

Nbr. 64 – November, 2024

For the End of the Church Year (LSB 536:4)

Nothing have I, Christ, to offer,
You alone, my highest Good.
Nothing have I, Lord, to proffer
But Your crimson-colored blood.
Your death on the cross has death wholly defeated
And thereby my righteousness fully completed;
Salvation's white raiments I there did obtain,
And in them in glory with You I shall reign.

See? WOW! This is what life in Christ is and where it goes. God brings it to people by His Good News.

Small Church Summit upcoming meetings

WINTER: Same program in two locations

Jan. 11 or 18 at Mt. Vernon

Feb. 22 or Mar. 1 at Trinity, Pekin

SUMMER: One combined meeting

June 7, location TBA

The Small Church Summit involves congregations from both CID and SID. It takes up topics particularly pertinent to small churches. Others can benefit, though.

Small Church Summit's motto is: If you think your church is small, you are invited! And everyone is always welcome, also those from large churches.

For more info on the winter, 2025 SCS you may see page 6 of the *GatePost* issue at <https://www.cidlcms.org/resources/gatepost/2024.GatePost.4.pdf> A registration link is there too!

Deadline

Reports and overtures for CID's 2025 triennial convention are to be submitted no later than Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

AGENDA FOR 2023 C-WOW MEETING

via Zoom, November 23, 2024

9:30 Opening Devotion

9:40 Witnessing Helps . . . and Practice!

10:15 In the works (briefly noted):

- Witnessing Helps posters
- "O AFC for Adults"
- Modified service arrangement for Ken
- *Beyond the Classroom*

10:30 Break

10:40 Reports – please take your turn and tell the rest of us in 5 minutes or so about accomplishments in telling the Good News about Jesus, or challenges to it, within your Circuit.

11:00 General discussion

11:20 Reminders: Demographic Studies, CAD/DS survey, *re: Vitality* modules

11:20 General discussion . . . end by 11:30

NOTE the 10:40 item on the agenda above. In addition to your prior knowledge, please inquire at your November Winkles about evangelistic activities, needs, and challenges within your Circuits in preparation for this.

Beyond the Classroom (BTC)

This is for churches in your Circuits that operate Lutheran schools, also association schools, including preschools: training for congregations to conduct outreach through their schools.

Many churches say, "Our school is our mission," or "The school is key to our outreach." However well a school have been involved this work, there is always room for improvement and enhancement. Urge pastors of churches with schools to contact Trip Rodgers concerning BTC.



Circuit Witness and Outreach Workers

See? **WOW!** News and Encouragement for CID **C**ircuit **W**itness & **O**utreach **W**orkers

Evangelism Resources Worth Considering:

Every One His Witness

How can church members tell the Good News about Jesus to people within their circle of family, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances? For some years, our Synod has given guidance concerning this via *Every One His Witness* (E1HW).

E1HW comes in two phases. There is a core module, and there are several context modules.

E1HW Core Module

The basic E1HW core module introduces the memory aid LASSIE, which stands for Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, Encourage. Together these six points form a checklist of sorts – things that witnesses to Christ will attempt to do as they tell others about Jesus.

The E1HW core module is available from CPH for about \$180, item 155235. It can be taught within a congregation in formats ranging from an all-day workshop to sessions running roughly an hour a week for some 6 or 7 weeks.

E1HW Context Modules

These modules take the basic LASSIE approach from the E1HW core module and apply it in specialized ways to nonchurched people from rather particular backgrounds. While designed mainly for individuals, these context modules could be used with a class or a discussion group.

The various modules come entirely on video. Each module has several segments.

Presently available are modules on witnessing to –

- De-churched Adult Children
- Nones
- People Influenced by Critical Theory

- People influenced by Scientism
- People after an Abortion
- People with Depression or Anxiety
- New Veterans
- Grieving People
- LGBTQ People
- Jewish People
- Mormons
- Muslims
- Jehovah's Witnesses

Find these at <https://www.everyonehiswitness.org/>

CID's Witnessing Helps

Situated between E1HW's basic core module on one hand and its highly specialized context modules on the other is a new set of "Witnessing Helps," released by CID last month. These were prepared in consultation with the South Wisconsin District and Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ.

Witnessing Helps provide assistance for people with four key witnessing skills: beginning an evangelistic conversation, listening discerningly to nonchurched people, making a simple statement of the Gospel, and defending the resurrection. These four points were identified by the Synod in a resolution at last year's convention.

Each set of Witnessing Helps fits on one sheet of paper, front and back. On this sheet there are three suggestions. Each of these becomes more involved than the last, yet none are overly complicated. After all, the three suggestions together fit onto a single sheet. For CID's Witnessing Helps, see <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-witness-ministry.html>

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