

Faith Formation Council Report

Covering Jan/Feb/March/Early April 2020. Submitted for April 2020 council meeting

NEW DIGITAL CONTENT is FIRST TO CAPTURE YOUR ATTENTION BUT PLEASE READ ENTIRE REPORT. THANKS!

Faith Formation Digital Content

The Faith Formation Team has been responding with lightning speed to provide digital content during the imposed isolation. I am beyond proud of their work and agility. THERE IS NO GOING BACKWARD from this point. Online content is long overdue and must continue going forward.

As Director of Faith Formation, I implore the council to immediately appoint an interim **Director of Digital Content** and to prepare for this to be an ongoing position even after this crisis is over.

New FAITH FORMATION Digital Content since March 13, 2020

- Livestream Worship Services
- Facebook Live Friday Prayer Service
- Facebook Posts from Each of the Pastors on a daily basis
- Facebook Live – “WHICH JESUS” – Wednesday Connect Class presented by Pastor Brock
- Facebook Live – Discussion of “Famous Last Words” bible study with Jack & Linda Horner
- YouTube – Faith Connect Kids! Lesson by Miss Amy each week
- YouTube – Youth Connection with Peter Fox each week
- ZOOM – Youth Group Gathering and Chat Check Ins
- ZOOM – Bible Study with Kelly Falck (April 16, 23, 30)
- POINTS TO PONDER – Facebook Live sessions with each pastor going over their questions based on their sermons, with live interactions (beginning April 15)
- Bible Studies
- DivorceCare Online Sessions
- New Parent Section of Website with support, ideas, encouragement
- New TRINITY AT HOME – section of the website with tools and ideas
- Weekly Faith Connections Eblast with articles, support, tools, links to other content

These things scratch the surface of potential ideas for the future and staff will be needed for this constantly evolving work.

Children's Ministry

Here are the highlights of what our team has been doing:

- Our awesome children's ministry team has been serving families in many wonderful ways.
- The Friends of Jesus Sunday morning class had been leading wonderful series of LENTEN classes for Children's Ministry. We thank them for their good work!

- During our confinement, Miss Amy has created new videos each week continuing the lessons that children have been learning.
- We will continue to publish weekly lesson videos on Sundays and a Wednesday Check In for parents and families

Milestone Events

- Communion Milestone Celebration was a wonderful success on March 8, 2020.
- We will continue to plan to celebrate our 2020 Graduates after the social distancing as ended

New Members

- We welcomed 30+ new members in February 2020.
- Pastor Liz and Kelly Falck conducted new member "BegInterviews" with each new member to help them find ways to get connected and make a smooth transition into active connection and service. The interviews were very well received and will become part of the new member process for the next session as well.

Wednesday Connect Spring 2020

- Our longstanding weekly series was off to a great start with approximately 125 participants for the first 2 weeks of the series in March, 2020.
- New menu was well received, and we hope to duplicate that enthusiasm next time
- Brand new groups for children and teens were well received and were helping to attract new audiences to the weekly program
- Several LifeGroups were meeting during the evening
- Pastor Brock shifted his live program, WHICH JESUS to an online class during the social distancing

LifeGroups

- We were thrilled that nearly 90 folks participated in launching 11 new LifeGroups
- Most groups had met 2 – 3 times prior to the imposed isolation.
- A few groups were able to keep meeting through ZOOM with others have put their meetings on hold until after the isolation has ended.
- We are grateful to all leaders and participants who jumped into this program and look forward to another launch in fall 2020.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Falck