

PERRY HIGHWAY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Worship & Music Committee

PURPOSE

To assist the pastor and Congregational Council in providing for the highest quality in the congregation's worship, and to involve as many members of the congregation as possible as participants and leaders, according to their gifts.

MEMBERSHIP

The committee will consist of no less than six members of the congregation, including a chair, appointed by the congregational council. The pastor, and the Director of Music will be advisory members of the committee.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ Assist in planning all regular and special worship services of the congregation.
- ◆ Provide for the recruitment and training of members of the congregation to support worship by carrying out such tasks as ushering and caring for the sacristy.
- ◆ Provide for the recruitment and training of members of the congregation to serve as worship leaders, including lectors, cantors, and other assisting ministers.
- ◆ Help the congregation grow in their understanding and appreciation for the seasons of the church year and lectionary.
- ◆ Help the congregation learn to worship in ways that are hospitable to guests and newcomers to the Christian faith.
- ◆ Work with the pastor to develop ways preaching can be strengthened.
- ◆ Develop an ongoing program of education about the sacraments, so that members of the congregation can continually grow in their understanding and appreciation of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- ◆ Work with the pastor and Director of Music to develop ways music used in worship can contribute more effectively to the proclamation of the Gospel.
- ◆ Review new worship materials (such as hymn collections and new settings of the Liturgy) as they become available, and plan for their introduction as use in the congregation as appropriate.

TIME COMMITMENT

The term of service is one year. The committee meets monthly, as well as for special meetings at times mutually agreeable to all committee members. Those serving on this committee may also be asked to serve as liaisons to various subcommittees, with the time commitment varying as needed.

POSSIBLE SUBCOMMITTEES

Altar Guild / Decorating
Acolytes, Lectors, and Assisting Ministers
Congregational Choirs
Seasonal planning Committees

SKILL DEVELOPMENT EXPECTATIONS

- ◆ Attend annual Congregational Committee leadership training event.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING

The chair of the committee will meet regularly with the pastor and director of Music to coordinate plans for the committee's work and discuss ways to increase its productivity and effectiveness.

The committee will provide a monthly written report of its accomplishments and recommendations to the congregational council.

The committee will prepare an annual written report of its work to be included in the reports given at the annual meeting of the congregation. This report will include recommendations for greater effectiveness.

The committee will prepare an annual budget request as part of the congregation's budget development process.

A council member will be appointed as the committee's liaison and will be the connecting link between the two bodies.

The committee will provide quarterly reports to the Staff Support Committee and comment on the effectiveness of staff members who serve as advisory members of the committee.