

Trinity Lutheran Church

Worship Ministry Team

Meeting Minutes – November 5, 2009

Attendees: (*Members Present*) – Pr. Mathews, Bob Davies (Chair), Edie Lloyd, Stephen Bettum, Susan Bettum, Suzanne Bolig, Rita Evans, Marci McDermott, Bill Oehler, Bob Smith and Dee Smith

(*Members Absent*) – Pat Kiefer

Guest: Confirmation student Martha Phillips

Items of Business:

Altar Guild:

Pat Kiefer submitted the following report to Bob Davies:

- She is ordering a plain fair linen.
- There are two new Altar Guild members: Betty Rowlands and Claire Wagner.

Contemporary Service:

Bill Oehler reported that the attendance at this service is between 12 and 20.

Pastor's Vacation Schedule for 2010:

Pastor Lynn Rothrock is covering for the following weekends:

- April 24 and 25
- June 5 and 6
- October 23 and 24

We still need coverage for the following weekends:

- January 23 and 24
- August 7 and 8

Marci will check with her father if he can do the weekend in January. However, she is fairly certain he will not be able to do the August weekend.

Hymns during Communion:

Since a number of Council members indicated that they enjoyed singing hymns during communion, it was decided to resume the practice, with several conditions. We suggested doing more familiar hymns, singing the hymn through without stopping between each verse, singing more softly and putting the words up on the screen for the congregation. Pastor also suggested that we not sing communion hymns during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent.

Advent Wreath:

Bob Smith and Bob Davies will set up the Advent wreath after the 10:30 service on Sunday, November 22.

Christmas Decorating:

Decorating the church and the tree will be done after the 10:30 service on Sunday, December 20. Although there is also a reception for the First Communion class, it was agreed that the decorating wouldn't interfere with that. Pastor will make an announcement inviting the entire congregation to participate in the decorating. It was noted that 100 new crismons have been made by members of the congregation throughout the year.

We will take down the decorations after church on Sunday, January 10.

Choir Festival:

Our choir is invited to participate in a choir festival held at Clarks Summit United Methodist Church on Sunday, January 31 at 3 p.m. Each participating choir will be asked to perform two anthems. Most choir members at our meeting indicated they were interested. However, before we commit, we need to get consensus from the entire choir, since we will need everyone's participation. Rita Evans will speak to the director, Laurie Kerber, to find out what the deadline is for letting them know.

Visit from Pastor Kurt Garbe:

Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Kurt Garbe, will be visiting Trinity the weekend of November 21/22 and will be attending all three services.

Concerts:

Please note the following two concerts for the holiday season:

- Sunday, December 13 @ 7 p.m. – The Wally Gordon Singers will present a free Concert at the Clarks Summit United Methodist Church.
- Sunday, December 20 @ 3 p.m. – The Robert Dale Chorale will present their 26th annual Messiah Sing-Along at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Scranton. Ticket prices for this are: General \$15, Seniors/WVIA Members \$12, Students \$7, Under 12 Free when accompanied by a parent

Lent:

Ash Wednesday is February 17. We need to start thinking about ideas for the Wednesday Lenten services.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at the Parish House on Thursday, February 4th at 7:30 pm.

Closing:

The meeting closed at 8:15 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by G. Susan Bettum
November 6, 2009