Digital Faith Formation Strategies

Digitally Enabled & Digitally Connected Faith Formation

- Fully Online Faith Formation
- Mostly Online with Regular Interaction in Gathered Sessions
- Online Faith Formation & Gathered Sessions (Flipped Classroom)
- Gathered Program with Online Components beyond the Program
- Gathered Program with Supportive Online Content
Digital Methods for Faith Formation

1. Extend a church event or program
2. Design one event or program, offer it in multiple platforms
3. Prepare for and follow-up an event or experience
4. Flip a gathered program
5. Integrate online and gathered
6. Create online only experiences
7. Use webinars, Facebook live, podcasts, etc. to deliver programming directly to people

Extend the Event

Church Event or Program  At Home & Daily Life
Sunday Worship

- Learning
- Praying
- Reading the Bible: Daily Readings
- Living

Tri-Saints Lutheran
Hardy, NE
One Event/Program, Multiple Formats

- Gathered
- Small Group
- Independent
- Online

- Digital Content to Extend & Provide New Ways to Experience

- Interaction
- Connection
- Communication
- Demonstration

Multiple Formats

Event/Program

Website

Social Media
Build on an Event/Experience

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?

Flip the Model

@ Home / Daily Life
Exploring the Content - print, audio, video, activities

@ The Program
Applying the Content: Create – Practice - Perform - Participate
Our Confirmation preparation program has two components: Once a month in-person classes and an online study. The online study is a place for students to develop their faith weekly by completing multi-media lessons which include videos, reading, Saint reflections, multiple-choice questions and online small group discussions. Each small group has their own online space to discuss faith topics, ask questions, and pray for one another. By having both in person classes and an online study we hope to help families learn more about their faith while respecting the many demands for their time.
Christian Initiation & New Member Formation

Intro to The Basics of Christianity
by Pastor Bill Crabtree of Silverdale Lutheran Church
Flip the Model

Integrate Online and Gathered

The Slate Project

CHURCH WITH A CLEAN SLATE

The Slate Project is a new kind of Christian community that gathers both on-line and face-to-face in Baltimore, Maryland.

We are a movement to change the church from inside the inside out.

We are committed to following the way of Jesus together, into our local and digital neighborhoods and discerning in community how to be the church in the 21st century.
Integrate Online and Gathered

**Connect with The Slate Project on-line and face-to-face:**

**Mondays**
What: **#BreakingBread** (Dinner Church)
Where: A.C. University, 206, Columbia, MD 21234
When: 6 PM EST

**Wednesdays**
What: **#Slatereads** (Live Tweet Chat: Book Discussion)
Where: Twitter—use the digital bookmark #Slatereads
When: 8 PM EST

**Thursdays**
What: **#Slatereads** (Live Tweet Chat: new topic each week)
Where: Twitter—use the digital bookmark #Slatereads
When: 9 PM EST

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**#BreakingBread**

Our weekly face-to-face worship experience happens on Monday nights with a “dinner liturgy” we call #BreakingBread.

Starting at 6pm, everyone is invited to participate in transforming our “borrowed space” graciously offered to us by the Episcopal Cathedral of the Incarnation and Diocese of Maryland into an intimate dinner setting for thirty or so people.

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**#Slatereads**

Slatereads is our on-line book study that happens on Twitter every Wednesday night at 8PM EST.

There is reading for each week and the conversation is informed by those readings.

Follow the hashtag #Slatereads to participate!

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Wow. That last hour was awesome. Thanks #slatereads for a great chat.
Advent or Lent Online “Curriculum”
# Online 40-Day Lent Curriculum

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  • Praying  
  • Service/Almsgiving  
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  • Family Lenten activities | • Lenten learning resources  
  • Lenten calendar  
  • Daily Lenten prayer  
  • Weekly table prayer  
  • Video resources  
  • Online retreat experience |
Online Prayer

Webinar Live Presentation

Upper Dublin Lutheran Church

Teens and Digital Media: Our First Facebook Live Event!

Join us for our first Facebook Live event from the comfort of home or while you’re out and about on your smartphone as Pastor Keith is joined by Bethany Stoll, who will present on what parents need to know about teens and digital media. Tune into the UDLCC Facebook page at 8pm Eastern Time on November 6th to watch and share your ideas and questions. This is open to everyone. Please forward this email or share our Facebook event with a friend! - Keith

Program Description

The mall, public parks, friends’ houses. The lunch room. The physical spaces that were central to socialization, extracurricular learning, and identity formation for many of us have increasingly shifted to digital spaces. And there are implications for parents, teachers, ministry leaders and anyone else who works with young people. This workshop will explore digital media trends among kids and teens, the diversity of experiences when it comes to youth and social media, how adolescents are working out their identities through “networked publics,” and considerations for faith formation with a tech-connected generation.
Personalizing Faith Formation

Pathways of Faith Growth
Playlists of Content & Experiences

Virtual Learning Academy

VLACS provides full-time and part-time online virtual learning opportunities for both Middle & High School students. Our new online Adult Education program will be available in 2016.

Choose Your Path

Middle School & High School
VLACS is an online virtual public middle and high school offering students the opportunity to learn at their own pace at their own pace.

Adult Education
Learn something fun, develop new tech skills, learn a second language, and more at VLACS Adult Ed. Now accepting enrollments!
Personalized learning is tailoring learning for each student’s strengths, needs and interests—including enabling student voice and choice in what, how, when and where they learn—to provide flexibility and supports to ensure mastery of the highest standards possible.
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**
- Identify important life and religious needs of target audience(s)
  OR develop a pathways model
- Develop a digital platform with content to address the needs
- Format the content tailored to different spiritual-religious identities

### Spiritual Religious Identities

- **Not Spiritual, Not Religious**
  - *Unaffiliated*
- **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

**Characteristic**
- Inquiring
- Getting Started
- Growing
- Going Deeper

**Playlist**
- Variety of Experiences & Activities
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Personalize the Offerings
Playlist: Bible for Families with Children

Getting Started
- Participate in the Bible workshop for parents that is offered twice a year
- Watch the “Reading the Bible with Children” video and/or listen to the podcast on website
- Begin the practice of a weekly Bible story reading and/or video viewing
- Use the online Guide to select and purchase a recommended children’s Bible, and an adult study Bible for parents
- Engage the children in the summer vacation Bible school program

Growing
- Continue the weekly Bible story or video practice
- Practice the FAITH5 each day: Share the highs and lows of the day every night; read a key Bible verse or story every night; talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows; pray for one another's highs and lows aloud every night; bless one another before turning out the lights of the day.
- Participate in the family scripture reflection after Sunday worship each week
- Learn how to pray with the Bible by watching the video online and using the prayer activities online
- Participate in the church wide “30-Day Bible Experience” of reading one gospel at home.
- Engage the children in the summer vacation Bible school program

Going Deeper
- Continue the FAITH5 daily practice
- Join an adult Bible study group offered by the church
- Engage the whole family in a 365 day “read the whole Bible” experience using the resources on the family website
- Develop a personal Bible study plan using the resources on the family website
- Participate in the family scripture reflection after Sunday worship each week
- Engage the children in the summer vacation Bible school program

Personalize the Offerings
Playlists for 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