

## **Worship and Music Committee**

*September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Agenda: 6:30pm (Remote conferencing via Zoom, call-in only)*

*Attendees: Jared, Sarah, Karen, Judy, Beth, Mike, Barb, Amy*

*Guests:*

*Absent: Pr.Chris, Betsy, Diane, Emily*

## **Warmest Welcome Back to Everyone! ☺**

### **Meeting Notes:**

***\*\*All Action Items will be highlighted in RED\*\****

1. Devotion (mini)- Jared
  - a. Music Monday inspiration- Jesus Loves Me.
2. Feedback/reflection- online worship
  - a. Really enjoying the format.
  - b. Very nice collaboration among the consistent worship leaders.
  - c. Do the key players need more frequent breaks? Jared and Sarah assured us that they could openly ask for a break if they were getting burned out and appreciate the concern.
3. Fall planning
  - a. Should we continue with the Wed service?
    - i. **The committee as a whole enthusiastically agree to continue to support a Wednesday service indefinitely!!- will revisit the discussion when we move to Phase 3.**
    - ii. Fairly high numbers >/~100.
    - iii. Lots of energy.
    - iv. Offers an option for folks would cannot normally make a Sunday worship.
  - b. We should keep all virtual services going, even when we phase transition.
  - c. Music Mondays, consistently get >1000 hits.
4. Christmas planning
  - a. Hard to plan right now because unclear where we will "be".
  - b. Should start scenario planning soon.
  - c. Can start deeper discussions at October meeting.
5. Associate Music Director- Applications
  - a. Put a pause on hiring this position until we can offer ample opportunity to contribute to the congregation (Phase 2 to resume forward progress, but most likely will not hire until after holiday season/phase 3).
  - b. Continue to communicate with all 3 applicants on a regular basis to check in on availability and interest.
6. Phase 3 re-opening worship logistics
  - a. We hope to be in phase 2 by end of September (if guidelines are met).
    - i. If we move forward into phases more quickly before our next meeting we can communicate via email.

- b. Passionate pleas to consider keeping up with the state phase change and not lag behind; we need to be mindful of all comfort levels when opening back up and make sure we maintain an online presence.
  - c. Facilities and task force committees meeting within next few weeks and we will discuss their plans/recommendations at next meeting.
  - d. Our committee's main focus:
    - i. How can we facilitate the changes that will come with moving into new phases?
    - ii. **Jared to send out sheet of activities in planning.**
  - e. Key points of discussion:
    - i. Let's start discussion of change of flow, but we do not necessarily need to rush into anything as soon as phase change → be purposeful.
    - ii. Be conscious of finding the appropriate balance → remember our heads and our hearts through our faithful discussion on this topic.
    - iii. Sign-up will be part of phase 2 protocol
      - 1. Offers options for all comfort levels.
      - 2. Give ownership to the congregation to make own choices.
    - iv. Survey where people are and what they want to see in the church community.
    - v. **Talk to friends and family who are going are attending worship in-person and hear their experiences (what worked, what didn't).**
7. Additional comments/discussion
- i. Virtual conference- centralized at GSLC.
    - 1. Synod assembly to elect new Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe.
    - 2. GS music featured.
  - ii. Holy Cow is back on the move! With Pastor Joe!!!
  - iii. Small groups have started/will be starting soon
    - 1. Book study.
    - 2. Confirmation.
    - 3. Virtual church school.
    - 4. Sarah to send out list of activities that have been going on (Sunshine List).
8. We will resume our regular monthly meeting format again going forward- next meeting, October 13<sup>th</sup>, remote Zoom.
9. Lord's Prayer.