

Worship & Music Ministry Team November 2013 Report

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Worship & Music Ministry Team has had a busy month since our last report with a number of Festival Sundays and lots of preparations for the Advent / Christmas season. Highlights include:

- Follow-up from the liturgical ministry training and recognition event.
- Special music (choral and instrumental) for Reformation Sunday, All Saints Day, and the upcoming Christ the King Sunday.
- Musical participation during both services of the Sunday School for the 530th Anniversary of Martin Luther's birth.
- Preparations for the Thanksgiving Eve Service with the Holden Evening Prayer.
- Nancy-Pat has coordinated a new team of volunteers to develop a progression of visual displays for the Sundays of Advent through Christmas that are planned to enhance worship in addition to being beautiful and seasonal.
- The Chime Choir (with some new members) will provide special music for two Sundays in Advent.
- John and Hyojin are working with the choir to prepare special music for the Advent Season and for Christmas Eve. Noted again the changed schedule for Christmas Eve services this year.
- Special thanks to Hyojin and Karen Lee for providing special music when the choir is not leading the service, and to Nancy-Pat for filling in when Hyojin was on her honeymoon.
- Special thanks, also to Pastor Gary for his meaningful and Scripture-focused sermons – a blessing that we may sometimes take for granted, but that was particularly noticeable to me after hearing a couple of sermons when I was out of town.
- Special thanks to Nancy-Pat for pulling together the budget request (a daunting first-time task), and to the Technology Task Group who continued their work toward Phase I: Sound System Upgrade, including development of two versions of a draft Request for Proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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