

Describe in detail....

In 1992, Pastor Chris Quello decided there had to be a way to encourage college students to connect with the church during their summer break, and to give these students a taste of working for the church. From this idea, the First English Lutheran Church Summer Intern Program was born. Based on the idea that the program is successful because of the unique talents that each intern brings, activities are established by the interns themselves to reflect their capabilities. The intern program at First English has grown from one intern the first summer to over 20 for the summer of 2006.

What makes this ministry...

Not only does the Intern Program offer activities for members of the congregation of all ages, but also fosters the personal and spiritual growth of the interns themselves. The continued growth of the program means that upwards of twenty interns spend their summer together in a community of faith. They start their summer by going on a retreat that allows them to share their faith journeys with one another, establishing a bond that will lead them through a summer of work together.

A few interns come with a clear sense of being called to full-time ministry; others are simply searching for a meaningful way to spend their summer in service to others. Working in this community not only allows the interns to get a sense for the various aspects of working in the church, but also helps them to realize the importance of living and working together in the community of Christ. Through this program, some interns have found themselves called to a life of ministry; all have found themselves called to a lifetime of faith and service.