

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN Board of Worship & Congregational Life

MINUTES – **Wednesday, March 13, 2019 — 6:30 p.m.**

Devotions – Jane Miller shared “A Prayer for Those in Ministry” from “Praise Him for Lutherans” pamphlet available at the welcome desk.

Worship Service Updates:

- Attendance: Average **Recorded Weekly** Worship Attendance in Jan: 181 (171 in 2018); in Feb: 164 (missing 2 Wednesday services) (in 2018 - 192 includes Ash Wed & 2 Lent. One Sunday was a snowstorm). Ash Wednesday was down: 2019 – 115 and 2018 - 155
- Update on Lent: “Wade in the Water,” the focus of our 2019 Lenten services, will cover the Water of Creation, the Water of the Flood, the Water of the Exodus, the Water of the Well, and the Water that Jesus Calms. Members are encouraged to join Immanuel’s Lenten journey on Instagram.
- Pulpit supply: Chaplain Steve Carlson will speak on Wednesday, March 20, and Rev. Jerry Larson will be here Sunday, March 24. No liturgist will be needed for either service.
- Maundy Thursday & Good Friday services will be at 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday will include the First Communion service. Easter services are set for 7 a.m. & 9 a.m. with the youth serving breakfast in between services. Board approved using last year’s Holy Week ad with updated dates & times. Suggestion was made for the Good Friday “Stations of the Cross” to use members other than those who had done it the past two years.

Old Business:

- Reminder to schedule temple talks through the office (Notice to that effect was in January *Epistle*).
- The Sunday of the church year needs to be included in the bulletin each week.
- Bulletin notice & Pastor’s announcement regarding letting usher know if one wishes communion in the pew is now in place
- Proposed 2019 Budget was adopted by Congregation with no changes
- Confirmation will be Sunday, October 6, 2019 to separate it from celebrating Reformation Sunday. Board recommended to hold a Confirmation Breakfast at 8 a.m. prior to the 9 a.m. service (One service only on Confirmation Sunday). It was recommended the Board in conjunction with Youth Board look into special ways in which the congregation could welcome the confirmands when they enter the sanctuary.

New Business:

- Update from Jerry Randall regarding sound system: Due to technical difficulties, Sunday services are not being recorded at this time (they have not been recorded since December). Sound techs are working on learning “First things, first” with the new system. As those are resolved, additional uses of the system will be addressed. Several ideas are being explored regarding how to best use the new system for outreach.
- Karen Randall asked for Board input regarding starting a choir. Brenda Brown, who has been directing a choir for the Festive services of Christmas & New Years, has advised Karen she (Brenda) simply does not have the time to direct a full-time choir. As a first step, Board advised Karen to find someone who can accompany the choir and then to advertise for singers in the April *Epistle*. Karen will set up an informational meeting for those interested (probably Saturday, April 13). (Following the meeting Vicky Anderson agreed to play for the choir).

- A Baptismal Font will be built by Tom Miller & Dan Engblom in the style of the current altar and reading stand.
- Board of CL&W is responsible for Lenten Supper April 3. Jane will contact Proclamation Ringers to see if any of them can help.
- To differentiate from the new Prayer Concerns each week, the designation “Ongoing Concerns” will be added for those persons who have ongoing issues. The Prayer Concerns may also be added to the weekly e-mail notifications “WOW” and “This Week at Immanuel”.
- Adult & Teen Challenge Choir has requested a return visit to Immanuel the first Sunday in November. Since that is All Saints Sunday the Board suggested they come a different week in November. It also was suggested that whenever they do schedule a visit, the service that Sunday should be a Celebrations service.

Next Meeting: Devotions – Tony Smith

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

- Summer worship plans will be on the agenda
- Time for another outdoor service?