

Salem United Ministry Update - May 2020

Discipleship Committee - Leann

- No new information this month.

Children's & Family Ministry - Brooke

- Sunday School has looked a little different since the end of March, but we are still bringing the love of Jesus to our Salem community. Each week we create a 7 to 10 minute video for our kids that is sent out in our Salem news. So far the feedback has been great!
- VBS will also look a little different this summer. We are working on a virtual VBS for our community called Salem's Around the World Staycation VBS! We are planning to put together daily videos of music and bible studies. We still want to give the kids a VBS t-shirt and a bag of goodies and crafts for each VBS day. This is still a new concept, so details are still forming. Additionally, we have shifted the date a week later to begin on June 29th so that our VBS does not coincide with St John's and St Paul's VBSs. Details regarding this will be sent out to our congregation this week.

Deacons - Mark

- We are working on gathering materials to study to better equip ourselves as deacons. We are currently working through a study of the chapter "Dealing With a Crisis" from Timothy Farabaugh's book entitled "Lay Pastoral Care Giving."
- We are praying for the community of Salem both personally and in our group meetings
- Each deacon is making calls to their entire list of families/members within the next month to receive updates from the families and to let them know we are supporting and praying for them.
- We are currently looking at the charter for the deacons and the definitions defined in the charter for possible revision. This month we will be looking at the definitions in the charter pertaining to the structure of deacons (i.e., positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, etc.), terms and duties of specific positions as defined in the charter to review for possible revision of the charter as it pertains to deacons.

Facilities/Safety - Julie

- 21st Century furniture order placed for two 1st grade classrooms and 4th grade classroom. Delivery May 21st.
- Salem continues to follow standard environmental infection control procedures. Our custodial service providers continue to clean and sanitize our campus. Only areas that have been accessed are being cleaned. All other areas have been closed off.
- Limiting the number of people on campus at one time. Scheduled pick-ups, drop offs of homework, etc.
- All lightbulbs replaced in gym
- Receiving quotes to fix C building roof causing leaks
- HVAC units needing repair/replacement (as well as HVAC room roof) in Building B - *on hold until required PS play area determined*

Men's Ministry - Walt

- Thursday Men's Bible Study on hold due to Covid-19
- Saturday Virtual Men's bible Study led by Mike Grasz is doing well with up to 17 attendees
- Cinco de Mayo was cancelled due to Covid-19
- No future events planned due to Covid-19

Missions - Kelly

- [Mission Minutes 04/21/2020](#)
- Missions approved a one time \$10,000 tuition assistance donation for the 2020/2021 school year
- Trinity Cristo Rey - will meet with TCR Pastor when possible to discuss need and timing of a soccer field renovation
- MMW - April 24-26 - Postponed
- [Independence Service Dogs](#) (Veteran support) \$300/month - Support with prayer
- Any cancelled mission trip funding will be returned, any postponed will be retained by missionary - application changed accordingly
- [Glad News for Muslims](#) COW to revisit a quiet room
- [Mission India](#) has ongoing needs - revisit in May
- [Samaritan's Purse - Tennessee](#) \$2,500 approved
- [His Little Feet COVID 19](#) lockdown, \$2,500 approved
- **Student Chapel 2019/2020 - Coordinate with Church/School**
 - February - [Hearts for Jesus](#) \$1,862 raised

Office - Christel

- Baptisms are being postponed until social distancing measures have been loosened and we are able to return to in-person worship.
- Salem Directory - A final draft was submitted to Lifetouch; waiting for the Directories to be produced.
- All community events have been canceled or postponed until social distancing measures have been loosened. Instead, we are focusing on providing for essential needs through ARK, Charity on Wheels, and Lutheran Social Services during the pandemic lockdown.
- Online services have received much praise from our community. We are continuing to find creative ways to keep people engaged and connected.
 - A Facebook Group was started for Salem members in April
 - We are happy to entertain any viable ideas to keep people connected and encouraged.

PTL - Liz Caniglia & Amee Scigliano

- Online Silent Auction
 - Silent Auction of baskets
 - Some baskets will be "buy now" and some will be baskets to bid on
 - Opening: Tuesday, May 26th
 - Closing: Friday, May 29th

- Facebook Live feed will go up at the start of the online auction with a message from Mrs. Sheets to the Salem families and community
- Emails were sent to Salem families about the refund process on Chick Fil A/Pizza Mondays and Gala Tickets - the option was given to either donate those funds to Salem PTL or request a refund

School - Corissa/Kasey

- As of 5/18/20 Preschool is at 54 students and K to 8 is at 256
- There are 26 more students that still need to re-enroll.
- We have another 10 to 15 students from Vineyard that are still in the process.
- Covid has made this follow up longer than usual. A handful of these families are waiting to get back to work when things open up to finish their enrollment.
- We feel VERY blessed to have the enrollment numbers we do, especially in the situation we are in. We continue to receive more inquiries about Salem and enrollment.
- Corissa and Kasey were able to make a virtual tour for Admissions with the help of Rich. We are very excited to see the final product! Hoping to get that out this week.

Women's Ministry - Brooke

- Looking forward to being able to fellowship with the amazing women of Salem and our community soon!
- Praying for these women and ways to reach out to them during this time of quarantine and social distancing.
- A new weekly Virtual Women's Bible Study group was launched on May 6th. Led by Patty Frick, this study has already attracted 13 ladies from three different states!

Worship Arts - Zach

- Church
 - Sunday worship services (streaming) are improving each week as we learn more and monitor response rates.
 - I am posting one pre recorded song from each worship service every week to promote the church.
 - I am trying to have a new "special guest" join me every week to encourage people to tune in on Sunday
 - I have updated the website - specifically the sermon archives page
 - I am performing routine check-ins on Worship Team, Crew and Salem church families.
- School
 - ALL digital marketing campaigns have been relaunched and seem to be bearing fruit. We are regularly receiving enrollment leads.
 - Chapels are going well via pre-recorded video segments.
 - I am performing routine "check-ins" with Salem School families.

Youth Ministry - Kaley Haymond & Stephen Woody (High School), Tristan Duerr (College/Young Adult), & Jimmy Stephens (youth parent)

- Adam Dougherty has officially accepted our Call to serve as our Director of Christian Education! We are excited to have Adam join our Salem family this summer and re-launch Youth Ministry after he arrives.