

Bring A Friend/Neighbor/Family Member to Church Sunday

Third Sunday of Every Month!

Celebration is a wonderful, active, dynamic congregation with an outstanding reputation in the four communities we serve. Unfortunately, we also seem to be a secret gem – especially when it comes to people participating on an average Sunday morning. Therefore, your council has initiated “Bring A Friend to Worship” on the third Sunday of every month.

We will have an enhanced fellowship time after worship; we will give your guests a small welcome gift, and essentially allow your guests an opportunity to experience the kindness of the congregation and to hopefully want to connect with this community of faith that actively connects with our communities and the world at large.

We know that this is something everyone in this community wants to do, because, when you’ve been transformed by meeting Jesus, you feel the urge to invite others to experience that same life change, right? Knowing that Jesus has transformed our lives, the goal of our worship services is to help people know that same love.

But inviting people can feel scary and even awkward sometimes.

Fear of rejection, the possibility of awkwardness, and the challenge of navigating sensitive topics can make it feel intimidating.

BUT people are much more likely to attend a church when they’ve received a personal invitation from someone they trust. It can alleviate the anxiety that comes with navigating a new place and the apprehensions many have regarding church.

So, how do we do it?

ONE: START A CONVERSATION

In order to invite someone to church, you have to engage them in conversation (kind of a “duh” comment, right?) But the way in which you engage them can make all the difference. As you talk, listen for meaning, look to understand, care for what people have been through and have an open, respectful conversation about each other’s beliefs – or lack of belief.

Remember, the goal of these conversations is to genuinely care for the person and understand their perspective, not to deliver a sales pitch for church attendance.

For example:

“Did you grow up going to church with anyone? (Explore the topic)”

“Do you go to church now? Where at? If not, why” (Explore the topic)”

“Have you ever thought about going again?” (Explore the topic)”

TWO: SHARE ABOUT CELEBRATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA

In today's digital age, social media has become an integral part of our daily lives. It's where we share updates about our work, our hobbies, our families and our thoughts. Social media is where we share so many aspects of our lives, so why not church?

THREE: SEND AN INVITE TEXT

Sending a text message is a simple and direct way to invite someone to church. Personalize the message to make it feel genuine and sincere.

"Hey, would you be up for going to church with me this week? I go to Celebration Lutheran Church on Joy Road next to the American House. Worship begins at 10am. You'll love it!"

"I believe you mentioned that you were looking for a Sunday School for your kids to attend. Celebration has a great one! If you and your young ones are interested in checking things out, I'll meet you (pick you up) at....."

FOUR: ENGAGE WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Building relationships within the wider community can create natural opportunities to share your faith. When we start a conversation, care for, embrace, and reach out to our neighbors, the check-out clerk, our kids' teachers, and our coworkers, we open the door for friendship and for opportunities to spread the Gospel. Just make sure to interact with people in a way that is authentic and rooted in genuine love and care.

So, step out in faith, share your story, and extend an invitation to experience the transformative love of Jesus as shown in this community of faith known as Celebration Lutheran Church.

You never know how a simple invitation might change someone's life forever!