

Worship and Music Ministry Team May 2013 Report

Executive Summary:

The Worship & Music Ministry Team continued to work behind the scenes to ensure our liturgies in the Easter Season truly celebrate the joy of Christ's Resurrection and his promise to be with us always – to the end of the age. The month of May includes lots of other opportunities for special celebrations, as well: The 25th Anniversary of the ELCA, the beginning of our sabbatical time, welcoming our interim pastor, Mother's Day, the Ascension of our Lord, and – most importantly – the birthday of the Christian Church on Pentecost.

Pentecost sometimes gets glossed over in the hustle and bustle of graduations, the unofficial beginning of summer on Memorial Day, etc. In terms of importance to the Church Year, though, Pentecost is second only to Easter and the Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil). Maybe we don't think much about Pentecost because it is one of the few Christian celebrations that has not been secularized. So planning for Pentecost has been a significant theme for the W&M Ministry team as we prepare to celebrate God's great gift of imparting the Holy Spirit in our lives and on Christ's church.

Other key activities of the W&M Ministry Team in the past month include:

- Continuing transition of leadership of the team, as Jan continues to support Nancy-Pat in getting our arms around the many things that she has done over the years.
- Re-invigorating the Altar Guild, as Nancy-Pat invites more people to become involved in this important (but often taken for granted) ministry.
- Planning for the end of the choir "season" with our celebration of Holy Trinity Sunday on 26 May.
- Planning for special music through the summer months: John and Hyojin are looking for volunteers for solos, special ensembles, etc.
- Ongoing coordination with the Sabbatical Committee.

Our next Liturgical Season planning meeting will be held on Saturday, August 10, for the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Bensch, Council Liaison

All Saints 2013 Worship Calendar (Changes in Red Text)

Weekly Sunday Worship: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM, both with Communion

Day / Date	Special Event
Sunday, 5/19/2013	Pentecost <i>Recognition of Sunday School Teachers/last day of classes</i>
Sunday, 5/26/2013	Holy Trinity Sunday <i>Memorial Day Remembrance; Last Choir Sunday before summer break</i>
Sunday, 6/9/2013	3 rd Sunday after Pentecost <i>Hoeckzeit – Renewal of Marriage Vows (Sabbatical Event)</i>
Sunday, 6/16/2013	4th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Recognition of Fathers; substitute presiding minister; Taizé week</i>
Sunday, 6/23/2013	5 th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, 6/30/2013	6 th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Celebration of our Nation's birth</i>
Sunday, 7/7/2013	7 th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Pastor Gary arrives in Holden Village</i>
Saturday/Sunday, 7/13-14/2013 (Tentative)	Congregational Sabbatical Retreat 8 th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Holden Evening Prayer / Vespers and other worship opportunities Sending and Blessing of Youth for Mission Trip</i>
Sunday, 7/28/2013	10 th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Farewell and Thank-You to Pastor Brandon</i>
Sunday, 8/4/2013	11 th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Homecoming as Pastor Gary returns from Sabbatical</i>
Sunday, 8/11/2013	12 th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Sabbatical Thanksgiving & Sharing Social</i>
Sunday, 9/8/2013	16 th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Rally Day/Presentation of Bibles/Installation of Sunday School Teachers</i>
Sunday, 9/29, 10/6 and 10/13	19 th , 20 th , and 21 st Sundays after Pentecost <i>Theme: Financial Stewardship; Personal Testimonies</i>
Sunday, 10/20/2013	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost Consecration Sunday
Sunday, 10/27/2013	Reformation Day Affirmation of Baptism
Sunday, 11/3/2013	All Saints Sunday
Sunday, 11/10/2013	25 th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Recognition of Veterans / Martin Luther's Birthday (1483)</i>
Sunday, 11/24/2013	Christ the King Sunday <i>End of the church year. End of Time. Return of Jesus</i>
Wednesday, 11/27/2013	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Sunday, 12/1/2013	1 st Sunday of Advent
Tuesday, 12/24/2013	Christmas Eve
Wednesday, 12/25/2013	Christmas Day

Events to be determined (TBD):

- Youth Liturgy Sundays (beginning Autumn 2013)
- Liturgical Ministry Training (Sep/Oct 2013, to be held on a Sunday after the 11:00 liturgy)

Worship Team Planning Meetings (anyone who is interested may attend):

Saturday, 8/10/2013, 9:30 AM – Noon: Worship Team Visioning & Planning for Advent/Christmas Seasons
Saturday, October (TBD), 9:30 AM – Noon: Lent and Holy Week Planning