

Worship and Music Committee Meeting

February 8, 2014 9:30 AM

The team discussed the appropriateness of the times for the Christmas Eve services of 2013. After an involved discussion, the team decided that the times for Christmas Eve services 2014 would be the same as 2013. Christmas Eve 2014 service times will be 4:00pm, 6:00pm, and 9:00pm. Pastor Rhinesmith reported that worship plans for Lent 2014 have been formalized. The format of the Sunday worship books have been set. All Saints will worship with Grace Lutheran Church on Wednesdays in Lent. Worship will include a little meal provided by the host church. The theme for Wednesday Lenten worship will be forgiveness.

The team discussed progress in regard to the sound system upgrade. The upgrade program contains three phases. Phase 1 includes the video recording of the service which would then be available to view in the church's website. The team wants to know from the council when it would be appropriate for us to move forward on implementing phase 1.

In regard to technology, comments were made emphasizing the important evangelistic function of the church's website. Pastor Rhinesmith stated the website is the front door to the church. The team discussed the inclusion of reflections, meditations and artwork into the church's website. In addition mention was made of ASLC members being encouraged to make posts on the church's Facebook page.

The team reflected on the dual nature and purpose of the choir. The choir does offer musical performance and participates as part of the congregation during worship. Thought and discussion focused on how to most effectively use the choir for the enhancement of the total worship experience. Approaches to increase participation in the choirs were discussed; the consensus was that bulletin announcements were important, but ineffective in this case without a personal invitation. It was also mentioned that the minimum age for participation in the choir should be reconsidered (potentially to include Middle School students and above).