

June Youth & Family Continuing Ed/Network Meeting

Date: Thursday June 26, 2014

Present: Brett-Our Saviors, Pastor Ron-Norway Grove, Summer-Sugar Creek Church, Matt-St Luke's Middleton, Jen K-ELC Mt Horeb, Steve Kottke-Synod Staff

Education:

- We were presented with PD and POPCORN lessons "Framing Youth" Led by Jen K
 - We discussed how adolescence is a storm of stress and raging hormones and how we can be more hospitable to those in the youth stage of life instead of placing stereotypes on them.
 - Some things we heard:
 - Kids are excited and want to do things "right now"! Can your church do that or do they have to go through committees, meetings and agreements before action is taking or before youth are validated?
 - Youth want to make a difference in what they do-they want to see the impact. Can they see an impact within their involvement in church?
 - We often show a "God of Tradition" in the Lutheran church but not the "God of the World" How can we blend both frames together?
 - We need to answer the "why" by showing and telling our kids and youth that faith is important!

Connection: Network Meeting:

- **Devotion for Meeting- Malachi 2:10**-We all have the safe father, regardless of what stereotype is placed upon us!
- We sent out cards and prayed for 10 congregations today!
- We are in need of additional cards for this card ministry. Please bring some to the next meeting if you would like to help!
- **Resources Shared:**
 - What will your congregation do for Sept 7: God's Work Our Hands? Send Summer an email so we can share ideas within the synod! summer@sugarcreeklutheran.org
 - 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 your 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-ELC Mt Horeb

- March-First Lutheran – Beaver Dam

Nation Youth Gathering Information

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

- **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/>
 - Additional Bus information will be coming soon. Looks to be about \$115/person but NOT confirmed yet.
- **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!

Renewal:

- **Worship:** Worship with the synod staff
- **Lunch:** A brown bag lunch fellowship followed worship.

Next Network Meeting

- Thursday July 31st 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 Path” with Jen S leading.