

Worship WIN Team Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Present: Pastor Greg, Pastor Stephanie, Kevin McBeth, Kiersten Rose, Carol Schuth, Chris Reiss, Tara Sintek, Pastor Jim Peich

Absent: Lisa Spahr

- Need to add someone from the Saturday Worship laity to this Worship WIN team. Pastor Stephanie will identify this individual.

Worship:

- An opportunity to open heart before an Awesome God
- Feeling the spirit
- Opening to spirit
- Leaving all baggage at the door
- Time set apart
- Safe space and time
- Be vulnerable – to be empowered/comforted
- A place where you leave the outside world
- Gathered community – Corporate worship
- Form relationships
- Sacraments celebrated
- Visibly be our Welcome Statement

Current Process:

- Worship planning weekly
- Worship planning retreats
- Sermon series support by communications
- Service times – reviewed them
- Setup/Tear down for Modern Worship
- Ancient/New service – did not have critical mass
- Youth worship
- Biggest drop is Modern worship
- 2014 – One Voice ended
- 2015 – Modern worship team started
- Overall annual attendance: 2014 = 1332 2015 = 1313 2016 = 1230 2017 = 1236

Why is the declining trend occurring?

- Secularization of Sundays/Wednesdays
- Increased business
- Sunday, the new Saturday
- Looking for renewal (stay home)
- More working families
- Family time vs. church
- I can experience God elsewhere
- Watch on TV
- Inconvenient
- Children/kids
- Not a habit

- Stereotype of worship
- Boring perception
- Style
- Building
- “Scary”
- “Nones” (no belief in higher power) are growing
- Lackadaisical view of worship
- Worship not viewed as an expectation
- “Sunday” is just another day!”

Worship – What counts?

- Regular basis – consistency
- Elements of worship and present
- Tailored to location
- Youth worship

Trend is up by 6 people 2016 vs 2017?

Current Plans:

- Live streaming is \$75k for startup and maintenance (on hold due to no funding)
- Rotate preaching pastors
- Modern worship history
 - ❖ Started in Fellowship Hall
 - ❖ Grew to 2 services
 - ❖ Moved to sanctuary
 - ❖ Declined
- Infuse – twice on Sunday now
- Sanctuary very formal for modern worship
- April – testing going back to Fellowship Hall with modern worship
- “Better sense of community in smaller space”

Early Ideas:

- Wednesday Night Hymn Sing, after M&Ms
- Consistent sermon across all 3 services on Sunday (able to compare notes with friends and be able to discuss without attending different services)

Homework:

- Review Vitality Study
- See what other churches are doing around:
 - ❖ Venues
 - ❖ Styles
 - ❖ Times

Next Worship WIN Team meeting is Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (90 minute meeting)