



# NE MN Synod Discipleship Challenge: KNOW...BE...TELL the Story! December 2014: SERVE

## **My Story**

- What is a story of *SERVICE* that has made an impact on your life? Maybe it's a story of how you served someone else through work, school, church a neighbor, or maybe a story about how someone else served your needs.
- How/what did that experience/story inspire you...challenge you...teach you about serving others?

## **KNOW the Story**

- Throughout the Gospel narrative, Jesus constantly speaks about serving others... about taking care of our neighbors – ALL of our neighbors. Who are your neighbors? What people or groups are you aware of that could use your service, your help in your context/community?
- How do you think service is a part of God's Story for us?
- The ELCA tagline is "God's work. Our hands." How do you understand that phrase in light of the discipleship practice of service?

## **BE the Story**

- Read Matthew 25:31-46. What do these verse have to say about service?
- Both groups were unaware of what they either did or did not do. What do you think that means when we think about service?
- What are the things that keep you from reaching out in service to others?

## **Tell the Story**

- In what ways do you serve during the Advent/Christmas season? (Any family traditions, etc. that speak to the practice of service?) In what ways do other people serve you during this time of year?
- Do you ever invite other people to join you in reaching out in service to others? Any examples? If not, brainstorm some ideas of Christian service you could do with others yet this holiday season
- How does telling our story of how we have experienced service share Christ's love in the world?

