



It's All About Jesus – Instructions

TO: District presidents, circuit pastors, and all WELS pastors
FROM: The Task Force on WELS Every Member Visits (EMV)
RE: **Instructions for carrying out the Every Member Visit of the WELS Long-Range Plan**

For Pastors

1. Communicate with your circuit pastor what stewardship of finances training course you have been using or will be using.
Suggestions -

<i>Heart in Focus</i>	Workbook	NPH Item Number: 387622
	Facilitator's Kit	NPH Item Number: 387623
<i>Stewardship</i>	by J. Ziesemer	NPH Item Number: 220930E
2. Choose a date well in advance for the EMV in your congregation.
3. Show the DVD at your church council meeting and at any and all other appropriate congregational events. (The DVD is in your mailed packet. Congregations that subscribe to *WELS Connection* can also find the EMV video in the "Congregational Resources" section of the DVD through August 2013.)
4. Use a series of communications to inform all active members of the upcoming EMV. WELS communication pieces *E-bulletin Board*, *Together*, *En Cristo*, *Forward in Christ*, and *An Encouraging Word*, which will appear from the district convention in June 2012 through September 2012, can help provide information.
5. Determine the number of active family units:
 - active = attend worship at least once/month
 - family units = single or married
6. Select one visitor for every six family units.
e.g. 600 family units = 100 visitors; 60 family units = 10 visitors
If more than 10 visitors are needed, enlist the assistance of the church council to recruit visitors.
7. Chose a Sunday one or two weeks before the EMV for an after-worship or between-worship meeting with all EMV visitors. At that meeting explain:
 - You have heard (through our newsletter, announcements, DVD, etc.) about an every member visit being carried out in every WELS congregation. The goal is for every

congregation in WELS to have a regularly scheduled stewardship of finances training course and to enroll all members in that.

- Of course, why would any Christian want to participate in such a Bible study or any other area of thankful living—worshiping, witnessing, Bible study, praying, serving, and giving? It's all about Jesus! He is the Beginning and End, the reason for our joy and thankfulness.
- That's the focus of the Bible study before you. As you heard when I invited you here, I'm asking you to visit six family units in the next two weeks, sharing this Bible study called, "It's All About Jesus."

8. Show the DVD to the EMV visitors.
9. Walk through the EMV Bible study with the EMV visitors.
10. Hand out to each visitor the leader's guide and handouts for the EMV Bible study as well as the names and contact information of six family units to be visited.
11. Ask visitors to make visits during the designated two weekends.
12. Follow-up. If, after the visit, a family unit has not enrolled in the congregation's stewardship of finances training course, the visitor should call or e-mail them with encouragement to do so.

In order to enroll members in your stewardship training course, we have provided a two-lesson stewardship Bible study called "The Joy of Giving" to whet their appetite.

For Congregational Leaders

EMV Phone Script

Hello! This is **Bob Leaderman** at **Join-Us** Lutheran Church. You have heard over the past several weeks in the newsletter and through printed and verbal announcements about an exciting venture for our congregation. In order to join with fellow Christians across the land in our church body's long-range plan of reaching more people with the message of Jesus' saving love:

- We are visiting all the members of our congregation to share a Bible study.
- We won't be asking for money because "It's All About Jesus."
- It is our prayer that our time together will help us get better acquainted with each other and with the mission our dear Savior has given us.

I can be in your neighborhood on Saturday at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. Which works best for you?