

# PURPOSE OF LIFE STAGES

## 1. SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Recognizing that people are in different stages of life, it is our hope to empower people to grow spiritually by providing "Stage Appropriate" formation experiences, groups, curriculum and serving opportunities.

## 2. ORGANIZATION

By organizing both our ministry programming to address specific "life stages", it permits us to more quickly identify programming gaps, needs and resources.

## 3. CONGREGATIONAL CARE

In a congregation as large as Saint Paul's, the possibility that someone in need will be overlooked or fall between the cracks is greatly increased - UNLESS we are intentionally organized to ensure appropriate care.

## 4. STAFF & SERVANT SUPPORT

Organizing the congregation into life stages permits each member to identify servant leaders specifically designated to respond to his or her needs, hurts and problems. Serving, sharing, study and support groups will be able to readily identify which servant leaders are assigned to support, thus decreasing frustration, confusion and the time spent navigating administrative systems.

## 5. INTERGENERATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Organizing the congregation intentionally into life stages creates the possibility of creating intergenerational fellowship activities where persons in one life stage can benefit from the experiences and energy of persons in another life stage.

## 6. SPECIALIZED PROGRAMMING

By focusing our Staff and Servant Leaders, it is our hope that having identified specific needs, hurts and problems, we will be able to develop specialized programming to address them in each life stage.

## 7. INTENTIONALITY

This concept is a primary driver for the entire model - it is our hope that rather than just doing ministry "hopefully" or "coincidentally" that God will empower us to move intentionally and effectively towards holistic ministry to each person in each stage of his or her life.