

**"Therefore, Go!"  
Melody Smith's Monthly Outreach Update**



Welcome to the monthly outreach and evangelism summary previously brought to you by Pastor Andy. Beginning January of this year, he and I traded some duties, and I became the staff member responsible for church outreach. I hope you find this message inspiring and feel called to get involved in the various outreach ministries here at Shepherd.

**What has the Outreach and Evangelism Committee been up to?**

Since January, the committee has had two in-person meetings to plan and coordinate, and one Zoom meeting to study and discuss God's Word. The primary focus of this group is to seek guidance from the Holy Spirit through studying God's Word. We delved into Luke 15, exploring the three parables of lost things. Here are some key insights: God cherishes the lost, their return is a reason for celebration, and God actively seeks those who have strayed. After thorough deliberation and prayer, the committee has chosen to concentrate on single mothers and their children. Single mothers encounter distinct challenges, and to effectively minister to them, understanding their needs is crucial. The committee is currently devising an action plan to launch this ministry.

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**Evangelism**

I would like to introduce the 2 X 2 program, inspired by Mark 6:7 where Jesus sent His disciples out "two by two," along with other biblical instances of believers sharing the Gospel in pairs. In 2022 a group from our church

received training from the LCMS Texas District and we are excited to share some of that information and experience with others. This initiative will pair trained evangelists in our congregation with volunteers to mentor them on turning everyday interactions into spiritual conversations.

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### **Outreach Spotlight**

A Shepherd small group of four members decided to start holding their meetings at an assisted living facility where one of the members resides. Led by George Rahn, the group welcomed six guests in the first week for a total of ten people! It was discovered that several residents desired to join a Bible study but were unable to travel to one for a variety of reasons. Bringing the Bible study to them was met with gratitude! Witnessing the work of the Holy Spirit is truly remarkable! Outreach can be straightforward with just a need, a vision, and a motivating leader.

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