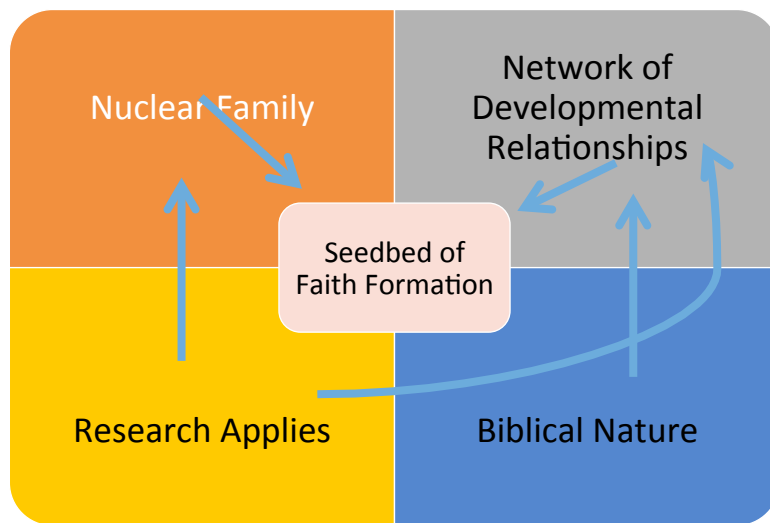


Connecting Families to the Intergenerational Faith Community

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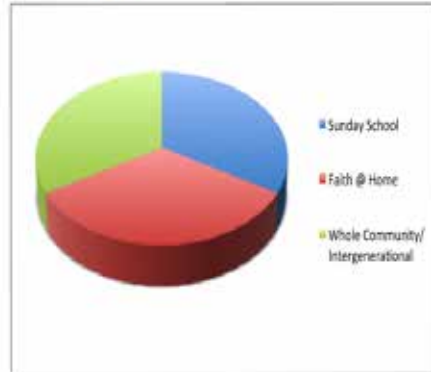
Faith Formation

From

Sunday School Model



To



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Caring

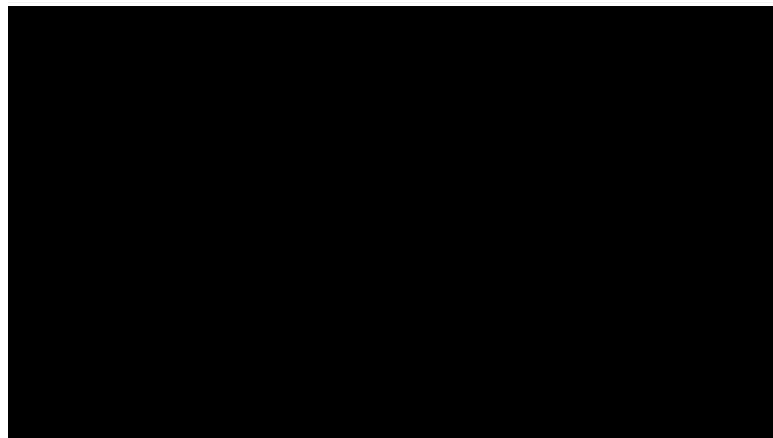


Cultivating caring relationships across generations in the congregation and community, becoming a life-giving spiritual community of faith, hope, and love.

- ✓ Intergenerational Caring Conversations
- ✓ Intergenerational Community Building
- ✓ Intergenerational Relationships in Existing Programs
- ✓ Intergenerational Storytelling
- ✓ Intergenerational Relationships through Mentoring

Faith Webbing:

Gary Pecuch



Faith Circles:

Katie Christensen



You're Invited!



Celebrating



Worshiping God together through Sunday worship, rituals, sacraments, and the liturgical seasons that involves all of the ages and generations.

- ✓ Intergenerational Sunday Worship
- ✓ Whole Community Sacramental Celebrations
- ✓ Milestones throughout Life
- ✓ Church Year Feasts & Seasons

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Intergenerational Worship

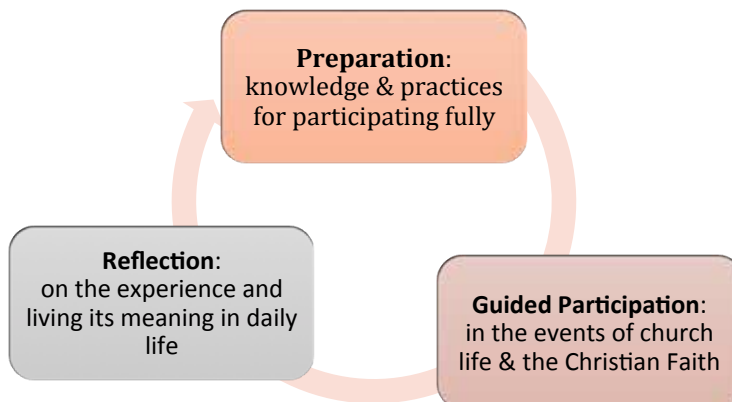


Learning



Engaging all ages and generations together in learning experiences that teach scripture and the Christian tradition, informing and forming disciples of all ages in Christian identity.

Intergenerational Participation Dynamic



Intergenerational Learning Process

Part 1. Meal, Community Building, Prayer

Part 2. **GATHER**: All Ages Learning

Part 3. **GROW**: In-Depth Learning Experience

Formats: Whole Group, Age Group, or Activity
Center

Part 4. **GO FORTH**:

- Sharing Learning Experiences
- Home Application
- Closing Prayer

Reformation Lutheran
Milford, DE

What is ReCreation?

It's being *re-created* in God's image as we grow in faith together. And it's having a time of *rec-reation* as we enjoy fellowship and fun with our brothers and sisters of all ages. Join us for *re-creation* and *rec-reation*.

Who is ReCreation for?

- Singles*
- Couples*
- Families*
- Everyone*
- College students*
- Teenagers*
- Kids*
- Everyone*
- Grandma & Grandpa*
- Empty Nesters*
- Newcomers*
- Everyone*
- Working people*
- Retired people*


ReCreation events are for you!

ReCreation events in 2015 - 16 "Lutheran Essentials"

- Sep 20, 2015: "All About That Grace"
- Oct 25, 2015: "A Monk Who Shook the World"
- Nov 15, 2015: "Can We Talk?"
- Jan 17, 2016: "Word & Sacrament, Part 1: God Speaks to Us"
- Feb 14, 2016: "Word & Sacrament, Part 2: God Comes to Us"
- Mar 13, 2016: "Christian Life: Dying & Rising"
- Apr 17, 2016: "Luther's Legacy: Bach, Kierkegaard, & Bonhoeffer"
- May 15, 2016: "A Wife's Honest Story"

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"Fellowship is not just fellowship at Reformation, it's ReCreation!!"

Fulfilling our mission:

- Invite** our neighbors as Jesus has invited us;
- Engage** in a community of graceful discipleship;
- Equip** our members for growth in faith and ministry;
- Embody** the love of Jesus for the world around us.

What happens at a ReCreation event?



"It was great for my kids to do something at church besides just sit in the sanctuary. They became more involved and met people that they don't usually talk to during regular service times."

First

We Share a Meal - A real meal, the cooking done for you. Just come, eat and, enjoy.



"I really enjoyed these events. It was nice to get together and meet other members of the congregation that you only say 'hello' to or do not see because they go to a different service."

Next

We Gather - We share an opening experience to prepare our hearts and minds.



"I learned much more by participating in learning activities and by interacting with others than I would have if I'd just read and discussed Bible passages."

Then

We Grow - We participate in hands-on learning activities in small groups that foster discussion and build strong relationships with each other and with Christ.

"Grew both personally and spiritually. No way to measure the change. Just know that I feel it."

Finally

We Go Forth - We reunite to share our experiences and receive materials to take home to help us live out what we've learned.



St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish
The Catholic Community of Acton & Boxborough, Massachusetts

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Statement of Purpose

What is Growing in Faith Together??

GIFT is an innovative approach to faith formation that equips the parish to become a community of lifelong learning. Faith formation is centered in the events of church life, embraces all ages and generations, and promotes faith

Praying



Nurturing the spiritual life of the whole community through the congregation's prayer services, rituals, and blessings throughout the year.

- ✓ Intergenerational Formation in Spiritual Practices
- ✓ Intergenerational Prayer Stations
- ✓ Intergenerational Prayer Partners & Spiritual Guides
- ✓ Intergenerational Prayer Groups

Core Curriculum Theme

Prayer

- Call to Prayer: Forms and Expressions
- The Lord's Prayer
- Denominational expressions
- Common Devotions and Prayers
- Praying through the Year: Advent-Christmas
- Praying through the Year: Lent-Easter

Example: Prayer

- Oct** Luther on Prayer (**Reformation**)
- Nov** Prayers and Devotions (**Feast of All Saints**)
- Dec** Prayer in Advent and Christmas Seasons
- Jan** Call to Prayer (**World Day of Prayer**)
- Mar** Prayer in the Lenten and Easter Seasons
- May** Lord's Prayer (**Easter Season**)
- Jun** Praying with Scripture and the Lectionary (**Summer**)

Intergenerational Prayer Stations: Easter-Ascension (Theresa Cho)



<https://theresaecho.com>

Intergenerational Prayer Experience

Ways to Pray (Vibrant Faith)

Outdoor Prayer Stations (Vibrant Faith)



Serving



Involving all ages and generations in service and mission to the world, especially to the poor and vulnerable, and in the works of justice and advocacy.

- ✓ Intergenerational Mission Trips
- ✓ Churchwide Service Day
- ✓ Intergenerational Monthly Project
- ✓ Intergenerational Service Nights
- ✓ Intergenerational Service Projects

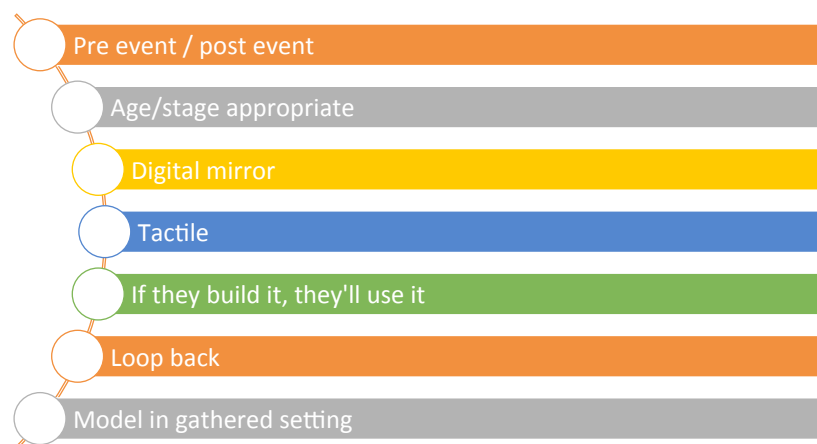
Designing Intergenerational Service

- 1. Make the activities meaningful**, so that every person, regardless of age, can contribute in a significant way.
- 2. Supply mentors** to individuals or families that have had little or no experience in service.
- 3. Offer various options** to suit individuals and families with different ages, interests, time constraints, and locations.
- 4. Include preparation and reflection** as part of any church-sponsored service activity.
- 5. Hold a service fair** for all generations.

Designing Intergenerational Service

6. **Provide service resources** (books, media, websites) for families and all generations; include children's books that focus on caring for others.
7. **Becoming a clearinghouse** for local and global service opportunities.
8. **Organize regular intergenerational service days** and events.
9. **Organize an annual intergenerational mission trip.**
10. **Celebrate what church members are already doing.**

Intergenerational ↔ Families



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