

See? WOW! News and Encouragement for CID Circuit Witness & Outreach

Workers

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Imitation and Evangelism

You often hear, “Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.” When we imitate the Lord, this goes beyond flattery, though. It is worship.

“Have this mind among yourselves,” wrote St. Paul in Philippians 2:5. He meant the mind of the God-Man Jesus Christ Who could have conducted Himself with all the power and prerogatives of God, yet He did not regard equality with God as something to be leveraged for His own advantage. Instead, He took the form of a servant. Jesus became obedient, even unto the humble and accursed death that He died for you on the cross.

One way we die to self is to lay aside our own preferences and put His name out there as the name above every name. It is to boast, not of ourselves but instead of the Lord.

This is evangelism. It is also worship.

How to do this? It turns out that this mind Paul says we are to have among ourselves “is yours in Christ Jesus.” Here’s an Easter thing. It comes into our minds and heart with our risen Lord, via our baptism. Don’t look within yourself to try and find the mind of Christ. Look to Him.

See? WOW! No wonder Paul wrote, “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ” (I Cor. 11:1)!

Reminder: *Deaconess Rachel Jaseph* from Ft. Wayne presents on urban outreach on Sat., May 4, from 10 to noon at Wittenberg Lutheran Center,

Normal. During March, CID office sent out publicity to about 50 congregations that we thought could particularly benefit from this presentation.

Everyone in the District is welcome, though. Please help us to keep spreading the word in your Circuit.

Connect to Disciple workshops:

The first such workshop in CID, in Feb. at Trinity, Springfield, went well. Wes Reimnitz, our CID trainer, will be the first to complete training via these scheduled workshops in spring, 2019:

- April 5-6: Salem, Chandlerville & St. John, Bath
- June 14-15: Christ, Clinton

Then Wes will finish out the “on the job” training for our four facilitators-in-training: Bill and Mary Denham, Don Lutz, and Shelley Moeller. This will occur at subsequent workshops, starting in fall. Two are set up at present:

- Sept. 6-7: Immanuel, Rock Island
- Sept. 27-28: Our Savior, Springfield

Please encourage any interested church to get in touch with me. And please pray that the District LWML convention later this month grants us resources for facilitators to travel around CID in the rest of 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Shepherding our Strays workshop

This is a new *re:Vitality* module that should be available soon. It is on reaching out to inactive members. I will give you more info as I get it.

Connect to Disciple is NOT a prerequisite for *Shepherding our Strays*. But *Everyone His*



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Witness IS a prerequisite, whether delivered as a workshop or otherwise. Contact me if you have questions, or if an E1HW workshop is desired.

Reminder: I will have the pleasure of meeting with *Mark Gearig, Brian Lesemann, and Scott Rauch* on April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Zion, Lincoln for some “catch-up” orientation on C-WOW work. I look forward to it!



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