

April Youth & Family Continuing Ed/Network Meeting

Date: Thursday April 24th

Present: Kelly-St James Verona, Brett-Our Saviors, Shannon-First Lutheran, Pastor Ron-Norway Grove, Brenda -Midvale, Elisabeth-Bethel, Ava-Lutherdale, Summer-Sugar Creek Church, Pastor Bob-Beaver Dam, Sarah-Bethel, Hayley-Grace Presbyterian

Education:

- We were presented with PD and POPCORN lessons “Framing the Vision” led by Summer
 - We discussed things that are going well in ministry and how to focus a vision around our promises made in baptism to strengthen ministry in the church.
 - Some things we heard:
 - “I like that it is positive. We had to focus on things that went well”
 - “There is room to grow in high school and young adult ministry, but I don’t have answers. However, looking at the promises gives us a different outlook to structure our ideas to reach them”
 - “I like that there is an “out” or a “no” to programs that didn’t work well or that do not align with the promises”
 - “Change is difficult to implement, but I think if people saw this framework, they would be able to see the value of changing events.”

Connection: Network Meeting:

- **Devotions for Meeting-**
- **We sent out cards and prayed for 15 congregations today!**
- **Resources Shared:**
 - Theology and Tap cannot reach youth age so a congregation is offering: Yogurt and Yahweh
 - Synod High School Nights will begin in October 2014! Will rotate within the synod to churches that volunteer to host. Cost only \$3 per student includes pizza dinner, games, worship.
 - “Killing Sunday School” was presented by Pastor Bob Castro. He and his congregation he is serving have felt strain in Sunday School and now wish to explore revival in new faith formation experiences. If this speaks to you and your congregation, contact Pastor Bob. He is seeking congregations who may be interested in assisting to bring Rich Melheim to speak to the synod. Pastor Bob’s email: sirrobert1@charter.net
- **Nation Youth Gathering Information**
 - NYG Coordinator (Logistical stuff)- Brett Christensen
 - Brett returned from training with great info to share.
 - Sept 15th Soft Registration Opening
 - Oct. 15th Registration Opens
 - Changes for 2015 Gathering:
 - Registration and Leaders Info will be in hotels
 - Housing will be in the burbs
 - Similar 3 Day framework
 - Log-on for current updates: <http://www.elca.org/youthgathering>
 - Synod Updates on Facebook: SCSW-2015 ELCA Youth Gathering <https://www.facebook.com/groups/155399741246055/>

- 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
- **Confirmation Extravaganza**
 - A planning committee is meeting to plan for Confirmation Extravaganza 2014.
 - Save the Date for November 5th: Confirmation Extravaganza 2014 “GO GLOW” will focus on mission. This event will be hosted at the UW!
- **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:** Worship and prayer with the synod staff.
- **Lunch:** A brown bag lunch fellowship followed worship.

Next Network Meeting

- Thursday May 29th 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 Failure and Forgiveness” with Brenda leading