

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN Board of Worship & Congregational Life

Minutes – **Thursday, January 3, 2019 — 6:30 p.m.**

Members present: Jane Miller, Vicky Anderson, Katie Berning, Tony Smith, Susan Bartholomew, Pastor Paul (left early to go to Board of Youth meeting) and Jerry Randall

Devotions – Jane Miller gave a devotion on “Light”, the focus of Epiphany

Worship Service Updates:

- Attendance: Average **Recorded Weekly** Worship Attendance in Dec: 168 (168 in 2017) (Totals for the 5 weeks was 840 in 2018 and 842 in 2017). Additionally, Christmas Service Attendance was 304 in 2018 and 266 in 2017 (218 & 86 in 2018; 201 & 65 in 2017). Average weekly worship attendance (both Sunday and Wednesday services) in 2018 was 172 compared to 170 in 2017.
- Update on Lent: Water, the symbol of creation, baptism and rebirth, healing and renewal, will be the focus of our 2019 Lenten services. Focus will be on five Biblical stories involving water.

Old Business:

- Article regarding scheduling temple talks will appear in January *Epistle*.
- The Sunday of the church year has been added to the bulletin each week.
- Notice is now in bulletin regarding letting usher know if one wishes communion in the pew & pastor is also announcing this during the service
- Settings for Sunday festival services will normally be traditional
- Proposed 2019 Budget was accepted by Council

New Business:

- Coffee Hour January 20 will honor Gary Turner’s retirement from working with the sound system
- Pastor will ask Kristina to include the lead-in language for lectionary lessons
- Board waiting for Board of Youth’s input regarding a 7 a.m. sunrise service for Easter (Board of Youth also met January 3 & they were okay with the 7 a.m. service)
- Service communication with Sound System personnel: Discussion with Jerry Randall regarding persons working sound would like more input about what’s happening at services prior to start of service. Jerry will be added to the calendar used by Kristina & the musicians for planning services. All information about Sunday services appears on this calendar by noon the preceding Wednesday. Jerry reminded Celebration Singers of the 9 a.m. meeting on Saturday, January 12, to set up mics for each individual.
- Communion registration will stay in place and be encouraged. Pastor Paul stated one use of these cards is awareness of a change in communing by an individual, which may indicate the need for a pastoral call.
- Recommendation was made to look at having Confirmation on a Sunday other than Reformation Sunday so that both days get full recognition

Next Meeting: Devotions – Tony Smith

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.