

MINISTRY RECRUITMENT BULLETIN INSERTS

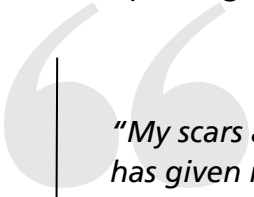
How to Use This Resource

Each page is meant to be printed and folded in half.
Alternatively, print pages double sided, making sure the
document is flipped on the *short edge*, and cut in half.

Find more stories & congregational resources at
CONSIDERMINISTRY.NET

Whom could you encourage to *consider ministry?*

Anna has seen God's hand throughout her life. As a young child growing up in Florida, she faced a life-threatening moment after swallowing a nickel-sized battery, which led to multiple surgeries.



"My scars are a constant reminder of God's unending love. He has given me a story that allows me to share my faith and his love with everyone I meet."

Anna continued to see God's hand when, after 10 years in Florida, she moved to Garden Grove, CA. Living there gave her a unique perspective on ministry. "Living in a big city, I had many cross-cultural experiences." These helped shape her desire to serve in full-time ministry.

Guided by her confirmation verse, Jeremiah 29:11, Anna shares, "I want to share what God has done in my life with others so that they, too, can know of God's endless love."

Find more stories & congregational resources at
CONSIDERMINISTRY.NET

How can I help recruit for ministry?

As the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod faces a shortage of called workers, an effort is being made to remind the people in our churches that recruiting for the public ministry is everyone's job. We all play a part in finding our future pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and missionaries. It's a team effort!

IDENTIFY

Everyone has God-given gifts. Whom do you know with gifts that could be used to serve God and others in the public ministry? Actively look for these gifts in people. It might be you!

ENCOURAGE

Tell them! One encouraging word from you could lead someone to a rewarding life of service. Nearly all called workers can tell you about someone who encouraged them. What a blessing to be that person!

PRAY

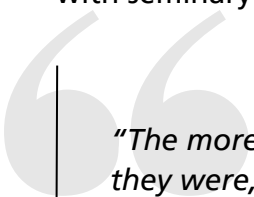
Ultimately, God does the recruiting. Ask for God's blessings on those we encourage, ask him to lead them to consider the public ministry, and pray for our current called workers. Pray for them to exhibit the joy they get from public ministry. Never underestimate the power of prayer!

MARVEL

Stand back and be amazed as you watch the Holy Spirit go to work in the hearts of his people. We encourage, the Holy Spirit calls, and our ministerial education system makes sure they're prepared to serve. We are truly blessed!

Whom could you encourage to *consider ministry?*

Joel grew up just 15 minutes from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. The summer before his senior year, a seminary student from his congregation invited him to lift weights, play basketball, and join a softball team with seminary guys.



"The more I hung around those sem guys, I saw how normal they were, and I started to think about doing what they were doing. God used that friendship to change my life."

Over Christmas break of Joel's senior year, this friend talked to him about Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, and Joel decided to give it a try. The relationship continued to bear fruit long after, when Joel accepted a call away from his first congregation. Joel continues to thank God for placing that student in his life at exactly the right moment. A simple invitation to shoot hoops became the beginning of a lifetime of ministry.

Find more stories & congregational resources at
CONSIDERMINISTRY.NET

How can I help recruit for ministry?

As the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod faces a shortage of called workers, an effort is being made to remind the people in our churches that recruiting for the public ministry is everyone's job. We all play a part in finding our future pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and missionaries. It's a team effort!

IDENTIFY

Everyone has God-given gifts. Whom do you know with gifts that could be used to serve God and others in the public ministry? Actively look for these gifts in people. It might be you!

ENCOURAGE

Tell them! One encouraging word from you could lead someone to a rewarding life of service. Nearly all called workers can tell you about someone who encouraged them. What a blessing to be that person!

PRAY

Ultimately, God does the recruiting. Ask for God's blessings on those we encourage, ask him to lead them to consider the public ministry, and pray for our current called workers. Pray for them to exhibit the joy they get from public ministry. Never underestimate the power of prayer!

MARVEL

Stand back and be amazed as you watch the Holy Spirit go to work in the hearts of his people. We encourage, the Holy Spirit calls, and our ministerial education system makes sure they're prepared to serve. We are truly blessed!

Whom could you encourage to *consider ministry?*

Tim's path to ministry started in first grade when he remembers first considering ministry. When health challenges kept him from pursuing military service, he returned to this thought he had when he was just a young boy.

"I gave MLC just one year to see if it was the path for me."

Tim had always been drawn to military service, stopping regularly at the Armed Forces recruiter's table in his high school lunchroom. But his asthma barred him from enlisting in active duty, reserves, and the National Guard. With that door closed, he turned back to something he'd carried since first grade. He gave Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota one year to see if it could be the right path for him. Though he had to adjust to the cold weather and go through culture shock, he knew by the end of that year that the pastor track was the track for him. God had directed his path all along.

Find more stories & congregational resources at
CONSIDERMINISTRY.NET

How can I help recruit for ministry?

As the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod faces a shortage of called workers, an effort is being made to remind the people in our churches that recruiting for the public ministry is everyone's job. We all play a part in finding our future pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and missionaries. It's a team effort!

IDENTIFY

Everyone has God-given gifts. Whom do you know with gifts that could be used to serve God and others in the public ministry? Actively look for these gifts in people. It might be you!

ENCOURAGE

Tell them! One encouraging word from you could lead someone to a rewarding life of service. Nearly all called workers can tell you about someone who encouraged them. What a blessing to be that person!

PRAY

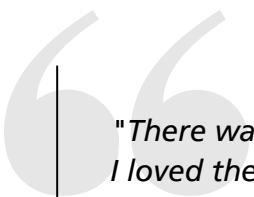
Ultimately, God does the recruiting. Ask for God's blessings on those we encourage, ask him to lead them to consider the public ministry, and pray for our current called workers. Pray for them to exhibit the joy they get from public ministry. Never underestimate God's willingness to answer our prayers.

MARVEL

Stand back and be amazed as you watch the Holy Spirit go to work in the hearts of his people. We encourage, the Holy Spirit calls, and our ministerial education system makes sure they're prepared to serve. We are truly blessed!

Whom could you encourage to *consider ministry?*

Chris grew up in a home where faith wasn't just for Sunday mornings. His parents modeled it in everything: from shoveling out the car to get to church in a blizzard to paying for any friend his siblings brought to lunch after late service.



"There was so much joy in my family around going to church. I loved the idea of making that joyous time, being around God's Word and believers, my full-time work."

What shaped Chris most was the consistency of fellow members. He can still picture exactly where everyone sat at the 10:30 a.m. service. Fellow members showed him what it looked like to live their faith, week after week.

A high school mission trip made it clear to him: by stepping outside his regular setting, he could more clearly picture what it would mean to shepherd a congregation of his own.

Find more stories & congregational resources at
CONSIDERMINISTRY.NET

How can I help recruit for ministry?

As the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod faces a shortage of called workers, an effort is being made to remind the people in our churches that recruiting for the public ministry is everyone's job. We all play a part in finding our future pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and missionaries. It's a team effort!

IDENTIFY

Everyone has God-given gifts. Whom do you know with gifts that could be used to serve God and others in the public ministry? Actively look for these gifts in people. It might be you!

ENCOURAGE

Tell them! One encouraging word from you could lead someone to a rewarding life of service. Nearly all called workers can tell you about someone who encouraged them. What a blessing to be that person!

PRAY

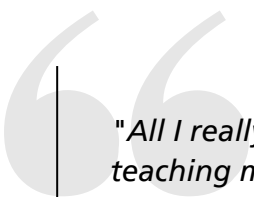
Ultimately, God does the recruiting. Ask for God's blessings on those we encourage, ask him to lead them to consider the public ministry, and pray for our current called workers. Pray for them to exhibit the joy they get from public ministry. Never underestimate God's willingness to answer our prayers.

MARVEL

Stand back and be amazed as you watch the Holy Spirit go to work in the hearts of his people. We encourage, the Holy Spirit calls, and our ministerial education system makes sure they're prepared to serve. We are truly blessed!

Whom could you encourage to *consider ministry?*

Katie grew up with a pastor for a dad and a teacher for a mom. She understood the commitment of ministry; she just wasn't sure it was right for her. Her plan was simple: become a mom and stay home with her kids.



"All I really wanted to be was a mom. But studying for the teaching ministry turned out to be the best preparation for that I could have possibly chosen."

When Katie told her mom she just wanted to stay home and raise children, her mom shared an alternate perspective. Studying for the teaching ministry, she said, was probably the best way to prepare for motherhood. Katie took that to heart. The education proved her mom right; it shaped how she raised her children in ways she hadn't expected. Now that her kids have grown, Katie finds herself passing it forward to the next generation by sharing the good news of Jesus in her classroom.

Find more stories & congregational resources at
CONSIDERMINISTRY.NET

How can I help recruit for ministry?

As the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod faces a shortage of called workers, an effort is being made to remind the people in our churches that recruiting for the public ministry is everyone's job. We all play a part in finding our future pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and missionaries. It's a team effort!

IDENTIFY

Everyone has God-given gifts. Whom do you know with gifts that could be used to serve God and others in the public ministry? Actively look for these gifts in people. It might be you!

ENCOURAGE

Tell them! One encouraging word from you could lead someone to a rewarding life of service. Nearly all called workers can tell you about someone who encouraged them. What a blessing to be that person!

PRAY

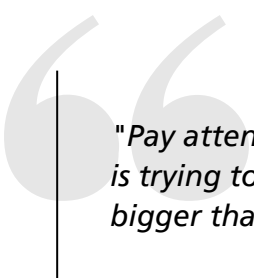
Ultimately, God does the recruiting. Ask for God's blessings on those we encourage, ask him to lead them to consider the public ministry, and pray for our current called workers. Pray for them to exhibit the joy they get from public ministry. Never underestimate God's willingness to answer our prayers.

MARVEL

Stand back and be amazed as you watch the Holy Spirit go to work in the hearts of his people. We encourage, the Holy Spirit calls, and our ministerial education system makes sure they're prepared to serve. We are truly blessed!

Whom could you encourage to *consider ministry*?

Jennifer grew up in Nampa, Idaho, where her church was the only Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod congregation in the entire state. She wanted to be a teacher since second grade but discovered her unique calling at summer camp.



"Pay attention to the little clues. You never know where God is trying to lead you, and the path he has in mind may be bigger than anything you could plan yourself."

Jennifer didn't know how God was preparing her for ministry when she met friends at summer camp who had been a part of the Mormon church. She's now director of a growing preschool in Idaho and spends her days teaching the saving gospel of Jesus to Latter Day Saint families in the community. She gets a front-row seat to see God work through her in ways she never anticipated.

Find more stories & congregational resources at
CONSIDERMINISTRY.NET

How can I help recruit for ministry?

As the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod faces a shortage of called workers, an effort is being made to remind the people in our churches that recruiting for the public ministry is everyone's job. We all play a part in finding our future pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and missionaries. It's a team effort!

IDENTIFY

Everyone has God-given gifts. Whom do you know with gifts that could be used to serve God and others in the public ministry? Actively look for these gifts in people. It might be you!

ENCOURAGE

Tell them! One encouraging word from you could lead someone to a rewarding life of service. Nearly all called workers can tell you about someone who encouraged them. What a blessing to be that person!

PRAY

Ultimately, God does the recruiting. Ask for God's blessings on those we encourage, ask him to lead them to consider the public ministry, and pray for our current called workers. Pray for them to exhibit the joy they get from public ministry. Never underestimate God's willingness to answer our prayers.

MARVEL

Stand back and be amazed as you watch the Holy Spirit go to work in the hearts of his people. We encourage, the Holy Spirit calls, and our ministerial education system makes sure they're prepared to serve. We are truly blessed!