Dwelling in the Word

A first step with this initiative is to introduce and encourage people to “dwell in the word”. Here are some ways for that to happen.

Begin all council and committee meetings with a passage from the Bible and an opportunity for reflection.

Have a scripture of the week or as Good Hope, Youngstown has instituted a scripture passage of the month. This raises up a text for further reflection and conversation.

Provide opportunities through the newsletter or in small group settings for individuals to share stories or reflections on how the reading of God’s word has made a difference in a person’s day-to-day activities or decision-making. (Examples of such devotionals can be found at www.bookoffaith.org.80/bof_new/related_resources.aspx)

Encourage those providing communion to shut-in’s to share a significant scripture passage with the communicant and encourage the communicant to do the same.

Introduce scripture texts with cartoons from www.agnusday.org

Identify and teach songs or hymns that are based on a scripture text.

Encourage regular reading of the scriptures through Bible reading plans, book clubs, group reading challenge programs that run from 2 weeks to 30, 40, 90, 120 or 365 days. Offer audio or large-print versions of the Bible as well as story Bibles for the young.

Share your success stories at http://bookoffaith.ning.com or with synod advocate Karen Kaufman, 330-929-9020, kkaufman@neos-elca.org

book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.