

# SCSW Youth and Family Network Meeting

## September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### **Continuing Education:**

We began round table discussions on ministry focus to include the seven faith practices. This month we looked at how "Serve" is integrated into our congregations.

We discussed how service to others is done in large at many churches. We also discussed how we serve families through our own ministries such as the nursery.

Join in the months to come for additional faith practice discussions in ministry!

### **Connect:**

- Introductions
- Devotion was on Baptismal Promise and where we see God in our lives.
- Prayers and Invitation Cards- 20 were sent out to congregations in our synod.
- Upcoming Events

High School Nights were discussed and will follow loosely this format:

5:00-5:30-Food (Pizza and Lemonade) and Fellowship Table Games

5:30-6:00-Mixers/Icebreakers/Games

6:00-6:40-Guided Lesson/Discussion/Video

6:40-7:00-Closing Worship/Sending

Suggestions were Nooma Videos, PD-Faith Practices for Video/Discussions. Leaders can choose their own topics of interest.

- Resource Sharing/Discussion
  - National Youth Gathering
    - Oct 15 Registration Open
  - Synod HS Nights
    - Gathering Kick-off Event Sept 7 @ 5pm @ Bethel Rachel Kurtz concert had about 40 people attend
    - Oct-St Luke's Middleton / Nov- SCLC Elkhorn / Dec- Faith JVI / Jan – Our Savior Sun P / Feb – ELC Mt Horeb / Mar – 1<sup>st</sup> Beaver Dam / Apr – St Johns Evansville / May Pre-Gathering Event?
  - Confirmation Extravaganza Nov. 5 @ UW Madison. Join us as we focus on letting our light shine in mission work in the synod and local community! We will have a prayer wall, food donation stand, hands on activity, mission tables with a passport to fill out, and a leader's guide to help unpack the event. We are excited about the new format and focus!
    - The Youth Leadership Summit November 13th-16th in Detroit, Michigan- two youth are selected to attend.
    - Discussion was raised by staff to keep in mind the cost of Confirmation Extravaganza when planning in year to come we may need to raise the cost for participation.
    - A summary of events and works of the Network was submitted to the Synod Council.
- Calendar
  - Oct. 5 Rise Up Youth Connection at St Luke's-Middleton
  - Oct 9 PD Faith JVI
  - Oct 15 Gathering Registration Open

- Oct 23 PD First English WW
- Oct 30 Network Mtg
- Nov 2 Rise Up Youth Connection at Sugar Creek-Elkhorn
- Nov 5 Confirmation Extravaganza
- Nov 13-16 Leadership Summit/Synod Day Training
- Nov 20 Network Meeting
- Dec 7 Rise Up Youth Connection @ Faith Janesville
- Dec 18 Network Mtg
- Jan 4 Rise Up Youth Connection @ Our Savior Sun Prairie
- Jan 22 YFM Network
- Jan 29-Feb 2 Extravaganza Detroit
- Feb 8 Rise Up Youth Connection ELC Mt Horeb
- Feb 26 Network Meeting
- Mar 1 Rise Up Youth Connection @ 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Beaver Dam
- Mar 26 Network Meeting
- April 12 Rise up Youth Connection @ St Johns Evansville
- April 30 Network Meeting

**Next meetings:** October 30

Join us for all or part of the morning as you are able. 9:30 for Education/11 for Network/12 for Worship& Renewal

**Renew:**

We enjoyed worship with the synod staff with Larry Westfield leading.