

August 16, 2016

Spiritual Listening Team (SLT) Meeting

Present: Bonnie, Caren, Anne, Ben, Amy

Open with prayer

Meet once a month – more if needed. Set Dates:

September 13 3-4pm

October 11 3-4pm

November 8 3-4pm

December 13 3-4pm

Initial Collaboration Ideas:

- Praying as a small group
- Praying for each congregation
- Praying for the Collaboration Teams
- A Prayer list for all 3 congregations
- A bible study for the 3 churches together in the fall
- Pray so that we can hear each other

Spiritual Listening Collaboration Team Ideas:

Weekly petition: Every Sunday each church will be sharing the same prayer. At each meeting, our team should create/write 4-5 for the month ahead.

- a. Discuss with each pastor to come up with topics/ideas to include in these petitions.
 - i. Oak Grove – Bonnie and Caren (Pastor Tom)
 - ii. Anne – Woodlake (Pastor Charlie)
- b. Our team will also reach out to someone from each of the other ‘teams’ to get their prayer requests for their particular team:
 - i. Congregation Listening
 - ii. Community Listening
 - iii. Steering Listening
- c. Petition Theme Ideas:
 - i. Prayer for Richfield community
 - ii. Prayers for Nation
 - iii. Election
 - iv. Rally Day – September 11
 - v. Back to school
 - vi. Penn Fest
 - vii. Collaboration teams

PETITION THEME SCHEDULE:

Collaboration/Back to School	August 28 (Veteran's Park)
Rally Day	September 4
Penn Fest	September 11
Unity in Election Season	September 18
Collaboration Teams	September 25

Discussion:

- Bonnie – what does Spiritual Listening mean? How do we develop a culture of Spiritual Listening? What is spirituality?
- Caren – Teaching prayer practices - has ideas of different techniques
- Caren – intercongregational prayer partners / intergenerational prayer partners (youth and adults)
 - How do we avoid someone having a negative experience?
- Ben – HOP did a 'Prayer Bootcamp' a few years ago. We would like to offer again and offer to all the congregations.
- Prayer Vigil – 24 hour (in person or virtually?)
- Bible Study
 - Book of Acts (Work of the Holy Spirit)
 - Sunday evening
 - Each congregation will pass it along to their pastors (in the hopes for each pastor to take another session in the future).
 - It is a 5-6 week session. Plan to start in October so that we have time to get into the newsletters.
 - Start 10/9-(5 weeks) / HOP of to provide childcare / 6-7:30pm
- Ben will write the insert for each newsletter to provide details for the study
- Ben out of office 8/22 – 9/6

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Bonnie will work on the first petition:
“Lord, as a collaboration of Lutheran Churches in Richfield. We pray for....”
2. Bonnie will write a mission statement for our team
3. Anne to identify another Woodlake member for the committee
4. Each congregation will reach out to their pastor about the Bible Study - (in the hopes for each pastor to take another session in the future).
5. Ben to confirm the length of the Bible Study so the team can determine the dates and start to publicize within each congregation.

Next meeting: September 13 3-4pm