

WONDERFUL WORSHIP WELCOME

CREATING A WORSHIP WEB IN THE LA CROSSE AREA SYNOD

Have you ever wondered what worship is like in a congregation across town or across the Synod? Are they doing something there that would work in your congregation? Do you wonder what worship in your congregation looks like to someone from outside your congregation?

Let us, Partners in Evangelical Worship, link your congregation to another so that you can take an intentional look at worship in the other's congregation and your own. Register to participate in the WWW (Wonderful Worship Welcome) web and you'll be contacted with the name and contact information of a congregation that, if possible, meets the type of connection you indicated you desire in your application. It is hoped that the outcome of this connection will be enhanced worship and a positive connection between congregations in the Synod. The focus should be on what's working well in worship and the sharing of our best practices in praising God and leading people into mission through worship.

After a delegation from your congregation worships with your partner congregation, you will want to share your impressions. You might prepare a report for your partner congregation letting them know what you thought of your worship experience. (A form will be provided with suggested areas to cover, but the contents and format will be up to you.) Or, after both worship visits have been made, the congregation delegations and others might want to meet together to discuss your experiences and ask questions about how's and why's of things you observed.

Although this idea comes from ideas shared at the "No Pastors Allowed" events, you'll want to involve your pastor when considering your reaction to what you've observed and in making changes to worship in your own congregation.

You will also want to consider if there are worship practices that you found working well in your partner congregation that you want to incorporate in your congregation's worship.

After the experience is over, you may find that your congregation wants to register again and have another worship exchange experience.

To participate, complete the attached application form and email it to office@lacrosseareasynod.org, or mail it to La Crosse Area Synod, 2301 South Ave., La Crosse, WI 54601.

REGISTRATION FORM
WONDERFUL WORSHIP WELCOME

Name of Congregation _____

Address _____ Pastor _____

Contact Person for exchange _____ Phone number(s) _____

Total Congregational Membership _____ Average weekly worship attendance _____

Times and dates of weekly worship services _____

Does your congregation have an active worship committee/team? _____

How would you characterize your congregation's worship style (contemporary, traditional, blend, interactive, etc.)?

Are different services in different styles? If so, which are which?

Does your congregation use technology (PowerPoint, projection, screens, etc.)? If so, to what extent?

What does your congregation hope to gain from the exchange experience?

Would you prefer to visit a congregation of similar size and worship style as yours, or observe something different? If you'd like to visit a congregation that is different, describe what type of worship or size would you like to experience?