First Lutheran Worship and Music Committee.
February 11, 2014 – 5:30 pm

Present:  Michael Olson, Gene Okerlund, Emily Burggraff, Del Herrmann, Pastor Corey Bjertness, Becki Tollefson, Gordon Bierwagen

The meeting was opened with the Mission Statement.

Gene gave devotions in which he shared from the book “God is Our Spinach” by Bob Pickering.

Minutes from the November 13, 2013 meeting were approved.

Del reported on the financial details. Expenses have included organ service, piano tuning, copyright license, and head phones. Thus far, we are about $10,000 under budget.

The committee discussed the quality of the radio broadcasts centering on the balance of sound. Pastor Corey listens to each Sunday’s broadcast on Monday morning. There are broadcast personnel in training.

Gene brought up Compassion International as a possible project for our congregation. Our Sunday School students already do support these children so we certainly have a presence in work in that mission.

The brass quintet is alive and well and ready to be an integral part of worship services.

Discussion went forth on our Mission Statement and also on the direction of this committee. Pastor Corey’s criterion for all worship is that it turns Jesus fans into Jesus followers. The jazz service and the orchestra being part of worship in both Sanctuary and Celebration have been great impetus for “cross pollination” in our worship venues.

A question concerning the altar railing being in place permanently was discussed. If it were placed permanently, it would be problematic for the choir.

It was decided that the committee will have a brown bag lunch meeting on April 8 in The Gathering Space.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Burggraff