

WAM Minutes – November 20, 2018

Planning for Advent / Christmas 2018

Members Present: *Laura Aase, Jim Nelson, Sara Nelson, Carol Krage, Deitra Paulsen, Lisa Kraft*

We shared Highs and Lows and what we were reading in scripture

Advent/Christmas planning

Advent Theme (So Far) An over-arching theme would be: GOD IS...

Dec 2: God is **Alive**

...a Way of Life (Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:17-19 - God's relationship with people in hard times. God will deliver from violence.) *#Questions*

Dec 9: God is **Today**

...for Such a Time as This (Esther 4:1-17 - as Queen Esther is exposed as a Jew to save the Jewish people - she risks her life to save the people) *#Resistance*

Dec 16: God is **Light**

...Light to the Nations (Is 42:1-9 - Servant Song - Israel as servant, so a calling for us to be light to the world...we don't get that light from any source but God.) *#Light*

Dec 23: God is **With**

...With Us (Matthew 1:18-25 - Jesus is born Emmanuel - God is With Us) *#Dreams*

Dec. 24: God is **Here**

...(Luke 2:1-20 – The Birth of Jesus) *#No Reservations*

ROH Christmas Eve

3:00 PM – Gather 4:00 PM – Worship

THEME OF WORSHIP....SO FAR

Incorporating our advent themes of God is... ~~Perhaps having a "mix-up" involving block letters?~~

in 2016 we stopped driving gifts to visitor's homes.

In 2017 we let go of teaching kids "Away in a Manger"

In 2018 we have decided to let go of crafts and picture of kids during worship. We also changed the start time by 30 minutes to avoid kids running wild. So, we gather at 3:30 and worship at 4:00.

New this year?

We have decided on a "waiting room" theme. We will have a small stage near the playground (that will convert to the "Mary/Joseph/Jesus stage" on Christmas Eve). We will gather prayers into a container that will become the Manger for the Baby Jesus. We will also incorporate a Hash tag themes for people who are tech savvy to pray using twitter. We will continue the parts that aren't crossed out below:

Is it time to let go of any of these? Parking Lot Shepherds, caroling group, treats, ~~crafts~~, costumed kids "pop up" Christmas pageant, ~~picture of kids taken during worship and made available via a website.~~

New last year - Sara Nelson and Terry Kempfert created a gift to give visitors and on Christmas Eve identify who is a visitor and give them this gift. How did that go? *This went well and we want to continue with this. Sara Nelson (and Terry?) will continue with this.*

WHO IS DOING WHAT?

Pastor Laura = Make sure all kids participate. locate and bring real candles.

Secure "Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus". ideas?

~~Securing photographer.~~ Remembering to hand out stones created by Terry(!)

Carol Krage? = Sanctuary Visual Decorations, costumes, props, Mary and Joseph costumes. Creating and selecting costume for {Sheep, shepherds, stars, Angels, Mary, Joseph. Wise Men X 4 or more}

Jim Nelson = Securing carolers, song leaders, musicians. Set up / take down worship. Coordinate with event center. Bring 9 scarves and 2 hats for carolers, Bringing 50 battery candles. Powerpoint. Remembering to hand out stones created by Terry(!)

_____ : Organize and serve refreshments (to be served at 3:00).

Terry Kempfert? = engraving stones with #Room

_____ = ~~Creating craft project, Securing people to help with crafts,~~

Lisa Kraft – Securing Worship Host Roles including Greeters, readers, ushers etc.,

Special needs: 6 "Parking Lot Attendant / Shepherds / Greeters"

Finding people to fill all "regular" worship roles except treat host.

Sara Nelson and _____ : Organize a gift for visitors on Xmas eve

When is our next meeting? TBA