

Worship & Music Committee meeting (online: via Zoom) Feb. 6, 2024

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

Deacon Cheryl opened the meeting with a prayer.

Old Business:

- † **minutes from last month:** The minutes from last month were approved.
- † **simple supper sign-up:** Sherry put up the poster/sign-up sheet for the Lenten Wednesday simple suppers. She filled in the first week's "hosted by" with the worship and music committee. The hosts are to set up by 5:30 and then clean up afterwards. Sherry filled in one line for soup and a few other people have also signed up.

New Business:

- † **setting changes:** we will begin ELW setting one (1) on Sunday Feb. 18, and continue using it for the five Sundays in Lent, and at a limited capacity, into Holy Week. After that, beginning Easter Sunday, we will switch to ELW setting eight 8.
- † **music workshop at Valpo:** Richard is registered for the workshop at Valparaiso and Council approved paying for it. Richard's wife is going as well; her church is paying for her expenses.
- † **songs during Communion:** Richard will be adding a **second** hymn for the congregation to sing after *Lamb of God* during Communion.
- † **urn pall:** the pall we currently use to cover the urn is a little small. (We have just been using a cloth that Linda Longardner had). Sherry would like to ask if she could order a new pall. She found one for \$64.52. It is "25 inches square, made with a floral damask design and gold metallic jacquard banding".

Deacon Cheryl has spoken with Phil and learned there are a few memorial accounts that don't have much of a balance. Our committee agreed to request that some of those memorial funds be used to buy the new pall. Cheryl also said she is asking that the Lenten devotional booklets be purchased using money from memorial funds.

- † **flowers for Easter:** Sherry will be putting up the Easter flowers sign-up poster on Feb. 25th; cost is the same as last year: \$12. She asked what kind of flowers we should get. The consensus was a variety of colors of tulips.
- † **Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14, 2024):** Service will be at 7pm. Sherry asked if the ashes were in the office; Deacon Cheryl wasn't sure - They will look. If not, they will order (most likely from The Vineyard).
- † **pamphlet for Lent:** Deacon Cheryl found a tri-fold pamphlet from back when Pastor Marilyn was here (she believes) that listed all the information about what will be going on at our church during the season of Lent. She liked it and has been working on creating one for this year. She will print it and will also have it available electronically.

Also, during the Wednesdays of Lent, we will be using a series of lessons called "Promises at the Crossroads of History and Hope", a resource provided by the Northern Illinois Synod. This series will be the basis for the homilies every Wednesday evening (still doing the Holden Evening Prayer) and also the Wednesday Bible studies via Zoom (using the NI Synod's outlined service).

The collection during our Wednesday evening suppers/services will go to ELCA World Hunger .

- † **Palm Sunday (March 24, 2024):** processional - we talked about from where we'd process - whether we would start outside or inside (we decided we can decide that closer to the date!) People can sign up to read any of the parts of the *Passion according to Mark* on the readers poster in the narthex.
- † **Maundy Thursday (March 28, 2024):** As in the past, Sherry will organize people to help strip the altar during the reading of the psalm at the end of the Maundy Thursday service. The ushers will need to be notified of the preferred lighting while the altar is being stripped.
- † **Good Friday (March 29, 2024):** Last year, the service began and ended in silence. Like Maundy Thursday, the ushers will need to be notified of the preferred lighting during the entire service. Since there is no Holy Communion, there will be no presiding minister; it will be just Deacon Cheryl. If the rugged cross is going to be processed, we may need to think of someone to do this as it is not lightweight!
- † **butterflies:** We all agreed that people really enjoy the butterflies and would like to have them up again this year, so they should go up March 30th (@ 9am). We talked about how long to keep the butterflies up and decided to decide later!
- † **Easter Sunday - March 31, 2024:** Last year, we had 101 in person in attendance! We hope to get that many again, if not more 😊 The Pascal Candle was placed next to the Altar, and it remained there throughout the subsequent seven Sundays of Easter.

(food): We talked quite a bit about what to do for food on Easter Sunday. Since we only have one service now, it's difficult to make a big breakfast like we used to because then, those prepping the food would not have an opportunity to worship. We talked about perhaps doing the breakfast pizzas again but ultimately, we decided we will just put up a sign-up sheet (being specific regarding type of food and quantity) for people to bring items in for our Easter Sunday "brunch". Things like coffee cake, bagels, fruit, muffins, etc. will be included.
The sign up poster can go up Mar. 10th.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Deacon Cheryl.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 5, 2024 at 10:30am, via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted, Susie Smalley