

March Youth & Family Continuing Ed/Network Meeting

Date: Thursday March 27th

Present: Jen - ELC Mt Horeb, Kelly-St James Verona, Brett-Our Saviors, Matt-St Lukes, Shannon-First Lutheran, Johnna- Burke Lutheran, Pastor Richard - Rockdale, Pastor Ron-Norway Grove, Brenda - Midvale, Elisabeth-Bethel, Ava-Lutherdale, Summer-Sugar Creek Church

Education:

- We were presented with PD and POPCORN lessons “Living Life Biblically” by Shannon.
 - We discussed Our Story, God’s Story, and how God is always with us through all of those stories.
 - Here is what some have to say about PD:
 - “Anything that gets you talking about your faith is good”
 - “You are not alone. Someone in the bible somewhere has done it before”
 - “There is a growing edge-to think of life then relate the bible story to it rather than reading the bible story and placing myself in the story.”
 - “Today it is not natural to think of stories or to help people to connect bible stories to their lives to improve biblical literacy. We need to be doing this”

Connection: Network Meeting:

- **Devotions for Meeting- Proverbs: 16:9**
- **We sent out cards and prayed for 15 congregations today!**
- **Resources Shared:**
 - Healing service idea to use band aids and stick them to a cross
 - Jesus calms a storm-stick fears in a bag and pop them or leave them at the altar
 - Kendra Casey Dean books
 - Lazarus story-tie cloths to wrist or to a cross to pray for someone/have them pray for you.
 - Reminder that Lent excludes Sundays-so is it okay to use Hallelujah?
 - YouTube Video-What if Jesus had a twitter feed
- **Nation Youth Gathering Information**
 - NYG Coordinator (Logistical stuff)- Brett Christensen
 - More information after April training
 - NYG Synod Day Coordinator (One day at the gathering)- Shannon Fleischfresser
 - Room on team to help craft what this day will look like
 - Training and resources in November 2014
 - Talk about using this day as a spring board for hs leadership in the synod
- **Confirmation Extravaganza**
 - A planning committee is meeting to plan for Confirmation Extravaganza 2014.
 - As we now know, YFM will not have a staff person at the synod office-we have been given permission to plan for yfm synod events with staff approval. Over the last few months, we have been blessed with dedicated volunteers who are ready to steer planning for Confirmation Extravaganza! The Committee is looking at costs, locations, theme, and much more. Look forward to information in the coming months!

- **Synod Assembly**
 - We will have two tables at assembly (1 for PD and Gathering one for Network and YFM Events)
 - We will have a computer available at the table for people to “join the network”
 - Come visit us!
- **Lutherdale Camp Week**
 - Lutherdale is looking to offer a free camp week to students 30 June -4 July. They are looking for youth leaders, teachers, or retired pastors who might be interested in leading a lesson or session to teach a skill, craft etc. during the camp. Contact Ava at Lutherdale if interested!
- **May 17th: Practice Discipleship Half Day Training At Norway Grove**
 - “How do we all view all churches as a state of “change”? This half day of training will be focused around “change”. Three Practice Discipleship lessons will be presented to give congregations and look at accepting change and focusing in on things that are good through change! We will look at “Framing Community, Framing the Path, and Framing the Vision”. All are welcome.

Renewal:

- **Worship:** Rev. Erik led worship and shared a message that Jesus is walking with us, holding us up.
- **Lunch:** A brown bag lunch fellowship followed worship.

Next Network Meeting

- Thursday April 24th starting with education at 9:30/network at 11/worship at noon.
- Come for all or part of the morning as you are able.
- Practice Discipleship will be on “Framing Youth” looking at the stereotypes society places.