

Worship & Music Committee meeting (online: via Zoom) Nov. 5, 2024

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

We opened our meeting by reading a special call/response for Election Day.

Old Business:

- † **minutes from last month:** The minutes from last month were approved.
- † **flowers:** All Sundays except last Sun. in December (29th) have been filled on the flower chart. The chart for 2025 will be going up soon.
- † **Communion bread** - There was a dead mouse found by the communion rail last Saturday. Perhaps the breadcrumbs were attracting them? Rose Pest Control had been out recently and has put out poison.
- † **All Saints Sunday (Nov. 3, 2024):** Sherry said all but 10 tealights were lit this past Sunday - she put out 61. *[Note to self (Sherry): purchase more tealights next year].*
cake: a couple people expressed their thoughts that we should not have cake on All Saints Sunday; Deacon Cheryl made an executive decision to **not** have cake this past Sunday.

New Business:

† **Christ the King Sunday (Nov. 24, 2024):**

- white paraments
- "Holy Holy Holy banner
- gold swags hung
- words: "JESUS SHALL REIGN"

† **poinsettias:**

- cost of the poinsettias will be the same as last year: \$12
- sign-up sheet going up Sunday, Nov. 10
- last day to order: Dec. 8
- last year was down (only 16 orders, down from 22 the previous year)
 - Dn. Cheryl suggested perhaps it was because Christmas Eve fell on a Sunday and some people may not have wanted to go to church twice in the same day (?)

† **Hanging of the Greens (Nov. 30, 2024)** - Decorating will begin at 9am on Saturday, Nov. 30th

† **Richard's report:** The Rockford chapter of the AGO (American Guild of Organists) will be meeting at our church Monday, Nov. 18 at 7pm. Nothing is needed from our church, other than lights and some heat. Richard will move tables; food is being provided by one of their members.

Noah plans on playing Nov. 17 & Dec. 1

† **Christmas Eve:**

- service at 5pm
- music prelude beforehand (not sure yet of time)
- need to find ushers. Sherry will ask Steve if he can arrange for ushers.

† **Service of Lessons of Carols (Dec. 29, 2024):** Dn. Cheryl would like to again do the Service of Lessons and Carols the Sunday after Christmas.
She and Richard will discuss the music selections in a separate meeting or via email.
There will be no Communion that Sunday.

† **Epiphany (Jan. 5, 2025):** The magi visit Jesus.

- designated liturgical readings for Epiphany
- ceramic figurines will be displayed
- white paraments
- "He is Born" banner displayed
- gold swags, no words

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Deacon Cheryl.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024 at 10:30am, via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,
Susie Smalley