

telling the next generation

Utilizing our schools for outreach

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. Psalm 78:4

What a blessing and opportunity the Lord provides in our early childhood ministries and our schools to share the gospel with children and their families. Do you sometimes wonder if there are ways to connect with those families and connect families to the Word?

Telling the Next Generation is a ministry provided by the Commission on Lutheran Schools. The program serves congregations of the WELS with planning, assistance, and resources for implementation of a harvest strategy utilizing their Lutheran elementary school and/or early childhood ministry.

The presenters are WELS church and school leaders who are experienced with conducting school ministries with an outreach focus. The workshop is designed to provide congregational teams ways to focus their ministry and create a harvest strategy.

The workshop includes sessions:

1. **Committed to the Word** – The Word is the *means* that the Holy Spirit uses to work/grow faith in the hearts of its audience. The Word teaches us the true definition of our church/school *mission* and guides us in our *vision* for carrying it out. It's the Word that *empowers* our faith and *directs* our lives to serve Jesus and the people he leads us to reach with the good news of his salvation.
2. **Relationships** – Relationships are vital to an effective outreach and harvest strategy. These relationships include those among faculty, staff, school, and church leadership. They work together as an organized and determined team focusing on building relationships with school and ECM families to connect them with the gospel of Jesus.
3. **Harvest Strategies** – A practical guide for congregations and schools to build relationships with the school children and their families, to develop an organized program for nurturing those relationships, and to strive to lead them to instruction in the Word.

It's the *Word* that unites and motivates *people* doing ministry and compels them by the love of Christ to use the gospel in strategic ways to *harvest* souls for the kingdom.

In the months following the workshop, advisors follow-up with congregations in order to answer questions, supply resources, and give advice for fulfilling the goals that were discussed and planned at the workshops.

Who should attend: pastor, principal, ECM director, education and evangelism leaders, and other interested congregational leaders and members.

Workshops are available for individual congregations in person or virtually. Workshops can also be scheduled for several area congregations in person.

For more information or to schedule a workshop in your area, contact: tellingthenextgeneration@wels.net