

Minutes for the Worship Committee Meeting on January 12, 2021

The members of the committee met on Zoom with Michelle Angeli serving as hostess. Members present were Michelle Angeli, Charlie Frater, Jackie Abend, Kate Hausner, Sandi Corwin, Cyndie Dixon, Charlton Henry, Pastor Teklu, and Jane Felsentreger.

Jane Felsentreger, chairman, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Jane reported that she had had a Strategic Plan call conference with Zac Huffman, President, and Pastor Teklu with the purpose of prioritizing the committee's top three. Number one: Each Sunday have both a traditional and contemporary service. Number two: Hire a choir director to begin to rebuild the choral program. Number three: Build the tech team.

Jane also reported that she was invited and did attend a meeting of the Worship/Tech Team called by Del Jenstrom on Sunday evening, January 3rd. During the meeting comments and suggestions were presented. She felt it was her duty and responsibility to present the results of this meeting to the committee.

The Michelle and Charlie were praised for their work, progress, and successes in the streaming of our services.

The following items were suggestions for church services:

- *Initial plan was for the service to be 45 minutes in length.
- *Services were to be 50/50. Michelle explained that 50/50 did not just include music, but the confessions, creeds, benedictions and other parts of the service resulting in 50% traditional and 50% contemporary.
- *Use of videos. The feeling of the committee was that some were too long and some inappropriate. The videos used for telling Bible stories as part of Sunday School were well received.
- *Methods of collecting prayers for the general prayer. Prayer requests can be emailed to the church's secretary, the Pastor, or the web page.
- *With the streaming services it is important to engage those watching by looking into the camera. It was noted that it is difficult to do that with an empty church. Sandi Corwin suggested that Pastor talk directly to the youth (teens) during his sermon.
- *The streaming should flow and eliminate pauses in the service.
- *Because many viewers are turning the streaming off after the general prayers,

the streaming on Sunday, January 10th, had the general prayers, hymn/song, benediction, and dismissal. The communion portion of the service has been eliminated from the streaming.

It was reported that 25 people received communion in the parking lot on Christmas Eve and 20 people on January 10th. Communion in the parking lot will continue every other week.

*It was also noted that many people watching the service after the live streaming are fast forwarding and going straight to the scriptures, sermon, and prayers. Many of these suggestions from Del Jenstrom's meeting have been incorporated in the service.

New Business

Ash Wednesday - February 17 - Ashes to Go

Ashes to Go will be available 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday service will be streamed from 7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Michelle Angeli will prepare a card listing all the services thru Easter that will be presented to those you receive ashes.

There will be six mid-week Wednesday Lenten services. The six mid-week services are on February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. The sixth on March 31st is during Holy Week. Maundy Thursday will be celebrated on April 1st, and Good Friday, April 2nd. The theme of these mid-week services is "Humbled by God's Grace" with reflections on "what Christ did for us". They will be liturgical. Daily devotions will continue appropriate for the Lenten season.

Jackie Abend reported that she will be gone from January 28th until February 25th. If there are any questions or concerns contact Lind Craig.

The remainder of the services – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter – will be held over for our next meeting on Tuesday, February 9th, at 7:00 p.m. with Michelle hosting. Hopefully we will have some answers concerning reopening and in-person worship. We will continue to monitor our streaming services and evaluate their progress.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Pastor Teklu.

Submitted by,

Jane Felsentreger, Worship Committee Chairman