



## Time to Tend Our Nets!

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fish for people.’ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. Matthew 4:18-22

It has been a great transition to our temporary location here at the North Campus. But we face new challenges as we continue our ministries this fall.

One of our big challenges will be Christian Education between worship services. We have two spaces available for Christian Education for youth and adults! So our plan for the year includes two different learning environments:

- In the small classroom we call the Calvin Conference Center, Pastor Matt will be teaching a class for adults.
- In the sanctuary we will be introducing Net•Work: an interactive Christian Education experience for youth and interested adults. Yes, all our 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders will be learning together as a whole group, and they will be joined by any interested adults who are seeking to grow in their own understanding and practice of being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

The work of the early disciples as fishermen included the necessary daily work of tending the nets. Their discipleship was no different. Net•Work at Saint Andrew will involve a variety of learning activities: large group presentations, small group activities, and resources that individuals and families can use to continue their learning and exploration throughout the week. Youth and adults will be introduced to the three core commitments of Christian discipleship, practice key Christian practices, and develop partnerships to encourage one another in daily Christian discipleship. Along the way they will celebrate milestones of Christian faith, worship, and service, and they will grow in their understanding of the “Great Story” that shapes and empowers disciples of Jesus Christ.

I am excited about Net•Work and hope you will make plans now with your household to join us beginning September 18.