

## District Commission on Evangelism

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The District Commission on Evangelism serves the pastors and congregations of the AZ-CA District by encouraging and offering support in the areas of outreach and evangelism.

Pastor Mike Hintz has been training Pastors Hillmer and Mike Schroeder to lead "Schools of Outreach" in our district. On September 22, King of Kings Lutheran Church in Apache Junction, AZ hosted a School of Outreach. Heritage Lutheran, (Gilbert, AZ); Calvary Lutheran (Chandler, AZ); and Emmanuel Lutheran (Tempe, AZ) also attended. The second part of this School of Outreach is scheduled for January 12, 2013.

Schools of Outreach used to occupy an entire weekend, involving a large time commitment for the host congregation, the area congregations attending, as well as the presenters. The curriculum has now been divided into two one-day seminars. The presenters work with the congregations during their planning sessions and then follow up with the leaders of the congregations to offer continued support.

Session One: (September-October)

1. Organizing and Planning for Outreach
2. Locating Prospects
3. Prospect Nurture and Witness

Session Two: (January-February)

1. Friendship Evangelism
2. Church Identity
3. Worship Welcome
4. Assimilation

If you are interested in hosting or attending a School of Outreach in the future, please speak with Steven Hillmer. [shillmer76@gmail.com](mailto:shillmer76@gmail.com) Tentative plans are in the works for September 2013 in the San Francisco Bay area.

Finally, thanks to a Thrivent grant, all twelve district evangelism coordinators will be attending a retreat at the Schwann Center outside of Rapid City, SD in November 2012. This retreat will help them to learn how to better serve you and all the WELS congregations.

In service to the Savior and you,

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