

Learn Liaison Report

5/21/15

Sunday School is over! Well, at least for the kids. Thank you to all the teachers and substitutes who made Christian education an important part of our weekly lessons for the kids.

The youth celebrated the last day of class sessions last week. I plan to talk with Kim, Rob and Allyson about how the year went and who plans to return as a teacher next year. We'll also go over attendance with Ann and see if we can brainstorm ideas on how to increase attendance, or at least more regular for next year.

The adults will continue their lessons this summer. The Track 1 group will continue studies on Augsburg Adult Bible Studies booklet for 12 weeks. The planned schedule will be: 5/17 Adam: It is not good to be alone (Genesis 2:4b-4:1) 5/24 Abraham: Trusting God's Promise (Genesis 12:1-5a, 10-20; 15:1-6; 22:1-18) 5/31 Sarah: God Gives Laughter (Genesis 2:1-3; 16:1-10, 15-16; 17:1-2, 15-19; 18:1-15; 21:1-6) 6/7 Jacob: God's Surprising Presence (Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-33:20)

Track 2 will announce any upcoming gatherings as they are planned and coordinated.

The Small Groups concluded this week. Pastor Gary may have more information on how the overall experience was received from the various groups. My experience was wonderful and enlightening. It proved you may not always know yourself as well as you think – in a good way!

Cross + Generation events will be explored over the summer for the upcoming months. With the lower attendance in Sunday School for the youth, we may be exploring more ways to have group lessons.

We noted last month to have the team leaders review what was discussed at the retreat meeting for brainstorming ideas on how our team will look in the future. I did not get the Learn goals/observations/direction items to the Learn team leaders on time to get their feedback. I hope to get that information gathered for the June meeting or before. The 3 Main Goals/Ideals I chose were:

1. Putting Faith into Action – service projects outside the church
2. Equip adults, parents, our older youth to be confident leaders and teachers of Christian education to our younger kids at home and at church
3. This was a tie for me
 - a. Online learning with sister church in the area and further out – virtual pen pals
 - b. Create meet-up group sessions for short lessons and play dates – encourage relationships with those who may not attend regularly on Sundays

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