

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Clarks Summit , PA**

Worship Ministry Team

Contemporary Worship Task Force: Monday, January 5, 2009

Members Present:

Pastor George Mathews, Kathy Mathews, Bill Oehler, Tammy Rade, Esther Semken, Martin Semken, and Tim Sheffler.

Opening:

Pastor Mathews opened the meeting with a prayer.

Items of Business:

We reviewed and approved the Contemporary Worship Sub-Committee Charter.

The first contemporary worship service (*after the trial period last spring*) was held on Sunday, January 4. In general it was felt that it was a good start but still needed a lot of work. The following comments were made:

Tim noted there were excessively long pauses before some of the music selections played. Kathy observed that many of the pauses would be reduced if the operator waits to push "pause button" on the DVD player until after the next track number appears on the player display.

Tim suggested we might consider the use of a spoken service.

There might still be a problem with the size of the text being displayed on the plasma screen being too small. We will wait a few weeks to determine if this is a continuing problem, or if the present format is something to which worshippers will be able to adjust.

The music for the hymns needs to be further improved. What we have is a good start, but we need music to which the congregation will be able to more readily sing. Bill and Pastor are continuing to search for musical recordings that will more adequately support the singing of the hymns. Esther indicated that she also will search and review music that will address this problem. Most of the recorded music that is available has been arranged for performances by a single or group of vocalists and therefore does not easily lend itself to the support of the singing of hymns by the congregation.

Bill suggested the possibility of the use of the Setting 8 from "*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*" as it reflects more of the style of contemporary and praise hymns. Setting 2 from "*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*" is currently being used because it is an easier setting to learn.

Esther suggested that when we get to the point of using live voices for the support of congregational singing, that we might consider students from Baptist Bible Seminary.

Tammy, Tim, Martin and Bill agreed to be operators of the audio and video presentations during the liturgies, but that instruction on both audio and video will be needed.

Tammy, if she is available, offered to officiate at a "Deacon's Mass" (*using previously consecrated elements*) when Pastor is on vacation. (Thank you Tammy.)

Next Three Meetings:

The next three meetings will be held on February 2, March 2 and April 6 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment:

Meeting with thee Lord's Prayer.

Minutes recorded by:
Jan Hess