

First Lutheran Church – Worship and Music Committee

November 12, 2013 – 5:30 pm

Present: Michael Olson, Del Herrmann, Gene Okerlund, Mavis Tjon, Emily Burggraff, David Ferreira, Becki Tollefson, Rachael Disrud, Pastor Corey Bjertness, Janet Rostad, Gordon Blerwagen, Daniel Damico.

The meeting was opened with the Mission Statement.

Devotions were given by David Ferreira who highlighted many thoughts from Martin Luther.

The minutes for the October meeting were approved.

The financial report was presented by Del. In the past month, expenses have totaled \$768. That figure keeps us still well under budget for the period.

The Christmas trees in the sanctuary will go up before Thanksgiving since the first Sunday in Advent is the Sunday right after Thanksgiving. To this point, there has been no response to the request to work on the decorating committee.

Mavis, having heard from several people who appreciate the printing of the harmony to the hymns in the bulletin, spoke to that issue. Pastor Corey indicated that there had been a miscommunication in terms of the numbers from the ELW. Discussion occurred regarding worship. The answer to the question "What is worship?" is "Whatever glorifies God is the standard." This might a good opportunity for worship education.

Gordon brought up the efficiency of the flow out of the sanctuary after Sunday worship. A possible improvement will be that there will be coffee served in the 10:00 Bible Study meeting in the Adult Ed room.

Pastory Corey is very happy to the have the church year ending in a different place this year as it makes for a much more peaceful Christmas time for everyone.

The next meeting will be on January 14, 2014 at 5:30 pm in the Gathering Space.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Burggraff
