Salem United Ministry Update - March 2022

Discipleship Board - Leann

- Leading Bible studies

Children's & Family Ministry - Brooke

- Sunday School is growing! This past Sunday we had 27 kids. New faces are starting to come every Sunday now. We are following along with the Church message each Sunday as we head towards the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 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 average last year. We will be implementing an age-appropriate Sunday School lesson for our childcare in the coming weeks
- Our next big event will be the Easter Egg Hunt
- VBS planning has begun. We are working together with several other Lutheran churches in our area to support one another and share ideas as well as props & decor. Our theme this year is *Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness* and will take place the last week of June. Looking to reach out to our home scout troop for their involvement during VBS.
    - Will likely need 60 to 75 volunteers to help make VBS a success

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 out of difficult times during the Covid pandemic.
- After asking a few members if they want to be deacons/deaconesses we have determined that a deacon membership of four (Mark, Diane, Scott, and Candace) is adequate for now. We are managing our lists of members so that each deacon has no more than 30 families and we are still able to service the entire membership. We now have two deacon/deaconess that regularly attend 8:30 (Mark and Diane) and two deacon/deaconess that attend 10:00 (Scott and Candace) which works well for informing each other and for caregiving of the entire membership.
- We are looking to review and update our lists for inactive members by calling the members we haven't seen to see if they are still interested in being members. Some former members who moved we are keeping on our lists if we still wish to call them every so often (example: Lineberger on Scott's list).

Facilities/Safety - Julie

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Men's Ministry - Walt

- Thursday 6:30 am Men's Bible Study with Mike Grasz leading 1 Peter. OUR ATTENDANCE continues to grow
- Saturday 7:30 am Bible Study ATTENDANCE HAS GROWN TO 15 - I Corinthians with Pastor Rich Dannenbring leading

    - Church Office Conference Room
- Men's "Spring Fling" Dinner at Bryon Meyer's house on Feb. 27th at 5:30pm was a success with 8 Men in attendance. Next event is Cinco de Mayo.

Missions - Donna

- No meeting held in February, next scheduled meeting March 15th
- Mystery Makeover Weekend - 2022 - OC Habitat for Humanity (Lutheran Church coalition) has build day on March 12th in Stanton.
- Concordia University student scholarship - student dropped out
- Glad News for Muslims Samy still plans on going to Egypt when feasible. Samy requested assistance in outreach to other Lutheran communities for the opportunity to speak.
- Consider supporting Hope and Care Outreach
- Will discuss how best to support Ukraine at next meeting
- Missions January Balance is $65,249

Office - Christel

- Growth
    - Baptisms
        - Faith Hicks was baptized at the school chapel on Wednesday, March 2nd
        - Parker Brown was baptized at service on Sunday, March 6th
    - 10 children participating in First Communion
    - 4 adults signed up for the next Salem LIFE Membership class
- LCMS Congregational Statistics Report completed and submitted
- "A New Beginning" Series
    - 3 Bible study groups are participating in the Bible study for the series
    - 19 congregants opted to participate in the "Spiritual Growth Challenge" option to receive additional content throughout the week
- Preparing for Holy Week services and all the intricate details to make those services a success
    - Since Palm Sunday is Confirmation this year, 1st and 2nd grade will not be singing that Sunday as usual. Instead, we are putting together a children's choir where any students from the church or school can participate in singing *Hosanna* at the beginning of the service.
    - Maundy Thursday service will be a traditional service in the Chapel with organ music. The Rite of First Communion will be held for those participating.
    - Good Friday service will be in the Multipurpose Room and feature reflective Contemporary music as usual.
- Preparing for events after Easter to which we can invite attendees
    - Planning a Family Movie Sing-A-Long for Friday, May 6th
- We are working on hiring a part-time Administrative Assistant to add to the church staff to help take some pressure off of my position and free me up to help with other projects to support the church

PTL - Liz Caniglia

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School - Corissa/Kasey

- **Enrollment Update**
    - **Current School Year**
        - Preschool = 74 children
            - 29 full day; 45 half day*
        - K-8 = 355 students
    - **2022 - 2023 School Year (as of 3/9)**
        - Preschool = 79 children
            - 45 full day; 34 half day*
        - K-8 = 394 students
            - Kindergarten = 44 (FULL; Bridging PS to Kindergarten = 31 students)
            - 1st grade = 33 (11 spots available)
            - 2nd grade = 50 students (FULL)
            - 3rd grade = 39 students (9 spots available)
            - 4th grade = 46 students (2 spots available)
            - 5th grade = 41 students (6 spots available)
            - 6th grade = 48 students (FULL)
            - 7th grade = 41 students (6 spots available)
            - 8th grade = 52 students (FULL)
- 5th Grade Living History Exhibit - A Walk Through Colonial Times 3/10/2022
- 3rd Grade Wax Museum Live Exhibit 3/15/2022
- National Lutheran Schools Week Celebration 3/13 - 3/18
    - Kicked off Sunday 3/13 at 10am Worship
        - Recognized Faculty/Staff Milestones (5, 10, etc. up to 40 years)
    - Themed dress days, Spring Book Fair, Grandparent's Day(s)
- Preschool "Celebration Conversations" (Parent-Teacher Conferences) 3/17 - 3/18/2022
- Grandparent's Day(s) March 17th and 18th (by last name, alphabetical)
- STEAM Night Wednesday 5/11 - OLU, Crean and Concordia all represented and coming
- Planning for Preschool and Elementary Summer Programs underway
- WASC/NLSA Accreditation Full visit Scheduled for March 26 - 29, 2023

Women's Ministry - Brooke

- Praying weekly for the women of our Salem Family and community.
- March is our Craft Night where we plan to make resurrection gardens as we prepare for Easter. We currently have 18 ladies signed up to join us.
- Working with St. Paul's in planning a Women's Fall Retreat for this September 23-25 at Luther Glen Retreat Center in Oak Glen. We will be looking at reserving the entire site and planning our daily activities to help keep costs low for our ladies.

Worship Arts - Zach

- **Church**
    - Ash wednesday service was successful with better than anticipated numbers.
        - Next year we should officially advertise this service

- Easter planning is underway - Easter rehearsals begin March 24th
- Palm Sunday Children's Choir
  - We typically have Salem 1st and 2nd graders sing on Palm Sunday; however, since Confirmation is being held that Sunday, we are using this opportunity to invite kids of any age to participate and using it as a school and community outreach opportunity
  - Kids are invited to rehearse on Sunday, April 3rd during Sunday School and sing on Palm Sunday at the opening of the 10am service

School

- Gala rehearsals have gone well - hoping Gala performances are fantastic
  - Next year - Gala music rehearsals should start earlier and include more rehearsals.
- Preparing for Lutheran School Week Services. Should be awesome!
- Developed new collegiate logos for Salem School -
- Developing new Preschool branding, Fine (Performing) Arts and Student ministry branding.

Youth Ministry - Adam Dougherty

- Working with Craig and Julie to get plans and a solid quote for a youth building from StudioShed
- Fundraising for NYG - will be meeting to prepare with students at the end of March
- Visioning Retreat was a major success, coming out with concrete one-year and three-year goals for our programs
  - Adding quarterly family ministry events
  - Twice a month children's messages
  - Establishing ministry calendar
- Youth Night for JH and 56 will be on Friday nights from 6-8 (simultaneously) beginning at least in September
  - HS will meet on Sunday nights 6-8 on the same weekend as JH/56
- I have identified families interested in hosting a small group in their homes
  - Parents in each small group will rotate hosting
  - We should be starting 5 small groups this fall using our new curriculum
- Content is developing for small group Bible study for Jr. High and 56
- Attendance at CLUB56 continues to be over 25 every week, but JH and HS both fluctuate between 0 and 10 students
- Winter Camp was a major success, brought 10 students to Forest Home
- Confirmation is coming up on April 10, so we are planning for that, our final exam, and Testimony Night on April 6