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Hi Everyone!

Just a few updates for you today...

Bus Captain Meeting – Two Options

Monday, June 4, 5pm – 8pm

OR

Tuesday, June 5, 10am – 2pm

You have two options for the bus captain meeting! Both will be held at the synod office in Duluth, and both will include a meal. **Please let me know by May 30 which one you plan to attend!**

Bus Covenants!

Just a reminder that we ask each bus to develop a bus covenant. Here is info on the bus covenants from the first email...

The buses that do the best on the Synod Journey are the ones where the adult leaders have had a conversation around expectations and consequences, and have come to an mutually agreed upon understanding. All of you come from different congregational and leadership cultures – you will have different opinions on when/how cell phones should be used, what is appropriate clothing, what should be quiet hours on the bus. It is critical that you have conversations on how you will approach all of these things as a united front during travel! And the time to do that is well before you step on the bus so your expectations can be clearly shared with your youth. At the bottom of the attached resource is a list of questions you might use to guide your conversation with the adults on your bus. As long as your covenant is within the expectations of the Synod Journey covenant, each bus can make its own decisions on how to approach expectations.

I'll be honest – cell phones are the biggest issue, and need to be discussed in length with adult leaders. On the Bus Captain website I have linked our Synod Journey covenant for you to refer to in regards to cell phones and what we mean by community time. One simple way I have seen bus captains in the past indicate when it is community time is they simply put a colored posted at the front of the bus – red meant no cell phones, green meant you could use cell phones. Some buses collect the phones so they aren't a temptation, then give them out during community time. If you do this, be sure to have a strategy in place how you will keep them safe.

Once you have put together your covenant, please email me a copy so I know how to support you along the Journey!

Wednesday Activity Choice

Don't forget to make your arrangements for your Wednesday activity! If you need any assistance or have questions, just let me know! A couple updates on activities:

NASA – we can't get the field trip rate, but do get the group rate of \$15.95 per person plus one free ticket for every 20 ordered. Tram tours are on a first come, first served basis. We will be sure to have your departure from Galveston to get you there when the Visitor Center opens.

Schlitterbahn – I am checking with our contact there to see if we might get an even better group rate. Stay tuned.

Bus Captain Website: www.nemnsynod.org/BusCaptains

I have updated the site to include all previous emails sent to you. Everything I have passed on should now be on that page!

Thank you, thank you for the work you are doing! Don't hesitate to email or call if you have any questions!

Smiles,
Catherine =)

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