

Report to Council 11.10.18
Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Team
Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2018

Present:

Pr. Jack Horner

Pr. John Brock

Bob Foster

Kathy Powers

Pr. Liz Frey

Becky Enney

Tim Koch

Barbara Kriebel

Jane Killian

Robing for Communion

The CONSENSUS agreement of the Worship Team is that the use of robes for communion assistants is discontinued. Useful reasoning includes:

There is not a liturgical reason for this, but the need to get more lay people to act as communion assistants. More people volunteer when robes are not used.

A definition of **church** includes "The gathering of all believers around the means of grace." Though the wearing of robes to assist in communion may be nice and look good, it is *adiaphora*, not essential for salvation.

Themes, Preaching Schedule, and Seasonal Elements

Pr. Horner shared themes and preaching for the liturgical year beginning on December 2. He also shared a spreadsheet of seasonal elements. The season, color, setting, confession, creed, offering prayer, invitation to communion, post-communion prayer, blessing, and dismissal are identical in both spaces. The Kyrie, Hymn of Praise, and Gospel Processional are not used in the contemporary service, and the Eucharistic Prayer is different in each space.

The pastors report that the 8:30 and 11:00 times for Sunday services are working for them. The Worship Team is in favor of one preacher for all services and the same start and end times for services.

Ushers

Bob is finalizing the Christmas Eve schedule. The five services require many ushers.

Dan Reed, who coordinates the ushers at the Contemporary service, has compiled a list of usher responsibilities for that service. It is similar in most respects to the jobs of the ushers at the Traditional service. Dan's document is complete, though it may be tweaked. Bob has someone who will write a similar list for the Traditional services, which require more ushers and covers more physical area. Jane will attach Dan's work (Jane's editing) for the Worship Team to see now.

Altar Care and Traditional Communion

More communion stations are being used at times. In the Traditional service, the first Sunday of the month now offers both rail communion with the pouring of wine and communion by intinction on the floor as on other Sundays. This will continue the tradition of rail communion and better address accessibility. As always, communion is offered to those who do not have the mobility to leave the pew.

Decorations

Linda Folds is Kathy's co-chair for decorating. Advent decorations are appearing in stages.

Pr. Jack will talk to Bruce Bigelow about some outdoor lights for Christmas Eve.

Arm Chairs for Fellowship Hall

This order should arrive the week of December 3.

Way of the Cross

For Holy Week in 2019, we will use the Way of the Cross that is set up in the hallway between the library and chapel.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 27, 4:00 pm *NOTE THE CHANGE OF DAY AND TIME

Submitted by Jane Killian, Worship Team Facilitator