

Salem United Ministry Update - February 2023

Discipleship Board - Leann

- Leading Bible studies

Children's & Family Ministry - Brooke

- Sunday School is seeing new faces every week! We are still averaging 12-16 kids weekly, with many Sundays seeing over 20 kids attending.
- We are thankful to have a strong Sunday Childcare team in place. We are currently averaging 5 children per week, which is up from 3 on average last year. We have begun implementing an age-appropriate Sunday School lesson for our childcare.
- Approval has been given to now offer Sunday School to children who attend the earlier church service. Such a fantastic way to minister to our younger families who wish to attend our traditional service.
- We are excited to have 5 Concordia DCE students volunteering this year who have offered to begin planning some Sunday School curriculum for the upcoming months
- Monday, February 6th from 5pm-7pm we hosted our second annual Family Skate Night at Holiday Skate Center in Orange. It was an absolute blast welcoming new and seasoned Salem families together in fellowship. We had approximately 165 people attend, a great night for all ages. Thank you to Christel Woody for creating a fantastic social media post sharing videos from the evening.
- VBS planning has already begun. Meeting dates are on the calendar with our fellow churches in the local community. We are working with these other churches to share ideas and resources which helps keep the cost down for everyone. Our dates have been set - June 26th-June 30th. VBS [registration](#) has launched, and we are actively seeking [volunteers](#)! Our theme will be *Stellar - Shine Jesus' Light*. Our kids will embark on a cosmic quest where they will have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world!
- Upcoming events: Annual Easter Egg Hunt - how to make it even more enjoyable for our families. Possible VBS kick-off glow party or movie night.

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 who are hurting or have been going through anxious or tough times to encourage them, listen, and pray with them.
- We are actively calling our members of Salem who we have not seen attending worship and engaging them personally with phone calls, text messages/emails, and personal greetings to remind and encourage them to participate in worship again. We are following up on those contacts regularly.
- We are actively calling on new members to encourage them and welcome them to the Salem community
- We are following up with members who we have called in the past to encourage them to stay connected and involved at Salem

Facilities/Safety - Julie

- Received quotes for keyless entry into classrooms and offices - presenting to PTL
- Outdoor furniture replaced.
- Vine removed from patio cover.
- New electrical work to be completed near Well area.
- Received quote to paint patio cover and nearby areas to blend, \$9,000.00
- Received quote to paint gym, \$5,000.00 (comments/questions about dirt on ceiling is it mold? No, it's the dirt from the vent) Does not look good.
- New electrical work to be completed inside gym - waiting for quote
- Matt doing a great job keeping the campus looking clean.

Men's Ministry - Walt

- Thursday 6:30 am Men's Bible Study with Mike Grasz leading Proverbs.
- Saturday 7:30 am Bible Study Mike Grasz leading EZRA
 - Church Office Conference Room
- [Poker Night](#) 1/20/2023 6:30 at Salem
 - Organized by Stephen Woody, Brian Sheets, and Chris Weinrich
 - 14 men from our church and school enjoyed the evening hanging out and competing
- Brewery Night 3/9 (Brian Sheets)

Missions - Donna

- [February 21st Agenda](#)
- Board to research K-9 Ministries (Lutheran Church Charities) and other Veteran organizations
- [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#) - Build Day April 22, 2023. Coordinating with Church and School
- Missions helped offset cost of HLF
- Turkey/Syria 7.8 Earthquake to be discussed for best organization to donate funds
- Missions January Balance is \$57,502
- Requesting MLC suggestions in selecting a new Board member from Salem School/Church staff to serve on Missions as the Salem liaison. Will reach out to Jenny Cree as suggested by Pastor Frick

Office - Christel

- Growth
 - Membership
 - Three new members received via transfer from other Lutheran churches
 - Lynn Huston
 - Dave & Nadine Mehaffey
 - Spring Membership Class - 6 participants
 - We are praising God for the baptism of 12 Salem students:
 - January 22nd @ 10am Service - Kendall & Grant Pelkey; Preston Breen; Olivia & Blake Murphy

- January 27th @ 8:35am Chapel - Gunnar, Wyatt, and Piper Sanderson; Lucas Madden; Mason Bothwell; Casey Martin; Griffin Stilwell
 - Upcoming baptisms:
 - February 26th - Roger Martinez Jr, Frankie Avila, Mila Avila, & Aryella Matthews
- [Ash Wednesday services](#) will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd at 8:35am (chapel) and 6:30pm (service)
- [First Communion Classes](#) have been scheduled for March 5th and 19th with the Rite of First Communion to be held on Sunday, April 2nd at the 10am Palm Sunday service
- We are working on organizing some pilot groups for Rooted, which is destined to be a life-changing discipleship experience. After our pilot groups experience the process, we will launch the program with our church, school, and community, most likely in the fall. Learn more about the program at www.experiencerooted.com.

PTL - Liz Caniglia

- The Auction/Gala scheduled for Friday, March 3, 2023 at The Ranch Saloon
 - Sold out!
 - “Raise the Paddle” - enhanced campus security
 - Ladies’ Line Dancing Night - Thursday 2/23 at 6:30pm - 8:30pm - Join us for a night of fun and fellowship as we learn a few line dances that will be played at the Gala. All adult ladies welcome, even if you’re not attending the Gala. For details and to register (\$20/person), click here: [Ladies’ Line Dancing Night: Let’s get ready for the Gala!](#)
- Mother/Son Angels Game - April

School - Corissa/Kasey

- **Enrollment Update 2023-2024 School Year (as of 2/16)**
 - [Preschool children](#) 36 done/62 in progress(full day; half day*)
 - [K-8 = 388 students-In progress-39](#)
- Weekly Parents & Partners Prayer Gathering - every Friday 8:45am - 9:30am and some Thursday evenings at 6:30pm (Chapel)
- Girls basketball competing for the League Championship today!
- Boys basketball and Pom Team competing in CUI’s L.E.S.T. tournament this weekend (Lutheran elementary schools from all over the west coast)
- We just celebrated our first ever “**KINDNESS WEEK!**” Special thanks to our Student Leadership Team, made up of dedicated junior high students with lots of love for Jesus and Spartan spirit! They’ve put together a week of KINDNESS, including a devotion and special activities for each grade level, posters all around campus, kindness cards to share, and educational videos (such as “The Science of Kindness”). Praise to our Great God for His boundless LOVE that makes it possible for us to love others!
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- Salem is having an **ART SHOW this MARCH! ALL Salem students K-8th** are invited to CREATE a VISUAL ARTS project inspired by the theme **A STEADFAST LOVE** and have it displayed in the library for the month of March-including Grandparents Day! *A small number of these projects will be selected to be displayed at the OC Lutheran Schools Art Fest at OLU High School on 3/22. Chosen students will be notified on 3/1.*
- For ALL the things, check out the [Spartan Spark Newsletter](#)
- WASC/NLSA Accreditation Self-Study Report SUBMITTED! Full visit Scheduled for March 26 - 29, 2023

Women's Ministry - Brooke

- Praying weekly for the women of our Salem Family and community.
- On January 20th we hosted our always favorite BUNCO night. 13 ladies joined in the fun as they battled for the boa. We had several new ladies join us and asked at the end of the night when the next event would be! So fun to see this ministry grow and touch the lives of women in our community. The devotion that night was taking time to rest. God instructs us to do this, and as women, we should do this willingly so that we are renewed in the spirit - better equipped to take on the roles in our lives as mothers, wives, friends, servants, etc.
- Our February OuTreach Ladies' event will take place on Feb. 10th. Ladies will gather to assemble hundreds of Valentines for the children of Orangewood to pass out to their classmates. Is always such a blessed event.
- Our Monday Morning Women's Bible Study group has grown to include 9 women from our church, school, and community. After a winter break, we resumed our meetings with a study of Revelation on January 23rd. This study will take us into May.
- We are looking to host another Women's Bible Study this spring taking what we learned at the Women's Retreat this past fall and sharing it with the ladies in our church and community. We are in the process of building a team to make this study happen. The team will consist of ladies who attended the retreat and are passionate about sharing the message and lessons heard during the study - *Take Heart Daughter, and be Restored.*
- We are also inviting women to join us in attending Women's Night Out on February 17th at Friends Church in Yorba Linda. Ladies will hear from crowd favorite, Christine Caine. It will be a beautiful evening of fellowship, hope, and inspiration.
- Sunday, March 5th is concert night at Friends Church in Yorba Linda that we are also sharing if women are looking for a night out with family and/or friends. It is the Jesus People Tour with Danny Gokey, Jordan Feliz, and Blanca.

Worship Arts - Zach

- **Church**
 - Easter planning, GF planning, trying to integrate the Art Dept into Sunday services with Michelle Hernandez.
- **School**
 - Youth Worship band rehearsals underway, every Thursday 3pm
 - Parents in Prayer - Hoping to build on this
- **Website/Media/Marketing**

- Working on website updates - need images & content still for School

Youth Ministry - Adam Dougherty

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