

May Youth & Family Continuing Ed/Network Meeting

Date: Thursday May 29th

Present: Brett-Our Saviors, Pastor Ron-Norway Grove, Brenda -Midvale, Elisabeth-Bethel, Summer-Sugar Creek Church, Lisa-Bethel, Matt-St Luke's Middleton, Jen K-ELC Mt Horeb, Kathryn –Peace Platteville

Education:

- We were presented with PD and POPCORN lessons “Framing Failure with Forgiveness” led by Brenda
 - We discussed how we and others in our lives have experienced failure and how forgiveness is extended between relationships. We also looked at what forgiveness looks like in the bible.
 - Some things we heard:
 - Do you ever feel that sin dwells in you? “I know I should spend more time with my family, but at the end of the day I k now I have failed to do so. That may be sin dwelling”
 - “I love that unlocking feeling when someone can say sorry or acknowledge hurts. It builds trust and relationships.”
 - “Is loss of faith over generations a local disaster? We all ask whose job it is. But yet, fear of invading privacy or fear in general, may stop us from acting”

Connection: Network Meeting:

- **Devotion for Meeting- Broken Hallelujah by the Afters-**God knows and has seen our deep pains and our great joys. He is always with us on the journey of failure and forgiveness.
- We sent out cards and prayed for 15 congregations today!
- **Resources Shared:**
 - Bethel will host Rachel Kurtz September 7th, and the SCSW Crew will look to plan an event in the evening for HS kick off/Gathering Intro. Stay tuned for more info.
 - 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. If you church would like to host one of the open months, please contact Summer. 262-215-7866. More information will be distributed in the coming months, on how adult leaders can RSVP for these events.
 - Schedule:
 - September-Bethel-Madison
 - October-St Luke's-Middleton
 - November-Sugar Creek –Elkhorn
 - December – Bethel – Madison (May open if hosting September)
 - January – Our Savior Sun Prairie
 - February-Open
 - March-First Lutheran – Beaver Dam
 - April – Open
 - May – Open

- Karen presented information to us on the “Generosity Project”, looking at stewardship for 2015. This exciting committee is looking to ask “How have you seen God’s grace, and, how can you use your gifts”. Pastor Ron is already on the committee and Jen K has offered to join him to represent the SCSW YFM Network.
- Old Lutheran has asked if the network would be interested in running the shop at events such as synod assembly. The cost of attending the event is too expensive vs profits. Idea was brought up for a Youth Leadership Project. We agreed we want to hear more from Old Lutheran and continue this discussion on how we can help them continue to partner with our synod.
- Church Innovations, “Thriving in Change” is offering a workshop at Bethel. Contact Lisa for more information. 608-257-3577.

Nation Youth Gathering Information

NYG Coordinator (Logistical stuff) - Brett Christensen, NYG Synod Day Coordinator (specific day at the gathering) - Shannon Fleischfresser

- **Gathering Workshop offering:** June 21 @ Sun Prairie 9-11, and 1:30-3 at ELC Mt Horeb to obtain information and ask questions. This is for adult leaders and parents.
- **Dates to keep in mind:**
 - Sept 15th Soft Registration Opening
 - Oct. 15th Registration Opens
- **More info:**
 - 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/>
- **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!
- **June 14th: Practice Discipleship Half Day Training at ELC Mt Horeb**
 - We are ALL children of God!
 - This workshop will focus on how stereotypes can tear us apart. However, we are all children of God, and God is always with us on our journey. There is always hope and forgiveness. Learn more about LAB-Lutheran’s Against Bullying and Practice Discipleship in this exciting half day training! All are welcome. RSVP today! Summer 262-215-7866 or summer@sugarcreeklutheran.org

Renewal:

- **Worship:** Worship was led by Bishop Mary. We were asked to reflect on the ascension text and ask “I wonder...” as we reflected.
- **Lunch:** A brown bag lunch fellowship followed worship.

Next Network Meeting

- Thursday June 26th, 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” with Jen K leading.