

## **February Youth & Family Continuing Ed/Network Meeting**

**Date: Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Present:** Jen Kooistra- ELCA Mt Horeb, Kelly-St James Verona , Paige -St Stephens Monona, Jen Streit-Madison Christian Community, Summer-SugarCreek Lutheran Elkhorn, Brett-Our Saviors, Matt-St Lukes, Shannon-First Lutheran, Johnna- Burke Lutheran, Pr. Richard Darling- Rockdale

### **Education:**

- We wrapped our discussion on Rich Melheim's book Holding Your Family Together:
  - Faith 5- New Resources Shared: [www.faithformationjourneys.org](http://www.faithformationjourneys.org) free downloadable resource
  - Bookmarks from Rich Melheim
  - Pamphlet from another church w/ Suggestion: Break up the conversation throughout the day
- We participated in "practice" of using the Faith 5 and shared High's and Low's Keeping things light and fun a few comments were: "Can we have a retreat in the Caribbean?" and "Rolling Stones as a cure for a headache. Thank you Jesus!"
- We also had an overview of what Practice Discipleship 2014 will be like! Learning Lessons and Conversations begin next month!

### **Connection: Network Meeting:**

- **Devotions for Meeting- SoulPancake: PepTalk: You are Awesome!**
- **Resources Shared:**
  - Parenting Book Club Suggestions:
    - Parenting with Love & Logic
    - MOPS
    - Godly Play workshop at LEAD
    - Homegrown Faith- Vibrant Faith
    - Nurtured Heart approach
    - Holding Your Family Together – Faith 5
- **Extravaganza Highlights from participants:**
  - Hospitality audit- Grassroots stuff, do it without the pastor's knowledge, "you are now entering the mission field" at the exit of the parking lot, valet parking, \*\*leader of the workshop was Beth Lewis ([beth.lewis@augzburgfortress.org](mailto:beth.lewis@augzburgfortress.org))
  - Tiger-Rethinking Discipleship→ Take 60 seconds before you get out of the car at an event, why are you there?
  - Compassion Fatigue & Burnout- Schedule the stuff that GIVES you energy, NAME the things that suck your energy and the things that feed you
  - Faith Webbing- Have the kids show where they relate to people- NAME them. Find HOBBIES to connect generations! Church as a whole- Not the "youth" but "the church" is doing... how is the church living into the baptismal promises- 3 Ps (Participate, Pray, or Pay)
- **Fundraising Ideas:**
  - ENVELOPE SALE: One member set it up like a Barn with red envelopes, show pictures of what they have funded\*\*\*\* [Formula:  $n(n+1)/2$  when  $n=#$  of envelopes
  - BILL BOARD Put the bills of the church on a board, take it down and pay it. (Increments from \$20 to \$1000s)\*\*\*\*Could also be done as stake in the youth for their mission trip.

- STOCK SALE- \$5 each and buy as much as you want
- **Practice Discipleship- FRAME:**
  - MAIN GOALS: Have a team, build relationships to reach stakeholders, and connect six lessons to church leaders. Lessons and facilitators are:
    1. Framing Life Biblically: Shannon & Summer
    2. Framing Youth: Jen K
    3. Framing Failure/Forgiveness: Brenda
    4. Framing Christian Community: Matt
    5. Framing the Vision: Summer
    6. Framing the Path: Jen S
- **Cards to the Synod**
  - “How do you want to connect to the Network?” Look forward to our invite!
- **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 his leadership in the synod
- **Grant Writing:** What would we ask for if money were no option?

### Renewal:

- **Worship:** Rev. Sara led her last Synod Staff Worship for us-discussing the wilderness and how we are told to “get up and go”. Best Wishes to Sara and her family as they “GO”. And, encouragement to all of you in whatever wilderness situations you may find yourselves.
- **Lunch:** A brown bag lunch fellowship followed worship.
- **Retreat:** RSVP to Summer ([summer@sugarcreeklutheran.org](mailto:summer@sugarcreeklutheran.org) or 262-215-7866) for the Network Retreat at Lutherdale. All are welcome. Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm- Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> as you wish. Cost is \$10/per person.
- **Next Network Meeting** is Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> starting with education at 9:30/network at 11/worship at noon. Come for all or part of the morning as you are able.