

Pastor Sarah August 2021

Are you ready for Sunday School? That's the question that's been going through my head for this entire month. Are we ready? Are people going to come? How are we going to do this? But I do think we are ready, and I'm writing this the day before we begin, so we shall see! Thank you to the team that has come together for teaching the classes and helping to get things ready!

I also spent time this month getting ready for the beginning of Word of Life Wednesdays. We have had a good number of people volunteer to help and have more than a month covered with different people doing the jobs that are needed. I'm hopeful that people will come, if only the families of confirmation and singers, but it will be a great ministry that will challenge us in doing something new. I also applied for a grant from the Synod to help cover some costs (they offer grants for hunger ministries) and so we will see if we get that.

I spent time planning for a fall festival to take place on the last Sunday of October in conjunction with our annual meeting Sunday. The youth will be doing their pork and sauerkraut dinner that week and so we are building on that – car show, craft vendors, kids activities (bounce house & firetruck) and other things. I would love for us to really reach out to the community around us for this one and invite, invite, invite!

So what's next? Well, we need to make plans for the annual meeting – who is going to present what and those sorts of things. Elizabeth and I will be hosting a Sunday School class a week or two before to go through the Ministry Plan (budget) and hopefully answer questions that people have before that Sunday. We also need council nominees – I believe we have one as of right now and we three more!

I also want to be able to talk about the renovation at the annual meeting – to be officially planting a seed if nothing else. Perhaps this is something else that could be done in Adult Sunday School time. We really need to be communicating about this as much as possible.

Please consider coming to Sunday School or Word of Life Wednesdays to support these important ministries in our congregation!

Pastoral Acts:

6<sup>th</sup> – Funeral for Yong Gold

16<sup>th</sup> – Graveside for Constance Griggs (nonmember)