St. Thomas
United Methodist Church

Monthly Ministry Area Report for Church Council

Our Values: *Biblically Grounded*, *Relational, Mission-Minded*, *Faithful*, *Joyful*

Our Mission: *We exist to reach, nourish, and serve the community so all may experience healing and new life through Jesus Christ.*

Our Strategic Priorities: *Worship, Christian Formation, Outreach and Mission, Administration and Support, Buildings and Grounds*

Name of Person Completing Report:

Vicki Schoch/Kristi Swanson

Today's Date (m/d/yy):

08/09/21

Ministry Area, Committee, Board, or Team:

Children's Committee

1. Please note your accomplishments for this month (Please include accomplishments from tasks outlined in the Strategic Plan and Essential Systems Timeline):

   Hired Interim Children's Director-Kristi Swanson
   Kristi's Prayground
   Playground and Popsicles-3 additional families attended the 2nd gathering
   Various church members were contacted and shared Bible lessons for the Children's Message-4 different households
   Brochure and flyer drafted as well as new registration and volunteer forms

2. What specific items of celebration or concern would you like to share?

   Concerned with children gathering in-person, indoors, unvaccinated, and bringing school germs/sickness. Balance in-person and virtual ministry without burning out Children's Director.
   Celebrating several of Kristi's Prayground videos receiving over 100 views.
   Celebrating 55 children in VBS, 71 children in camps

3. What are your objectives for the next month? What church priority does each objective address?

   Implement free trial of the GrowKids curriculum (worship, Christian formation, Administration and Support)
   Begin celebrating birthdays with Judah the Lion stuffed animal and Gift card. (Outreach and Mission)
   Sunday School structured with room for flexibility (worship,outreach and mission, administration and support)

4. How can the Church Council assist your efforts?

   Be mindful of diverse family needs and respect individual needs and preferences. (Relaying this message to others interacting with children, their families, and the staff working with children.)

5. What can the Church Council specifically pray for?

   God's will be done.
   Get families involved safely while participation grows.