

Salem United Ministry Update - November 2019

Discipleship Committee - Leann

- The Discipleship Committee will be meeting this Friday November 22nd to do some short and long term planning. We hope to:
 - Review the Really Study
 - Strategize about the small group and learning resources
 - Plan for additional ways the Discipleship committee can make a difference

Children's & Family Ministry - Brooke

- Sunday School
 - Sunday school is going strong and continues to have great numbers. On average 13-18 kiddos consistently
- Second Club 56 was a great time. We had approximately 35 kids attend.
- The annual Trunk or Treat event was amazing. It was well-attended by not only our Salem families, but our community families as well!! We had over 30 trunks this year!

Deacons - Mark

- We are working on gathering materials to study to better equip ourselves as deacons. We are currently working through a book written by C.S. Lewis entitled "Reflections on the Psalms".
- We are praying for the community of Salem both personally and in our group meetings
- We are contacting members who are sick, lonely, grieving, enduring emotional stress or needing encouragement. Contacts are done by personal visits if possible, if not by phone, email, or text. Ila Kasad is helping us with visits.
- Senior Helpers is a non-profit organization caring for elderly specifically with dementia. A representative from Senior Helpers is coming to the November deacon meeting to meet with the deacons and discuss opportunities for the deacons to partner with and be trained by Senior Helpers in workshops to guide us in caring for the elderly Salem members with dementia.

Facilities/Safety - Julie

- STEM Lab - sound absorption panels installed. Noise reduction of echo greatly improved.
- STEM Lab - Bible verse hand painted by Salem parent, Kelly Barksdale, in each of the rooms.
- 21st Century furniture for Angie Rumsey's room (C3) delivered.
- Walk through with Brian Sheets, electrician, improved lighting throughout campus.
- Ramp to entry gate - Railing has been fabricated, waiting for installation date by donor.
- 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

- Current Study is an LCMS video series named Convoy

Missions - Kelly

- [Mission Minutes 10/15/2019](#)
- Tuition Assistance approved at \$2,125/quarter for 2019/2020 school year
- Lois Widly coordinating CPR training date - February 2, 2020
- Charity on Wheels Gala did fantastic
- Season of Hope - Thanksgiving Outreach - Saturday, November 23rd at Salvation Army
 - Canyon Catering to provide 250 Thanksgiving meals
 - Sleeping bags - 200 to be distributed
 - Necessity bags - 250 to be coordinated
- Starting Mystery Makeover discussion/nominees
- Student mission trip scholarship of \$250 awarded to Taylor Weinrich (Jamaica)
- Missions considering donation to Glad News for Muslims for conference funding
- Student Chapel:
 - Season of Hope - Thanksgiving Outreach
 - Operation Christmas Child
 - Veteran's
 - His Little Feet
 - Hearts for Jesus
 - Mission India
 - CA Lutheran Homes and Community Services
 - Charity on Wheels

Office - Christel

- Membership
 - Four new members welcomed on October 27th
 - Elena Marinescu
 - Phil Finley
 - Brandon & Trisha Back (Children: Clayton, Paisley, and Hazel)
 - Baptisms
 - Bryce & Samantha Turner will be baptized on 11/24 at the 10:30 service
 - Salem Serves - Council & Boards & Ministries are invited to meet with and share about their ministry to New Members at a special celebration luncheon on a date TBD in January.
- Christmas Caroling
 - Working to put together an evening of Christmas Caroling through local neighborhoods to promote Christmas Eve services
- 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.

- Need to ensure ministry leaders have contacted all who volunteered for ministries.

PTL - Liz Caniglia & Amee Scigliano

- Jog-a-Thon Fall Fundraiser went great and raise a lot of money
 - Total # of PS - 8th grade students registered: 226 (341 total PS-8th students)
 - Total collected: \$42,764
 - School profit: \$27,296
 - Sponsor total: \$16,165
 - Total raised: \$43,961.60
 - PS Total: \$4,360.85
 - K-6th Total: \$19,579.95
 - JH Total: \$3,855.80
- PTL Board approved to allocate \$20,000 to the 21st Century classrooms from the Jog-a-Thon profit
- PTL approved to allocate \$23,000 to the 21st Century classrooms from the unallocated funds from the budget (from the \$27,048 unallocated funds)
- PTL approved to pay \$600 towards the snow expense
- PTL approved to pay for 3 library shelves that are needed at \$1,781.65

School - Corissa/Kasey

- CELEBRATING...!
 - Enrollment:
 - 254 K-8(2 new students- 5th and Kindergarten- potentially starting after Thanksgiving, 3 more students for sure starting in January!)
 - 89 Preschool(2 more coming in January)
 - Spelling Bee 10/19 - Our 7th grade spellers took 2nd and 3rd place!
 - Showcase Night 11/14 - Big crowd, good vibes, happy families, potential students!
 - Elementary Educator of the Year
 - Mrs. Lisa Ellwein, Finalist
 - Mrs. Shelly Surridge, Recipient
 - Faculty headed to LEC next week
 - Students preparing for Advent programs

Women's Ministry - Brooke

- The Really?! Series Friday morning bible study brought a small but powerful group of women together. We had wonderful talks and came up with an idea to continue to grow this Friday morning ministry - still brainstorming the concept and hope to present in the next Salem United Ministry Update.
- Looking forward to our next Women's Night Out event, Friday, Dec. 13th. We will be making beautiful jewelry for the holidays and more!
- Our big event is this Saturday - The Annual Women's Boutique and Luncheon. We have over 20 vendors attending, music by Zach and team, 20 tables filled with excited guests, and over 20 volunteers dedicated to making this day beautiful! We had over

5,000 hits on social media advertising and a mention on the Fish website. Looking forward to a very successful event!

- The Women's Retreat was FANTASTIC! Ann and Kasey did a wonderful job!!

Worship Arts - Zach

- Church
 - Christmas is in early planning stages. We will continue our theme of REALLY? Into Christmas. Working on graphics now!
 - Worship Team has added new members (piano/keys), and we have also picked up two new vocalists.
- School
 - New web pages for School Theme Verse are complete.
 - Now people can see the student drawings I am given next to the digital graphic I created for each year.
 - These graphics ultimately become our branding for the following school year including our school theme shirt design.
 - I will also be loading the school theme songs for each year on this page. Hoping to tie this into our Fine Arts Academy launch.
<https://www.salemorange.com/school-theme-verse>
 - [Jog-A-Thon sponsor page](#) is finished. Hoping we can build this page out to include sponsors for the School Gala. This would make for a more effective way of generating funds. Need to meet with Corissa & Kasey on this.
 - This could also be the beginning of a Salem business directory which could raise additional funds for church & school.
 - Digital marketing campaign for enrollments finished on October 1st.
 - We saw a significant lift in inquiries to the school office as well as web leads for enrollment.
 - Need to meet with Corissa & Kasey to evaluate the campaigns true effectiveness. We spent \$500. How many enrollments happened or are likely to happen?
 - I believe digital marketing for enrollments should be an ongoing budget item for the school at \$500 per month.

Youth Ministry - Katie Baumann (DCE Candidate)

Also: Kaley Haymond & Stephen Woody (High School), Tristan Duerr (College/Young Adult), Kelly Barksdale (youth board member & parent volunteer), & Jimmy Stephens (youth parent)

UPDATES:

SSM Groups:

- Club 56
 - We had 33 kids at the November Club 56 event! So great!
- Jr. High

- We have sent out an email to gauge interest in the Jr. High District Youth Gathering, and it seems there is some. SO, we will be attempting to get information together and host a meeting for parents about that event soon.
 - Jr. High DYG: Feb. 29 - March 1 @ Concordia Irvine
- High School
 - More details for High School District Youth Gathering coming soon! We do have a few kids who plan to attend. Forms and \$\$ are DUE DECEMBER 1st!
 - HS DYG: January 24-26 in Palm Springs
- College/Young Adult
 - Will still try to meet up together this month - details TBA

Upcoming Youth Events:

- SSM Christmas Party for grades 5-12 ---> Thursday, December 5th @ 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
 - Using the gym & the youth room - possibly one other room if there's a free space
 - Christmas carols, hot chocolate bar, snacks, "Secret Santa" game, ugly sweater contest
 - High Schoolers are helping out with music & set up/tear down (they'll have their own ugly sweater contest and are welcome to join in on the fun too!)
- **Regularly scheduled Thursday youth nights have been replaced by the events on our Holiday Youth Event Schedule. The only event we have left on that schedule is the Christmas party. The normal youth night schedule will resume sometime in January - TBA.*

Youth Board: Next meeting is Monday, Nov. 18th @ 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room

- We will be working through plans for the transition of leadership between myself and the rest of our youth volunteers. We hope to set Salem up for success in youth ministry going forward, no matter what!

Quick update on Katie:

I have now completed my time at Salem as your DCE Intern. My last official day was Nov. 15. However, I will not be moving for a little while yet, and plan to be at church and helping with youth stuff as much as I can between now and then.

This past Wednesday evening, Nov. 13, I was issued a Divine Call from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Chattanooga, TN. I have some time to decide on whether or not to accept the Call, but I did have a great visit with them last weekend. They have a lot of good people, and their Youth Ministry program is primed and ready for a full-time called worker to come in and take the reigns. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me.

Thank you for all your support and love, Salem family! I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with you all, and am glad to have a few more opportunities to be with you until I leave for my next adventure in ministry!