

ALC Church Council  
2009 Annual Report for Evangelism

This is the Evangelism report after joining the Church Council in March of this year.

In researching the evangelism program for ALC, I found that there was no written program or plan in place.

There was a copy of "Proposed Continuing Resolutions for Proposed Church Committees" that included Evangelism. It listed Evangelism Committee Responsibilities as:

- Responsible to develop and oversee programs and activities that assist in fulfilling the principle role of the committee and to develop plans that the congregation can utilize to attract new members.
- There are no limitations in the scope of committee activities, but examples are:
  - human care
  - parish arts
  - programs for the needy
  - women's groups
  - missionary leagues
  - community garden
  - local, synod, and ELCA missions
  - open houses
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

I have also been doing research on the strategy of evangelism and the ELCA stand on evangelism. There are many good resources on the ELCA website in this regard with strategies and objectives.

This is a new chapter in the life of Ascension Lutheran Church and the prime time to develop our views and strategies for evangelism beginning with an assessment of our current ministry in this area.

I have spoken with Pastor Zane to obtain contacts with positive and successful experience in evangelism in our synod. I spoke with a Corvallis contact very recently. He gave me some very helpful information and resources to get our program started. He also gave me examples and advice that this program may take up to around three years to bear much visible fruit.

Plan for beginning in January, 2010:

- Plan a meeting for members interested in being a part of an Evangelism Committee
- Develop a plan for Evangelism in ALC with strategies, goals, and objectives
- Make contacts with other synod churches and the ELCA for input and ideas
- Actively reach out to our congregational members and the community through evangelism to activate, renew, and grow our ministry

- Determine how we can wisely use our budget allowance toward evangelism efforts.

Respectfully submitted,  
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