

Worship & Music Committee meeting (online: via Zoom) Sept. 5, 2023

Present: Deacon Cheryl Erdmann, Sherry Scheider, LaVon Downing, Carolyn Ciaccio, Richard Popp, and Susie Smalley

Deacon Cheryl opened the meeting with an opening prayer written specifically for committee meetings.

Old Business:

† **minutes from last meeting:** ...accept or amend minutes? After a lengthy discussion regarding last month's meeting and subsequent minutes, the committee agreed that we approve last month's minutes as written and as a committee, commit to reviewing the drafts of the minutes in a timely manner (within a week). If anything needs to be changed, let Susie know!

[NOTE: LaVon's name was inadvertently left off the list of those present last month. Her name will be added and those minutes will be re-posted to the website]

† **meeting time:** We agreed to move the time of our meetings from 11am to 10:30am

† **organ:** LaVon suggest we table organ discussion until we know more information; everyone agreed!

† **Richard's requests:** Phil wanted to wait until he got back into town before he ordered some of the items Richard requested so they weren't dropped off and left.

The organ lamp is at Randee's Music.

Richard will email Susie with his order for the books from Augsburg.

When the music stand and amp stand arrive, Richard is going to rearrange some chairs in the choir loft to better accommodate the new setup.

† **hymn suggestions:** Richard would like to add the following to the announcement section of Sunday's bulletin: "Thanks to all who suggested hymns for the Sunday services. We sang some of these in August, and more will be included in upcoming weeks. Please talk to Richard if you have more suggestions for hymns or other music."

Deacon Cheryl and Susie agreed to add this to announcements for September 10.

New Business:

† **Reformation Sunday (Oct. 29, 2023):** Deacon Cheryl will be gone on Reformation Sunday. We have three confirmands this year; however, confirmation will not happen that day. She is looking at alternate dates on which to hold confirmation (November 12th or 19th) and is coordinating with the families of the confirmands about that.

Sherry asked if we should still get a cake for Reformation Sunday (even though there wouldn't be confirmation): Yes!

We think we should do a cake for Reformation Sunday AND Confirmation Sunday.

Deacon Cheryl suggested red velvet cake for Reformation Sunday - Carolyn will order from Schnucks.

This past year: "cake Sundays" were as follows:

- Reformation
- Confirmation
- All Saints
- Baptism of Our Lord
- Pentecost

† **setting changes:** We are using a Season of Creation liturgy that Richard found (used last year) and will continue using this until Advent. Setting 2 will be used Advent through Christmas.
(Wrong "Lamb of God" was in last week's bulletin - Richard will let Susie know which one we are using)

† **Season of Creation:** Dn. Cheryl asked if there were any comments about the Season of Creation: not really, no.

† **worship volunteer opportunities:** We continue to seek lay readers and additional technical support for Zoom during worship. Sarah Fiorenza agreed to be trained to be a "Zoom Worship Leader".

† **Upcoming presiding ministers:**

- 9/10: Pastor Kelly Norman Anderson, the Community Engagement person at LSSI (preaching too)
- 9/17: Pastor Kenn Storck
- 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/22: still open
- 10/15 & 10/29: Pastor Marilyn Hanson
- 11/5, 11/12, and 12/24 (morning - Advent 4): Pastor Jeff Clements
- Christmas Eve (5pm service): Pastor Jeff Clements (preaching too)

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023 at 10:30am, via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,

Susie Smalley