

**Worship and Music Committee  
November 1, 2007**

**Present:** Karen Keymel (Master Schedule), Arnold Krueger (Deacons), Thatcher Lyman (Music), Kym Pettitt (Nursery), Dave Reville (Deacons), Karen Sue Ross (Chair, Council Representative), Pastor Paul Shoop (Word and Sacrament), Sheri Williams (Altar Guild)

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Pastor Paul.

1. We will create a patchwork quilt-like display, featuring all the facets of the Worship and Music Committee, to hang as a banner on November 18, between the worship services. We will use this date to also recruit servers for Christmas Eve services.

2. Worship for Advent was discussed. Pastor Paul will recruit members from the congregation to light the Advent Wreath, representing the congregation as a whole.

Although Sheri had intended to request funds from the Memorial Committee to purchase a new Advent Wreath stand, in lieu of a potential budget shortfall, she has decided to table the request.

Karen Sue will contact Jim Guederian as to procuring a tree for the sanctuary. It will need to be erected by December 9<sup>th</sup> but will remain unlit until Christmas Eve. Dave Reville and Gary Ross will work on decorating the tree along with any other volunteers.

Deacons will serve on Christmas Eve (Dave – 5:00; Arnold – 7:00; Karen Sue – 11:00). The 5:00 Service will be a Family Service with the prelude performed by our youth musicians. The 7:00 and 11:00 services will be candle-lit with Communion. The Services will be “Pages from their Diaries” designed by Pastor Paul. There may be a Holy Family tableau, if we can figure how to stage it effectively so it does not detract from the Nativity Story.

3. Music at Immanuel is quite popular and there is an additional fellowship opportunity with a punch and cookie reception following the performance in the library. It is a daunting obligation for one or two people to continually host this reception. Thatcher is drafting a letter to all committees, asking for sponsorship for one concert during the season.

4. Thatcher announced the community Festival of Choirs will be singing at the Webster United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 18, 2007 at 7:00pm.

The Lessons and Carols Service will be held at our church on December 16, 2007 at 7:00pm.

5. Kym Pettitt is going to survey area churches to see how they staff their nurseries and what kind of programming they provide. We know that it is preferable to have 2 people in the nursery to cover each other if there might be an emergency or just a trip to the bathroom. It was discussed that some youth may serve as the second person in the nursery as a part of their service to the church. It was also discussed that some churches in our area

have paid staff for their nurseries. Kym will report at the next meeting and we may be able to build on our own program and establish a "vision" for it then.

Ruth Sorenson has resigned from the Nursery Committee. Karen Sue will find a thank-you remembrance for Ruth's faithful service to the children of Immanuel.

6. An email was received, expressing concern over the liturgy from the new ELW resource. While it was the only concern received by the committee, we will still review its use after a month or so. We do have several liturgies that we use throughout the year. Karen Sue will write a reply to the person writing the email.

7. Sanctuary Refurbishment Committee is parceling specific duties to its members. Each will focus on one area, i.e. lighting, audio, esthetics, etc.

Sheri will check for the hooks on the exterior of the front doors so wreaths may be hung. Karen Sue will check with Ron Nohe to see if the roof over the front door could be cleaned and repainted.

We closed with prayer.

Blessings – Karen Sue Ross, Chair