

Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry Report – March 13, 2019

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Sunday School

- Teachers are still rotating to different rooms instead of students, and it seems to be working very well!
- The March rotation is starting up in which students are learning about the Good Samaritan.

5th and 6th Grade Sunday School

- After hearing from some disappointed parents of 5th and 6th graders, we are looking into different curriculum for 5th and 6th grade Sunday School classes.
- Right now, 5th and 6th graders are doing the same activities as 1st graders, and parents do not feel like they are engaged or wanting to come to Sunday School. We are hoping that a shift in curriculum could change that.
- I found a curriculum through Sparkhouse called Connect that is geared specifically to 5th and 6th graders. There is a topic introduced every 5(ish) weeks. For example, the first topic is Beginnings, in which they will learn about various beginnings found in the Bible. (Creation, The Fall, Babylon, etc.) The cool thing about this curriculum is that instead of focusing just on the Creation story in Genesis alone, they connect the creation story to different parts of the Bible, like in the Psalms and in John 1.

Confirmation

- Regular confirmation classes are on hold during Lent.
- Students are to attend Lenten services with their mentor groups.

Trinity U

- I will give a short presentation on Trinity U at the council meeting on March 13!

Indianapolis – Mission Trip 2019

- We have 9 youth and 2 adults planning to go to Indianapolis next summer for our Group Mission Trip.
- I had a meeting on Sunday, March 3 to go over logistics a bit more. Youth shared ideas for our free nights in Chicago and Indianapolis.

Fundraisers

- Stock sales went very well. We should be receiving \$3,415. So far, we have \$2,515 in.
- Our next fundraisers will be serving a Lenten supper on March 13 and Easter breakfast.

Middle School Game Night

- Once a month for the rest of the school year, I will be having a Middle School Game Night at my house for 7th and 8th graders.
- I wanted to start up a Middle School youth group as 9th-12th have their time with 3:16s and 7th and 8th graders don't have much time or space for fellowship together.
- I am hoping to continue Middle School Youth Group throughout the summer (with bonfires) and then during next school year as well!