

Minutes of Worship/Music Committee on 1/30/2017

Present were: Pat Jensen, Maureen Smyth, Gwen Marsh, Pastor Zimbelman, and Helen Sparks.

Pat opened with a brief devotion.

We opened discussion regarding Christmas Services from 2016. We felt pretty good about everything.

If we plan to go outside and sing Silent Night this year. We need to make sure the outside lights will be on at the school. This will depend on the weather.

Pat asked Pastor about the signs being out for Sunday services at MLC 24 hours in advance. She was wondering if the evangelism committee could look into changeable time on the signs for listing our Christmas Eve service time also. Pastor will check and see about the cost.

MLC will host the Ash Wednesday service with Journey Methodist with Pastor Kim this year. We will have the traditional Lutheran Ash Wednesday service with Communion. Gwen will be in touch with Pastor Kim to inquire if he would like our choir (MLC) to sing at the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services with Journey.

Pastor has ordered some new movies to be shown at the Oldfield's home on the Wednesdays during Lent. We will be supporting the ELCA World Hunger Appeal this year.

We talked quite a bit about the Palm Sunday Service. We will not be going outside. The service will be done as usual inside the building. We would like the children to sing with the choir and also for the children to process during the opening hymn while holding their palms. The Chime Choir will ring for the prelude. Mrs. Fix has sold her house in Province. So Maureen will check with some florist regarding Palms. Otherwise we will order them from Autom (Catholic Catalog). Very reasonable.

Easter Sunday will be our traditional service. We discussed the plan for flowers. We will request no lilies. Too many allergies to deal with. We will have Sue advertise in the bulletin about bringing Tulips, and other non-pollinating plants.

The Choir will sing through Easter. Chimes will ring in Lent through Easter. We received an interesting request from Iris Lamanna (director of the Province Chorale for the Christmas concert). She would like the MLC Choir Chime to ring for the Province Christmas concert in December. I will check with the group and see how they fill about it. We will have to learn some new music to accompany the choir, but would be great exposure for MLC!

We have picked up the baptismal font from Trinity Lutheran in Wilcox, AZ. Sue Fletcher has it at her home. Pastor said when he has a baptism next, he will use this font.

Pat talked a little about the fourth Sunday in Advent also being Christmas Eve that night. She has talked to Julie about the children in Sunday School presenting a Christmas pageant or some other short Christmas program on Sunday morning of December 24. She will get back to Pat closer to Christmas and see if that might work. We would like to include the children even though it may only be a few of them.

Pastor suggested that we get antibacterial gel for the congregation to use if they so wish, when they come up for communion. Helen will purchase two big bottles. One in the front by the altar and one on the back table.

Pastor told us about a meeting being held at the Villages in March regarding planning for new church programs or things people would like to see happen at MLC. Gwen and I expressed an interest in going to this. Time and day will be decided soon.

Terry Oldfield took the keyboard case in to Sam Ash's. They gave us a new case. Very nice of them. We need to be more careful when packing the keyboard.

Our committee has also begun planning for MLC's 5th anniversary as a chartered congregation, which took place on February 10, 2013. We will celebrate it on February 11, 2018. We would like to work with the council to have a major celebration. We are getting information for a commissioned piece of music from composer Jackie May (who lives in Florida) for our choir to sing at this event. We will present this idea at the meeting in March.

Mrs. Richardson had offered to bake bread for communion at MLC. After some discussion, we decided not to accept this offer. We will continue to use the wafers.

We ended with a beautiful prayer from Pastor Glenn.

We are so glad to have such great people on this committee.

Our next meeting will be April 18 (Tuesday) at 10:30 am at my home. Everyone was agreeable.

With regret our friend Lyn has decided to resign from our committee. She will be missed. Thank you Lyn for your contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Jensen

Chair of Worship and Music