



**South-Central Synod
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Evangelical Lutheran
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January 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Next Meeting: February 27 – 9:30 am

Synod Office: 2909 Landmark Place,
Suite 202, Madison

We had 11 people join us for our Synod Youth and Family Ministry Network Meeting on **January 23, 2014** at the Synod office located at 2909 Landmark Pl, Madison. It was great to see and hear from our ministries around the synod this month!

For Education:

- We discussed Rich Melheim's book, *Holding Your Family Together*, step 3 with some good discussion:
 - Connecting the biblical past with the current state is of importance (p.111)
 - Having children articulate faith is an amazing goal
 - "Christ In Our Home" (Augsburg Fortress publication with daily scripture) could be used as a devotional option to empower families.
 - Sending out texts/emails with daily or weekly texts may help families dig into the gospel as well.
 - -Go Daddy and Constant Contact are used by members for mass email/text services that allow scheduling in advance.
 - One member has built in the Faith 5 as part of Confirmation orientation and monthly requirements. How can you break the mold in your congregation?
 - Sharing of highs and lows before committee and council meetings gets people connected. Do you do this in your space?
 - Small group bible studies are "needed" but then largely unattended outside of confirmation class. Have you had success in this area of your ministry?
- For Connection (Network):
 - Resources that might be helpful:
 - Godly Play-for preschoolers is an activity resource to help tell the story
 - Contrast Community by Bailey is a book reviewed by one member

- We again discussed planning for a synod-wide youth gathering event (not to be confused with the national Youth Gathering). A small group has been formed to continue to move this forward. We are excited to see if we can get an event on the calendar!
- Thanks to the many volunteers throughout the synod who continue to help connect our youth and ministries!
- We had a suggestion to pray for our YFM leaders by name each month, and all at the table agreed this would be a great tool to encourage leaders and to draw awareness to our network. Cards will start next month and continue throughout a year rotation to reach all congregations!
- With summertime trips and the national Youth Gathering in the future Fundraising Ideas were a fun discussion this month. Here are some shared ideas:
 - “144 Inspirations” or “150 envelopes”: you post envelopes with the numbers 1-144 or 1-150 on each envelope. Members of the congregation choose an envelope they wish to support. They take the envelope, and put that amount of funds and return it to the account. Filling all 144 envelopes raises 10K.
 - Pie in the Face – will the pastors, youth director, council, or teachers participate to help this be successful?
 - Stocks to invest in youth-members purchase a set amount of stock (say \$25, \$50, \$100 etc.) to invest in the trip. In return they may get a post card, invitation to thank you dinner, a personal phone call interview upon return etc.
 - Flamingo Flocking-pink plastic flamingo insurance is sold to the congregation to avoid having one of these put on your lawn or you could sell to have it put on another person’s lawn.
 - Dunk Tanks were also mentioned as fun (as long as you sit forward and are prepared for cold water ;))
 - Check out YouthWorks free e-book “101 Free Fundraising Ideas” as an additional resource.
- For Renewal
 - Rev. Erik (our DEM) led worship with communion at noon, and a brown bag lunch followed.
 - Next Month: Join us on February 27th at 9:30 for Continuing Education, 11-12 for Networking, and 12 for Worship. Come for all or part of the morning as you are able. We meet at the synod office at 2909 Landmark Pl, Madison.
 - Don’t forget to mark your calendars: March 28th is our next Youth Worker Retreat at Lutherdale. More information to come next month!

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