

Learning Event/Listening Session Read Out

Christ the King Lutheran (Winter/Spring 2019)

“What was important to you about youth ministry growing up?”

Belonging; tradition/ritual; support from church; theological discussion; fun/social groups; grow character; be known; good programming; faith was made relatable; felt valued; had a place/a role;

Roundtable Conversations

- **What are the strengths of youth ministry at our church? Growth areas?**

Strengths: historical, legacy programs (ASP, Youth Musical), worship presence of youth in leadership, place where kids can ask questions, camps/camping ministry, traditional Lutheran theology, a place of belonging, intergenerational relationships,

Growth: more consistent, rigorous intellectual engagement; regular/weekly programming; youth need to have voice; need more adult leaders involved; need to engage families more; communication; parent drop-off; Mix up worship/music to make it more engaging; Use more media, etc. to engage young people;

- **What are your hopes and dreams for the faith development of children, youth and families?**

Church as a hub of activity; church is a place families want to be; young people invite friends; safe place; church a place where people explore their faith; innovate worship practice and times to engage families differently; develop critical thinking about faith in young people; engage young people in the world with their faith; more parent involvement; development of faith milestones; development of life long habits of faith;

- **What does youth ministry look like when it's thriving at CTK?**

Young people present when it's not required; fun place; strong programs; develop deep relationships; more young people involved; open door policy; inviting/inclusive;

- **What is one goal you would like to see us reach this year in children, youth and family ministry?**

Keep events consistent to maintain momentum; hire someone who can develop relationships; schedule flexible/regular for families to socialize; more/more effective communication; more effective programming; cost effective programming; revamp existing programs (BTDT, Late Night); connect the listening process to regular feedback with families; Engage parents with other parents; Be more creative with confirmation/other programs; More service opportunities;

- **What role should the church play in the faith life of a young person?**

Engage people in their faith; provide community; provide a mission and vision of living a life of faith; Instill a belief system; intergenerational opps; equip young people to live faith in the world; teach parents how to support their children; creating a safe place to be vulnerable at difficult times in life.

- **What barriers exist for people (parents, staff, volunteers, congregation, young people) that keeps them from investing their time, talent, money, etc. in CYF ministry? How can we remove those barriers?**

Time; disconnection of the generations at church; relevance in practices/worship/language; other activities/priorities; voice isn't heard; stagnancy; lack of consistency/communication;