Strengthening Faith Forming Environments
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Faith Forming Environments

Intergenerational

Family

Peers

Life Stage
Lifelong Faith Formation

Intergenerational

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Family
Forming Faith: Intergenerational

**Utilize** intergenerational events
**Infuse** intergenerational into existing programs
**Connect** the generations through new intergenerational
new programs & experiences

Intergenerational Approaches

- **Utilizing** the intergenerational events and experiences of church life (community life events, worship and the lectionary, seasons of the year, service and mission projects, prayer and spiritual formation) as a primary “content” in faith formation.

- **Infusing** intergenerational experiences and relationships into existing programs and activities.

- **Connecting** the generations through new intergenerational programs and experiences that bring together all of the generations for learning, celebrating, praying, reading the Bible, serving and working for justice, and worshipping.
Worship & All Ages Faith Formation

- Worship Theme
  - Readings
  - Homily/Sermon
  - Podcast

- Family
  - Scripture
  - Learn
  - Watch / Listen
  - Read
  - Prayer
  - Live

Approaches to Lifelong Faith Formation
Intergenerational Faith Formation at the Center

- Children
- Family
- Youth
- Adults
Utilizing Events

1 - Preparation: knowledge & practices for participating fully

2 - Guided Participation: in the events of church life & the Christian Faith

3 - Reflection: on the experience and living its meaning in daily life

Infusing Intergenerationality

*Infusing* intergenerational experiences and relationships into existing programs and activities, such as bringing mature adults into children and youth programs for interviews, storytelling, and mentoring; and transforming age-group programs (vacation Bible school, service projects) into intergenerational experiences.

- Worship
- Service projects and mission trips
- Age group learning programs
- Social / community program
- Sacramental preparation
Connecting through New Programs

1. Intergenerational Service
   • Intergenerational Mission Trips
   • Churchwide Service Day
   • Intergenerational Monthly Project
   • Intergenerational Service Nights
   • Intergenerational Service Projects

2. Intergenerational Learning
   • Weekly or Bi-Weekly
   • Monthly
   • Seasonal
   • Small Group & Large Group

Learning

Incorporating Intergenerational Learning in Church Life

1. Age Group Programming
2. Sacramental and Milestone Celebrations
3. Church Year Feasts & Seasons
4. Vacation Bible School
5. Mission Trips & Service Projects
6. Retreat and Camp Experiences
**Intergenerational Faith Formation**

*Engaging all ages and generations together in informing and forming disciples of all ages in Christian identity.*

- Intergenerational Learning
- Weekly, Bi-Weekly, and Monthly Models
- Small Group & Large Group Models

**Liturgically-Centered**

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Acton, MA

5. January: The Baptism of the Lord (Matthew 13-17)
6. February: You are the Salt of the Earth - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 5: 13-16)
7. March: The Temptation of Jesus - First Sunday of Lent (Matthew 4: 1–11)
8. April: Palm Sunday (Matthew 26: 14-27)
Christian Practices

1. Caring for the Body
2. Celebrating Life
3. Discernment
4. Dying Well
5. Eating Well
6. Forgiving
7. Hospitality
8. Keeping Sabbath
9. Managing Household Life
10. Participating in Community
11. Praying
12. Reading the Bible
Intergenerational Learning Process

Meal and Community Building
Part 1. Gathering and Prayer
Part 2. All Ages Learning Experience
Part 3. In-Depth Learning Experience
   Option 1. Whole Group (together)
   Option 2. Age Group (parallel)
   Option 3. Activity Center
Part 4. Sharing Learning Experiences and Home Application
Part 5. Closing Prayer

Examples of IG Learning

1. As the faith formation curriculum for the whole community
2. In Lectionary-based catechesis
3. In sacramental preparation
4. In vacation Bible school
5. In milestone celebrations
6. In intergenerational service projects
7. In liturgical season celebrations
8. In an intergenerational retreat experience or prayer experience
Elements of LOGOS

In local churches, LOGOS teams build intergenerational relationships between young people and caring, Christian adults of all ages through a four-part weekly format:

1. Bible Study
2. Family Time
3. Worship Skills
4. Recreation

GenOn Ministries
www.genonministries.org
Intergenerational Learning

- A flexible, relaxed arrival time with drinks and snacks
- Creative exploration of a Bible story/theme through creative experiences for people of different learning styles and of all ages. Children and adults are not separated and are encouraged to explore the story/theme together
- A short but explicit time of worship with story, music and prayers that builds on the creative exploration.
- A generous welcome and hospitality is expressed through a delicious home-cooked, sit-down meal with others

www.messychurch.org.uk
Forming Faith: Family

- Primary Influence on transmission of religious faith and practice: Parents & Family
- Day-to-day religious practices of the family and the ways parents model their faith and share it in conversation, collaboration, and exposure to outside religious opportunities
- Secondary Influence: The Congregation and Significant Adults

What Makes a Difference?

*The primary mechanisms by which Catholic identity becomes rooted in children’s lives are not Catholic schooling or sacramental preparation, but rather the day-to-day religious practices of the family and the ways parents model their faith and share it in conversation, collaboration, and exposure to outside religious opportunities.*

(Burtkus and Smith)
One of the most basic suggestions of our findings is that young adults arrive at a sense of their fundamental identity and worldview not by weighing all possible intellectual arguments for and against a proposed way of life, but rather by roughly adopting the worldview of those mentors who left the deepest impression upon them—and who loved them and cared for them the most. It should come as no surprise, then, that the emergence of the new generation of dedicated young Catholics will rise and fall with the choices of their parents. (American Catholic Religious Parenting, Burtkus and Smith)

Practices that Make a Difference

1. Reading the Bible as a family and encouraging young people to read the Bible regularly
2. Praying together as a family and encouraging young people to pray personally
3. Serving people in need as a family and supporting service activities by young people
4. Participating regularly in Sunday worship as a family
5. Being involved in a faith community and serving in church as a family and as young people
6. Eating together as a family
7. Celebrating rituals and holidays at home
8. Having family conversations
9. Talking about faith, religious issues, and questions and doubts
10. Ritualizing important family moments and milestone experiences
11. Celebrating holidays and church year seasons at home
12. Providing moral instruction
Parental Influence

- Sponsor of the Faith: point of access between church and home
- Gatekeeper of the Faith: control over how much and what sorts of religious content their children encounter
- Interpreter of the Faith: meaningful embodiment of the Christian faith in the lives of children

Comprehensive Family Plan

Children/Teens + Parents + Grandparents

Three Elements of a Family Plan

- Family Faith at Home
- Family Life & Parent Formation
- Family Engagement in the Intergenerational Faith Community
#1. Faith Practices @ Home

1. Seasons of the year
2. Rituals and milestones
3. Learning the tradition
4. Prayer and spiritual formation
5. Reading the Bible
6. Service, justice, care for creation

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**How to Create a Habit**

1. **THE CUE**
   - Decide on a change...
   - What is your cue?
   - What are you used to?
   - What problem are you solving?
   - How often do you have this problem?
   - Stages you are now in, stages you want to be in.
   - Frequency

2. **THE REWARD**
   - Internal reward
   - External reward
   - Admiration
   - Appreciation
   - Praise
   - Something you enjoy
   - Something you have always wanted
   - Something you know will be difficult to achieve
   - Something you have always been wanting to achieve
   - Something you have always wanted to achieve

3. **THE ROUTINE**
   - What do you want to do?
   - What does it do for you?
   - What do you need to do?
   - What do you need to do daily?
   - What do you need to do weekly?
   - What do you need to do monthly?
   - What do you need to do yearly?
   - What do you need to do when?
   - What do you need to do where?
   - What do you need to do with?
   - What do you need to do how?

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**Youth Ministry**

**Young Children**

**Older Children**

**Young Adolescents**

**Older Adolescents**
How to Create a Habit

1 The Cue

2 The Reward

3 The Routine

When __(cue)__ I will __(routine)__ because it provides me with __(reward)__.
#2. Milestones throughout Life

1. Ritual and blessing
2. Home celebration/blessing
3. Learning program –
4. Symbol
5. Supporting continued growth
Milestones

- Birth / Baptism
- Baptism anniversaries
- First prayers
- First Bible stories
- Starting school year
- Receiving a first Bible
- First Communion
- Confirmation
- Graduation

1. Church ritual/blessing
2. Home celebration/blessing
3. Learning program – at church or home
4. Symbol
5. Supporting continued growth

Forming Faith through Milestones

1. a ritual celebration or a blessing marking the milestone with the whole church community
2. a home ritual celebration or blessing marking the milestone
3. a learning program, often for the whole family or intergenerational, that prepares the individual and the whole family for the milestone and for faith practice at home
4. a tangible, visible reminder or symbol of the occasion being marked
5. resources to support continuing faith growth and practice after the milestone
Forming Faith through Milestones

Preparing
• What types of experiences, programming, activities, and resources will you develop to prepare people for the event?

Experiencing
• How will you design the event?
• How will you engage age groups, families, and the faith community?

Living
• How will you sustain/extend the event?
• What types of experiences, programs, activities, and resources will you offer people?

Forming Faith through Milestones

- First Year - Baptismal Remembrance (A Gathering for newly baptized)
- Toddlers - Creation (Care for the World God made)
- Pre-School One - Bible (Receive a Story Bible)
- Pre-School Two - Worship (Proclaim Christ and help in worship)
- Pre-K - Service (Serve your neighbor as Jesus commanded)
- 1st Grade - Lord’s Prayer (Learn about prayer)
- 2nd Grade - First Communion (Share in the Lord’s Supper)
- 3rd Grade - Bible (Receive an age-appropriate Bible)
- 4th Grade - Baptism (Learn about Lutheran Baptism)
- 5th Grade - Ten Commandments (What do they really mean?)
- 6th Grade - Apostle’s Creed (What do Lutheran’s believe?)
- 7th Grade - Bible (Receive a Bible with commentary & questions)
- 8th Grade - Elder Wisdom (Faith through the generations)
- 9th Grade - Sexuality (Loving and serving our neighbor)
- 10th Grade - Affirmation of Baptism (Public affirmation of promises)
- 11th Grade - Vocation (Live among God’s people with care)
- 12th Grade - Real World (Tools for living on your own, importance of faith)
Rituals & Milestones
celebrate meaningful, memorable moments in your family

Baptism Anniversary
Share each other's joy and provide the love of their baptism day to celebrate. Make a day of it with a special meal, a visit to the church, or a family gathering. It's a great opportunity to reflect on the love and support of the faith community.

Starting School
Going off to preschool or kinder garden is an exciting moment for children and their families. It's a good time to plan an event that celebrates this important step in their education. Consider organizing a special breakfast or a family gathering to mark this milestone.

Getting Ready to Worship
Getting your children to bed on time and ensuring they wake up on time can be a challenging task. It's important to create a routine that helps your family get ready and prepared for church. Consider setting up a simple routine that involves a special snack or a quiet time before bed.

Birthday Celebrations
Focus on the benefits of giving thanks for the gift of life. Consider making a family day of it, where everyone can come together to celebrate the birthday child. It's a great opportunity to reflect on the love and support of the family and community.

Scripture Reading
Pray together using the book of Deuteronomy as you read, as it provides guidance for living in accordance with God's word. Consider setting up a family time where everyone can read and discuss the Scripture together.

Pray
Through prayer, people express God's special love for them. On the annual day of remembrance, say a special prayer to thank God for all that He has done and continues to do for us.

Forming Faith through Milestones
High School Graduation Milestone: Graduation Celebration on the Streets

Mission Trip Milestone: Community Service at Home and Abroad

Week of Service
+ Fellowship Ministry
+ Food Bank Ministry
+ Local Church Ministry
+ Charity Ministry
+ Newspaper Ministry
+ Community Ministry
+ Local Church Ministry
+ Charity Ministry
+ Newspaper Ministry
Forming Faith through Milestones

#3. Celebrating Seasons

**Calendar Year**
- New Year’s Eve and Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Valentine’s Day
- St. Patrick’s Day
- Earth Day
- Mother’s Day
- Memorial Day
- Father’s Day
- July 4 – Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Start of School
- Halloween
- Thanksgiving

**Church Year**
- Advent
- Christmas
- Epiphany
- Ash Wednesday
- Lent
- Holy Week
- Easter
- Pentecost
- St. Francis Day—Blessing the Animals (October 4)
- All Saints and Souls (Nov 1-2)
Integrate Online & Gathered
40-Day Lent Curriculum

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| • Community cleanup  
  • Planting a community garden  
  • All ages workshop on caring for creation  
  • Story time at the library on environmental awareness | • Ecumenical prayer service  
  • Intergenerational program on theology of caring for creation  
  • Church audit  
  • Global project for whole community | • Recycling activities  
  • Planting a family garden  
  • Meal time creation prayer  
  • Daily Bible verses for April  
  • Children’s activities  
  • Storybooks and videos  
  • Home audit |

#4. Encountering God in the Bible

1. Scripture in Sunday Worship  
   • Lectionary  
   • Sermon Series

2. Exploring the Bible—Family or Intergenerational Programs  
   • A Tour of the Old Testament  
   • A Tour of the Gospels  
   • Walking with Jesus  
   • Journeys of Paul
Encountering God in the Bible

Scripture in Sunday Worship
Intergenerational & Home Faith Formation

September: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
November: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
December: 2nd Sunday of Advent
January: Baptism of the Lord Sunday
February: 1st Sunday of Lent
March: Palm Sunday
April: 4th Sunday of Easter
May: Holy Trinity Sunday

Extend the Event

Church Event or Program

At Home & Daily Life
Practical Strategies

1. Develop a family faith formation website.
2. Seasonal family festivals and gatherings.
3. Connect to Sunday worship.
4. Schedule a yearlong plan for milestones.
5. Make faith practices a seasonal focus.
6. Create family immersion experiences.
7. Develop a monthly seasonal event.
#5. Equipping Parents

Equipping parents and grandparents with the knowledge and skills necessary for faith-forming: how to transmit faith and values to their young people, how to become a Christian role model, and how to build a community of faith at home that nurtures faith growth in the young.
What Makes a Difference

1. Parents participated in mission trips.
2. Parents participated in service projects.
3. Parents frequently shared Christ with unbelievers.
4. Parents personally read the Bible several times a week or more.
5. Parents encouraged their teen to serve in the church.
6. Parents typically asked for forgiveness when they messed up.
7. Parents encouraged their children’s unique talents and interests.
8. Parents attended churches that emphasized what the Bible says.
9. Parents taught their children to tithe.
Developing Strong Family Life

Family Life Programming

1. Communicating effectively
2. Establishing family routines: family meals, shared activities, daily commitments
3. Celebrating meaningful traditions and rituals
4. Discussing tough topics
5. Making decisions and solving problems as a family
6. Learning how to build strong relationships and express care for each other
7. Developing the strengths & potential of children & youth
8. Supporting each other: encouraging and praising, giving feedback, standing up for each other
9. Treating each with respect and dignity

Empowering Parents

Competencies

- Expressing care, love, affection, and support for children
- Balancing time and commitments, managing stress
- Practicing healthy relationships
- Disciplining children and learning discipline practices
- Creating a warm, caring supportive family.
- Set boundaries and high expectations for children
- Managing technology and media use
- Challenging children to grow and continuously improve
- Providing support to help children complete tasks and achieve goals
- Sharing power with children so that there voice is heard and they share in making decisions.
- Expanding possibilities and connecting children to opportunities for growth
- Developing emotional communication skills
- Developing positive parent-child interaction skills
- Learning to respond consistently to their child
Three Parental Faith Roles

- **Gatekeeper of the Faith**
  - Control over how much and what sorts of religious content their children encounter

- **Sponsor of the Faith**
  - Point of access between church and home

- **Interpreter of the Faith**
  - Meaningful embodiment of the Christian faith in the lives of children

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Empowering Parents

- **Faith Forming Skills & Practices**

- **Parental Faith Formation**

- **Knowledge & Skills for Parenting**

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Parent Role

Parental Faith Formation

Key Content
Parent Programming

1. Parent website
2. Parent programs
   • Progression of parent workshops, webinars, or courses through the life cycle
   • Incorporate parent formation and education into congregational events that already engage parents
   • Provide targeted programs of theological and biblical formation
   • Add a parent-only component to family-intergenerational learning programs
   • Add a parallel parent experience to the existing children/teen program
   • Add a parent component to vacation Bible school in the evenings or online.
   • Provide online faith formation for parents
3. Laboratory experiences
4. Parent mentors
5. Life cycle or affinity groups for parents

Suggestions for Programming

1. Address diverse spiritual-religious identities of parents.
2. Have parents practice new skills with their own children during program sessions.
3. Design programs that engage parents in the learning experience.
4. Use a variety of environments and methods to engage all parents, anytime and anywhere.
5. Use online platforms and digitally enabled strategies.
6. Give parents a plan.
Forming Faith: Children

Characteristics of 21\textsuperscript{st} Century Learning

1. Blended Learning
2. Micro-Learning
3. Immersive Learning Environments
4. Multiple Ways of Learning
5. Multisensory Learning
6. Project-Based Learning
7. Collaborative Learning
8. Visual Learning
9. Practice-Oriented Learning
10. Storytelling
## Developing a Faith Formation Plan

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### Two Ways to Approach Personalizing

**Approach One: Personalize the Pathway for People**
- Develop pathways of faith maturing
- Develop playlists of content and experiences tailored to the pathways
- Upload playlists to a digital platform

**Approach Two: Personalize the Offerings**
- Offer a variety of content, experiences, and activities tailored to different spiritual-religious identities and the life stage needs of people
  
  *Getting Started ---- Growing ---- Going Deeper*
- Format the content tailored to different spiritual-religious identities
- Develop a digital platform with content to address the needs
Diverse Spiritual-Religious Needs

- Not Spiritual, Not Religious: Unaffiliateds
- The Spiritual but Not Religious: Uninvolved
- Faith & Engagement – one among many priorities: Occasionals
- Faith & Engagement at the Center of Life: Actives
Personalized Pathways of Faith Growth

**Pathways**
- Vibrant
- Occasional
- Uninvolved Unaffiliated

**Playlist**
- Variety of Experiences & Activities
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**Characteristic**
- Inquiring
- Getting Started
- Growing
- Going Deeper

**Playlist of Experiences & Activities**
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Playlists for Faith Formation

Playlists of Content & Experiences

If you were to use a Playlist approach to develop the faith of families with young children…

1. Getting Started Families (little faith experience)
2. Growing Families (somewhat connected to faith community)
3. Going Deeper Families (involved and practicing)

- How would you engage the parents?
- How would you engage the children and whole family?
Playlists of Content & Experiences

If you were to use a Playlist approach for first communion…

1. *Getting Started Children* (little to no faith forming experiences)
2. *Growing Children* (some faith forming experiences)
3. *Going Deeper Children* (involved and practicing)

- What would faith formation look like with these three “types” of children?
- What would parent and family faith formation look like?

Faith Formation Playlists

A faith formation playlist is a curated group of digital (online, video, audio, print) and gathered (church, home, small groups, etc.) faith forming experiences and resources that are tailored to the specific faith growth needs of people around a particular characteristic of faith maturing or theme/topic.

Playlists are developed for each “stage” on the discernment continuum, such as Inquiring, Getting Started, Growing, Going Deeper.

Each playlist provides a variety of ways for people to learn and grow in faith.
Personalize the Offerings

Playlists Tailored to Different Faith Needs

Playlist:
Reading & Studying the Bible

Getting Started
• Participate in the “Welcome to the Bible” program at church
• Watch the video programs on how to read the Bible
• Watch the video program with an overview of the Old Testament and New Testament
• Use the Guide to select a Study Bible and find the Bible online
• Participate in the 30-Day Bible Experience: Reading one Gospel (Matthew, Mark, or Luke)

Growing
• Develop a daily plan for reading the Bible
• Participate in the lectio divina reflection group after Sunday worship
• Learn how to pray with the Bible
• Join a Bible study group (church, home, coffee shop, online)

Going Deeper
• Read the Bible in 365 days
• Develop a personal Bible study plan
• Take an online course: Hebrew Scriptures, Gospels, Letters of Paul
• Study and pray the Psalms as a spiritual practice

KEF is a bold new model of Jewish learning. Rather than studying about Judaism, prayer, celebration and Jewish culture, or reading about Jewish literature, the Bible and what makes a Jewish community, participants in KEF will experience it all and be a part of building their own Jewish community.

The goals of the KEF program are:
• to learn about the Jewish tradition through family experiences with prayer, celebration and tikkun olam;
• to strengthen the family’s connections to one another, to the Jewish tradition, and to the congregation as a whole; and
• to build a community of learners at Temple Emanuel.

The participation of the family as a whole, including parents and older siblings, is welcomed. Families will come together in a K’vutzah, the Hebrew word for group. Each K’vutzah will have its own K’vutzah (group leader).

Program Requirements
Student and at least one adult family member shall participate in the following activities in the course of a year:
• 4-6 K’vutzah activities, including orientation, Shabbat dinners, class-age based programs, book club discussions and the culminating Torah activities;
• 10-12 Shabbat services;
• 6 holiday celebrations or commemorations held at Temple Emanuel; and
• 3-4 cultural programs (in the congregation or around the city).

In addition, each family will be responsible to:
• read books from a selected reading list. (the types and number of books would vary with the students’ age);
• devote 12-18 hours doing work related to tikkun olam (repairing the world); and
• do a Torah project (Each year there will be a theme for these Torah projects, e.g., Genesis, Exodus, mitzvot in the Torah, the prophets, and the Writings).

What the program will provide:
• a Rosh K’vutzah for each Havurah (the rabbis, educators and coordinators will serve as roshet K’vutzot), who will meet with each family individually at least twice and with the entire K’vutzah several times during the year;
• orientations to worship services and holidays;
• a Torah-related program for children attending the New Emanuel Minyan during the time the adults participate in Torah reading and text study;
• K’vutzah-based activities;
• book discussion groups, and
• a track project.
Maturing in Faith

We need to focus faith formation on the essential characteristics of lifelong growth in Christian faith and discipleship. These characteristics would incorporate knowing and believing, relating and belonging, practicing and living. With a lifelong vision of maturing faith we could address each characteristic in developmentally-appropriate ways at each stage of life.
### Characteristics

1. Developing and sustaining a personal relationship and commitment to Jesus Christ
2. Living as a disciple of Jesus Christ and making the Christian faith a way of life
3. Reading and studying the Bible—its message, meaning, and application to life today
4. Learning the Christian story and foundational teachings of the Christian faith (Trinity, Jesus, creed, morality and ethics) and integrating its meaning into ones life
5. Praying—together and by ourselves, and seeking spiritual growth through spiritual disciplines

6. Living with moral integrity guided by Christian ethics and values
7. Living the Christian mission in the world—serving those in need, caring for God’s creation, and acting and advocating for justice and peace.
8. Worshipping God with the community at Sunday worship, ritual celebrations, and the seasons of the church year
9. Being actively engaged in the life, ministries, and activities of the faith community
10. Practicing faith in Jesus Christ by using one’s gifts and talents within the Christian community and in the world
A Diversity of Spiritual Religious Identities

Not Spiritual, Not Religious
Unaffiliateds

The Spiritual but Not Religious
Uninvolved

Faith & Engagement – one among many priorities
Occasionals

Faith & Engagement at the Center of Life
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Developing a Faith Formation Plan

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