

# **Worship & Music Committee meeting (online: via Zoom) May 12, 2026**

Present: Pastor Leslie, Sherry Scheider, LaVon Downing, Carolyn Ciaccio, and Susie Smalley

[we skipped April]

Pastor Leslie opened the meeting with a devotion from the Northwest Ohio Synod's "Love Is the Way..." entitled "I'm Just a Regular Person, Can My Love Have an Impact?"

## **Old Business:**

† **midweek Lenten suppers & services:** We decided the entire amount from the free will offerings (\$270) will be given to **Rock House Kids**. In-person attendance each week: 19, 19, 24, 25, 25

† **Palm Sunday (Mar. 29, 2026 @ 10am):** Since this fell on the last Sunday of the month, we had a combined service at Shepherd of the Valley.

We began our service in the narthex but didn't prop the doors open, so those who were out in the narthex couldn't hear the beginning of service very well at all. Once the processional hymn began, the doors were opened and those who were out of the sanctuary processed in singing "All Glory, Laud and Honor". Reading of the Passion went well. The narrators spoke from the ambo; the rest of the readers were lined up in front. Combined choir sang, and attendance was 76 in person (including 21 from First), and 2 households online.

† **Maundy Thursday (Apr. 2, 2026 @ 7pm):** (Service was *not* combined with First Lutheran's.) Service began and ended in silence. Had laying on of hands during service. Psalm 22 was read during the stripping of the altar.

† **Good Friday (Apr. 3, 2026 @ 6pm):** *Combined* service at Shepherd of the Valley.

There were 28 in attendance and 2 households online.

Cross was veiled; lighting dimmed. Pastor Leslie processed in the 'rugged cross'. No assistant minister was needed; there were several readings read by various people. Two large pots with sand were placed close to the steps in which people could light and place a candle during service while hymns were sung.

† **butterflies/tulips:** Approximately 15 people came to help hang butterflies and arrange the tulips on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. People who wanted their tulips took them home after Easter service. The butterflies remained up three Sundays and were taken down Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

† **Easter Sunday (Apr. 5, 2026 @ 10am):** We had 107 people in person and 10 households join us online!

- **bulletins:** we didn't have enough, so more had to be copied. Next year, make sure more are printed!
- **white grape juice:** there was concern we'd run out, however there ended up being enough.
- **busy bags:** Cheryl wanted to make sure the kids who came had special **Easter** "busy bags" and was disappointed the extra ones she made last year were discarded. She hurriedly put together some Saturday, and there ended up being more than enough. [There are several bags left over and right now, they are still all lining the bottom of one of the coat racks. To avoid what happened last year, someone needs to gather, label, and put them away for use next year.]  
Some people noticed the busy bags but didn't realize what they even were, so we suggest that next year there either be a sign by the group of bags (or a label on each one) and they should be placed in an obvious location so people coming in can easily see them and take one (or more), if they desire. A suggestion was to line them up along the back of the last pews.

## **New Business:**

† **doorbell cameras:** A new doorbell cam was installed by the west entrance. This will be connected to a device that will be left at church to be used wherever it is needed (Pastor's office, secretary's

office, sanctuary during service, Shepherd Hall, library, etc.) for whoever is monitoring it to see that people are trying to get in. Last month, a couple of people came late to service but couldn't get in because the doors were already locked. This will be a solution to that issue. There will be another doorbell cam installed for the circle drive entrance.

† **altar flowers:** still have openings for May 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, but all of June is filled.

† **setting changes:** We're currently using setting 8. We will switch to setting 7 on Holy Trinity Sunday (combined service (here), which is Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>) We will also switch to ELW 486 "God Extends an Invitation" for the song after offering while using setting seven.

† **Pentecost:**

Red geraniums: Since we will need to order the geraniums by tomorrow, we are just going to order some and trust that people will sign up to buy them. We decided to order twenty. We will not give the option for people to leave them at church to be planted in the Memory Garden.

altar guild: red paraments; dove and flame banner; gold swags

† **Holy Trinity Sunday (May 31, 2026):**

Joint service with combined choir, at Shepherd of the Valley, 10am.

Sherry asked if the once-a-month combined choir would continue throughout the summer. Pastor said yes, she thought it would, except in July because she and Scott will be on vacation. Sherry mentioned maybe we still could if Susie is willing to lead; Susie said she'd look at the readings and will communicate with Scott to decide if it would happen and, if yes, iron out the details.

altar guild: white paraments; Holy<sup>3</sup> banner; gold swags with "Father, Son, Holy, Spirit" words

† **readers/assisting chart:** Sherry noticed that frequently the assisting minister is also the reader, and wonders if, because it happens often, is that discouraging other people from signing up to be a reader? We know there are several other people who are willing to read, as they have done so in the past! We discussed and decided that maybe during the announcements, Pastor can encourage people who may just want to read *and not assist* to sign up to do so!

Pr. Leslie closed the meeting with prayer.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 @ 10:00am, via Zoom**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susie Smalley