In The Mix:
Creating a 21st Century Chapel Program

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4 Points to remember

1. We do it all for the Gospel
2. We are a secondary school with a secondary context
3. This is our journey and it may not work for everyone
4. We don’t have all the answers
Creating a 21\textsuperscript{st} Century Chapel Program

1. Why say something?
2. To whom are we saying it?
3. How can we say it better?
Why Say Something?

We all agree that Chapel is important but...

What is the point of Chapel?

Is Chapel a bad idea?

What does it mean to create an authentically Lutheran School Chapel?
Why Say Something?

Your thoughts...

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Why Say Something?

Your responses may vary...

...it is the journey that often matters most
And to the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree concerning the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments. Nor is it necessary that human traditions, that is, rites or ceremonies, instituted by men, should be everywhere alike.

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Why Say Something?

The Cornerstone Response

What is the point of Chapel? JESUS

Is Chapel a bad idea? NO...if...
Why Say Something?

The Cornerstone Response

What does it mean to create and authentically Lutheran school chapel?

Authentically Lutheran
  Grounded in the Gospel
  Christ Centered
  Intentionally Incarnational
To Whom Are We Saying It?

The toughest gig in the world

That’s us!

A universal truth

Acts 17
To Whom Are We Saying It?

Meet your audience where THEY are at!!!

The Areopagus and Cornerstone College
To Whom Are We Saying It?

Cell Group Activity

**Discuss** as a table group the things you would consider to be the key identifiers of the chapel audience we/you are speaking to in our 21st century ‘Areopaguses’.
To Whom Are We Saying It?

Cell Group Activity

*Use* the ten cards on your table to write (in black text) words or short phrases that tag/describe our chapel audiences, as you have determined in your group.
To Whom Are We Saying It?

Cell Group Activity

Create your table’s ‘Top 10 List’, writing a single number from 1 to 10 (in red texta) on each of the 10 cards (1 will be the most critical tag, and 10 the least).
To Whom Are We Saying It?

Cornerstone’s Top 10 Key Identifiers

10. A captive audience
9. Post-Christian
8. ME-generation
7. Overly-tolerant
6. Aesthetic generation
To Whom Are We Saying It?

Cornerstone’s Top 10 Key Identifiers

5. Global citizenship
4. Digital natives
3. Accustomed to change
2. Expectation for stimulation
1. 21st Century Learners
How Do We Say It Better?

“Now for something completely different...”

Why was that humorous?
Disconnect between message and the context

Cornerstone’s contextualised chapel program
How Do We Say It Better?

Our History of Chapel

2011 Devotional Review Team (DeRT)
2013 Middle School PD

Sub-school/whole school chapels

2014 Chapel Philosophy and Methodology
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Middle School Chapel Philosophy

Philosophy – Fundamentals

Methodology – “Multi-modal” chapels
How Do We Say It Better?
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Senior School Chapel Philosophy
Philosophy – Big ideas
Methodology – Technology
Who do you think was most responsible for the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki?

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- Oppenheimer (built the bomb) - 5
- Truman (ordered the bomb) - 24
- Ferebee (dropped the bomb) - 7
How Do We Say It Better?

Whole School Chapel Philosophy
Philosophy – Commonality
Methodology – Entertaining & Humorous
How Do We Say It Better?

What difference has this made?

Students

1. Increased student by-in
2. Student Assistants
3. Chapel grows and changes as students do
How Do We Say It Better?

What difference has this made?

Staff

1. Targeting staff strengths
2. More direction and versatility
3. A chapel language

Hook – getting Students attention
Build – Developing the idea
Sell – Making the message personal
How Do We Say It Better?
Where to now?

Cornerstone College Chapel Program - Future Goals

Increase student speakers
YouTube Channel/Live Streaming
“Skyped-in” speakers
“multi-modal” SS chapels
e tc., etc., etc.
Where to now?

Your responses may vary...

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Where too now?
Where to now?

1 Corinthians 9:19-23
Where to now?

Questions?