

LCEF Planting Seeds for Outreach

How can you use a Wii to reach people for Jesus Christ? That was the question asked of the assembly at the Iowa District West District Convention at Camp Okoboji this last June.

The Wii game system crosses the generations as we saw evidenced at the convention. Not only did the young pages enjoy it but many of the delegates of different ages got into the swing of things as they visited the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) booth that had a Wii system set up to try.

So what kind of event could you host that would reach out into your community for the young, for families, or for the mature adult?



The possibilities are endless, but could be as simple as encouraging members to invite unchurched neighbors for an evening of Wii at their home. As relationships are developed opportunities will arise to share the sure and certain hope we have through Jesus Christ.

Iowa District West LCEF, a partner in reaching people for Jesus Christ, has available to your church for loan a Wii game system to be used at your next outreach event. Simply contact Carole White to check on the availability of the game system.

Zion, Atlantic already used it this summer in the recreation time of their VBS. Their older youth were encouraged to invite their friends to come. This provided an opportunity to have fun and hear the word of God. Watch for other stories on how churches used the Wii game system to reach into their communities at ialcef.org.

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ankeny, Iowa received LCEF funding to complete their family life center last year. Since then they have made great use of the new space. They began by adding a Saturday night service. And most recently, hosted a magnificent VBS attended by nearly 200 children; one third of who were visitors, and half of those did not list a church home. "We have had a great opportunity for evangelism; it has been a lot of fun!" said St. Paul Director of Christian Education Amy Schmidt. Staff also follows up with each visiting family after VBS wraps up.



St Paul Lutheran Church also utilized their new space to host the Iowa District West Older Adult Ministry Conference this spring. Guest speaker was LCEF President, Merle Freitag, who challenged attendees to consider their leadership roles our LCMS, in their own churches, and their communities and to pray for opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus with their unchurched neighbors.

If you have questions regarding investing in the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) to support LCMS ministries, or if your congregation needs funding, please contact your LCEF Vice President Carole White 1-877-439-5233 or Carole.White@lcef.org.



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