

SNAPSHOT



HIGHLIGHTS

AS OF FEBRUARY 2026

- Young Adult Conference Partnership – Ignite Your Why
- Young Leader Field Trips are Underway
- Growing Our Board of Advisors
- Continuing Conversation of Potential Partnerships
- Coming Up – Go Leadership Retreat March 6-7
- Save the Date



IGNITE YOUR WHY CONFERENCE HOSTED BY FAITH OAKVILLE

Ignite Your Why Conference:

This conference aims to empower young adults to confidently and clearly express their faith. Founded by alumni leader Cole Buckley, the event featured current young leaders who gathered to hear from keynote speaker Pastor Michael Zeigler. It was truly a collaborative effort, bringing together leadership from various congregations.



FEBRUARY COHORT, WEBSTER GARDEN

Cohort Meetups:

We continue to meet monthly to discuss significant personal and spiritual growth topics. This year, we were graciously hosted by two congregations, Webster Gardens and Resurrection, whom do not have a young leader in the program. Additionally, we were fortunate to hear from a DCE Intern, McKenna, who shared her experiences as a young leader.



YOUNG LEADER, JOSH CLOETER
ON A FIELD TRIP TO ST. JOHN'S SPECIAL ED. BIBLE STUDY

WHO'S NEXT?

It's officially time to start interviewing for the class of 2027!

Who in your congregation is ready for an opportunity to *grow into the leader* God may be calling them to become?

We anticipate seeing more nominations this year, so please don't wait to get in your nominations.



Email: Info@theharborstl.com



CLOSER LOOK

Field Trips— Every year we aim to showcase a vocation in a different context than their placement. Our collaboration truly shines here as we send these young people to places like, St. John Arnold, Faith Oakville, Concordia Publishing House, Christ Memorial, the Lutheran Foundation, and more. Each of these partnerships illuminates the unique opportunities available to these young people by allowing them to witness firsthand the work already being accomplished in ministry. These trips have a profound impact on the development of these emerging leaders.

Growing Our Board of Advisors — We are grateful to welcome new members to The Harbor Board of Advisors. Each advisor represents strong and wise leaders who are committed to investing in young leaders. With their wisdom and partnership we can further strengthen our ability to raise up and send leaders for service to the church and the world.

- Jeff Cloeter
- Jeff Craig-Meyer
- Ben Haupt
- Lisa Hautly
- Matt Hewitt
- Julianna Shults
- Ted Torgenson

Go Leadership Retreat— Pam Dickerson, Executive Director of The Harbor has been asked to be the key note speaker at a college ministry retreat in Columbia, Missouri on March 6-7.

Do you have college students in ministry that would benefit from this retreat? *Signup at their website: www.goleadretreat.com*

Save The Date— *May 3rd at 1:30pm*, we are hosting our annual *sending celebration*. To celebrate the work the class of 2026 has done, and the efforts the navigators have put to raising up these young leaders. Join us!



YOUNG LEADER, OLIVIA GORLINE
ON A FIELD TRIP TO CPH



YOUNG LEADER, JACQUES ISHIMWE
READING SCRIPTURE IN SERVICE



PASTOR AT CHRIST MEMORIAL, PAUL DICKERSON
LEADING SPIRITUAL GROWTH AT A COHORT