

WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION

Thursday, August 4, 2016

PRAYER – Donna Jondle

ATTENDANCE - Kathy Donnelly, Janet Steenlage, Donna Jondle, Amanda Ray, Judy Duncan, Mary Kelley, Mike Kelley, Fran Zuber, Terry Ball, Pam Bourjaily

APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES - approved as presented

WELCOME to Pam Bourjaily and Ron Connors who have joined our Commission

FAREWELL to Norma Ward who is leaving our Commission

PAST EVENTS **July 23/24 - Blessing of the Sick**, how can we make it better?

- Announce the service 2 consecutive weekends in advance in the bulletin and in Mass announcements
- Try a monitored table in the narthex to inform those wishing to receive the sacrament, to make them easy to identify and be seated accessibly and to identify those people to the presider and ushers who will then assist the presider in locating the recipients
- How to identify recipients? Give prayer shawl at the monitored table?, use another form of identification?
- Presider, at the beginning of the sacrament, ask those surrounding the recipient to place hands on the recipient
- Prayer at the end of the sacrament for all to recite

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 6-7** - Will have a visiting **missionary presider**. Deacon Krob will assist at all Masses.
- **August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (falls on a Monday so not celebrated)

ART & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE– Mary Kelley

- **Consider new Sanctuary hangings** - Judy Duncan has provided visual samples of affordable wall hangings which will be provided to the Art and Environment Committee.
- **Grasses at the front of the property** are too tall to see bikers and oncoming traffic. Will discuss with Susan Puhl to achieve mowing of a strip of grasses to alleviate this problem.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Request to display Papal and American flags** received from a parishioner. The Sanctuary and the Narthex have a noble simplicity. Neither national nor religious objects are found in abundance in these areas. Question has been presented in the past. The Papal and American flags are placed in the Narthex only on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Too many items in any space contribute to visual disturbance which we have diligently resisted. We will not be adding flags to the worship or narthex areas.
- **Request to Celebrate with Lutheran Church in their 500th Anniversary of their Reformation (Oct. 31, 2016 – Oct. 31, 2017)** - received from a parishioner. Could we do something with Rev. Tim Smith at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in North Liberty? Helene Heimbreiker would work with Rev. Smith if we wish to do this. According to Helene, the Lutheran churches in the area have not planned any celebration. This is an issue that must be confirmed by the Deanery and the Diocese. Individuals have not been approved to engage in this activity.
- **Work orders** - Requests for assistance. Those seeking assistance with special assistance in set-up, rearrangement of items, etc. must enter their requests as work orders in a notebook in Kent's mailbox.
- **Spotlight Sunday** - All Commissions will select a weekend beginning in September to promote their commission. W&S did a presentation last November so will defer to other commissions at this time.

- **Revitalization of Faith Formation for Adults and Evangelization and Spirituality Commissions** will be discussed at the Parish Council this month. We have addressed this at past meetings and are prepared to support this action. This will be an active item on our agenda in the future.
- **Children's liturgy** - Is this a function of Religious Education or Worship and Spirituality? Will discuss with RE and reach a conclusion.
- **Announcements** - After a trial this Summer, the Commission prefers announcements at beginning of Mass. If they are to continue at the end of Mass, we will make this change.
- **Lower Level** - continues with renovation with some problems in the kitchen. Small group from this commission will initiate discussion of how we will use the space for overflow Mass and preparations to be made before initiating this.
- **Acolytes needed**
 - Norma Ward is currently training acolytes. Will she continue this activity?
 - Recruit at August 20-21 with Confirmation and RE class registration. Amanda will be present for 5:15, Janet and Fran at 8:30, and Mary and Mike at 11:pp
 - Request Fr. Page meet with individual RE classes this Fall to recruit Acolytes

ITEMS FROM FATHER PAGE

- Request from from Father Page to Review our rite for the "Blessing of the Sick". See discussion under review of past events.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 1, 2016