

Salem United Ministry Update - February 2021

Discipleship Board - Leann

- Waiting for further direction

Children's & Family Ministry - Brooke

- We continue to provide Virtual Sunday School videos every week. Each video has a kid-friendly message with a different special word of the day that coincides with a Bible verse.
- Just finished a 6-week Dr. Suess themed Virtual Sunday School. The lessons centered around discipleship, faithfulness, being of one body in Christ, friendship/fellowship, God's protection, and the blessings of the earth.
- Currently working on a Valentine themed Sunday School lesson for the kids as this year, the holiday falls on Sunday!!
- Meeting on 2/14/21 to begin the planning stages of VBS 2021 and what it will look like this year.

Deacons - Mark

- We are praying for the community of Salem both personally and in our group meetings
- We are actively calling our members of Salem to encourage them to participate in worship safely as we get through difficult times during the Covid pandemic. For those that are shut-in during these times due to safety concerns, we are calling upon them more regularly.
- Candace Inman has been accepted as a new deaconess
- We are assigning deacons to the 3 new member families (Peterson, Carter, and Stoltzner)

Facilities/Safety - Julie

- Frank Lane completed.
- New parking lot gates installed and operating.
- All staff received vehicle gate tags (sticker)
- Toilets throughout campus are beginning to leak - repairs being made
- Fire Inspection conducted 2/11
- Smoke test required for permit for elevator - scheduled for 2/23
- 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
 - Considering options for hybrid approach
- Saturday Virtual Men's Bible Study led by Mike Grasz is doing well
 - Attendance ranges from 11 - 20
 - No future events planned due to Covid-19

- In discussions with another Men's study group who might want to join our Saturday study or provide an option for another day.

Missions - Donna

- [Mission Agenda - 1/19/2021](#)
- Salem students sent 230 Christmas cards and a picture to Walnut Village. Several residents responded.
- David and Jessica Heim - Worked last 2 Saturdays - Dave had many volunteers the first Saturday. A few more Saturdays and should be complete.
- COW Thanksgiving food drive held 11/21 - Exceeded expectations.
- COW Christmas Giving Tree and Christmas Dinner - All Christmas needs fulfilled. Approximately 100 gifts distributed. Dinner hosted 27 people for worship and fellowship.
- Missions is researching organizations supporting Human Trafficking for participation - Kelly Galindo, 26 Seconds will be a guest at the February meeting.
- Missions is coordinating with ARK on outreach efforts.

Office - Christel

- Baptisms
 - Charles Hyneman (1st grade Salem student) - baptized January 27th
- The Rite of First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, March 7th at 9:30am
 - Class scheduled for Sunday, February 21st at 10:30am
 - 5th grade and up invited to participate
- Ash Wednesday services are being prepared to push out virtually on February 17th
 - We will have separate service videos for Preschool, K-8th grade, and an evening Worship service @ 7:00 pm for the public
 - Classroom teachers will be provided ashes and tools to impose ashes on their students
 - Salem will have a continuous drive-through imposition of ashes from 4:30-6:00pm on Ash Wednesday in the main parking lot.

PTL - Liz Caniglia

- The PTL is currently out of the red due to the many fundraising efforts and support so far this year!
- PTL Pizza Mondays continues to be a success
- PTL is starting to plan for our virtual silent auction "Inspire" on Friday, April 23rd, 2021. Our goal is to raise enough funds to complete the 21st Century Classroom updates.
- Working with Protect Young Eyes (PYEs) to reschedule or postpone student, teacher and parent presentations.
- Currently, the PTL has a small amount of available funds to support additional programs, materials, technology, etc.

School - Corissa/Kasey

- 2020-2021 Enrollment (as of 2/9/21): Preschool = 70 students; K-8 = 327
- Re-enrollment for 2021-2022

- Prospective/confirmed yes for Kindergarten: 22 students
- K-8 re-enrolled total as of 2/9: 257 students complete; 7 in progress
- Preschool re-enrolled total as of 2/7: 26 students complete; 4 in progress
- First time using “Continuous Enrollment” - Students are automatically re-enrolled and billed the registration fee in February, unless they submit a written notice of withdrawal by a specific date prior to that. Only 16 families withdrew, of which we expect most to re-enroll at a later date.
- Enrollment opens to new families on 2/15
- Echo continues to be a hit with our students and families. New families are also very excited to hear about Echo and are super thankful we have a Comfort dog!
- We are unable to have our traditional Grandparent’s Day event, but we will still celebrate the grandparents and older generations in our lives with a special Chapel presentation on Friday 3/5 and by sending cards to our grandparents.
- National Lutheran Schools Week will be celebrated the week of March 7th.
- One of our first-grade students (new this year) was baptized at Chapel in January!

Women’s Ministry - Brooke

- She is more precious than rubies... a new theme for Women’s Ministries
- Praying weekly for the women of our Salem Family and community.
- Just created an Instagram account for the women of Salem!
- Working on Calendar for future Women’s events like craft night, OuTreach, and game night.
- Currently working on the next bible study-looking to do a study on Women Supporting Women. Possibly a Proverbs 31 study.
- Excited to surprise the ladies of our church and community with a welcome gift at church on Sunday, Feb. 14th, along with information/invitation on upcoming women’s events

Worship Arts - Zach

- Church
 - Sunday Outdoor worship LIVE in-person @ 9:30am
 - We have received criticism from congregation members for not moving services back inside and resuming as usual.
 - I have had private meetings with members who were upset; they have gone well and people have been understanding.
 - I still believe the outdoor service model is the best way to proceed.
 - Outdoor worship Streaming @ 9:30am
 - Marius van Der Watt continues to provide video services every Sunday.
 - Video streaming has been problematic in recent weeks. This is very discouraging as many folks are still joining us online.
 - Hoping to install a wireless bridge to improve our streaming capabilities.
 - Ash Wednesday

- Ash Wednesday services have been filmed and recorded.
 - Services will be online only - no live services
 - We will have a “drive-thru” imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday from 4:30pm to 6pm.
 - We will be handing out devotion invite cards to people during the drive thru - Inviting them to enjoy our online Ash Wednesday service, Online Good Friday service, & LIVE Easter Service.
- School
 - Chapels
 - We are preparing to film our Grandparents day Chapel on February 26th
 - Marketing / Advertising
 - Met with Corissa Sheets on Friday Feb 5th to review our marketing efforts, the website, etc.
 - Designing new enrollment banners for the corner marque
 - Ordering new folders for enrollment
 - Ordering new business cards for Mrs. Sheets & Mrs. Beckman
 - We continue to receive enrollment leads through the website based on good organic search results.

Youth Ministry - Adam Dougherty

- January Youth Nights went well for our first month back from time off in December. New students at College Night and our outdoor High School events on Sundays
 - Still meeting in the gym or on the patio out front
- Added 4 to Foothill HS small group, making the group 12 strong, working through a book on Anxiety/Depression and “The Jagged Word Field Guide to Being a Man”
 - Currently working to establish two new small groups this month for high school students (one boys group, one girls)
- TOP 10 Resources list for 2020 is out on the updated site, and video will be released Monday 2/8 online...working with school to get that out to parents! Includes Bible studies, parenting resources, teenage topic books, and pre-teen topics.
- Confirmation is halfway through, and our first test is on 2/14. First year resources are coming together, and I’ve got a good idea of where I’ve made mistakes in communication that will help avoid confusion next year. Though it has led to frustration for some, the format has led families to be more engaged and involved in the class. As time goes on, I’m sure the culture will develop to set that as the expectation.
- Webpage Updated Again
- Working to bring in two lead volunteers, including one MA Theology student at Concordia to help be a young female presence and engage with our girls.
- Working with CUI to begin to get DCE fieldwork students (undergrad), as soon as next fall.
- Four main goals for 2021 - Establish three additional small groups and maintain attendance, attend our first camp, hold youth nights faithfully every Thursday, and

raise money to support our NYG trip and build funds to support camp scholarships, program advancement, and more.