of people (one who worshipped online with one who worshipped in person) so that the person who was able to physically be at Christ's Table and share His body and blood in person would then take His body/blood to the person with whom they are paired so that they could partake as well...just a bit delayed. Unfortunately, there wasn't much of a response from those worshipping at home, even though we had several who were willing to take it to them. Liz thought it was the opposite problem: many wanted it, but there weren't enough volunteers to take it.

It is surprising to hear that more worshipping from home didn't ask to receive it. We think this subject should be brought up / offered again.

New Business:

- † Setting changes: We will be done with setting 4 at the end of this month (ending with Transfiguration Sunday). We did setting 3 through Christ the King Sunday. Since the beginning of Advent, we've used setting 4. Beginning Ash Wednesday (Mar. 2) and going through Maundy Thursday (Apr. 14), we will switch to setting 2.
- † Devotions for Lent: Carolyn ordered 15 copies to start with and we will go from there. (These are from Augsburg Press) Thank you again, Carolyn!
- † Ash Wednesday: Last year, worship was still only on Zoom. This year, what are we planning? We decided that we *are* going to have our hybrid worship (both in-person and via Zoom) on Ash Wednesday, and Pastor will do the imposition of ashes.
- † Wednesdays during Lent: Pastor Scott said not to plan on meals (simple suppers)! Are we going to have in-person worship services as well? We are thinking no - attendance wasn't the greatest for these prior to covid, *with* the choir practicing afterwards, so we'd most likely not get many people to come out this year. We decided we can just do what we did last year during the Wed. services and do them all via Zoom. We have hymns already recorded.
- † Easter flowers: Much discussion about the type of flowers to offer this year. Pretty sure we landed on just offering tulips again this year (please correct me if I'm wrong!)

Meeting was closed with prayer.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 1, 2022 at 1 pm, via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,
Susie Smalley