



PHOTO BOOTH FOR A NEW DIRECTORY!

We will have a photo booth set up
in the Narthex on

May 10 (Mother's Day) and May 17.

Come take a new photo for the updated
directory. Or email a recent photo to the office.

Friendship Evangelism

1. **Friendship Evangelism is simply bringing others to Jesus by being friends with them.** In one way that is easy and natural (a lot easier than knocking on doors cold turkey), but on the other hand it is hard because it takes being a **genuine** friend (regardless of the outcome), love, and commitment. Exciting!
2. **Most people come to Jesus through friends or family.**
3. **The only danger in friendship evangelism is if someone does not have a strong enough faith and is led away from Jesus by the friend!** It is important for us to have our most meaningful relationships among fellow Christians (Psalm 1) and not depend on non-Christians for our support. This is especially important with children and teenagers.
4. **The key to friendship evangelism is to Build Bridges.** Find things we have in common with the other person. **Hobbies and interests** we share in common, or something they can teach us or we can teach them, are especially helpful. Playing sports together is a common one. Inviting someone to play a sport with some of your Christian friends, is another example. Food (getting together to eat) is a common bridge! We can always find ways to do acts of kindness to someone else, whether it be to bake our neighbor a pie, work out at the Y, or to listen to them when they need to talk about their pain.
5. Although we **must** be kind to everyone, and love everyone, friendship evangelism works best with those we find we **like**. It is more fun for us to do this, and bridges will likely be there. Invite someone to come along with you when you do something you already like to do, such as going to a football game, going fishing, or a church/community work project. Enjoy the variety and bigness of God's world with them.
6. Whenever you can, **share your ministry with a Christian friend.** Then you can not only brainstorm together, and your non-Christian friend will be getting to know other Christians besides you. That is especially important in light of your friend coming to church. You want to have Christian friends he/she already knows ready to meet them, talk with them, and be prepared once they come in the door. If they are ignored, they will likely not be back.
7. Be a good listener, and **be interested in their world.** Ask questions. Let them see you are really interested in their world. Don't have a hotter than thou attitude. At the same time you can have fun sharing and talking about your mutual interests! Invite your neighbor over for dinner around your table.
8. **Sooner or later invite them to go to a church service, or special church event,** a small group Bible Study, your pastor, or another *oney point*. Church is very important. Jesus calls us not only to himself, but to his community. It may be a humbling experience, as well as scary, to meet all those people who are not perfect Christians. Whenever I have to define church to the non-Christian, or explain why I go, I simply say, "Church is for those who really take following Jesus seriously." The Bible tells us that if we do not meet together regularly, we will get weak in our faith." (Hebrews 10:23-25) Jesus calls us not to follow him alone, but in community. We must not only love *him*, but love *one another*. If there is a small group they can come to, this may be better than a worship service. Note that if you talk down a you church in front of people, you will have a tough time ever getting someone who hears that talk to come to your church! Be sure to share positive things about your church.

THINK:
List 2 or 3 people that are either not Christians, or they are unchurched. Which one would work best to be a friend to? Which one could you like being around? Choose one person. How could you go about getting to know more non-Christians, if you don't know? What bridges to this person do you have, or could you build? How can they help you?

Put them on your prayer list, daily. Decide on the next step: what will you do? An act of kindness, visit at their house or your house, go out for coffee, help them out in some way.

SERMON NOTES

Pastor Jack would like everyone to use or reference his notes during the sermon. You can get one from an usher or at the Welcome Center



School 33 Candy Goodie Bags Party!

Come help make 180 candy bags for teachers - May 5, 10:00 AM

There is still time to put candy in the School 33 Bin in the coatroom and then come help us make bags for the teachers and staff..



LARA IS HOME!

Grab a copy of her post-trip update on the Welcome Center. Thank you to all those who supported her with finances and prayer.



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Thank you
Rochester CRC!

Your gifts and prayers supported a successful mission trip!
March 25 - April 3, 2026

Lara Larsson traveled to Taiwan to deliver coaching, professional development, and sample classes for teaching music to infants & toddlers with their caregivers. Lara also spent meaningful time with the Lo family where much laughter was had and encouragement was shared. To God be the Glory!

Sara & Kenneth Lo are missionaries whose ministry aims to evangelize with, equip, and encourage the Taiwanese church. Their home church is the Minzu Road Reformed Presbyterian Church in Hsinchu, Taiwan.

To sign up for their newsletter email Sarah or Kenneth:
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Partner with the Lo's!

Serving this Sunday

Nursery

Heidi Zinkand
Alexa Hamway

Children and Worship

Chrissy Null

Ushers

Kathy Quinn and Dale Chambery

Coffee Service & Cleanup

Andy Elliot
Jay and Lisa Falvo

thank you



GREETERS WANTED

We are looking for interested people who would enjoy being a greeter in our church. Your commitment can be flexible. It would involve being present before and after the service to offer greetings to members and visitors, with some follow-up on information requests from visitors as needed. A short orientation will be provided.

If you might be interested in this ministry,
please sign up in the Narthex, or see Beth Tschorke.

A PIANO NEEDS A HOME

Due to Bill Washburn's recent illness, the family is breaking up housekeeping, and moving into Parkwood Heights in Macedon by May 1. This means they need to sell Millie's beloved piano. Contact Millie if you are interested in this good conditioned, FREE piano which would be transported by the new owner. mbwashbu@reagan.com, or 585-678-9569. Thank you.

