

Faith Formation Council Report

May 2018

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This month marks my first complete year in the role of Director of Faith Formation

Sunday Church School

CHILDREN:

Last day "regular" class for 2016-2017 in Children's ministry will be May 20. We're wrapping up an exploration of "Who is this Jesus" with an excellent curriculum called DIG IN. We went through many changes this year but we have learned a lot about the important security and program ideas to implement next year and we have ended in a great place.

ADULTS:

We still have a lot of work to do to help adults find a pathway to better bible study and engagement. While the Ale House Table Talk is growing and weekday bible studies are holding steady, we have a lot of work to do to encourage more adults to engaged with the bible and with one another outside of worship. Please consider attending and spreading the word about our "grow" series for learning and growing in faith with fellow members.

POWER SURGE – new class with John West happening now on Sunday Mornings.

GROW SERIES – Learn more about God's Story, Our Story, and Your Story by participating in these enlightening and engaging sessions. This summer the GROW series will take place at Linda and Pastor Horner's Home. One per month in June, July, August.

Life Groups will begin in the fall. Augsburg Bible Study class is evaluating their plans for a possible time to meet over the summer.

ALL SUNDAY GROUPS:

We have come to the conclusion that 45 minutes is not long enough for Sunday morning learning for children or adults. We will be looking for ways to carve out more time for learning as the worship schedule comes together this fall.

Family Events

Games at the Church Picnic

VBS NEWS

July 9 - 13

We will again be offering a morning session (9:00am – Noon) AND an evening session (5:30 – 8:00pm). MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Signup will open soon online.

NEW MEMBERS / GUESTS

We have tried a lot of new things in the arena of membership and guest retention. Most notably our new series **discover | begin | grow** series. We have hosted 3 **discover** sessions and are about to host our second **begin** class on June 10. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND and act as host to the new families.

Life Groups (working title)

We will be looking into a way to implement relationship building groups IN FALL 2018. Groups will be initiated with a kickoff day and will be setup to run for 12 weeks. Details coming in summer

“Sup & Study”

Judy Hunter is looking to put together a speaker series focusing on the synod and the ELCA for fall 2018.