

Worship & Music Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 18

Attendees: Sheri, Kevin, Gordon, Pastor, Carol, Lynn, Julie

Excused: David, Joan, Jessie

- 1. OPENING DEVOTIONS** – Gordon Snyder: We all have favorite hymns. First one Gordon learned was Amazing Grace from his grandfather. Hx: John Newton was credited with writing the words of the hymn and it reflects John Newton's personal journey of spiritual transformation and gratitude for God's Grace, from being a former slave trader who later became a minister in the Church of England.

2. UPCOMING CALENDAR

Prep for Easter:

- Kathy will post first notice for purchasing Easter flowers in the bulletin/weekly email for Sunday, March 30.
- Palms to be available for stripping on Thursday, April 10. Elaine Tarantino has agreed to organize people to do palm stripping on Friday, April 11.

Easter Week:

- Palm Sunday - small brass group? Kevin needs to know hymns. Discussion on hymns. Pastor picked "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" Question if in past this was overused. Pastor will revisit hymns picked.
- Maundy Thursday – Foot washing and Eucharist.
 - Solo by Austin Kurbansade
 - Kevin is working on church décor. Thrivent action team for plan to have a palm grove down center aisle. Also, will create a side chapel for "a chapel in the round" with piano and more intimate "upper room" feel. (Some of the palms can be used in the decorations for Easter Sunday.)
- Good Friday – Solo by Robin Kurbansade
- Easter – Choir anthem.
 - Sheri will arrange flowers for Easter

Pentecost: June 8. Change in liturgy setting. Will decide which setting at May meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Singing the Psalms – Not much feedback either way. Worship and Music seem to like it and we have had some wonderful psalmists – Thank you to Sheri, Gordon, Kevin and Sandy!

Surge Protector/Insurance: Whole house surge protector installed and cost much less than expected – total cost \$400.00.

- Still looking into insurance, council keeping it on their agenda. Need new appraisal value of organ from Peragallo and looking into cost to replace 3 octaves of handbells.

4. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION OF ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Summer Church: Discussed having a summer gathering at Germania Park with other Lutheran churches like last summer. Request from other churches to have worship service prior to lunch. Would cater meal from Germania again – reasonably priced. Will have to discuss how to orchestrate worship service as this is a large undertaking.

Wedding Bells: Pastor Fred announced that he and Jhon will be getting married this summer! No date yet. Bishop will perform ceremony, and Julie will play the organ.

5. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hymn selection for May: Carol and Sandy

Opening devotions for May meeting: Lynn

6. CLOSING PRAYER

NO MEETING IN APRIL

NEXT MEETING: MAY 20 @ 7:00pm via Zoom