

Last weekend about fifty people learned many things the Engaging our Community Saturday workshop. I think that we learned that there are many similarities among us than differences.

Pastor Todd Kollbaum encouraged us to reach out into the community, look at a bit of demographic information, review our mission statement and a few other first steps.

In that spirit, I had a 45 minute interview with the Waldport Elementary Principle. The first question that I asked her was what is your number one issue here at the school. Quicker than I could take my next breath her response was “air quality—or more properly the perception of bad air quality.” That answer caught me off guard, but it was a time of openness and candor. Other question that I asked her was what are a couple of things that Our Savior Lutheran Church could do to assist her and her staff. I guessed that she would say something about volunteering in a classroom or come to school activities.

I was very wrong. She said, “Number one thing is to pray for my staff and I. (Folks this lady is of the household of faith.) Second, come to public meetings take notes and share the school’s vision and mission.” She did invite us to come read to her children and help with math issues.

Our mission statement does include being friendly and being examples of Christian living. We speak about being in continual prayer. Isn’t it insightful that at least one community leader sees the validity of being in prayer? How do we prepare for the Big Game? How do we engage the community? How do we imitate the work of our Savior and the those men and women that went ahead of us in the faith? How do we get ready for the BIG GAME?