

LYO Leadership Team

Retreat - August 20th/21st, 2011

- ❖ Bible is a collection of 66 books. Why is it in one book? Carrie Pont said it would be a pain to carry all of that. Saul is a killer. He changed his name to Paul then turned good. (Letter of Paul) Ephesians 2:14
 - Why are the names at the top? Written on Scroll. "For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both group into one."
 - LYO is the peanut butter of the two slices of bread: connecting everybody. The people of God have always been in a community.
- ❖ Mark's PowerPoint
 - Synod: administer sacraments, train pastors, fight hunger, LYO etc.
 - Churchwide: Global Mission, publishing, hunger, sending missionaries
 - 3 expressions of ELCA-congregation, synod, churchwide.
 - LWF World Service received \$80.1 million and thousands of staff. Money goes to a lot of organizations.
 - Congregation \implies synod \implies ELCA \implies Lutheran World Federation \implies church catholic
 - The first expression of the church is the home
- ❖ Ideas for October 8th AGAPE concert
 - \$5 for ticket all proceeds go to hunger/malaria
 - Game Ideas
 - Towel game (WYLDE)
 - Kickball Tourney
 - 9 square
 - Balloon w/ pool noodles (WYLDE)
 - Shoe pile (WYLDE)
 - More small games (stations) and we rotate
 - 3-4 games we are playing @ the stations
 - Ninja
 - Ultimate Frisbee
 - Giant rock paper scissors
- ❖ October 14th-15th Middle School Lock-in
 - Name tags or wristbands
 - Food @ midnight
 - Pizza (little Ceasers)
 - Beverages
 - Have to buy from UNI
 - Cases of 20oz. pop
 - Fountain

- Can't bring coolers of water
 - Drink ticket or some other type of keeping track
- Goodies
 - Water bottle
- Water Bottles
 - Stainless steel
 - Logo on bottle
 - Discountmugs.com
 - Labeling the bottles
 - Colors-pink, purple, blue and green
 - Blue
- Free time/Misc.
 - More structure
 - Snack bar
 - More staff
- ❖ Senior High Events:
 - Theme:
 - Christianity: Living and Breathing It
 - Head: God's Work Our Hands-Stewardship
 - Heart: -Prayer
 - Feet: -Living for Christ
 - 1) Mason City: November-Holy Trinity
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 - 2) Dubuque: February-Holy Trinity
 - 3) Cedar Falls: March-Bethlehem or St. John's
- ❖ Officers
 - President: Coco Lyons
 - Vice President: Rachel Frantsen
 - Secretary: Connor Klein
 - Synod Council Liaison: Shelby Souhrada-Rodger
 - FORK: Hannah Harm
- ❖ Book Report-Deb Bachman
 - Almost Christian by: Dean, Kenda Creasy
 - We pass on the faith from generation to generation
 - The faith gets weaker and weaker throughout each generation
 - When times are tough, god is there and he is great but when times are great god is eh!
 - The kind of faith we have taught teenagers
 - Church is the problem but also the solution
 - Not give up on teenagers
 - Change the way we pass on the faith to teenagers
 - Not just teaching by seeing

- Intentional effort to talk about who god is...deeper knowledge
- Done in community where people care about this and willing to share
- Congregations can nurture ways community programming can not
 - You grew up around them so people know you and encourage/support her in a way people who you just meet cant know you
- Relationships are absolutely key to pass on the faith
- Don't teach the "feel good, YAY god"
- Teach the risk faith.
 - Challenges you to go above and beyond
 - Serve everybody even the homeless like Jesus said to do
 - ◆ You can do this in your hallway at school, we are called to love these people, people who go across the grain and aren't popular
 - We need to pass along this faith
 - We have to be ok to teach it and encourage it but first we individually need to accept it
- Church has to change-current new theory
- ❖ Discussion on book and the churches new theory
 - How can we change the church? How can we help the kids in church stay after confirmation? How can we get kids to come on a regular basis? Why are we wasting our time trying to get people to come who won't?
 - Can't be seen as a program
 - DNA shift, congregations have been set in their ways
 - Change starts with people who just do it!
 - Adults have to be willing to get outside the box of programs and get into relationships
 - We (your congregation) have to provide something you cant get anywhere else
 - Youth workers are not the magic fix all
 - Youth workers need to help the congregation be youth workers themselves
 - They lead the congregation to help the youth and support them
 - Youth workers can only handle so many kids so maybe get more youth workers
 - Have 6-7 teams and just create things for them to do and get involved with the church
 - Push students beyond what their faith is.
 - Youth should feel welcome
 - Youth need to feel important
 - ◆ need to feel like they are an important part of something important
 - youth should feel as if people would be sad they didn't go to church
 - youth need to feel like they are special
- Would it be beneficial to the youth if we asked the congregation to help us in our walk with faith or to be a little bit more involved?
 - Explain what you mean
 - No bible study like encourage
 - Lead the adults into what you need to be helped with
 - Be backwards, things you want them to do for you...you do for them

- ◆ Encourage them like you need to be encouraged
- ◆ Take the first step
- Adults need to relate to the kids and spread their knowledge to each kid
 - Adults tell stories during the trip about their faith and how they trust in God

Sr. High Event
November 26, 2011

Agenda

Theme verse: Ephesians 2:10-“God planned for us to do good things and to live as he has wanted us to live.”

10:00-10:45- Games

11:00-11:20- Introduction (watch video, verses, what’s stewardship?)

11:20-11:50- Breakout groups

11:50-12:30- Large group discussion-Deb

12:30-1:30- Lunch

1:30-2:30- Games

2:30-2:50- Hand Print Activity (What do we give back?)

3:00-3:30- Norbert “The Dragon:” Malaria

3:30-4:00- Treats & wrap -up

Publicity

Event 1 in Mason City

1. Get names of every church in northern part of synod plus churches who will come
2. Type of communication
 - a. August 31st –Rachel Frantsen
 - i. postcard
 - ii. Announcing
 - iii. Church can make as many copies they need
 - b. September 9th –Coco Lyons
 - i. More info
 - ii. Letter describing event
 - iii. Arrive around the 14th
 - c. October 12th –Linnea Kangas
 - i. Reminder that its coming up soon!!!
 - d. November 16th –Coco Lyons
 - i. Reminder asking for decision on attendance-November 19th
 - ii. Yes, no , maybe
 - iii. Estimation of numbers
 - e. Facebook-Shelby Souhrada-Rogers
 - i. Updating every once in a while
 - ii. Links to web sites
3. No response
 - a. Call
 - i. Each take a couple churches who haven't responded
4. Who?
 - a. Churches mainly from north part of synod/maybe north part of the middle part of synod
 - b. Churches we think will most likely come
 - c. But make sure we mention and get the word out
5. Emails
 - a. Linnea: wsrmanager2014@gmail.com
 - b. Rachel: rajyfrant@gmail.com
 - c. Shelby: souhradarogers.shelby@gmail.com
 - d. Coco: 12lyonsne@allamakee.k12.ia.us

Hospitality Group Mason City Senior High Event

- Welcoming
 - Abigail, Connor, Carrie
- Games (refer to main group for times to play games) 1:30-2:30
 - Signs (really confusing) smaller group of people
 - Assassin
 - Ninja
 - 4 on a couch
 - Train Wreck (ask Matt)
- Food
 - Subs

Book talk: Deb Bachman Almost Christian- Kenda Dean

- Book about teens in faith.

Faith is passed on from generation to generation. Faith starts in the home. "When times are tough God is there and it's great but when times are good we don't care about God." What teens for the most part have been taught. We have to change the way faith is passed on. Faith won't be picked up by watching people. A deeper knowledge of good must be taught by a community who cares about the person. Specific congregations can encourage and support a child better than outside community events, because they have known that person and have more invested in them. Relationships are key in passing on the faith. Need to teach the faith that has risks, causes you to step out of comfort zone. Being a Christian should not be an easy job. Stop and serve people. Go to the outsiders, love them!! Church has to change.

Discussion:

How do we change?

Confirmation doesn't work! We have to evolve, change the DNA. Confirmation serves as a base of knowledge but it must include relationship building. Youth can go to congregation but they have to be specific. Starts with individuals who take time to invest in students. Adults have to be invested in children and build relationships.

How do we get people to stay?

We must change the way we do things

Youth directors have to be leaders and equip others in the church to help to nurture the children. They can truly invest themselves in a small group of kids as well.

3 things for a great youth ministry

- Must feel welcome
- Must feel like if they skip church people will be sad
- Must feel like they are a valuable part of something important

Living for Christ

Cedar Falls

10:00am-4:00pm

Gym

- ❖ Pastor Dave Kebschull: teaching-how to apply it to daily life
- ❖ Deb Bachman/Suzie-faith talk: testimonial
- ❖ Mark-bible study
- ❖ Bible Study
 - 5-10 group bible study
 - After break into smaller discussion groups
- ❖ Activities
 - Speed dating/getting to know each other
 - Train game

10:00am activity/introduction

11:00am Testimonial

12:00pm lunch

1:00pm teaching

2:00pm activity

2:30pm bible study/testimonial

3:30-4:00pm sending

Holy Trinity (?), Dubuque

February 18, 2012

Noon – 6:00 p.m.

Noon-12:25 pm	Opening – rules/intro/prayer wall
12:30-2:00 pm	Mark's spiel? Skits intro
2:15-4:00 pm	Sledding? Games – S'more's, Hot Cocoa
4:00-5:25 pm	Closing/Info for next _____

Meals on our own

Paper, pens/markers for prayer wall