

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN Board of Worship & Congregational Life

MINUTES – **Tuesday, April 2, 2019 — 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Tony Smith, Jerry Randall, Karen Randall, Pastor Paul Brown, Vicky Anderson, Jane Miller, Susan Bartholomew

Devotions – Tony Smith “Change Is Stressful”

Worship Service Updates:

- Attendance: Average **Recorded** Worship Attendance in March for **Sundays Only**:
 - 2019 - 144 *One Sunday only had 40 in attendance due to cold & ice*
 - 2018 - 202 *However one of the 2018 Sunday services was Easter with 344 in attendance.*
 - *If one counts only 4 regular Sundays [not counting Easter in 2018 nor the cold Sunday in 2019] the 2019 average was 169 and the 2018 was 166).*
- Update on Lent: The first three Lenten services averaged 98 in 2019 and 101 in 2018. There are two more “Wade in the Water” Lenten services that will focus on the Water of the Well and the Water that Jesus Calms. Lenten Instagram project slow in getting started – very few “water” pictures added but several non-water related items posted. This is a learning process & will be used again.
- Lenten Supper: CLW Board is in charge April 3 (this Wednesday). Food is being provided by members of the Board & Eunice Circle, and Ruth Circle will provide workers with Board Members helping with serving and/or clean-up.
- Maundy Thursday & Good Friday services - 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday includes First Communion service. Good Friday service will be “Live Stations of the Cross”. Easter services are set for 7 a.m. & 9 a.m. with the youth serving breakfast in between services. Holy Week ad was placed with ECM.
- Pulpit supply will be needed for the first Sunday in May (Synod Assembly weekend) and Wednesday, May 15.

Old Business:

- Ideas needed for special way in which the congregation could welcome the confirmands when they enter the sanctuary on Confirmation Sunday, October 6. Red is the color of the day.
- Baptismal Font plans update – Plan is for the font to match the style of altar & reader’s stand. It will not have flowing water.

New Business:

- Update from Jerry Randall regarding sound system: Sermons now available on the website. Checking will be done regarding music license requirements regarding recording of entire services. Up to 10 sermons can be placed on the website. It was recommended to post sermons that flow together such as in a sermon series, or in a season of the Church Year.
- Sermon Titles will be used in future
- Easter Season (After Easter Sunday through Pentecost, June 2) will be lectionary based.
- Congregational Life – Discussion as to whether a sub-committee should be formed to focus on planning Congregational Life activities (fellowship, Bible study groups, etc.)
- Use of Processional Cross at Synod Assembly was approved by the Board

- Summer Worship Discussion: Possible Sunday outdoor service (June 30 is a 5th Sunday) at Mark Park. Recommendation to use guitars only to simplify setting up. Also discussed having outdoor services on Wednesday evenings.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. Devotions – Katie Berning