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

Event/Program

Multiple Formats
- Gathered
- Small Group
- Independent
- Online

Website
- Digital Content to Extend & Provide New Ways to Experience

Social Media
- Interaction
- Connection
- Communication
- Demonstration

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?
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 Christian Initiation

Catholicism
 FORMED

my Catholic Faith DELIVERED™
Flip the Model

Integrate Online and Gathered
Connect with The Slate Project on-line and face-to-face:

Mondays: #BreakingBread (Dinner Church)
Where: A.E. University Wray Brown, M202
When: 8 PM EST

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

Thursdays: #Slatereads (Live Tweet Chat: new topic each week)
Where: Twitter — use the digital bookmark: #Slatereads
When: 8 PM EST

#BreakingBread

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

Starting at 8pm, 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.

#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!

Integrate Online and Gathered
Advent or Lent Online “Curriculum”
# Online 40-Day Lent Curriculum

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• Lenten Sunday liturgies  
• Stations of the Cross  
• Lenten prayer  
• Lenten retreat  
• Lenten service  
• Lenten soup suppers | • Fasting  
• Praying  
• Service/Almsgiving  
• Lectionary reflection  
• 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 your home or while you’re out and about on your smartphone as Pastor Keith is joined by Bethany Stelle, who will present on what parents need to know about teens and digital media. Tune into the UDLC 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.