

W&M MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Pastor Fred; Sheri S., Carol S., Kevin S., Julie S., Joan Y., David B., Jessie A., Sandy S., Lynn S.

Excused: Gordon S.

1. OPENING DEVOTION

Pastor Fred spoke about Ministerium he attended this week and the ELCA theme of "Hope for Tomorrow".

2. DISCUSSION

- a. Thursday Lenten Zoom Meetings - with St. Andrew LC based (loosely) on Lutheran World Hunger Theme: World Hunger material not that great – very disappointing – material didn't support the topic.
 - Not a bible study, an issue discussion. Tried to tie lectionary readings into World Hunger. The discussions were good.
 - 2 people from Trinity and 2 from St Andrews when Sheri attended. "We do hunger every day at Trinity, St Andrews does not."
 - Why didn't people attend? Is it better to do worship mid-week? Agreed we would like to do something mid-week. Better when we can do Time shift and people can watch it at their leisure. Record on Zoom/You Tube.
 - Possibly a prayer service? Will discuss further.
- b. Palm Sunday: People not in favor of hymn, "Ride on Ride on in Majesty" At council people expressed they were not thrilled with hymns.
 - The theme of Palm Sunday this year focused on Palms vs. Passion story. Hence the hymns that were picked. Some members on W&M thought it was a nice change not to have the whole passion story.
 - Average attendance.
 - Pastor appreciated having horns, however disappointed they were not playing together at all times. Rehearsed twice, but they were looking to play more of a Fanfare. Wasn't organized, Kevin would not do the same again.
- c. Maunder Thursday: No special music, more of an intimate observance at the Table. Big music doesn't work on this day.
 - Foot washing and communion.
- d. Good Friday: Fabulous! "Most impactful service since Pastor has been her." People were profoundly moved. People were leaving in tears. Comments from several people about how moving it was and, "We need to do that again"
 - 90 views on You Tube. More poignant in person.
 - Positive feedback about the visual cross on altar and succulent garden.
 - Liked the intertwining of readings with candle extinction.

- e. Easter Sunday: Positive feedback from bell ringing along with "Alleluia". One of council members brought their bells and continued it at council meeting.
 - Easter was wonderful, music, bells...
 - Attendance was amazing!

Why are cacti still under alter? This will be cleared after service on Sunday. Most of the cacti were purchased and now need homes. "Adopt a cactus for a year" Will be announced this Sunday.

3. **UPCOMING SERVICES**

- a. Setting 2 until Pentecost: on May 19.
- b. Setting 1 starting on May 19: (start of Pentecost) We may have Austin as cantor on this day, so good time to change liturgies, as well. Still waiting on response from Austin.
 - Discussed using setting 1, then changing to another liturgy sometime in the summer. Perhaps a liturgy from the new ACS hymnal.
 - 17 Sundays from Pentecost to Energizer Sunday. We have pushed Energizer back a week as Pastor Fred will be out of town for a wedding on Sept 8. We will celebrate Energizer Sunday on Sep 15.
 - July 14 is the 9th Sunday (the middle of Pentecost) We will switch to another setting on July 21. Next switch will be on Sept 15 (Energizer Sunday)
 - Lectionary this year is back to "Bread Theme". Kevin would like to try having the aroma of bread baking in the sanctuary. Request people with bread machines to bring them in and we can have bread baking during service.
 - Also, Pastor would like to have various members bake bread for communion. No quick breads, it needs to have yeast. However it could be white, wheat, rye... whatever people choose.
- c. Hymn selection for June: Kevin; May hymns already selected by Julie and Lynn

4. **OTHER EVENTS**

Summer Dinner Church: Discussed moving to different restaurant or one spot?

- Consensus that 111 Bar and Grill was very welcoming and accommodating with our own room. Menu got old after many weeks. Possibly talk to chef about a special meal option for us?
- Discussed other options: Corner Bistro, The Village, Black River Barn, Charlotte's Web
- Brought up hosting in members' homes? Decided it is nice to be out together and we are sharing worship and communion in a public space.
- Probably start in July
- Pastor and Lynn will discuss and plan.

5. **ACTION ITEM:** Gordon will be on another River Cruise on May 21, our next meeting. Requested we change the meeting to the week before. Lynn only one with a conflict, so Sheri agreed to take minutes. We will change the meeting in May until May 14 @ 7pm om Zoom.
6. **ROUND TABLE:** Julie: Flower garden is beautiful on side of church. Thanks to Gordon and Jacqueline for maintaining it!
 - Requests putting small pew back by organ as it covers an electrical cable that people tend to trip on.
 - Joan played a beautiful postlude, "Ode to Joy" by Beethoven, on Sunday! Thank you!

Sheri: Has an idea for Energizer Sunday. Something she saw about a year in review talking about all the seasons of the church. Will look into it.

Pastor: Will discuss further a service of remembrance for All Saint's Day on November 3.

CLOSING PRAYER – Pastor Fred

NEXT MEETING: MAY 14@ 7PM VIA ZOOM