

**Minutes from Worship & Music**  
**August 20, 2017**

Members present: Violet Tharp, Synneva Meldahl, Betty Cumming, Janet Spracklin, Pastor Joel, and guest Natalie West.

The summer songfest had 19 people show up and the hour plus of constant singing went very fast. Was enjoyed by all there. It was suggested we plan further ahead next time. Pastor Joel will take the idea of a songfest to the task force for the Martin Luther 500 celebration. Greg Miller had mentioned they are looking for participants.

A joint worship service with St Matthew will be held the evening of Oct 22 at St. Matthews.

Violet received word that the three pianos were tuned by Chris Bengochea on Aug 5. Discussion was held and it was decided that the pianos are to be tuned by ONLY a Montana Certified Tuner—and Chris is the only one certified. He is also a technician, so he can do other adjustments as needed on the pianos. We would like the pianos checked out every 6 months, or according to Chris's schedule. In the past Violet was notified when Chris was coming. The grand has been kept "watered" quite well, and this was a task the office had said in the past that they would keep an eye on.

Natalie commented that she had listened to a radio broadcast in which the reader did not read the responses of the psalm, and she could not hear the congregation. We recommend the readers read ALL the psalm, and can read the responses a little softer than the rest.

It was suggested that the accompanist drop out an entire verse if the song is a familiar one.

Pastor Joel will have a new setting Sept 10. Choir will begin Sept 10 at 8:15, handbells Sept 10 at 10:30. Choir will perform the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Handbells can aim for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday but there is no guarantee due to the erratic attendance.

Violet mentioned the Praise band has been receiving honorariums, but has never been authorized from this committee. Therefore, we need communication so we can better plan the budget. Pastor Joel will find out who is the contact person for the Praise Band. It was noted that other groups (flutes) also provide special music, but no honorariums are given for that. Violet will also ask the office for a detailed list of honorariums paid and to whom and when. It was provided in the past, and proved worthy to iron out problems of decisions from this committee.

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Violet E Tharp