

## Salem United Ministry Update - March 2023

### Discipleship Board - Leann

- Leading Bible studies

### Children's & Family Ministry - Brooke

- Sunday School is seeing new faces every week! We are still averaging 15-20 kids weekly, with many Sundays seeing over 20 kids attending.
- We began offering Sunday school to the families attending the 8:30am service and are excited to see this Ministry grow
- VBS planning has already begun. Meeting dates are on the calendar with our fellow churches in the local community. We had our first meeting on February 28th - 6 churches attended and we are all looking forward to sharing 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! As of 3/16 we already have 143 kids registered and 15 volunteers. Some classes are already full with a waitlist. Volunteers will be most needed to meet the needs of all the children who want to attend this amazing God-centered week of fun.
- Upcoming events: Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 12:00 noon on Easter Sunday - always well attended. Children who attend the 8:30, 9am, and 10:30am service will receive treat-filled goodie bags that they can then use for the egg hunt.
- Sunday school is being offered for all three services on Easter Sunday.

### 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.

### Facilities/Safety - Julie

- Received quotes for keyless entry into classrooms and offices - presenting to PTL
- 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.
- Additional ceiling damage in gym due to water.
- Received quote to replace lights in gym - convert to LED
- Roofers completed patch work for leaks C building.

### 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
- Brewery Night was held on 3/9 (Brian Sheets). More than 15 guys from our community had a wonderful time hanging out and getting to know each other.

### Missions - Donna

- [March 21st Agenda](#)
- Board discussing budget for next year - increase Church marketing, decrease School marketing
- Freedom Dogs replaced with K-9 Ministries (Lutheran Church Charities) effective April 2023
- Board would like the Church and School calendars to reflect upcoming event dates as well as Mission information in the weekly Spartan Spark
- [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#) - Build day April 22nd 202. Coordinating with Church and School
- Turkey/Syria 7.8 Earthquake - \$1250 donated through Samaritan's Purse and \$1250 donated through Doctors without Borders
- Missions February Balance is \$60,393
- Requesting MLC suggestions in selecting a new Board member from Salem School/Church staff to serve on Missions as the Salem liaison. Jenny Cree declined to join.
- Working with Zach to fund advertising/insert in the community Foothills Sentry.

### Office - Christel

- Baptisms
  - Roger Martinez Jr, Frankie Avila, Mila Avila, & Aryella Matthews were batpized on February 26th
  - Salem student Valentina Hardin will be baptized on March 26th
- [First Communion Classes](#)
  - 5 students and 1 adult are participating
  - The Rite of First Communion to be held on Sunday, April 2nd at the 10am Palm Sunday service
- Community support
  - A Celebration of Life Service was held at Salem on March 4th for Glenn Currier, father of Suzanne Moshenko, a former Salem parent.
  - Orange Park Acres will hold a Town Hall meeting at Salem outside on Wednesday, April 19th at 6:30pm and a Family Fair on Saturday, April 29th
  - Charity On Wheels will hold their annual Unbroken Women's Event at Salem on Saturday, May 6th

### PTL - Liz Caniglia

- The Auction/Gala scheduled for Friday, March 3, 2023 at The Ranch Saloon

- The PTL has received very positive feedback regarding the Gala!
- We raised over \$220,000!
- “Raise the Paddle” - \$53,000 raised specifically for enhanced campus security
- Thank you Email and Gala overview to go out to Salem families on Friday
- Plans for next year's Gala already happening
- Mother/Son Angels Game - April 23rd

#### School - Corissa/Kasey

- **Enrollment Update 2023-2024 School Year (as of 2/16)**
  - Preschool - 71 children (anticipating 100+)
  - K-8 - 408 students (anticipating 430 = full)
- 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 competed in CUI's L.E.S.T. tournament in February and both teams took first place (Lutheran elementary schools from all over the west coast)
- Fun and successful *Saddle Up, Salem!* Gala - special thanks to all who participated!
- Salem **ART SHOW is currently up in the Library!**
- A number of student Art projects are on display at the OC Lutheran Schools Art Fest at OLU High School for 3/22, and our Honors Choir and Chapel Band will perform
- Salem's Concert Band will be performing at the Youth Ministry Invitational at OLU
- 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.
- Our February OuTreach Ladies' event took place on Feb. 10th. A small but mighty group of ladies gathered to assemble over three hundred Valentines for the children of Orangewood to pass out to their classmates. The staff at Orangewood were so delighted to see all the Valentines that were delivered on February 13th.
- Four ladies attended Women's Night Out on February 17th at Friends Church in Yorba Linda. Christine Caine & Matt Maher were spectacular and the ladies left feeling full of the Holy Spirit.
- Next Women's Event is Friday, March 17th. 30 ladies have already RSVP'd to attend this amazing event - Charcuterie! Ladies will learn how to make their own Charcuterie spread and get to take home their very own board!
- Line Dancing is in the works for our next ladies event - dust off your cowboy boots and stay tuned!

#### Worship Arts - Zach

- **Church**
  - Easter plan is finished - Rehearsals underway
  - Easter Egg Hunt planning
    - Working out registration process & instructions
    - Hiring more folks to assist in running this so it is beyond excellent this

- year. Hoping to set a new precedent.
  - Good Friday plan is finished - this will be a true tenebrae service, no sermon.
    - Still trying to integrate the Art Dept into holy week services with Michelle Hernandez.
- **School**
  - Youth Worship band rehearsals underway, every Thursday 3pm
    - Vocal auditions should begin next week 3/23
    - Booking several worship nights
    - Recording school theme song with this group
  - Parents in Prayer - Hoping to build this into a monthly night of worship led by the Youth Worship Band.
- **Website/Media/Marketing**
  - Working on website updates
    - Need images & content still for School
    - New Easter & Good Friday site pages
  - New Easter graphics are finished
  - Working on advertising for Easter & Good Friday - Print insert in Sentry, Google, Social Media Campaigns, banners, etc.

#### **Youth Ministry - Adam Dougherty**

- Taking two high schoolers to a faith/leadership training put on by the synod 3/15-3/19. We will host the same training for Jr. High'ers, run by the HS students I take
- YOUTHX Jr. High conference April 22 - planning and receiving registrations now
- 3/15 DRLC meeting with city for student min center. Need it desperately as gym is booked and weather is bad
- Youth nights, small groups, fieldworkers, confirmation all normal - coasting until Easter then uptick as we approach summer and have a clear picture of construction timeline
- Remaining involved in district activity, including pursuit of multiple new DCEs to District, OC church events, and CUI program development
- Attended Best Practices for Ministry conf in Phoenix. Brought back lots of information on confirmation programs, children's min, new members, and more