

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN Board of Worship & Congregational Life

MINUTES – **TUESDAY, January 5, 2021 - 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Meeting**

Members Present: Pastor Paul, Jane Miller, Jerry & Karen Randall, Vicky Anderson, George G. Walker, Teri Tou and Susan Bartholomew

Devotions: Jane - Genesis 1:1--5

Discussion Items:

- Welcome to the Board: Teri Tou & Jerry Randall.
- Review of Christmas services. 2020 was a learning experience. Many new things were tried, some of which proved problematic. We move ahead with new knowledge.
- Best year for the Christmas bell sale. Total to date is \$2,960. There are still a few bells available.
- Resumption of live in-person worship will be determined by Smart Team/Council. When it does resume there will be one Sunday service at 9 a.m. and one Wednesday evening service at 6:30 p.m. These services will be both live and on-line. Smart Team will be asked to advise whether singing will be allowed.
- Sunday Online Worship: Discussion regarding having “trademark” opening music precede every worship service (prior to prelude music) to identify Immanuel Lutheran, Princeton. Also discussed including slides of the church facility during that time. Jerry Randall noted there is a time lag between the live service and what appears on-line so perhaps preludes should start earlier so that the actual service starts a couple minutes prior to the stated service time (example 8:57 a.m. live start for a 9 a.m. on-line start)
- Worship Leader Schedule for January: 3rd – Sondy Erickson; 10th – Brenda Brown; 17th – Vicky Anderson; 24th – Jane Miller; and 31st – Teri Tou. Jane will be doing all Wednesday services (Jan. 6th, 13th, & 27th) (Note: No Wednesday night service on January 20).
- A relatively small group of people have been providing the on-line worship services. Jerry indicated the Tech Team will advertise in February *Epistle* for additional people interested in running the sound board and operating the cameras for services. More people could also be involved as Readers.
- Epiphany sermons (January 10th through February 14th) will be based on “Christ Revealed”.
- Ash Wednesday on Feb. 17 will have one service at 6:30 p.m. Due to the legislature schedule Sondy will not be available to play organ that evening. Jane agreed to provide the music.
- Lenten Services will begin 2/24/2021, also on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Paul indicated a couple of ideas are being explored for these services.
- After much discussion the Board decided to follow the ELCA definition of “All Saints” as a celebration honoring congregation members (and former pastors) who have died in the preceding twelve (12) months.

Our next ZOOM meeting: **Tuesday, February 5, 2021** at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions: Karen Randall