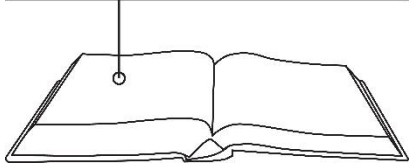


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PUBLICITY CHECKLIST

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Please note: Materials are available in both English and Spanish.

SERIES THEME: *DEFINE CHRISTIAN*

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Date & Theme	Channel	Action	Wording
Week of June 25 <i>Introduce theme</i>	Worship folder/newsletter blurb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Place blurb in print and electronic versions of worship folder and newsletterInclude “Define Christian” logo graphic	Ask ten different people to define Christian and you may get ten different answers. One might say, “A Christian is someone who believes in Jesus.” Okay. But the demons believe that Jesus exists and is the Son of God. So is that definition adequate? Another person might have a more negative view. He says, “A Christian is someone who believes he is better than others.” Is that completely false? And if you aren’t humble, does that mean you aren’t Christian?

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	Video	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post “Define Christian” 16x9 video file to YouTube or Vimeo (<i>versions available with or without WELS logo at end of video</i>) • Show “Define Christian” 16x9 video file during this week’s worship announcements 	<p>Ask ten different people to define Christian and you may get ten different answers. In our next worship series Christ himself defines the term Christian and describes what Christians do.</p> <p>Join us for a new series—<i>Define Christian</i>.</p>

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Sunday, July 2	Worship folder template	Use “Define Christian” worship folder cover	

<i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 8</i>			
Theme of the Day: The Christian Loves God Above All	Worship folder/newsletter blurb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place blurb in print and electronic versions of worship folder and newsletter Include “Define Christian” logo graphic 	<p>Not all love is good. It is self-destructive to love bad things. However, it is just as harmful to love good things in a bad order. For example, it would seem to be a good thing that a man loves his dog. But if he loves his dog more than he loves his wife, his “love” for both is disordered. That is not in the best interests of the man, his wife, or even his dog. For love to be healthy, it needs to be properly ordered.</p> <p>The Christian loves God above all things. For the Christian understands that everything in this present world is transitory. Relationships fail. Empires fall. Accomplishments are quickly forgotten. But nothing about God is transitory. God’s love is eternal. He promises the Christian everlasting life. And so the Christian struggles not simply to avoid loving bad things. The Christian struggles to love God above all other good things too. Because the Christian understands that God is of ultimate value.</p>
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Sunday, July 9 <i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 9</i>	Worship folder template	Use “Define Christian” worship folder cover	
Theme of the Day: The Christian Finds Rest in Jesus	Worship folder/newsletter blurb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place blurb in print and electronic versions of worship folder and newsletter • Include “Define Christian” logo graphic 	Without rest, we suffer. Studies show that after 36 hours without sleep, most people will experience extreme fatigue and hormonal imbalances, resulting in decreased attention, poor decisions, and even speech impairment. Other studies show if someone takes no breaks during their workday, their productivity is lower than those who do take periodic breaks. We need rest.

			<p>Christians know they need more than sleep or breaks. We need more than physical rest. We need spiritual rest. The Christian knows that the only place to find that type of rest is Jesus. Jesus provides more than a pause in work, more than enjoyable recreation. Jesus provides the removal of our sins, the cleansing of our guilty conscience, and a gentle new yoke of discipleship. In Jesus, the Christian finds rest from his burdens, rest from his battles, and rest forever in heaven.</p>
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Sunday, July 16 <i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 10</i>	Worship folder template	Use “Define Christian” worship folder cover	
Theme of the Day: The Christian Is Planted by the Word	Worship folder/newsletter blurb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place blurb in print and electronic versions of worship folder and newsletter • Include “Define Christian” logo graphic 	<p>Planting seed by hand can seem magical. In your hand the seed looks insignificant and lifeless. Yet you put the seed into the soil, and the natural process of life begins. All by itself, the seed germinates and sprouts and reaches to the sun. Except when it doesn’t! Plant multiple seeds and often only some, perhaps just a small amount, will sprout. As these few sprouts grow, birds and pests and weeds and weather attack. The reality is that once the seed leaves your hand, you are at the mercy of forces beyond your control.</p> <p>Today, God uses that experience from nature to explain the supernatural process by which God calls humans to faith through the gospel. The Christian is planted by the Word. The Christian can plant the seed of the gospel into the soil of another’s heart. What happens after that is completely beyond our control. Yet God promises us that his Word always accomplishes his good purposes. God’s Word is powerful, all on its own, without our help.</p>

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Sunday, July 23 <i>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 11</i>	Worship folder template	Use “Define Christian” worship folder cover	
Theme of the Day: The Christian Lives as Wheat Among Weeds	Worship folder/newsletter blurb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place blurb in print and electronic versions of worship folder and newsletter • Include “Define Christian” logo graphic 	<p>The wheat that grows in the Middle East is a variety that looks much like wild grass or weeds. It is difficult to tell wheat and weeds apart until shortly before harvest time, when the wheat stalks develop a head containing the kernels of grain. Try and pull the weeds out of a wheat field and you will likely pull up a fair amount of wheat accidentally. So you need to wait for the harvest to separate wheat from weeds.</p> <p>This week Jesus uses that image to illustrate life this side of heaven. Christians are pictured as wheat planted by the Lord. Evil and unbelieving evildoers are pictured as weeds. We might want God to take care of evil now—to pull up all the weeds. But he tells us to wait for the harvest. God is going to fix the problem of evil in this world, but it might not be today or even tomorrow. What does God want us to do while we wait? He wants us to live like wheat among weeds, serving the purpose for which he planted us. That means being faithful, fruitful, and mindful of the coming harvest.</p>
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Sunday, July 30 <i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 12</i>	Worship folder template	Use “Define Christian” worship folder cover	
Theme of the Day: The Christian Seeks Spiritual Wealth	Worship folder/newsletter blurb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place blurb in print and electronic versions of worship folder and newsletter Include “Define Christian” logo graphic 	<p>What do you consider your life’s priorities? If you made a list, what would be near the top? Faith, family, and friends would probably head the lists of many. Financial security and health would be right up there. Reputation and recreation would likely make the cut. But perhaps a more interesting question than “What do you consider your life’s priorities?” is “Which of the items on that list would you be willing to sacrifice to save your top priority?” What if you had to give up the whole list—family, friends, finances, health, reputation, recreation—to save just one priority: faith?</p> <p>This week we are given an honest assessment of what really matters in life. The kingdom is worth everything. Worldly wealth can buy the things of this world, the type of things that rust and decay, things that will not last. True wealth is spiritual wealth. It can be found only in God and his eternal blessings for us in Christ. The Christian seeks first spiritual wealth and will sacrifice anything to obtain it.</p>
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Sunday, August 6 <i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 13</i>	Worship folder template	Use “Define Christian” worship folder cover	

<p>Theme of the Day: The Christian Trusts God to Provide</p>	<p>Worship folder/newsletter blurb</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place blurb in print and electronic versions of worship folder and newsletter • Include “Define Christian” logo graphic 	<p>The hardest times to trust in God are the times we need him most. It’s easy to trust God when your job is great, your health is fine, your relationships are strong, your family is well. It’s easy to trust God when the sun is shining, but what happens when your life is suddenly overshadowed by dark days?</p> <p>When tragedy or conflict affects us, we may wonder if God continues to care and provide for us. At those times the Christian focuses on certain foundational facts. The Christian was chosen, predestined, and adopted as God’s dear child. God has provided the Christian with innumerable spiritual blessings and promises the Christian an eternity of glory, peace, and joy. If we look at those spiritual blessings God provides to us, how could we doubt that he will, at the right time, give us everything we truly need? The Christian trusts God to provide.</p>
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Sunday, August 13 <i>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 14</i>	Worship folder template	Use “Define Christian” worship folder cover	
Theme of the Day: The Christian Answers Doubt with Faith	Worship folder/newsletter blurb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place blurb in print and electronic versions of worship folder and newsletter • Include “Define Christian” logo graphic 	<p>Wherever faith clings to the promises of God, doubt is always lingering in the back of our mind, constantly asking the serpent’s garden question, “Did God really say?” How striking to think that one must have faith in God before it is even possible to doubt him!</p> <p>It is not uncommon that, in times of adversity, doubt rears its ugly head—doubts about God’s care, God’s promises, God’s providence. In those times, the true answer to doubt</p>

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	<p>Digital display graphics (3 slide options)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blank slide (4x3 or 16x9) • Small logo slide (4x3 or 16x9) • Title slide (4x3 or 16x9) • Show on small screens (4x3) or digital display screens (16x9) before worship or during announcements 	<p>The Christian Answers Doubt with Faith</p>