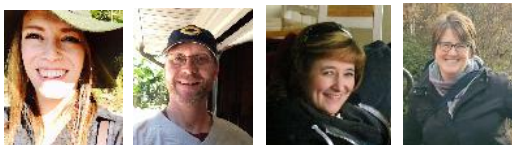


### SYNOD JOURNEY PLANNING TEAM



- Laura Anderson: Adult Leader Training and Support
- David Anderson: Servant Events
- Shivon Miller: Worship
- Deb Westerberg: Synod Day Director
- Catherine Anderson: Team Manager



### ADULT LEADER TRAINING AND DEVOTIONS



### WHY THE SYNOD JOURNEY?

- Faith Formation
- Leadership Development



### THEME:

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?



### STORY KIT EXPERIENCE

- **THE TILES:** Spell a focus word for the story
- **THE CANDLE:** Reminder of God's presence
- **THE FLIP FLOP:** Sharing Holy Ground Moments
- **"THE WORD" SCRIPTURE BOOK:** Encountering Scripture
- **THE QUESTION MARK:** Lifting up Questions
- **THE WATER BOTTLE:** Blessings



### GOD'S CALL CHANGES EVERYTHING

- Tile Ritual:  
Spell CALL



### GOD'S CALL CHANGES EVERYTHING

- Write on sheep:  
What makes up your ordinary day?
- Shuffle and pass sheep to someone else
- Read the sheep, guess whose it is



### GOD'S CALL CHANGES EVERYTHING

- Flip Flop Ritual:  
How have you experienced "holy ground"  
this last week?  
  
Share a time in your ordinary day that you  
became aware of God's presence in your  
life.



### GOD'S CALL CHANGES EVERYTHING

- Write on streamer and share:  
What misery and suffering do you think  
God hears today?  
  
Where does God long for us to be bearers  
of deliverance and abundant life?



### GOD'S CALL CHANGES EVERYTHING

- "God, you hear your people's cries, attune our  
ears...  
  
*(share prayers on streamers)*  
  
"God you hear and you come to us.  
Amen."



### GOD'S CALL CHANGES EVERYTHING

- Questions:  
What is one question you have after  
encountering this scripture?  
– About the text...  
– About God...  
– About your faith...  
– About your call...



### GOD'S CALL CHANGES EVERYTHING

- Water Bottle Blessing Ritual:  
"I AM with you."



## MONTHLY MEETINGS

- Trip vs. Journey
- Covenant
- Evaluation Comments:  
"I wish we had met more..."



## MONTHLY MEETINGS

- Your Role: Facilitator vs. Teacher



## SHARING FAITH WITH YOUTH

- Come Alongside
- Ask Questions
- Listen to their answers
- Then teach

(More info and resources at [www.practicediscipleship.org](http://www.practicediscipleship.org). This session is from the 2012 archives, "Faith Conversations" with Tiger McLuen)



## GOALS

- Group cohesion and trusting relationships
- Engage with stories and justice issues
- Communicate



## RESOURCES

- Synod Journey: Story Focus
- ELCA: Faith, life and justice focus



### Synod Journey Resources

#### Getting Ready Resources

An expectation of the *Synod Journey* is that groups meet at least monthly for guidance and advice to prepare for the *Synod Journey* and ELCA Youth's variety of resources to use the *Synod Journey* Wisely. To read ELCA Youth's resources, use these worksheets and guides to help you determine if for you to use:

- Synod Journey Getting Ready Resources Guide
- Synod Journey Monthly Meeting Overview
- ELCA Youth Gathering Getting Ready Curriculum Overview



## ELCA RESOURCES

### ELCA Youth Gathering Resources

- Gathering for Community (September)
- Gathering for Reformation (October)
- Gathering for Home (November)
- Gathering for Compassion (December)
- Gathering for Love (January)
- Gathering for Relationship (February)
- Gathering for Justice (March)
- Gathering for Advocacy (April)
- Gathering for Purpose (May)

Download full curriculum here:



## SYNOD JOURNEY RESOURCES

### Synod Journey Resources

*(Resources not highlighted in blue will be linked as they become available.)*

#### STORY KIT RESOURCES

Story Kit Overview

Story Kits Supply Description

Session One: Encountering Biblical Texts as a Lutheran – Bible Overview (April 2016)

Session Two: Encountering Biblical Texts as a Lutheran – Faith over High Five (October 2016)

Story 1 – Moses and the Burning Bush: God's Call Changes Everything

Story 2 – The Woman at the Well: God's Love Changes Everything

Story 3 – Philip and the Eunuch: God's Grace Changes Everything

Story 4 – The Road to Emmaus: God's Hope Changes Everything

Story 5 – The Hemorrhaging Woman: Jesus Changes Everything

Smiling Scripture – Ephesians 2:8



## SYNOD JOURNEY RESOURCES

Story 4 – The Road to Emmaus: God's Hope Changes Everything

Story 5 – The Hemorrhaging Woman: Jesus Changes Everything

Smiling Scripture – Ephesians 2:8

#### WORSHIP LITURGIES

These worship resources have been created by the NEALS Synod Journey worship team. You're invited to use these resources as written or to customize them to fit your gathering's gathering for the theme "This Changes Everything."

Go Home (Spring 2016)

Extended Worship Overview

Worship Liturgy for Lent (Download in October 2016)

Worship Liturgy for Lent (Download in October 2016)

Worship Liturgy for Lent (Download in October 2016)

Worship Liturgy for Lent (Download in October 2016)

Worship Liturgy for Lent (Download in October 2016)

Worship Liturgy for Lent (Download in October 2016)

Dear God (Fall 2016)

Celebrate (Winter 2016)

Send (Spring 2016)



## MEETING ELEMENTS

- Group Building
- Study and Discussion
- Housekeeping
- Prayer



## OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER...

- Include rest of youth group
- Sunday school, confirmation, adult groups
- Worship
- Partner with other Synod Journey groups
- Non-Synod Journey partnerships



## BREAK

- Grab more coffee
- Mingle with those at your table
- Get up, stretch, move around



## SYNOD JOURNEY PREP & DETAILS!



## WHAT DO THE HURRICANES MEAN?

- Effects of Harvey
- Accompaniment



## BACKGROUND CHECKS

- E-mail invitation has been sent
- If you were on the 2015 Synod Journey & are at the same congregation, you **do not** need to submit a new background check



## REGISTRATION CHANGES

- **No Additions:** Wait List Only
- **Substitutions:** Same gender only
- **Cancellations:** All payments non-refundable

**Best:** Contact Catherine if you have any changes!



## RESOURCES

- ELCA website:  
[elca.org/gathering](http://elca.org/gathering)
- NE MN Synod Journey website:  
[nemnsynod.org/SynodJourney](http://nemnsynod.org/SynodJourney)
- Synod Journey Facebook group:  
NE MN Synod 2018 Adult Leaders

**DO NOT CALL ELCA YOUTH GATHERING OFFICE!** Please call Catherine with any questions ☺



## COMMUNICATIONS

- Synod Journey Facebook Group
- E-mail Updates
- Mailings to primary leaders
- Don't forget to communicate with parents, families and the congregation:
  - Know your people & what works best for them:
    - Texting, email, calls, FB
    - Temple Talk, newsletter, etc



## FUNDRAISING & BUDGETING

- We recommend raising \$1500 per person
  - \$1250 cost of event
  - \$200+ for meals
  - \$20+ offering (or a tithe of your fundraising)
  - Plus additional if raising funds for adult leaders



## CARDIA DEO

- March 2 – 4, 2018  
Big Camp Sandy, McGregor
- Subsidy for Adult Leaders also going on Synod Journey: \$70 (you pay \$50 deposit)



## SJ WORSHIP BAND

- Youth!
- Instruments and Vocals
- Applications posted on the SJ Resource page by November 1, due January 15



## ELCA YOUTH MINISTRY NETWORK EXTRAVAGANZA

- January 26-29, 2018  
Houston, Texas
- Scholarships available at (also on SJ website):  
[www.tinyurl.com/SJExt18](http://www.tinyurl.com/SJExt18)
  - Application is open now through October 31<sup>st</sup>
  - You will be notified by November 5th



## ELCA YOUTH GATHERING SCHOLARSHIPS

- If one (or more) of your students has received a scholarship from the ELCA Youth Gathering, that amount will be taken off of your final Synod Journey payment in May.



## THE JOURNEY HAS BEGUN!

- Flow of the year
  - Setting the tone
  - Building excitement
  - Sending forth
  - Welcoming home



## TIMELINE

- What is pressing now?
  - Adult leader background checks
  - Setting up calendar of group meetings, fundraisers, and other events
  - Covenanting with your group:
    - What does it mean to be a group on this Journey?
    - What do we expect of one another?



## TIMELINE

- What will be pressing later?
  - Collecting payments & paperwork on time
  - Sharing information with your group:
    - Packing list
    - Updates from Synod Journey Team & ELCA Gathering
    - Other updates & info



## PARTNER CONGREGATIONS

- Synod-wide Journey
- Resources for everyone
- Interested in joining non-SJ congregation?



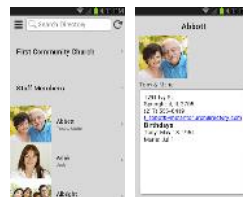
## BUS ASSIGNMENTS

- What is a Bus Group?
- Bus Group Meetings
  - Meet twice a year
  - Bus Captains
- Young Adults serving as volunteers



## ONLINE DIRECTORY

- Instant Church Directory



## TIPS FOR FIRST TIME LEADERS



## OTHER QUESTIONS?

