

Worship Committee Report to the Congregation Council March 9, 2009

The Worship Committee met on February 10, 2009.

We reviewed suggested changes from the Administration and Personnel Committee to the update of the Worship Committee policy page that had been submitted to the A & P Committee for review. The Worship Committee concurred with the proposed changes.

The committee reviewed and voted to approve the changes to the line item budget that had been developed by the chair to meet the 10% expenditure reduction. The tentative changes to our worship ministry to accommodate the expenditure reduction as proposed by the chair were also concurred with by consensus. Those changes and their impacts were reported in the January report from the chair. Our thanks to the Women of Trinity who have agreed to underwrite the cost of Easter and Christmas flowers to Trinity's homebound members, a cost that the Worship Committee could no longer support with the expenditure reduction. As part of our normal process for seeking donations for lilies at Easter and poinsettias at Christmas, we will be giving people the opportunity to contribute toward the cost of seasonal flowers for our homebound members to help offset the costs to the Women of Trinity.

The chair presented a report to the committee that tracks budgeted vs. actual expenditures at the sub-line item level and will help the committee to more accurately track and manage our budget on a monthly basis. This is particularly important since the committee only meets four times a year.

The chair also presented an Action Plan to track action items identified during meetings and to share the progress of those items on a monthly basis. In the past we have found that action items get lost in the context of the minutes and tend to get forgotten between our quarterly meetings. The committee concurred with the concept and the plan is now being actively used.

The committee decided to use our Instructive Liturgy bulletins again this year on one weekend. The pastors were given the discretion to determine the weekend and they have selected Easter Sunday, April 12; June 6-7, Confirmation; October 24-25, Reformation and January 9-10, 2010, the Baptism of Our Lord as the weekends when the bulletins will be used.

We did not have time to continue our strategic planning discussion from a worship perspective. However, the chair had discussed with Bishop Edmiston the possibility of an intern taking on a project to implement a new service to a targeted group that is one to whom we should be reaching out. Bishop Edmiston felt that the project had merit, although the selection of the project is up to the intern within established guidelines. However, he did feel that it was something that might be a point of discussion during his then upcoming interviews with potential interns. The Worship Committee welcomed the concept as a worthy project should an intern choose to undertake it.

Yours in Christ,
Jeff Weaver, Chair, Worship Committee

The following are some of the festival dates that could influence your planning in the coming year:

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday – Sunday, April 5, 2009
Maundy Thursday – Thursday, April 9, 2009
Good Friday – Friday, April 10, 2009
Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 11, 2009
Easter Day – Sunday, April 12, 2009
Ascension of Our Lord – Thursday, May 21, 2009
Day of Pentecost – Sunday, May 31, 2009
The Holy Trinity – Sunday, June 7, 2009
Reformation Sunday – Sunday, October 25, 2009
Christ the King – Sunday, November 22, 2009
1 Advent – Sunday, November 29, 2009
Christmas Day – Friday, December 25, 2009
Epiphany of Our Lord – Wednesday, January 6, 2010
Baptism of Our Lord - Sunday, January 10, 2010
Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, February 17, 2010
Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday – Sunday, March 28, 2010
Maundy Thursday – Thursday, April 1, 2010
Good Friday – Friday, April 2, 2010
Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 3, 2010
Easter Day – Sunday, April 4, 2010
Ascension of Our Lord – Thursday, May 13, 2010
Day of Pentecost – Sunday, May 23, 2010
The Holy Trinity – Sunday, May 30, 2010
Reformation Day – Sunday, October 31, 2010
Christ the King – Sunday, November 21, 2010
1 Advent – Sunday, November 28, 2010