

## **Worship and Music Ministry Team April 2013 Report**

### Executive Summary:

1. Special thanks to all who participated in planning/preparations for, and leadership of, the liturgies during Lent and Holy Week. The integrated sermon series and Learn Track on “The Lord’s Prayer,” was thought-provoking and inspiring. Pastor Gary’s sermons during Holy Week led us to a deeper participation in the mystery of God’s great love for a fallen world – in discipleship and service, in sharing in a Sacred Meal, and in the glory and hope of the Resurrection. John, Hyojin, the choirs and musicians enhanced the worship at All Saints throughout the season, and especially with the moving choral Tenebrae service on Good Friday. The Liturgical Arts Team provided wonderfully evocative visual images for Holy Week and Easter. And a myriad of others participated behind the scenes and in leadership roles to prepare for and enhance our communal celebration of the great story of our faith.
2. Special thanks, also, to Jan Withers for her many years of service in leading the Worship and Music Ministry Team, to Nancy-Pat Weaver who agreed to take on the leadership role, and to Louise Waynant who volunteered to document the results of our planning meeting (please see the attached package).
3. The Ministry Team kicked off a new approach to Worship Planning that focuses on liturgical seasons, rather than a monthly tag-up. The new approach was well-received, and we were delighted to have a number of parishioners respond to the open invitation and participate with the ministry team.
4. A Worship and Music (W&M) Ministry Planning Meeting was held on Saturday, 06 April 2013. Attendees included: Karen Lee Banks, Sig Beecher, Gary Beecher, Tim Bensch, Ann Greenawalt, RoAnne Dahlen-Hartfield, John Maerhofer, Pastor Gary Rhinesmith, Don Rich, Kay Schwandt, Louise Waynant, and Nancy-Pat Weaver. Key Topics included:
  - a. Prayer and discussion regarding our role in Worship and Music Ministry planning.
  - b. Ratification of Nancy-Pat Weaver as the new Ministry Team Lead.
  - c. A Visioning Session that included brainstorming followed by selection of key topics for development in future meetings plus a list of specific initiatives that could be implemented immediately. (NOTE: Thanks to Ann Greenawalt for initiating a new ministry in which families will be invited, one Sunday per month, to bake the bread for Holy Communion and bring the gifts to the altar as the offering is brought forward.)
  - d. Review of Lent and Holy Week Liturgies
  - e. Review and update of the calendar of events (please see attached)
  - f. Planning discussion regarding the Sundays after Pentecost (through Christ the King Sunday), including selected presentation / discussion of advance planning “homework” by several attendees.
  - g. Brief discussion of business topics / logistics
  - h. Closing prayer and hymn.

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, 4/21/2013	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter <i>Rev. Shawn Brandon and his spouse worship at ASLC Thrivent Presentation-Prayer Shawl Ministry /D. Hall testimonial</i>
Sunday, 4/28/2013	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Sending Blessing for Pastor Gary to begin Sabbatical <i>Greenawalt Family to prepare/present bread for Eucharist</i>
Sunday, 5/5/2013	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Beginning of Sabbatical and 25th Anniversary of the ELCA Bishop Graham, Presiding Minister <i>Sichelman Family to prepare/present bread for Eucharist</i>
Sunday, 5/12/2013	The Ascension of Our Lord <i>Welcome for Pastor Brandon / Recognition of Mothers</i>
Sunday, 5/19/2013	Pentecost <i>Recognition of Sunday School Teachers/last day of classes</i>
Sunday, 5/26/2013	Holy Trinity Sunday Memorial Day Remembrance
<i>Sunday, 6/9/2013</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>Hoekzeit – Renewal of Marriage Vows (Sabbatical Event)</i>
<i>Sunday, 6/16/2013</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>Recognition of Fathers; substitute presiding minister; Taizé week</i>
<i>Sunday, 6/23/2013</i>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
<i>Sunday, 6/30/2013</i>	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>Celebration of our Nation's birth</i>
<i>Sunday, 7/7/2013</i>	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>Pastor Gary arrives in Holden Village</i>
Saturday/Sunday, 7/13-14/2013 (Tentative)	Congregational Sabbatical Retreat 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>Holden Evening Prayer / Vespers and other worship opportunities Sending and Blessing of Youth for Mission Trip</i>
<i>Sunday, 7/28/2013</i>	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>Farewell and Thank-You to Pastor Brandon</i>
Sunday, 8/4/2013	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>Homecoming as Pastor Gary returns from Sabbatical</i>
<i>Sunday, 8/11/2013</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>Sabbatical Thanksgiving &amp; Sharing Social</i>
Sunday, 9/8/2013	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>Rally Day/Presentation of Bibles/Installation of Sunday School Teachers</i>
<i>Sunday, 9/29, 10/6 and 10/13</i>	19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , and 21 <sup>st</sup> Sundays after Pentecost <i>Theme: Financial Stewardship; Personal Testimonies</i>
Sunday, 10/20/2013	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Consecration Sunday
Sunday, 10/27/2013	Reformation Day <i>Affirmation of Baptism</i>
Sunday, 11/3/2013	All Saints Sunday
Sunday, 11/10/2013	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>Recognition of Veterans / Martin Luther's Birthday (1483)</i>

Day / Date	Special Event
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 <sup>st</sup> 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