

Report to Congregation Council, March 2021 Meeting

Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Team

From the minutes of the February 10 Zoom meeting:

Welcome to Dan Reed, who joins the Worship Team in his capacity as the Head Usher for Fellowship Hall worship space. We thank him for his good ideas and his connection to the Property Committee.

Pastors

The worship schedule as we move later this year to less social distancing (we are hopeful) has not yet been determined, but we are watching it to evolve.

By ELCA guidelines of counting attendance at online worship, Trinity has seen a 21% increase in worshippers for 2020.

Pr. Horner addressed the permanent use of a smaller altar in the center of the Chancel. The pastors are in favor of this, and the committee agreed. Discussion followed with no decisions made about frontal cloths and communion distribution at the rail.

Shunk Memorial funds for an iconographic work has begun. The artist updates Pr. Horner regularly. Still to be decided is where the finished work, a bit bigger than 16 by 20 inches, will hang.

The Team looked at the schedule for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday. Many thanks to the staff for putting together a new and ambitious schedule for worship and faith formation.

The Team discussed how we can continue to use the Chapel as we permanently move away from a Thursday evening chapel service. No decisions were made other than to agree to keep it as a worshipful space in use whenever possible.

Decorations

Kathy, Steve, and Jane decided to order flowers for Easter as was done in 2019, lilies, tulips, hyacinth, and daffodils. Donations will be available, and a bulletin listing will be included. Kathy will conjure up her creativity to decorate the front and windowsills of both worship spaces for Lent and Easter.

Altar Care

As a Lenten discipline, no altar flowers will be included during the six Sundays of Lent. Look for shrouded crosses in place of flowers in both worship spaces.

Self-contained Communion elements will be in baskets at the entry of both worship spaces for in person services. Those attending will take one apiece and a bulletin from a table near the entry door.

Ushers and Greeters

Bob and Steve will work to conduct a Zoom meeting of head ushers to determine a new normal for usher responsibilities. This will be in place for February 21 as we resume in person worship and as construction continues and winds down. For now there are fewer ushers willing to serve. Greeters will be at entry doors; Jane is working on a new list of available greeters.

Next Regular Meeting: May 19, 2021, 10:00AM via Zoom