

Mentoring 101

Solomon Lutheran Confirmation & Mentoring

Why should I have a Mentor?

1. Mentors are older and wiser – and someone in addition to your parents!
2. Mentors have a wide range of faith & life experiences that you can pull from for spiritual growth in your own life.
3. Mentors commit themselves to supporting & praying for you. How cool is that?
4. Mentors can connect with you through common interests, time spent together, and through Christ.

Who is a good Mentor?

- Someone that has a strong faith in Jesus and attends church regularly.
- Someone that shares common interests or goals with you.
- Someone that fills a void in our “Faith Webs.”
- Someone that can devote time and energy into your mentoring relationship.

Faith Webbing

Our “Faith Web” creates a visual for us of every person that inspires our faith in our congregation and community. We include people of every age: “Littles” (those younger than us), “Peers” (those in our age group), “20-Somethings” (College+ age group), “Parent” (those in our parents’ generation), and “Grandparent” (those in our grandparents’ generation). The stronger our faith web, the more connected we are to our congregation! A complete Faith Web is the beginning of our *personal ministry plan*.

1. Put your name in the middle of the web
2. List at least 6 people in each category whose faith inspires you

Relationship Voids: Sometimes, we find that we can’t think of 6 (or any!) names in certain categories. These are missing pieces in our web. Our goal is to fill up our faith webs as we move through mentoring. This is where choosing a Mentor comes in – we should pick a Mentor from a section with a smaller amount of people, or one that can connect us to our Relationship Voids!

What will we be focusing on?

Mentoring is all about building Faith Skills and making a personal ministry plan based on our Faith Webs, with the help of our Mentors and leaders.

What aspects of faith are important to build?

What skills do we need to acquire in order to live the life Jesus calls us to?

We'll be focusing on four main sections to hone our Faith Skills:

SECTION ONE: The Gospel. We'll come to understand the basic message of the Gospel and how to share it in a way that is relatable and simple.

SECTION TWO: Spiritual Disciplines. We're going to build spiritual disciplines into our lives that will carry us through the tough stuff.

SECTION THREE: Personal Enhancement and People Skills. We'll focus on relationships in three areas; our relationship with ourselves (i.e. developing a biblical self-esteem, personal standards, the importance of developing a personal web of faith), our relationships with others (i.e. building relationship skills, spending time with people the way Jesus did), and our relationship with the living triune God.

SECTION FOUR: Ministry Skills and Spiritual Gifts. We'll explore our spiritual gifts and use them to develop ministry skills. All of us will be able to open or close a meeting in prayer, be able to lead a table grace, be able to give devotions before a meeting or facilitate a basic Bible Study. We'll use methods that will ease us into acquiring such ministry skills, using our spiritual gifts.

And, as always, we'll have many opportunities to serve & use our ministry skills with our Mentors through the service projects that are scheduled throughout the year!

Faith Celebration Event

In your honor, Solomon will host a "Faith Celebration" in the Solomon Gym for each class being confirmed, two weeks before Confirmation. In addition to decorating your stoles, you will create "faith folds" to share your faith journey, faith web, mission statement, and personal ministry plan with members of the congregation! With the help of your Mentor, you'll decorate these tri-fold boards to display and explain your work in Christ to visitors passing by. 2017's Faith Celebration will happen on Sunday, October 15th.