

Evangelism Day: January 25, 2012
Theme: Colossians 4:6
Sessions available for the public

Worship Service: 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. - Chapel of the Christ

Preacher: Pastor Jonathan Schroeder

Liturgist: Pastor John Boeder

Large Group Electives: Presented at 9:30 – 10:25, 10:35 – 11:30, 1:50 – 2:45

Large Group Elective 1

Worship and Evangelism: Jonathan Schroeder

WCC Auditorium

Does the way we worship help or hinder outreach? How does the outreach ministry of the congregation impact its worship life? What role does the school have in worship and outreach? How can we help move unchurched families from school attendance to worship attendance? This session will explore these questions as we look at the intersection between worship and outreach in congregational life.

***Pastor Jonathan E. Schroeder**, a graduate of Northwestern College (1995) and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (1999), was assigned to serve as an exploratory missionary in Sharpsburg, Georgia. From the first worship attendance of nine people, God has built a congregation of 425 members, which Pastor Schroeder has served for 11 years. Pastor Schroeder serves the WELS as pastor-at-large on the Synodical Council, moderator of the Institute for Worship and Outreach, consultant for both the WELS School of Worship and the WELS School of Outreach, contributing editor for Forward In Christ, and member of the WELS Translation Feasibility Committee. Past service includes guest lecturing at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (2004-2010), essayist for the 2009 Synod Convention, essayist for the 2010 WLS Symposium, general editor and author of Planning Christian Worship II, keynote speaker for the 2005 National Conference for Worship and the Arts, and member of the WELS Ad Hoc Commission for Long Range Planning (2007-2009). Pastor Schroeder has also made numerous presentations to districts and conferences on worship and outreach.*

Large Group Elective 2
Evangelism to the Children of Mexico: John Kramer
Chapel of the Christ

By combining humanitarian aid and gospel outreach, Mission to the Children (MttC) evangelizes to parents by ministering to the needs of their children. Great Commission work in Mexico is simple; everyone can participate. What are you going to say, and equally important, how are you going to say it?

John Kramer is a 2004 graduate of the Congregational Assistant Program and is currently nearing completion of his staff ministry certification. John has been married for 34 years to Marta, and they have one daughter. John is a former Marine AV-8A Harrier pilot and presently a 30-year captain for a major airline. Fluent in Spanish, John participates in team ministry work in Sonora, Mexico, as a volunteer responsible for six of MttC's villages, crossing the border into Mexico every month for several days. His duties for MttC include distributing humanitarian aid, assessing special medical needs that MttC might help with, providing solutions for humanitarian needs within the "Iglesia El Buen Pastor" church, giving Bible studies as needed, and conducting personal evangelism. John is a member of the MttC Board of Directors.

Large Group Elective 3:
Using Medical Work to Reach People with the Gospel: Jason Paltzer
Music Center Choir Room 217

In areas with limited resources, gospel ministry is often combined with health and humanitarian projects. Is this combination helpful and necessary? What complexities does this arrangement cause?

Jason Paltzer received his master's of public health in 2003 from the University of Minnesota. Immediately after graduating, he began his work as a volunteer with the Central Africa Medical Mission in Zambia, focusing on health education and community development. In 2004 he initiated the Lutheran Health & Development Program in Zambia, working in partnership with the Lutheran Church of Central Africa in Zambia. Mr. Paltzer remained in Zambia as the program director until 2009, when he started his doctoral studies in epidemiology and global health at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He continues to serve as a consultant to the Lutheran Health & Development Program in Zambia as well as the Board for World Missions on humanitarian and health-related projects.