

The Divine Service



[Jesus] called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. (Mark 6:7)

8TH Sunday after Pentecost



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DIVINE SERVICE II

Divine Service II is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. This order is intended to be used when Holy Communion is celebrated.

HYMN 181 ~ Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/181>

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Luke 2:14

Gloria in Excelsis

Shall be sung to O Jesu Christe, Wahres Licht (CW 383, "Blessed are They, Forever Blest")

- 1 All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.
- 2 Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.
- 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, your mercy share.
- 4 You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;
The Father's glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again:
"All glory be to God!" Amen.

The Word

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Amos 7:10-15

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land."

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

M: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Hymn 512 (*in unison*) -- *A paraphrase of Psalm 78*

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/512>

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. The Word is Very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia. (Deuteronomy 30:14 cf. NIV)

VERSE OF THE DAY



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL Mark 6:7-13

M: The Gospel according to Mark chapter 6, beginning at the 7th verse.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ 525 The Son of God, Our Christ

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/525>

Sermon Text: AMOS 7:10-15

Theme: THE LORD CALLS ORDINARY PEOPLE FOR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian* and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

INTERCESSIONS

Intercessions that are requested prior to the bulletin's printing will be included in the bulletin. Requests may be made prior to the service as well.

In our prayers....

While we offer up prayers for specific requests in our services, petitions and intercessions can be offered up throughout the week for continued concerns. Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

- For Jon Rumics, son of David & Diane Rumics, who is undergoing chemo treatments again
- For Harold Boehler, father of Caitlin, Caleb Schroeder's girlfriend, undergoing treatments for cancer
- For Earl Schroeder, father of Pastor Schroeder, who is recovering in a nursing home
- For the family of Mary Jo Lawrie (nee: Weindorf, former member) who was called to eternal rest (June 19) after years of battling cancer
- For the family of Pastor James Bartz (served Grace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, MI) who was called to eternal rest (July 8).

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Sanctus

Shall be sung to Ewing (CW 214, "Jerusalem, the Golden")

**1 O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.**

**2 Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN ~ 548 O Lord, in Prayer You Spent the Night

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/548>

Luke 2:29-32

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

Shall be sung to Kuortane (CW 388, "Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven")

- 1 O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!
- 2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN ~ 770 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWS2008/770>

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Preacher & Celebrant

Thomas E. Schroeder

Organist

Jeanette Schneider

Worship Tidbit for the 8th Sunday after Pentecost

The Sermon – How is the topic chosen? Every Sunday, the pastor preaches a sermon. What determines the topic? Scripture does not lay down a rule about preaching on any assigned topic for any assigned Sunday, other than preaching the gospel. The pastor usually chooses one of the readings for a particular Sunday as the sermon text. By preaching on the portions of Scripture used in the readings, the pastor is able to proclaim the whole counsel of God over a period of time. This enables the congregation to be nourished by all of God’s word instead of hearing the “pastor’s favorite” topics.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Divine Service is Sundays at 10:00 AM, in person and on Facebook Live.

Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, and Bible Matters will resume in September.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, Pastor Schroeder’s office hours will be a bit more sporadic than usual. To ensure his availability, it is best to make an appointment. He will remain available by phone or text (248-719-5218). You may also email (welsnovi@aol.com), but the response may be slower.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday (7/18)	Divine Service – In person and Facebook Live at 10:00 AM Long Range Planning Meeting – 11:15 AM
Monday	Steering Committee Meeting for SE Conference, Michigan District at Good Shepherd – 10:00 AM
Tuesday	Church Council – 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM Chapel at American House (West Bloomfield) – 2:30 PM
Thursday	Chapel at Pomeroy Living (Northville) – 10:30 AM
Saturday	VBS Drive Through – 9:00-11:00 AM
Sunday (7/25)	Divine Service – In person and Facebook Live at 10:00 AM Evangelism & Stewardship Committee Meetings – 11:15 AM

LONG-RANGE PLANNING MEETING

On Sunday, July 18 after church, we will have our monthly Long-Range Planning meeting. The main focus is to determine a vision for what we want our congregation to look like in three years, five years, and/or ten years. Once we have a goal in mind, we can take the steps necessary to get there. The steps will be delegated to the committees we have. All are welcomed and encouraged to be a part of the Long-Range Planning meeting and the committees that will follow up to see that our plans are put to work. Planning great things only goes so far. We need our members committed to doing them and praying that God will bless them. If you have question about the Long-Range Planning committee, please speak to Rob Skrycki.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING

In order to make the most of opportunities to proclaim the Gospel in our community, we need to budget our expenses and our time. We will be meeting to determine our plans and to pray that God will bless them. Our next Evangelism Committee meeting will be Sunday, July 25 at 11:15 AM. All members are encouraged to participate in our Evangelism efforts, whether on the committee or not. But we do need people who are willing to be on the committee to plan.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Our next Stewardship Committee meeting will be Sunday, July 25 at 11:15 AM. The main purpose of our Stewardship Committee right now is to coordinate events to foster the bonds of fellowship among our members and to serve our community as well. While we can come up with ideas, it is important that congregation is on board with these ideas to make them beneficial for us and for others. In other words, we need your participation to make these events go well. Got an idea? Willing to make some phone calls? Want to see our congregation more energetic and vibrant? Then you can help. Join us on Sunday, July 25 after church.

FAMILY VBS WEEK!!!! - July 26-28; 6:30-8:00 PM

We will be offering a Vacation Bible School for the whole family to partake in. It will be Monday – Wednesday evenings. The children will have their own materials that they will enjoy. The theme will be, “Soaring High.” Adults will have a different topic. We will work under the theme, “Finding God.” It is designed for all levels of interest in the Bible and religion in general. We will consider how various religious speak about God, how the true God reveals himself, and how to be sure what we know about God is true and helpful. We will consider what is trustworthy and untrustworthy when it comes to knowing God’s will for us.

While our Family VBS will meet in person, we also recognized that many people seemed to prefer a drive-through arrangement of picking up materials for their children and working through them at home. Since it was so well-received, we will offer the same thing with our Family VBS, the drive through will take place on Sat. July 24, 8:30-11 a.m. If you are able to help with our VBS this summer, especially in the area of the drive-through event, contact Pastor Schroeder.

CONCERNING PASTORAL CARE

Besides Facebook Live and YouTube, you can find the pastor's sermons archived on this blog. You can use the search bar to find a particular date, day of the Church Year, or Scripture reference.

Pastor Schroeder will be available for private devotions, Holy Absolution, and Holy Communion to members in small groups or to individuals. You may call to set up an appointment at any time. Visits by appointment can be done either at church or at your home.

If you want to ask for intercessions for loved ones, we will certainly remember them in our prayers, too. If your loved one has no pastor, ask if they would like Pastor Schroeder to visit them.

GOOD SHEPHERD 40TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

A pictorial retrospective of Good Shepherd has been produced and is at church. You are welcome to look through it. While there are many photos, there is also a lot of information about the history of the congregation. So, if you look at it, you will probably not be able to read through all the articles. The copy at church will be placed in Good Shepherd's library, but you may want your own copy. We will contact Shutterfly to see what kind of discounted rate we can get for a bulk order. (Without discounts, the books runs well over \$100.) We will see how many are interested in a copy, understanding that you may change your mind if the cost ends up being too high.

WINDOWS AND SIDING

Our congregation signed a contract with Kerns Brothers to replace the windows and siding on the church. The total cost of the project is about \$62,500, and through June our generous offerings have raised \$33,250 for the project. In the May Council meeting the final \$7,192 in the Alice Laho Trust memorial was added to the Windows & Siding Fund to increase total available funds to \$40,442. That leaves us with \$22,058 needed to completely fund the project. Should it be necessary, we have applied for a loan through Lutheran Association for Church Extension (LACE). Council members are currently weighing the merits of possibly using some of our existing savings in lieu of paying the costs associated with borrowing. Your thoughtful consideration for a gift toward this project is appreciated.

MINOR FESTIVAL -- ST. JAMES THE GREATER, APOSTLE

Lutheran worship is liturgical. While that often refers to an order of worship, it can also refer to the calendar of the Church Year. The Church Year includes major festivals, such as Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Pentecost, etc... On Sunday, July 25, we recognize a minor festival--the Festival of St. James the Greater, Apostle.

James was the son of Zebedee and the brother of St. John. James and John were known as the "Sons of Thunder," which reveals their passionate nature (sometimes misguided). James was one of the three apostles who was privileged to witness Jesus' most intimate moments in his ministry (e.g., the raising of Jairus' daughter, Jesus' transfiguration, Jesus' sufferings in Gethsemane). After Jesus' resurrection, James remained in Jerusalem to proclaim the gospel. He was also the first of the apostles to be martyred for his faith, being "put to death by the sword" (Acts 12:1,2). We pray that our passion and zeal for our Lord is as evident as it was in James and that we would suffer all, even death, rather than forsake him who will never forsake us.

WAYS YOU CAN SERVE

1) VBS Drive-Through (Saturday, July 19, 8:30-11:00 AM)

The drive-through option to pick up materials to do the lessons and crafts at home was very popular with Easter for Kids, so we are offering this option again. We will need a crew of 4-6 people to help set up the parking lot (details given if interested), greet people driving in, getting information from them, and distributing VBS kits.

2) Pick up ice cream novelties for VBS

We will conclude our in-person VBS with an ice cream social. We will hand out ice cream treats to our in-person guests on Wednesday, July 28. We will need someone to purchase them (you will be reimbursed) and deliver them to church.

3) Mailings to new movers

We have subscribed to a service that provides the addresses of people who have moved into our area. Every other month, there will be 140 labels and stamps that will need to be affixed to postcards and mailed. Labels and stamps will be provided by church.

If you are interested in any of these service projects, please contact the church. We will supply more details if you need them.

LAST WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD (7/11)	
Attend/Communion	
44/38	
Offerings	
General Fund	\$2,374.00
Missions	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
Siding/windows	\$50.00
TOTAL:	\$2,434.00

A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE

JULY *Note: All dates are subject to review.*

- 18 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 18 Long-Range Planning Meeting – 11:15 AM
- 19 SE Michigan Conference Planning Meeting – 10:00 Am – Noon
- 20 Church Council – 7:00 PM
- 21 Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM
- 21 Chapel at American House (West Bloomfield) – 2:30 PM
- 22 Chapel at Pomeroy Living (Northville) – 10:30 AM
- 25 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 26-28 Family VBS – 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- 28 Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM
- 28 Chapel at American House (West Bloomfield) – 2:30 PM
- 29 Chapel at Pomeroy Living (Northville) – 10:30 AM

AUGUST *Note: All dates are subject to review.*

- 1 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 2 Elders' Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 3 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Board Meeting – 3:30 PM
- 4 Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM
- 4 Chapel at American House (West Bloomfield) – 2:30 PM
- 8 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 11 Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM
- 11 Chapel at American House (West Bloomfield) – 2:30 PM
- 12 Chapel at Pomeroy Living (Northville) – 10:30 AM
- 13 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study via Zoom – 10:00 AM
- 15 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 15 Long-Range Planning Meeting – 11:15 AM
- 18 Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM
- 18 Chapel at American House (West Bloomfield) – 2:30 PM
- 19 Chapel at Pomeroy Living (Northville) – 10:30 AM
- 22 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 22 Evangelism and Stewardship Committee Meetings – 11:15 AM
- 25 Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM
- 25 Chapel at American House (West Bloomfield) – 2:30 PM
- 26 Chapel at Pomeroy Living (Northville) – 10:30 AM
- 29 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 29 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15 AM

NOTES from Huron Valley Lutheran High School (HVL)

Join HVL's Mailing List - Go to HVLHS.org and click on "Sign up for Newsletter" or call or email the school office at mail@hvlhs.org to be added.

Upcoming Dates:

Aug 9 - Fall Sports Practices Begin
Aug 10-12 - Soccer & Volleyball Camps for Grades 4-8 (6:00-7:30pm)
Aug 25 - Grade 9 Orientation
Aug 26 - First Day of School

HVL Summer Sports Camp - All students entering grades 4-8 are eligible for HVL Volleyball & Soccer Camps on Aug 10-12 (6-7:30pm). Register on our website (www.hvlhs.org) or call the school office (734) 525-0160 to register. Please register by August 4.

Summer Improvements - We are looking at giving the classrooms a much needed makeover with fresh paint, new tables and chairs, and new ceiling tiles. We have one room nearly completed and would like to do the rest over the course of the next year. If you are able to donate time or money to this project please let us know. We are planning painting days on August 12 and August 14. Watch for more details to come.

HVL Golf Classic - Mark your calendar for the HVL Golf Classic which will take place on Saturday, August 28th. Go to our website to register, become a sponsor, or make a donation. All proceeds go towards the HVL athletic department.

Equipping members for personal witness

Personal witnessing has always been important. But in our increasingly unchurched culture, it is more important than ever. In his book, *You Found Me*, author Rick Richardson reports that when unchurched people were asked "How effective would invitations to church be through the following methods?" 51% said an invite from friends would be very effective. Compare this to just 29% for an online video invite and 18% from a Facebook ad. In a survey conducted by the Barna Group in 2019, unchurched people were asked how they would like to explore faith. 30% said a casual one-on-one conversation was preferred—the highest percentage of any method. Compare this to just 5% who would prefer a tract and 7% who would prefer to explore faith via video. These findings only confirm what we likely already know by intuition and experience—personal witnessing is the most important form of evangelism we need to be doing.

The WELS Commission on Evangelism is dedicated to helping WELS members be more active and prepared to be personal witnesses of Jesus Christ.

To this end, the Commission is releasing two new resources—*Everyone Outreach* and *Let's Go*.

Everyone Outreach is a culture-shaping program designed to help congregations build cultures of outreach so that it isn't just something the pastor or evangelism committee does. It is what every member and every ministry is doing. The program consists of a two-day workshop hosted by the congregation where members discover how their current thought habits may be keeping them from participating in outreach. Following the workshop, resources are provided to assist members in creating new thought habits that will result in more outreach efforts.

Let's Go provides video-based personal witness training. It consists of seven lessons in which Christians are taught a simple, three-part process for sharing their faith—*Love* the unchurched people God has brought into their lives; *Listen* carefully to their cares, concerns, and questions; and *Lead* them to the gospel so that the Holy Spirit can change their hearts and lives. The lessons can be used in a large- or small-group Bible study setting or by an individual Christian.

In other words, the goal of *Everyone Outreach* is to create an *aspiration* for personal witnessing and the goal of *Let's Go* is to create an *affinity* for personal witnessing.

You can learn more about *Everyone Outreach* at everyoneoutreach.com.

You can find the *Let's Go* resources at welscongregationalservices.net/lets-go/.

SHUT-INS - Please remember our shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers.

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We encourage our members to utilize opportunities for Christian education, grounded in the Evangelical-Lutheran faith. While we do not own and operate a school on our property, we are able to enroll our children at the following schools.

St. Peter Lutheran School
(Pre-K only)
1343 Penniman Avenue
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 421-9022
www.splp.org
Becky Lohrmann, teacher

St. Paul Lutheran School
(Pre-K through 8th grade)
17810 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48152
(734) 453-0460
www.stpaulslivonia.org
Mr. Paul Leifer, principal

Huron Valley Lutheran High School
(9th grade thru 12th grade)
33740 Cowan Road
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 525-0160
www.hvlhs.org
Mr. Matt Foley, principal