

MINUTES FOR W&M MEETING

TUESDAY MAR 16, 2021

Roll Call: Judy, Sheri, Pastor Fred, Katie, Julie, Kevin, Jessie, Barbara, Lynn, Ken(?)

Excused: David, Sandie(on sabbatical)

1. DEVOTIONS – Sheri: Psalm 107:1-15

2. DISCUSS NEW CDC GUIDELINES

- a. New guidelines are mainly guidance for people to follow after being vaccinated.

What has changed:

- may gather indoors with people who are fully vaccinated, without masks.
- may gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household, without masks, as long as anyone in that household is not at high risk for severe illness from COVID.
- If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms.

What has not changed:

- Still need to take steps to protect yourself and others: wear a mask, stay six feet apart, wash or sanitize hands often and avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.
- avoid medium or large sized gatherings.
- You should still watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you've been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested and stay home and away from others.
 - This doesn't change our plans for Trinity! ALL are welcome; we can not differentiate between vaccinated and unvaccinated worshippers.
 - Still need to abide by masks and social distancing.

- b. Change in plans for Holy Week?

- ELCA Guidelines for Easter week liturgy and communion distribution has not changed from prior publishing – May 12, 2020.
- If outdoors:
 - Liturgy may be spoken with a single leader or chanted by a cantor, at least 16 feet away from others and masked.
 - There may be limited congregational responses, either mouthed or spoken at a low volume. (avoid whispering as that expels more aerosols)
 - Distribution may be offered in both kinds in silence, following ELCA's standard guidance. Distribution should be done in silence as the minister and assistant are within six feet of each member.

- c. After Easter plans:

- Invite anyone who would like to attend in person worship to come.
- Back to sign-ups to assure proper spacing of people in worship space.
- Will not be able to have proper air flow until we can turn the heat off and open windows for cross ventilation.
- April 11 and 25 are prerecorded. Does not make sense to come inside for April 18.

- Decided it is best to start in-person worship on May 2nd; **provided COVID numbers do not get worse.** Outdoor temperature most likely to be more favorable. (May 9th scheduled at Germania Park)

3. FINAL PLANNING – HOLY WEEK & EASTER

- a. Palm Sunday – will be prerecorded on 3/14.
 - Mailing homemade Palm crosses to congregation (being made on 3/21)
- b. Maundy Thursday – live on 4/1.
- c. Good Friday – will be prerecorded on 3/21.
- d. Easter – 4/4. Changing to Setting 3
 - i. 9:30am at Germania Park.

Decorating team has the lists of things to go out to the Park and people assigned to do so. Help is always needed once they arrive at GP getting everything set up.
 - ii. With communion:
 - **Pastor and communion assistant will wear a mask and face shield. Therefore, it was decided by W&M that the words during distribution of the elements could be spoken.** (instead of silent as stated in ELCA guidelines)
 - Pastor will use bread, will be sanitizing hands so congregation can observe. No need to re-sanitize between persons unless touching occurs. If worshippers feel uncomfortable receiving either element they may take just one and it is considered full communion.
 - Reminder that cups need to be further apart in trays to avoid people touching other cups.
 - iii. Rain or shine, hot or cold. Dress accordingly! Right now, forecast mid 40's 😊.
 - iv. We have all the worship assistants on board.
 - Ushers will be Key Darrow and Beverly Dominkowitz. They will enforce social distancing. Acolyte is Samantha Dennig. Communion assistant is Maira Rogers. Lector is Lynda Pullis. Greeter is Kathy McFarland. Cantor is Austin Kurbansade.
 - v. Does the Easter service begin in silence? Could be Tricky! Decided we cannot control members totally. Ushers will escort worshippers to their seats and encourage them to stay seated and not to mingle.
 - vi. Music plans/ cantor; keyboard, Tech considerations, etc.
 - Katie can live stream Germania Park service to YouTube via phone – you go Katie!

4. FEEDBACK – RECENT SERVICES

- a. Ash Wednesday feedback
 - People really enjoyed the service – 58 views
 - people have noticed the altar appearance changes
- b. Lenten Sundays have used Service of the Word – no feedback received.
- c. Lenten Weds have used the ELW (red hymnal) Vespers.
 - no feedback. 36-37 views per week.

5. OTHER RECURRING BUSINESS

- a. Hymns: Ken will do April - TY
Pastor will do May – TY

- Julie will do June - TY
- b. Status of Cantors – Thank you to Kevin for continued work providing us with cantors! Very positive response from members regarding cantors. Cantors will need to be masked once we return to in-person worship.
 - c. Outdoor services at GP Second Sunday of month through September. 5/9, 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, and 9/12 (Energizer)
 - d. Did the schedule of prerecording plans help?
- Yes! Very positive response from Katie, Julie and Pastor.
 - e. There will be no prerecorded services for May, June, July or August.

6. ROUND TABLE/NEW BUSINESS

Julie: will be using sanctuary on May 23 for piano students Spring Recital. It will be recorded like in December for student's families only. Julie thanks TLC for giving her and her students this opportunity.

Pastor: Michael from media company will be installing additional lighting for the altar and areas of sanctuary that have had low light. Also, we will be receiving another wireless mike to use. (Hopefully this will solve tripping issue with the cord in church)

Next meeting scheduled for: **Tuesday April 20, 2021 (via Zoom)**

2021 future planned meeting dates: 5/18, 6/22, 7/20, 8/17, 9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/21

PARKING LOT:

- a. In person worship: What is necessary for us to resume "normal" "in person" worship?
- b. Is it worthwhile to try it again with limited seating capacity of 24 (max we can get with 6' spacing)? It is legal, but is it smart?
- c. Reconsider communion options after Easter
- d. New Hymnal "All Creation Sings" – report from Julie
- e. Future invite to Tim Weingert?