

Salem United Ministry Update - March 2020

Discipleship Committee - Leann

- Pastor will be preaching through the book “Joining Jesus on His Mission” as part of Salem’s Lenten plans.
 - No new information this month.

Children’s & Family Ministry - Brooke

- Preparing for VBS 2019 *Concrete & Cranes* is in full swing! Looking forward to having another successful event!!
- Unfortunately, our children’s events - 2,3,4 Worship at the Door and Club 56 will be cancelled this month. There has been a lot of excitement around these two nights for our elementary kids and it has been fun to be a part of and witness the growth we have seen this year.
- The Annual Easter Egg hunt is as of now still a go. Praying our Easter Sunday brings lots of little one’s and their baskets. It is a time of uncertainty but for now, full steam ahead.
- Sunday school has been a blast and constantly growing in numbers. For the time being, kids will worship with their families until we receive updated news from our country’s leaders. This past Sunday we delivered small bags of play doh with Make Your Own Play Doh at home recipe card to the kids who attended church - a little fun activity to do at home. My thought is to give the kids a little bag each week for the time being with a mini Sunday School lesson/activity to take home. Just want them to feel loved!!

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. Expected delivery by end of school.
- Coronavirus notifications sent to Salem families including Salem’s plan
- Salem continues to follow standard environmental infection control procedures. Teachers have been diligent in the daily cleaning of classrooms, as well as allowing for

more frequent student handwashing. In addition, our custodial service providers continue to clean and sanitize our campus, including frequently touched surfaces.

- Receiving quotes to replace lightbulbs 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

- Updated 3/11/2020
- Study of the Gospel of Matthew, Thursdays 6:30am at Rockwell's led by Mike Grass
- Launched a study of Martin Luther, Saturdays 7:30am in the Salem conference Room led by Rich Dannenbring
- Working on dates for Cinco De Mayo gathering at Bryon Meyer's home
- Working on Corn Hole Tournament and fellowship

Missions - Kelly

- [Mission Minutes 02/18/2020](#)
- [California Lutheran Homes and Community Services](#) Missions reached out to Church members for help - no man power to coordinate between Walnut Village and Salem..
- Trinity Cristo Rey - Bryon will follow up again.
- [Community CPR training at Salem](#) - Went very well - one instructor for every ten people. Forty two attended. Lois submitted receipts - paid.
- MMW - April 24-26 - Board to make final decision on candidate and dates at the March meeting.
- [Independence Service Dogs](#) (Veteran support) \$300/month - Help with a fundraiser? Short video we can put up on screen at church?
- Tristan Duerr received \$250 for a Mission trip to Jarabacoa in May.
- [Glad News for Muslims](#) COW to revisit a quiet room in February.
- [Mission India](#) Hearts for Jesus in Jan/Feb Student Chapel and Sunday School participation. <https://missionindia.org/experience-india/hearts-for-jesus/> Kelly will follow up with Church and School for a March time frame. Student Chapel raised \$1,862 to date.
- [LSSSC](#) - Support as needed
- [Samaritan's Purse - Tennessee](#) Donation?
- **Student Chapel 2019/2020 - Coordinate with Church/School**
 - September - [Compassion International](#) (Sergio and Hellon) - \$386.43 - Missions paid \$621.57 shortage
 - October - Season of Hope - Thanksgiving Outreach - \$419 to date - Missions paid \$964 shortage
 - November - [Samaritan's Purse -Operation Christmas Child](#) - \$773.44 -Missions paid \$1,845 postage and [Operation Gratitude](#) (Veterans) - \$101.58
 - December - [World Vision](#) PS Chapel - \$221.08
 - January - [His Little Feet](#) - \$399.45 Missions paid \$185 to Booster Club for HLF BBQ lunches. Panda Express donated.
 - February - [Hearts for Jesus](#)
 - March - [Mission India](#) <https://missionindia.org/experience-india/hearts-for-jesus/>
 - [California Lutheran Homes and Community Services](#)

Office - Christel

- Membership
 - Pastor is considering restructuring the New Member class. We are postponing the next class until the Fall. More details will be shared at a later time.
- Baptisms
 - Ryan Kleis and Krista Kee, along with their children, Wesley and Ivy, plus Branden O'Neal and his son, Eddie were baptized on Sunday, February 23rd at the 10:30 service.
 - Stephanie Von Schimpf, her son, Jaelyn, and her new baby daughter are scheduled to be baptized on Sunday, May 24th at the 10:30 service.
- Salem Directory
 - The first draft of the directory has been reviewed. Once a final copy has been reviewed, copies will be printed for all Salem congregants who participated in this session or the 2017 photo session.
- Orange Lutheran Association Church Membership
 - Pastor met with students and families on Sunday, March 1st after each service to discuss requirements for this discount.
 - This information will also be disseminated electronically to current families soon.
 - We are discussing how to share this information with school families in a beneficial way
- First Communion
 - First Communion class dates are being shared with the children of members and regular attenders
 - First Communion will be held at the 7pm Maundy Thursday service
- Community
 - Senior Helpers, an organization that provides in-home care for seniors, is providing our community with a series of educational seminars and support groups
 - 4/19 - Educational Series - Senior Gems (12p) + Support Group (1p)
 - 5/17 - Educational Series - Senior Gems (12p) + Support Group (1p)
 - 6/3 - [Healthy Brain - Dr. Dung "Iggy" Trinh of Irvine Clinical Research](#), 5-6pm
 - [Financial Peace University](#), a program that helps teach Godly money management concepts and helps people get out of debt, has been held at Salem in the past many years ago. Sharalyn Sowers has volunteered to lead the program, which will begin after Easter.
 - We are exploring holding an [Alpha](#) program at Salem. This is a program aimed at creating opportunities for community members to discuss Christian topics in conjunction with a meal. It is an excellent opportunity to invite non-Christians. More information will be shared soon!
 - An [Estate Planning Workshop](#) was held Sunday, March 15th after each service.
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 - Strategic Planning - Need to continue to work on identifying goals and strategy statements in conjunction with the themes of Engagement and Involvement,

Discipleship, and School. Once these have been solidified, a plan needs to be presented to the MLC and then the congregation.

- Upcoming Special Services
 - Maundy Thursday - April 9th, 7pm
 - Confirmation Testimonies
 - First Communion
 - Good Friday - April 10th, 7pm
 - Easter Sunday - April 12th - 8:30am Traditional, 9:00 & 10:30am Contemporary
 - We will hold an Easter Egg hunt again this year
 - Confirmation - April 26th, 10:30am
- The [2018-2019 Annual Report](#) has been completed and published

PTL - Liz Caniglia & Amee Scigliano

- Last PTL General Meeting for 2019/2020 school year: May 20th
- Approved Mrs. Rumsey's Battle of the Books request for \$250
- Auction update: 214 people are registered, baskets will be turned in on March 18th
- Upcoming PTL Events
 - 5/30 - 25th Annual Gala and Auction
 - 4/1 - Parent Seminar: Dr. Buddy Mendez "Parenting in an Anxious World"
 - 4/3 - Teacher Appreciation Day

School - Corissa/Kasey

- CELEBRATING...!
 - Enrollment:
 - As of 3/11/20 K-8 enrollment is 265 with 3 more starting 4th quarter to make enrollment 268! God is GOOD!
 - 95 Preschool as of 3/11/20
 - Open House Success
 - Phil Duerr named in Top 25 OC Parenting Magazine's Teacher of the Year contest (look for Phil's picture in the March issue)
 - Re-enrollment going AWESOME! - Enrollment opened to public 3/1/2020
 - Our numbers as of 3/11/20 for next year with current families almost all done re-enrolling and new families we are projecting to be at 307!!!! Wowza
 - 25th Annual Salem Gala & Silent Auction - changed to May 30, 2020

Women's Ministry - Brooke

- We had a beautiful group of 8 Salem ladies attend the Aspire Women's Event in Riverside on Saturday, February 29th. 6 of our members and one St Paul's member enjoyed socializing at dinner beforehand.
- Our Craft Night, which was scheduled for Friday, March 13th, was rescheduled for Friday, April 3rd. Ladies can make a Resurrection Garden for just \$10.

Worship Arts - Zach

- Church

- As a result of the quarantine Sunday worship will be conducted via pre-recorded video segment.
- Easter choir rehearsals will continue via individual “at home” study through Planning Center Online.
- I am performing routine check-ins on Worship Team, Crew and Salem church families.
- School
 - New business cards have been designed and received for Admissions Director. Other employees have voiced interest in ordering cards with the new design - some have offered to pay for them themselves as well. We should order some for Corriisa Sheets ASAP.
 - New enrollment folders are in and look fantastic. They will hopefully help with conversion for new students.
 - ALL digital marketing campaigns have been suspended/paused till further notice.
 - Chapel’s will be conducted 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)

- On Tuesday, March 20th, Salem members voted to extend a Call to Adam Dougherty to serve as Salem’s Director of Christian Education (DCE). Please join us in praying for Adam as he considers this Call.
- Youth Group meetings have been postponed until Youth Ministry leadership has been further organized