

## **Ministry Report 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2010**

### **Office**

The past three months have been a busy time in the office. In January it is getting tax stuff prepared and sent off to the IRS. February was a more of a normal month, and in March I went to a Church Financial Conference. It was in Minneapolis and very enlightening on the laws and things that affect churches. It was good to know we are doing everything correctly and yet there is so much to learn. Especially with the hope and expectation of seeing God grow Cornerstone.

I will be focusing on this next three months on learning new laws and things that might affect Cornerstone in doing our tax exempt criteria correctly. I'm working on having a mini conference with other administrators of churches in La Crosse and having it here.

Please be praying for safe and health of our grandson-to-be that is due 8-9-10.

Lea Kendhammer

### **Guest Services:**

The leaders have been conducting meetings and brainstorming with ideas on how to be superb at our greeting skills. One great thing that came out was the new polo shirt colors for the team! I'm super excited that the team is stepping up and taking ownership of our ministry.

We have had several wins for Guest Services by visitors stating that someone went out of their way to making them feel comfortable and relaxed while attending! That is exactly what this ministry is about. Giving tours, inviting them to breakfast club, being there for questions, and just a warm and friendly face is part of what we do.

Our biggest needs is volunteers, so be in prayer for that. One huge opportunity would be for someone to redesign our brochures. We have many things we would like to do, but need more staffing. If you feel led to be a part of this ministry, please contact the office.

We are having an appreciation brunch on April 17th for all the volunteers so that should be fun and a great time of some additional training.

Lea Kendhammer- Guest Service Leader

## Goal 2

- What has been going on the past 3 months in your ministry?
  - Planned our shoveling the sidewalk mini-group event
  - Planned 2010 Neighbors Day
  - Working on sharpening our vision for G2 events
- What needs does your ministry have?
  - Prayer for clarity on G2 events and direction
- What wins has your ministry experienced?
  - Over the Winter it has been great to hear people share of their groups individual events they planned themselves as well as hear about a group that had done the snow shoveling.
- Prayer Request?
  - Wisdom for G2 team
  - As above clarity for events and team direction

Tom Davey-Goal 2 leader

## Goal 3 Update

The Goal 3 team is in full swing now as we work through all of the feedback received from ministry leaders, staff, and congregation members. We have talked with an architect familiar with the building and he is revising some drawings of each floor of the building. We will then take a holistic approach, analyzing how each room is being used currently and how other ministries would like to use that room in the future. Once we complete this exercise, we will make recommendations based on priority and best fit for the location.

Upon various meetings with local contractors, we concluded that in order to get a scope of the leak on the West wall, we would first need to remove the aluminum mesh blocking our view. We proceeded to bid out this project and have submitted the bids to the Overseers for approval. Once the mesh is removed, we will move forward with bidding out the exterior wall structural repair. We recommend these projects be completed in a timely manner as the exterior leak is affecting the stairwells on both the second and third floors. Evidence of the leak also shows in the basement, as the water runs through the walls all the way down to the foundation sill plate.

The third room in the basement is now completed, with the exception of replacement lighting. It's amazing how quickly the Compassion Ministry filled up those shelves! Plans are in place to add another room and additional shelving in the basement, as well as some half walls with shelving.

Several of you have provided excellent feedback and ideas for better utilizing our building. Thank you! We appreciate all of your suggestions and continue to welcome them throughout our brainstorming process. God is truly present in our various ministries here at

Cornerstone and our team wants to ensure that we are making the best use of the space He has given us!  
Josh Duesterbeck

### **KIDZone**

WINS: It is great to hear the kids in the k-5th grade room sharing their prayer requests. To hear their care and concern for people in their family and in their schools is wonderful.

The Communion lesson was hard and it had a lot of book work but there was a good foundation laid for the 3rd-5th grade students. The students were able to help many families in other countries with the money from their tithe banks this year. It is good to see them wanting to help others with their money.

NEEDS: The pre school room is still in great need for some more lead teachers. We would like to have some musical instruments for the nursery room. They need to be suitable for age 2 and under.

PRAYER REQUEST: Continue to pray for the students and the teachers that each week would be a meaningful for them. Continue to pray for the worship time as Sue puts a team of leaders together and they start doing the separate worship time for the pre school room and the k-5th grade room. In May this will be taking place twice a month. Pray for the leaders as we have our first quarterly meeting all together. We hope this will be a time for us to grow together as a team and get to know each other better. A time of training and brainstorming how best to serve the families of Cornerstone.

Jennifer Breen

### **Music Team**

Things continue to grow with in and through the worship team. We have had several new members join us this quarter. Some you have seen and some are still in process. The Lord has been so good. In February we as a group went on retreat to hear specifically what the Lord had to say to each of us. What a rich experience that was and how incredible to see the Lord's love and care for His Church. He has a plan for us as a body and continues to mold us to be more like Him. We are so thankful as a team to be able to serve this body and want to express our gratitude to you for allowing us that privilege. Thank you.

Kim Burkhalter  
Worship Director

## JC's Village (College Ministry)

- What has been going on the past 3 months in your ministry?
  - We've been read through the book of Acts and the book of John in preparation for Easter.
  - We're getting very close to Finals – and getting very close to Terrance graduating.
- What needs does your ministry have?
  - Prayer supporters!
  - Marketing help!
- What wins has your ministry experienced?
  - We're moving forward towards greater student leadership/ownership
- New team members? Not at this time.
- Prayer Request?
  - Wisdom for seeing and developing new leaders in the group

Amy Jo Van Arsdall

### **Media Team:**

Fantastic news! I am pleased to announce that our team has finally finalized our mission statement. The Media Team serves *to unite the elements of service in order to assist in creating an atmosphere that enhances the spiritual experience*. This 'big-picture' statement has caused us to realize that we work cooperatively with countless people and teams in our church. Therefore, we are focusing our energy in discovering ways to communicate more effectively with other teams. Additionally, we are hoping to start an online group to increase the amount of information exchanged between our entire team. This increase in our team's communication will lead to our team always being unified and able to be on the same page on a Sunday morning.

On pragmatic note, this has been an interesting quarter for the media team. We have been struggling is to figure out why our microphones have been making feedback

noises during service. We are very blessed to have members like Dave Steinhoff on our team (who works with radio frequencies and was able to analyze the system for us) and Steven Cleveland (who came up with the most amazingly long list of different things we could try to make the systems work). Additionally, various amps have been making popping noises, and we now need to determine how to fix or replace those pieces of equipment.

Coming up this next quarter, I am graduating from school in May and am just beginning the process of looking for a job. I must confess this is a little nerve wracking, and am trying hard to stay calm...but ask for prayers and encouragement for the team; as they are going to have to deal with a leader who is a little stressed out! ☺

Also this quarter, we are hoping to expand the members of our team, so if you are the type of person who really enjoys doing work behind the scenes, you should consider being part of our team. We are looking for people who are passionate and excited about tech arts, regardless of skill level (we do train all members of the team!). If you would like more information, email me (Jamie) at [jsdagostino@yahoo.com](mailto:jsdagostino@yahoo.com)

**CORE's** mission statement: "To foster the development of young adults who are excited to learn about and eager to become more like Jesus Christ".

What a new year 2010 has been thus far. The CORE has seen many changes since January. We are pleased to announce that Kaydee Owens has joined the CORE leadership team. Kaydee has brought a fresh new dimension that helps the students dive deeper into their relationships with Christ. Mark Taylor, Programming Director, has done an amazing job teaching the students on Wednesday nights. He is continuing on this our current curriculum, "Experiencing Christ Together". A new thing the CORE has started is a monthly newsletter which helps to keep parents, students and the entire church updated as to what is happening. The newsletter includes the weekly study schedule, upcoming big events and a few articles related to the previous month's activities. If you would like to receive this newsletter via email please let the leadership know, [core@cornerstonelacrosse.org](mailto:core@cornerstonelacrosse.org). Another new event that has affected the CORE leadership is the birth of Grant Daniel to Cindy and Justin Reineking. Grant was born at the end of March and everyone is happy and healthy. Cindy and Justin would like to thank everyone for their prayers and assistance through the past months. It is greatly appreciated and the transition to two kids is going smoothly. The CORE has the following prayer requests: wrap of the school year for the students, more consistent group on Wednesday night, budget process for the church and planning of summer events.