

## St. John's Lutheran Church, Emmaus, PA - Alternative Worship Options

### OPTION 1A

Four separate "events" on Sunday mornings (three worship opportunities – two "traditional" and one "alternative" – plus Sunday School) in the Parish Hall  
 (possibly 7:30-Traditional Worship, 8:45-Sun. School, 10:00-Alternative Worship, 11:00-Traditional Worship)

### OPTION 1B

Four separate "events" on Sunday mornings (three worship opportunities – two "traditional" and one "alternative" – plus Sunday School) in the Sanctuary  
 (possibly 7:30-Traditional Worship, 8:45-Sun. School, 10:00-Alternative Worship, 11:00-Traditional Worship)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alternate service would not replace Traditional service</li> <li>- Requires compromise by everyone</li> <li>- Does not overlap with Sunday School</li> <li>- Allows church to advertise alternative service at a fixed time</li> <li>- Provides alternative service at a more desirable time than 8:00</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Screen ready for projection</li> <li>- More room for more musicians</li> <li>- Proximity to refreshments</li> <li>- Setting is less formal/more casual and tends to create a friendlier atmosphere before, during, and after worship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requires change (of worship time) by everyone</li> <li>- Could make parking (at transition times) difficult</li> <li>- Possible overlap between those leaving alternative service and those arriving for last service</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requires additional volunteer and paid staff which will require additional funding</li> <li>- Forces those who prefer alternative service to worship in Parish Hall rather than Sanctuary which may not be their preference</li> <li>- Poor acoustics and sound system</li> <li>- Requires setting up Parish Hall and sound equipment for worship every week</li> <li>- Limits use of Parish Hall for other activities on Sunday mornings</li> <li>- Folding metal chairs uncomfortable for some and make standing more difficult for some</li> <li>- Little sense of transcendence</li> <li>- Ultimately limits the number of persons who can be accommodated at alternative service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alternate service would not replace Traditional service</li> <li>- Requires compromise by everyone</li> <li>- Does not overlap with Sunday School</li> <li>- Allows church to advertise alternative service at a fixed time</li> <li>- Makes the alternative service be at a more desirable time than 8:00</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acoustics better than Parish Hall</li> <li>- Allows use of Parish Hall for non-worship activities on Sunday morning</li> <li>- Seating is easier for worshipers to stand and sit</li> <li>- Distribution of Communion flows better than in Parish Hall</li> <li>- Allows use of hymnals if desired</li> <li>- Space provides both a sense of transcendence (the "otherness" of God) and immanence (the sense of God's presence among the gathered community)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requires change (of worship time) by everyone</li> <li>- Could make parking (at transition times) difficult</li> <li>- Possible overlap between those leaving alternative service and those arriving for last service</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requires additional volunteer and paid staff which will require additional funding</li> <li>- Setting imposes a sense of formality and stiffness</li> <li>- Projection not easily available</li> <li>- Children get lost in pews</li> <li>- Difficult logistics for band and sound engineer</li> <li>- Makes front of Sanctuary look cluttered</li> <li>- Tight space for praise band</li> <li>- Worshipers less comfortable "coming as you are"</li> <li>- Less interaction among worshipers before worship</li> </ul>

**OPTION 2A**

Alternative Service held every Sunday morning in the Parish Hall at 8:00 for a month alternating with holding it at 10:30 the following month, continuing to alternate every month.

**OPTION 2B**

Alternative Service held every Sunday morning in the Sanctuary at 8:00 for a month alternating with holding it at 10:30 the following month, continuing to alternate every month.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No additional worship times are needed (unlike Options 1A&amp;B, 3, and 4A&amp;B)</li> <li>- Those who do not prefer alternative service can experience their preferred style half the time</li> <li>- Does not create new parking issues</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Screen ready for projection</li> <li>- More room for more musicians</li> <li>- Proximity to refreshments</li> <li>- Setting is less formal/more casual and tends to create a friendlier atmosphere before, during, and after worship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Those who do not prefer alternative service will be dissatisfied half the time, either by the style or time of worship</li> <li>- Causes schedule confusion for many</li> <li>- Difficult to advertise and attract visitors to alternative service due to changing time each month</li> <li>- Alternative worship leaders must follow the alternative service to a different time each month</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requires additional volunteer and paid staff which will require additional funding</li> <li>- Forces those who prefer alternative service to worship in Parish Hall rather than Sanctuary which may not be their preference</li> <li>- Poor acoustics and sound system</li> <li>- Requires setting up Parish Hall and sound equipment for worship every week</li> <li>- Limits use of Parish Hall for other activities on Sunday mornings</li> <li>- Folding metal chairs uncomfortable for some and make standing more difficult for some</li> <li>- Little sense of transcendence</li> <li>- Ultimately limits the number of persons who can be accommodated at alternative service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No additional worship times are needed (unlike Options 1A&amp;B, 3, and 4A&amp;B)</li> <li>- Those who do not prefer alternative service can experience their preferred style half the time</li> <li>- Does not create new parking issues</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acoustics better than Parish Hall</li> <li>- Allows use of Parish Hall for non-worship activities on Sunday morning</li> <li>- Seating is easier for worshipers to stand and sit</li> <li>- Distribution of Communion flows better than in Parish Hall</li> <li>- Allows use of hymnals if desired</li> <li>- Space provides both a sense of transcendence (the “otherness” of God) and immanence (the sense of God’s presence among the gathered community)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Those who do not prefer alternative service will be dissatisfied half the time, either by the style or time of worship</li> <li>- Causes schedule confusion for many</li> <li>- Difficult to advertise and attract visitors to alternative service due to changing time each month</li> <li>- Alternative worship leaders must follow the alternative service to a different time each month</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requires additional volunteer and paid staff which will require additional funding</li> <li>- Setting imposes a sense of formality and stiffness</li> <li>- Projection not easily available</li> <li>- Children get lost in pews</li> <li>- Difficult logistics for band and sound engineer</li> <li>- Makes front of Sanctuary look cluttered</li> <li>- Tight space for praise band</li> <li>- Worshipers less comfortable “coming as you are”</li> <li>- Less interaction among worshipers before worship</li> </ul>

**OPTION 3**

Alternative Service held every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall while “Traditional” Service is also being held in Sanctuary

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Does not change or take away worship opportunities which existed before the experiment with an alternative service began in July 2010</li> <li>- Provides alternative service at a more desirable time than 8:00</li> <li>- Easy to remember and advertise</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Screen ready for projection</li> <li>- More room for more musicians</li> <li>- Proximity to refreshments</li> <li>- Setting is less formal/more casual and tends to create a friendlier atmosphere before, during, and after worship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adequate parking for worshipers at both services likely to be a problem</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requires additional volunteer and paid staff which will require additional funding</li> <li>- Forces those who prefer alternative service to worship in Parish Hall rather than Sanctuary which may not be their preference</li> <li>- Poor acoustics and sound system</li> <li>- Requires setting up Parish Hall and sound equipment for worship every week</li> <li>- Limits use of Parish Hall for other activities on Sunday mornings</li> <li>- Folding metal chairs uncomfortable for some and make standing more difficult for some</li> <li>- Little sense of transcendence</li> <li>- Ultimately limits the number of persons who can be accommodated at alternative service</li> </ul>

**OPTION 4A**

Alternative service held every Sunday morning in Parish Hall at 9:15 (at same time as Sunday School) (Variations could include cancelling Sunday School once a month so students and teachers could attend alternative service; Sun. School students and teachers attend first part of alternative service and be dismissed to S.S. part-way through alternative service; move Sun. School to another day and time)

**OPTION 4B**

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