

LWLC Worship Committee
April 9, 2015

Members Present: Dan Haglin, DiAnn Zimmerman, Jim Nelson, Steve Ferguson, Bruce Wymore (Council Liaison) Gayle Nemmers (Altar Guild), Nancy Anderson and Carolyn Moeller (Music Guild) Pastor A.J. Kluver

Members Absent: Connie Berghuis, Louie Seesz

Praise Band Binders:

- Sixty binders are ready for use this Sunday. They plan to make up 40 more. The congregation will need to share if necessary.

Lent/ Easter “debriefing”:

- Attendance was down this year from last year.
- Good comments about the consistent theme throughout the Lenten season.
- The Saturday Prayer Vigil went well and someone was at the church from 6 AM to 6 PM.
- The trumpets sounded good with the trombone and suggest that we use the trumpet again next year.
- It was noted that the palms did not seem as “nice” as they have in the past. They were purchased at Anderson Floral as we have done in the past.
- There were good comments about the cinnamon rolls and colored eggs that were served after the service. Eight boxes were purchased and 2 ½ boxes were left. Recommend the same amount for next year.

Summer worship services:

- It was introduced during the visioning session that we should consider offering the summer service on Wednesday evenings. There are sporting events on Wednesday evening however, some are out of town on the weekends.
- Last year 24-30 attended the Saturday evening services. Who are we reaching with a second summer service? Do other congregations offer Wednesday evening services?
- A motion was made by Steve Ferguson to consider offering a Wednesday service from June 10 to August 26 at 7 PM. DiAnn Zimmerman seconded the motion.
- Nancy Anderson will talk to the pianists about playing for a Wednesday service so Ken Elvehjem would not need to be responsible for all of the summer services.

Regarding Music for Living Word Worship Services:

The subject was again discussed and the following suggestions were made:

- The objective is to codify how we discern if a piece of music should be used for worship services.

- The music should contain words that are not about what we can do but what God can do for us.
- Use some of the comments from each of the sections Criteria for Worship Music, "Lutheran Hymnody: Orthodoxy in Song" by Pastor Chad Bird and "The Augustana and Lutheran Worship" by Pastor Joel Otto.
- Refer to the comments written by Gracia Grindal, in our Reclaim Hymnal. What Makes a Hymn Lutheran? On pages 479-481.
- We should stay away from comments that may be too subjective.
- The Worship Committee will continue work on developing the criteria.

National Day of Prayer:

- The National Day of Prayer is May 7. There will be a breakfast at 6 to 7:30 AM. Jim Nelson has tickets for the breakfast. The cost is \$7.50.
- At noon there will be presentations by guest speakers at city hall.
- Evening services will be held at individual churches.
- There will be posters at LWLC with more information.
- LWLC will hold an evening service at 7 PM. There were good comments about the service at LWLC last year. There will be individual /group prayer stations from 7 to 7:45 with a short service at 7:45 PM.
- The next meeting of the planning group will be on April 20 at the New Life Church.
- Contact Jim Nelson for further information.

Music Guild:

- There is a need for special music on May 3rd and the 24th. Carolyn Moeller is working on it.

Altar Guild:

- There were no purchases this month.
- Dan Haglin will ask Margaret Kreklau if she would do a display for Memorial Day as she has done in the past.

Usher Report:

- The young people did well when ushering and reading for the Lenten services. It was suggested that they would be used occasionally to participate at other times.
- The young people could be used to hand out the binders on Praise Band Sunday.

Next meeting: May 14, 2015

Respectfully submitted,
DiAnn Zimmerman, Secretary