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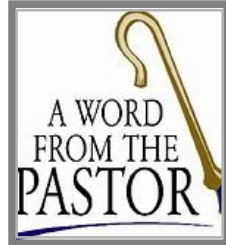
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Come and See



Some years back, the Lutheran Church conducted a poll in which they asked Lutherans how it was they happened to come to church in the first place. Here are the replies:

2-3 percent joined because of denominational identity (longtime Lutherans, obviously);

5-6 percent joined because of a program or church event;

3-4 percent joined because of the preaching and worship life;

A whopping 80 percent said they joined the church because a friend or family member invited them, and the new attender could see the importance of faith in the friend or family member's life.

Jesus' invitation is "Come and see." (John 1:37-39) We are always invited into a closer relationship with Him.

Here are five simple rules for inviting a friend or neighbor to St. Luke's:

First, pray about your inviting. Ask the Lord to help you identify those who will be most receptive to your invitation. There are plenty of them out there.

Second, don't be content with a general invitation: "You know, you should come to church with me sometime." That's the Christian equivalent of saying, "One of these days, let's do lunch." Instead, make your invitation specific: why not this Sunday?

Third, consider offering your invitation in times of special need. If you know of a season of change, or an experience of loss, then it's even more likely the person is longing to hear some good news in midst of the bad.

Fourth, invite the person to come to worship WITH YOU. A person who hasn't been to church in a while will find it much easier to come with someone who knows the ropes and will feel like less of a stranger.

Fifth, be persistent. You don't need to be a nag about it, but sometimes people do need to hear an invitation more than once. You may fear you're being a nuisance, but more likely than not, if it's a friend or neighbor you're asking, your overture will be received as a gesture of caring.

All you're doing is saying, "Come and see." Those three little words have brought many a person to faith or to a renewal of faith grown cold. Those words worked for Andrew and his brother, Simon.

They'll work, also for the person you're inviting — as long as you offer the gift of yourself.

Peace,

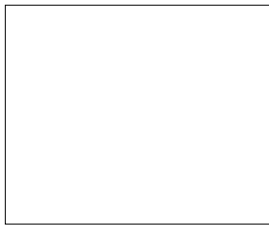
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