

Worship and Music Committee Report 2014

Highlights from 2013 and 2014:

Lent - During the 2014 season of Lent, University Lutheran met for Sunday worship at 5:30 p.m. as we did in 2013. We chose the evening service during Lent for several reasons: to set the season apart, to encourage a meditative tone, and to welcome students and community members who could not attend morning worship. We used Marty Haugen's "Unfailing Light" liturgy, an evening setting of Holy Communion.

Season of Creation - We once again celebrated the "Season of Creation" in September. We used special readings and songs written by the musical group Dakota Road for the "Liturgy for Earthkeeping".

Songs for Singing Together - In May, Lutheran pastor and hymnodist Susan Briehl presented an excellent program at UniLu about the continual evolution and renewal of Lutheran church music.

Thank you – Thank you to the many musicians who volunteer on Sundays: Justin Char - flute, Alan Hebert - clarinet, Amy Brooks - Cello, Kay Marie Ferguson - violin, Nora Hinch - flute and voice, Berenice McDevitt - flute, Nicole Hallinen - violin, Kristi Schneck – voice, and Bill Walker - piano. Thank you also to those who have shared special music during liturgies. You help us sing and add to the beauty of the music. We appreciate your dedication.

Thank you to Dave Houck for getting our Christmas tree and decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas. And thank you to Pastor Greg for decorating for the other church seasons. Thank you to the altar guild that prepares the altar every Sunday and brings the flowers. We definitely have some of the most beautiful and unique flower arrangements!

Choir - As a community, we continue to be blessed by the faithful commitment of our choir members. The attention, focus, and dedication they bring to our weekly rehearsals is always inspiring and energizing.

In November 2013, we gave the first concert in our choir's history, performing works by Aaron Copland, Alice Parker, and William Byrd. We also raised \$800 for the disaster relief work of Lutheran Disaster Response. We participated in the mass choir for the Ascension Day service at Stanford's Memorial Church. Our director, Bill Walker, participated in a choral seminar this fall at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco led by Vance George, former conductor of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus.

Our rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7pm in the Sanctuary and all are welcome. Please join us!

Invitations - We welcome new musicians to come and play at worship, cantor and join choir. We welcome everyone to join our occasional Worship Committee meetings -- please talk to Carol DeZutti and/or Bill Walker. We also encourage people to sign up for reading lessons and serving communion.