

Worship Ministry Team
Report to the Congregation Council
September 14, 2009

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The Worship Ministry Team met on September 8, 2009.

Pastor Brock and Debbie Wilson reported on their experiences at *Let the River Flow II* conference, particularly as related to worship at Trinity.

We discussed the two questions concerning Trinity's Way of the Cross that had been raised at the May meeting:

- Should the WOTC be used every year or should there be some break?
- Should the WOTC be the same each time, or should we invite other artists to submit works that could be used on a rotational basis?

After considerable discussion, the Worship Ministry Team decided to consider using our current Way of the Cross experience every other year and then have a new team develop Way of the Cross or similar experiences for use every other year based on the lectionary cycle readings for the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday. So the schedule would look something like this:

- Holy Week 2010 – Way of the Cross I
- Holy Week 2011 – Way of the Cross or similar experience based on the Lectionary A readings for the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday.
- Holy Week 2012 – Way of the Cross I
- Holy Week 2013 – Way of the Cross or similar experience based on the Lectionary C readings for the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday.
- Holy Week 2014 – Way of the Cross I
- Holy Week 2015 – Way of the Cross or similar experience based on the Lectionary B readings for the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday.

Most of the remainder of the meeting was spent discussing HOW the Worship Ministry Team will use the Guiding Principles adopted by the congregation that are most relevant to carrying out our mission as a team. The four which we had determined to be most relevant are:

- We will provide inspiring worship services, offering a variety of opportunities to experience God's grace through Word and Sacrament.
- We will enhance our gift-based ministry that helps individuals identify, develop, and share their spiritual gifts and talents.
- We will foster an atmosphere of passionate spirituality that encourages each of us to live out our faith with commitment, fire, and enthusiasm.
- We will build effective structures, adapting to changing needs and new ideas as we continually discern God's will for us in this place.

As we struggled to try and be specific about the HOW role of the Worship Ministry Team in relation to the most relevant Guiding Principles, we arrived at the following conclusions:

- The HOW is a continually ongoing process, as opposed to a static list. What is most important is that we are open to being led in new or different directions as

- faithful followers of Christ and that we not be confined to “this is the way we’ve always done it”.
- In all ways, one of our principle roles is to support the staff that are called to a ministry of Word and Sacrament or are in supporting roles, particularly related to music ministry.
 - For providing inspiring worship services, we see our role as considering the context driven directions that our worship life needs to go to minister not only to our congregation, but to the community at large – the faithful and the seekers. In so doing we need to consider the Ws – the What, When, Where, Who and Why of our ongoing as well as our potential worship experiences.
 - For enhancing our gift-based ministry, we recognize that even as the Worship Ministry Team strives to look at the bigger picture of our worship life at Trinity and, as much as possible, leave the details of worship to be dealt with outside of our team meetings by staff and others, we need to provide meaning to all of the many tasks, regardless of how small they are, that are associated with our worship life and to make it clear that the people who are called to do those tasks are doing them to the glory of God.

At that point, we reached our closing time and ended our discussion. A copy of our Worship Ministry Team Mission Statement, with the HOWs developed to date is included below.

Copies of all pertinent Worship Ministry Team documents are available at all times on Trinity’s website at www.trinitycamphill.org, People and Groups and then click on [Worship](#).

Yours in Christ,
Jeff Weaver, Chair, Worship Ministry Team

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

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
Advent 1 – Sunday, November 28, 2010

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Lutheran Church of Camp
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**Vision - Disciples in the
Making, Making Disciples**

Church Mission - Called by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's Disciples, we seek to equip ourselves and others to live like Christ, and to be sent into the world proclaiming and living the Good News as daily witnesses of God's transforming love.

Guiding Principles -

- We will provide inspiring worship services, offering a variety of opportunities to experience God's grace through Word and Sacrament.
 - We will develop loving relationships with our sisters and brothers in this church family, as well as within our own families, and will practice genuine hospitality to those who differ from us.
 - We will create small groups where a sense of belonging in community is nurtured through fellowship, and where spiritual growth occurs through Bible study, faith conversation, and prayer.
 - We will enhance our gift-based ministry that helps individuals identify, develop, and share their spiritual gifts and talents.
 - We will nurture a need-oriented evangelism and social ministry that is both concerned with—and uses our resources to meet—the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our local and global neighbors.
 - We will foster an atmosphere of passionate spirituality that encourages each of us to live out our faith with commitment, fire, and enthusiasm.
 - We will use a leadership model that empowers, supports, motivates, and mentors individuals to be all God wants them to be.
 - We will build effective structures, adapting to changing needs and new ideas as we continually discern God's will for us in this place.
 - We will commit ourselves to practice stewardship of the earth, time, talent, and treasure.
 - We will work for justice and peace in our community and in our world.
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Purpose: In support of the Church's expressed Vision and Mission Statement, the Worship Ministry Team has adopted the following Mission Statement.

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How we will carry out this mission:

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