

evangelism

In our congregational planning and work, we consider this our purpose and cause:

“Communicating Christianity by word and deed to people of all ages.”

Let’s discuss and decide on an activity to do in each area.

We can choose from the suggested activities or suggest a different one.

Let’s give a reason for each decision and what we hope to accomplish through the activity.

Deciding on an activity means also determining the people power needed to make it happen.

Deciding on an activity means also estimating any costs involved for budgeting purposes.

Come to campus

- church picnic / open house
- Bible-themed trunk or treat
- car rally
- Easter for Kids / Christmas for Kids
- vacation Bible school
- bloodmobile
- live Nativity
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Something to consider:

What come-to-campus event might help to connect school families with church?

Community connection and involvement

- counseling services
- parenting resources
- day care
- food bank
- community survey
- services / caroling in care facilities
- sponsor a community program
- volunteering in a community service project
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Some things to consider:

What helps us make contact with people who don't attend church?

WELS Christian Aid and Relief offers a \$2500 matching grant for compassion ministry.

What might need some further investigation in this category?

Publishing gospel messages

- LED sign
- sandwich boards at intersection
- podcasts
- website
- social media
- mailers to community
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Some things to consider:

What do we already have at our disposal that we can improve and use more?

What gospel resources already available can we connect people to?

Personal witness emphasis

- specific Bible course
 - WELS evangelism workshop
 - mentor program
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New Testament evangelism in John 1

Read John 1:35-51 (CSB).

³⁵ The next day, John was standing with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this and followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and noticed them following him, he asked them, "What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ "Come and you'll see," he replied. So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed him. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated "the Christ"), ⁴² and he brought Simon to Jesus.

When Jesus saw him, he said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated "Peter").

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. He found Philip and told him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the law (and so did the prophets): Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth."

⁴⁶ "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathanael asked him.

"Come and see," Philip answered.

⁴⁷ Then Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

"Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you," Jesus answered.

⁴⁹ "Rabbi," Nathanael replied, "You are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰ Jesus responded to him, "Do you believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." ⁵¹ Then he said, "Truly I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

List all the examples of personal evangelism in this section.

What in this section encourages you about evangelism?