

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Clarks Summit , PA**

Worship Ministry Team

Contemporary Worship Task Force: Monday, February 2, 2009

Members Present:

Pastor George Mathews, Kathy Mathews, Nancy Pacyna, and Dick Yost (*guest*).

Opening:

Pastor Mathews opened the meeting with a prayer.

Items of Business:

At the time of this meeting, five contemporary worship services have been held since the trial period last spring. Attendance has been encouraging with approximately 20 persons usually being in attendance (*with the exception of Sunday 18 when there was a weekend snow storm*).

It is very important that lay leaders be scheduled in advance, including an audio operator, a video operator, and an acolyte. On February 1 the pastor ran the video (controlling PowerPoint while conducting the service). Although this did work out with minimal problems, it should be avoided

The pastor has produced several copies of music CDs for distribution to the congregation that contain 18 songs that are currently being used for the contemporary services. More than 2 dozen have been picked up so far.

We are also aware that as we proceed with the use of copyrighted music in the future, it will be important to obtain a blanket license to avoid copyright infringements. Two organizations are being researched that provide this licensing service: "*Christian Copyright Licensing International*" and "*OneLicense.net*." It should be noted that copyright infringements even include such activities as the recording of services for shut-ins, printing of words of hymns in booklets, and the display of lyrics on a screen during worship.

The pastor noted that on Sunday, January 25 he attended the contemporary service that was held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Woodstock, Georgia. That congregation has been presenting a contemporary worship service since 1999. Among the first things that the congregation did when it implemented a contemporary worship service was to employ a part time contemporary worship coordinator who is responsible for making sure that all details for each service are in place on a weekly basis. This congregation utilizes live voices and musical instruments for congregational support. As our service matures, and we anticipate a transition to live music on either an occasional or regular basis, this is something that we might have to consider.

Other Issues Under Consideration:

Other issues under consideration for discussion at subsequent meetings include:

- the use of Setting 8 from "*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*."

- attention to the development of a volunteer schedule to cover responsibilities at each service.
- a transition to live music at some or all of the services. *(We will need to research what is available in our area i.e. local music stores/instructors, college music programs, etc., and we will need to develop a budget to proceed).*
- consideration of options to continue the contemporary worship service in the summer.

Next Meetings:

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

Adjournment:

Meeting with thee Lord's Prayer.

Minutes recorded by:
George Mathews

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