

Substance Abuse Summit Response

These are some of the ideas that came out of our staff gathering after watching the Webinar for Summit on Substance Abuse called by Bishop Ullestad earlier this spring. We are taking the "year" to highlight Substance Abuse, to inform and equip our congregational members on this significant topic.

August newsletter article: (attached)

September Grandparents Day: "The Power of a Grandparent" booklet from Partnership for a Drug – Free Iowa (attached) and newsletter article (attached). Announced during worship and copies of the booklet were made available (attached).

October: Red Ribbon Week newsletter article (attached).

November: Prescription check offered to congregational members with nurses and pharmacist available to check individual's prescriptions in between services. Same day announced during worship and copies of booklets "Talking About Prescription Drug Misuse" and "Talking to Kids About Prescription Drug Abuse" made available (attached). I will write a newsletter article prior to the date about this as well.

February: On February 27th we will give out the "Take 5" information so that families may be encouraged and equipped to "take 5 minutes on March 5th" (attached). I will write a newsletter about this as well.

April/May: Prescription Drug drop-off. We will pick a Sunday for congregation members to bring their unused or outdated medication to the church. A police officer will be present to collect the medication so that it may be disposed of properly. Same day announced during worship and copies of booklets "Talking About Prescription Drug Misuse" and "Talking to Kids About Prescription Drug Abuse" made available (attached). I will write a newsletter article prior to the date about this as well.

I don't know when or how I will use it at this time, but I plan to use "The Wounds May Be Invisible, but the Danger is Real" (newsletter article, announcement, info. copied and available maybe on the Prescription Drug drop-off day?) and the Life or Meth: What's the Cost resources (class?). (attached)

These are just some of the resources covered in the Webinar. The Summit on Substance Abuse power point is also attached so that you may have more information available at your fingertips.

