

Living Word Lutheran Church
Worship Committee
June 12, 2014

Members Present: Jim Nelson, Louie Seesz, Gretchen Nelson, Connie Berghuis, Dan Haglin, DiAnn Zimmerman, Pastor Kluver, Laurie Kluver (Altar Guild), Doyle Polson (Council Liaison)

Pastor AJ Kluver opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business;

Minnesota All-State Lutheran Choir:

Housing – There are enough homes for all of the students.

Evening meal - Connie Berghuis, Terri Elsey, and Gretchen Nelson have arranged for the evening meal. The students arrive about 4-4:30 PM and the evening meal will be served at 5:30 PM.

Piano tuning – The piano will be tuned at 9 AM on June 13.

Set-up for performance – The platforms can be set up after the church service on Sunday. Tables will be set up for their evening meal.

Rooms will be available for the students to change their clothes.

Other area churches have been notified of the performance. The performance has also been announced on the radio, on the website of Lakes Area News, and an ad in the Echo Press.

Jim Nelson is working on contacting all visitors to LWLC since January to personally invite them.

The Worship Committee would like to thank Chuck Hauck for arranging for the purchase of Reclaim Hymnals by the congregation. We will put a note in the Newsletter.

New Business:

Volunteer Coordinating Committee:

- A. There was discussion about needing four stations for communion or only two. Servers seem confused about where they should stand and how they obtain the trays. Pastor AJ will give them instructions as they come forward. Pastor AJ would prefer that the servers are served last. They will cleanse their hands and go to their stations and the Communion Assistants will bring the trays to them. They should be reminded to use the left hand to touch the children on the shoulder and not the hand they use to distribute the bread.
- B. There is a need to update the Communion Servers information as well and to review and revise the worship helper's handbook. Perhaps Paulette can send out the handbook per e-mail to the Worship Committee members so that the booklet can be reviewed.
- C. Church Council recognition - There was discussion about having pictures of the Church Council members available so that other members would be able to recognize them. Apparently this has been discussed before and Pastor AJ prefers not to make pictures available.

- D. "In memory of" items – It has been decided that we will not have plaques on items given as memorials but they should be recognized in the Memorial Book.
- E. People should be encouraged to read the Council report that is available in the Newsletter.

Summer Worship:

There will be worship service at 5:30 PM on Saturdays during July and August beginning July 5. The Sunday 9 AM service will also be continued.

There was discussion about holding the service outside. The July 26 and August 30 service will be held outside – weather permitting.

A simple bulletin will be used but the content will not be different.

Gretchen Nelson made a motion to purchase a banner to display outside that would advertise the summer worship. The motion was carried and seconded. Pastor AJ will check on the layout and the pricing.

It is hoped that this will encourage young families to attend LWLC.

Altar Guild: There have been no new purchases. Laurie Kulver takes responsibility for scheduling for altar preparation and Gayle Numbers takes responsibility for purchasing supplies. We will need extra people for set up for communion for Saturday evening services.

Music Guild: Carolyn Moeller has agreed to be in charge of the Music Guild. Worship musicians are scheduled through July.

Usher Report: Doyle reported that there is an average of 190 in the congregation on Sunday mornings.

Use of the organ: Someone has inquired about how seldom the organ is used. Not all of the worship musicians are comfortable to use the organ. Nancy Anderson is the most comfortable using it. It is often too noisy for the congregation to hear the prelude when the organ is used. The organ is not one that is meant for the larger space of the sanctuary.

"Surely the Presence of the Lord" – It was discussed why we no longer use this song at the beginning of the service. Pastor AJ feels that we should sing what we believe and prefers "Jesus Name Above All Names."

The Chordsmen – The Chordsmen are not on a regular schedule for singing during the service and sing for special music when invited.

Next meeting will be July 1 at 6:30 PM so that we meet before the VCC meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
DiAnn Zimmerman, Secretary