

**Worship Team Agenda:
July 31, 2012 7:00 pm**

Committee members present: Diane Meyer, Deb Welander, Nancy Haese, Patty Denson, Leah Wisnewski, Steve Meyer, Meredith Hink.

Old Business

Combined Services in the summer:

Our team thought that the summer services were a good blend of styles. Pastor Steve did a nice job mixing some liturgy with the contemporary style. (Pastor Steve said that he had a few complaints that it was not more traditional and a few complaints that it wasn't more contemporary.)

All of us agreed that it was great to have a variety of people leading the service and having the congregation united for one service, opening the path even wider for a unified congregation. The committee also recommended that we keep a sign up sheet/google doc. for the band at the 10:15 service, making sure we do not overlap drummers, etc. Those that took part in the band this summer thought it worked well for scheduling.

Policies:

Nancy Haese in coordination with Pastor Steve has been working on three major policies, Wedding, Funeral, and Baptism. The worship committee took time to reflect, discuss and add suggestions to the various policies. The policies are very easy to read, reflect our church's ideology, and give concrete guidance. We would like to thank Nancy Haese for all of her research, composition, and final coordination with Pastor Steve and the worship team. Nancy will be amending the drafts and then will put them in pamphlet form. Pastor Steve will be putting the policies on the Journey website when finalized.

JourneyFest

On September 22 and 23 our church will have a special event, inviting the community to be a part of our celebration. Special musicians: Hans Mayer (22) and String Ties (23) have been hired to be guest musicians. These musician's costs will be funded from memorial funds and special worship funds. It was suggested that perhaps on that Sunday, that we could have outside services that day, since there will already be a stage area set up from the following day. Pastor Steve will coordinate this with Larry Dalton (String Ties). The church choir will also be present at both services, so if it is outside, we will bring out an electric piano. If it looks like rain, then the services would be held inside. There is a special church committee set up for JourneyFest that will be coordinating events, volunteers, etc.

New Business

Worship for Fall

Sundays: 8:00 am and 10:15 am

Wednesdays: 7:00 pm (tentative, Pastor is still considering a time change, dependent on confirmations, etc.)

•Time changes: Journey will begin two services on Sunday, September 9, 2012. Pastor was concerned about lack of time in between the services. The committee discussed time changes for the services. We concluded that it was easier to start the first service earlier, then to try to start the second service at a later time. Therefore, early traditional service will start at 8:00 am and the contemporary service will remain at 10:15 am. We will also be moving the Wednesday night services back to the Journey Lutheran site on September 5, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

•Liturgical Settings: The early traditional service will remain with the WOV liturgy setting until the Advent season.

Narrative Lectionary:

Pastor Steve led a discussion on the use of The Narrative Lectionary that he plans to use, beginning in September. The three ELCA churches in Holmen will be using this lectionary. The narrative lectionary came

from Luther Seminary and is a set of readings for Christian worship, which moves through the overarching biblical story in a nine-month period. The lectionary is set in a four-year cycle. We will begin our use in Year 3, the year of Luke. *“The lectionary respects the traditional Christian church year, with its principal festivals and seasons. It also respects the rhythms of the school year, which influence the program lives of many congregations. It moves in the fall through the Old Testament culminating with the promise of the Messiah during December (Advent). In the winter, the narrative moves in order through one Gospel...tracing the story of Jesus in canonical order from birth...ministry...passion... and resurrection at Easter. In spring, it engages part of the story of the early church (Acts and other New Testament Readings).”* The narrative lectionary this year will run from September 9, 2012 to May 19, 2013.

Differences: Our committee had a discussion about the differences in the traditional 3-year lectionary and the Narrative lectionary. In reflection, it will be more noticed in the liturgical planning than in the contemporary service. The actual Gospel reading will not be used, but at that time in the service the Narrative Biblical reading will be read. (Though there is a Gospel reading if the pastor chooses to use it.) We will still use the liturgical format, psalms will still be incorporated, order of communion will still be celebrated, etc. The difference: 1st and 2nd readings and the gospel are replaced with the narrative Biblical reading. It makes a difference when planning hymns. The ELW is based on the traditional 3-year common lectionary. But, it also has hymns set in thematic categories. The Sundays and Season website is also based on the 3-Year Common Lectionary. Therefore, those hymns set up for the church year are with different readings. Good news: both Pastor Steve and I have found resources that have hymn planning incorporated into them for the Narrative Lectionary. This will be a learning curve for those of us steeped in the traditional lectionary.

Choir: Music is published (and our files are full of music) based on scripture that surround the 3-year lectionary. I usually have the choir anthems planned by now, but I do not know if I will have 3 months of anthems planned by September 9. The choir will have to be patient. I will have a schedule planned, but not always the anthem. There will be a lot of research on my part.

Other:

Planning ahead:

- November 11: Bishop invited to be part of our service, celebrating one-year anniversary Sunday.
- Lent: discussion of the use of “eco” palms, order sustainable palms, reflects on our church’s ideology as well
- Database of hymns: we will start to inventory dates of use.

Next meeting: Aug. 14th @ 6:30. Hymn planning only. (This may have to change, I might be out of town.)
Hymn planning for 8:00 service to be done during that time for Sept, Oct. Nov.

Additional information:

<http://www.workingpreacher.org> (you will find information on the lectionary)

<http://www.ClergyStuff.com> (Steve will be purchasing a subscription to this site.)

Copied this info for anyone interested in joining the Google group.

Where do I find additional resources? There is a [Narrative Lectionary Google Group](#) where other participants upload and share resources (including weekly prayers) and discussion about adapting the narrative lectionary for their ministry context. Visit the group and find resources at <https://groups.google.com/forum/#%21forum/narrativelectionary>.