

WAM minutes – November 18, 2019

Planning for Advent / Christmas 2019

*Members present: Jim Nelson, Scott Gross-Sand, Sara Nelson, Portia Brandsoy, Rachel Stearns,
Pastor Janine*

Advent/Christmas planning

Advent Themes that we discussed: Janine will purchase an “ascending” Advent Wreath and candles and a table to display them on. We will be using three sections of the Holden Evening Prayer: Let My Prayer Rise Up, Magnificat, and Final Blessing. We will use a new (for ROH) song for the Advent Wreath “Christ Be Our Light”. Prayers will be read during the singing of “Let My Prayer Rise Up”.

Dec 1: **HOPE**

Jeremiah 33: 14-18 – Promise of the Messiah

Mark 8: 27-29 – “Who do you say that I Am”

Dec 8: **LOVE**

Isaiah 40: 1-11 – Isaiah of the Exile

Mark 1: 1-4 – Beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ

Dec 15: **JOY**

Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13 – Rebuilding the Temple

Luke 2: 25-27 – Story of Simeon

Dec 22: **PEACE**

Luke 1:5-13, 57-80 – Zechariah’s Song

Psalm 113 – Praise the Lord...from the rising of the sun to the setting...

Dec. 24: **The Birth of Jesus / Jesus brings Hope, Love, Joy and Peace**

Luke 2:1-14, 15-20 – The Birth of Jesus

Psalm 146 – Lord set the prisoner free

Luke 1:46-55 – Magnificat (My Soul Magnifies the Lord...)

ROH Christmas Eve

3:30 PM – Gather 4:00 PM – Worship

THEME OF WORSHIP....SO FAR

Pastor Janine will create a worship that incorporates kids in costume as has been ROH tradition. We will have chair set up as they would be on a typical Sunday, however...just more. We will have a stage set up where the Song Leaders usually are, and we will not have song-leaders since the music is familiar Christmas Carols. We will have candle-light during Silent Night. We will have the 4 C's before worship (Caroling, Cookies, Costumes and Crafts) from 3:30 – 4:00. We can set up for Christmas Eve following worship on 12.22. And we can leave set up after Christmas Eve for the following Sunday 12.29!

New this year?

Ice Luminaries. Each of us bring some and set them outside. Directions are online, many different types. We may want to invite others to bring as well?

1 page bulletin for Christmas Eve on Card Stock material. (This may or may not happen as Julie has resigned?)

Jerry Lindberg creating a star for Christmas Eve. (I think this is happening?)

NOT doing this year: We have decided to not create gifts to give to visitors or ask a photographer to take pictures and post them online.

WHO IS DOING WHAT?

Pastor Janine = Make sure all kids participate. locate and bring real candles. Secure "Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus". Creating worship service

Carol Krage = Sanctuary Visual Decorations

_____ Helping kids find costumes, props, Mary and Joseph costumes. Carol has Created costumes 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.

Scott: Organize and serve refreshments (to be served at 3:30).

Sara = Creating craft project, Securing people to help with a Christmas Ornament Craft, perhaps the one Pastor Janine mentioned at the meeting.

_____ – 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.

When is our next meeting? TBA