

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2023

In Attendance

Pastor Jack Horner, Tim Koch, Bob Foster, Steve Kauffman, Fran Jacobs, Donna Campbell, Pastor Liz Frey, Debbie Wilson, and Julie Ward. Pastor John Brock was on vacation. Dan Reed and Jane Killian were excused.

Budget

- Extensive discussion regarding ideas to bridge the budget gap, especially for communion elements and altar flowers.
 - Approximately 5 boxes (5,000 prepackaged cups) in current inventory. Estimate 2,000 needed for Christmas services.
 - Beginning in January 2024, communion will be served by intinction only, with a small reserve of prepackaged cups for persons with mobility issues. At this time, no split chalice will be used to commune those remaining in the pews.
 - Minimum donation/reimbursement for altar flowers will be raised to \$50. Currently \$40.
 - No fresh flowers during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and the summer.
 - Pastor Jack led discussion on ideas to incorporate creative themes for those seasons, much like the display in front of the altar during Thanksgiving.
 - Discussion regarding purchasing wholesale flowers and volunteers to create flower arrangements. Pastor Jack has already spoken with a few volunteers who would be willing to form a flower ministry team.
 - Brief discussion was held regarding need/cost for devotionals. No changes as devotionals continue to be popular with the congregation.

Services

- Reviewed themes for Advent through Epiphany – Now is the Time.....It is Time.
- Pastor Jack is planning Vespers for Lent – considering earlier service at 5:30 p.m. to be held in the Chapel.
- Blue Christmas service will be held on December 16th.

Altar Care

- We have two new volunteers to assist with preparing communion elements for the 11:00 service.

Ushers

- Dan relayed that ushers and communion assistants are covered for contemporary services through December.

NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
(changed from February 14th to reserve the day for our Valentine)