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• Hospitality

- This past month we had our Hospitality Training on Oct 8th and 22nd for all hospitality teams. We introduced a book called “Becoming A Welcoming Church” as we focused on a this question, “How friendly are we really, as a church?” We then watched a training video from Chick Fil-A while talking about our Core 4 behaviors and how to go the extra mile. I think this was the most eye opening thing for us as there were multiple stories about how our own team has been impacted by Chick Fil-A. Not everyone was able to attend the meeting so we are looking for a follow up meeting so that everyone can go through the training. I wanted to give a shoutout to our leaders who helped a ton in the training. Mary D, Chris B, Peter J. Thanks for all you guys do!
- I have continued to sit down with our lead teams see how they are doing personally and how their team is doing. Continually challenging them to improve our hospitality not just to new comers but to our overall church.

• Youth Worship

- Youth Worship for the most part has been going very well. We were able to get Jamie Young and Emma Hillie back on the team as school was very busy for them to even attend youth. Our band is continually stepping up and giving it their best week in and week out. I have to give the youth of the month to 2 people. Leighton for being willing to serve every single week. He has always had the option to sit out a week but chooses to be a steady rock for our youth worship team. Also to Haley Schnabel. I have seen an incredible growth in her spiritually as she has stepped up and has really came out of her shell.
- One thing that we are still struggling with is the fact that our kids are just really really busy. Especially this time of year when sports is a huge thing to be part of. We try and have at least 4 singers a week to lead songs, but lately we have had only 3 if not 2 or even 1. These past weeks I have had to step in and lead a few songs to help cover for singers that have been gone or too busy to come to youth.
- Slides – This year Alexis has been our go to slides person. Jason who was with us all last year had taken another job and has not been at youth group so Alexis has really stepped in and stepped up this year. But this past week was her last as she is now in Texas for Basic Training. Please keep her in your prayers as she is away from friends and family. With that we are training 2 new people for slides on wed, Abby Moore and Kara Jennings. I’m very excited to have them on our youth slides team!

• Worship Team/Sunday Morning

- Upcoming events – These next few months we have a lot of upcoming events as we get ready for Thanksgiving Eve service and Christmas Services. Ryan F will be preaching from Philippians 4 about being Thankful for our Thanksgiving Eve service. We also decided against giving out loafs of bread because of budget. That was something that I wanted to bring back last year. We got the loafs from Hy-Vee for around 60 cents a small loaf and bought around 150 of them.

- Christmas times will be the same as last year: 2pm, 3:45pm, and 5:30pm on Dec 24th. This year our title will be, “Hope Has A Name: Jesus.” We will be doing a more traditional Christmas service with our Kids creating a fun video as they read and explain Luke 2:1-20. If you’d like to hear more about that please contact Sheila.
- Stage Design – Nov 30th at 8am – 2pm we will be setting up our Christmas trees for Sunday services. Kevin will be providing a chili meal at noon for all volunteers that will attend. If you are able please come for a few hours, bring your kids and help us get the stage set for Christmas!
- Training – With so many new volunteers on our tech team I have decided to retrain all tech volunteers! I have created videos that show our current and new volunteers exactly what how to run slides and sound. Once they have gone through our videos I am doing a separate one on one training making sure that all volunteers are on the same page as we continue to expand our knowledge of slides and sound.