



Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ



Training Lutherans to Witness Christ

Jesus made us His witnesses through Baptism. OAFC works to train baptized Christians in ways to live out that calling through Songs, Bible Studies, Puppet Shows, Dramas, Personal Witnessing, and a Neighborhood Survey.

Leader's Manual

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**Everything you need to know
about the OAFC ministry and
how you can be a part of it.**

Songs

Bible
Studies

Puppets

Dramas

Personal
Witness

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A History of OAF:

Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ (OAF) began in 1970 in Brownsdale, MN by Pastor Fred Darkow as a means of anchoring post-Confirmation youth to the witness and ministry of the Church. It quickly spread to many congregations in the LCMS and became a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in 1980 as a youth and evangelism program. From Minnesota OAF has impacted most of the states and districts in the Synod with groups from New York and Pennsylvania down to Florida, Washington and Oregon down to California, and states in between. Wherever there are youth who want to learn more about their faith and who want to share their faith in Christ with a world in need, OAF is a program for them.



We are called Ambassadors because the calling of all of Christ's Church is to speak and proclaim His Gospel of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation on His behalf to His world. The Apostle Peter says to all Christians, "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light," (1 Peter 2:9), and again, "In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense (lit. apologetic) to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15). With such a great

responsibility given to the Church, we need to train youth and adults to be prepared to witness Christ and speak about Him and for Him to our world.

We are called Ongoing because we seek to gather in local groups each month to grow ourselves, spiritually, and seeking to assist others to grow by God's power through His Word. By meeting each month in local groups youth are encouraged to become proficient in our methods and so learn to take leadership and teach others. It also allows us to reach more people with the Gospel by going to different places and speaking to different people.

Because OAF engages youth with God's Word in very real-life situations, many of our youth come to realize that the need for professional witnesses to the Gospel is great. A number of our youth go on to fields in Church work, like pastors and DCEs and teachers, and many more go on to be elders and church members who know that the Church needs to reach out and not keep the Gospel to ourselves.

"OAF is a youth evangelism RSO of Synod that exists to grow faith in our congregations - especially our youth - by sharing the Faith with the unchurched through regional outreach weekends and national training conferences."

We exist to:

Witness to all that Jesus Christ came to suffer, die, and rise in victory to pay for their sins.

Invite the unchurched to join local congregations to be fed and strengthened in Word and Sacrament and invite other youth and adults to join us in Witnessing.

Train other youth and adults to Witness

We do this in six ways:

Bible Study – where youth and adults learn how to search and meditate upon the Scriptures with Christ as the center.

Songs – where youth and adults use their voices, instrumental talents, and emotions to connect life to Scripture and to share that with others.

Puppet Shows – where youth and adults use their mouths and hands to learn to articulate Lutheran doctrine in simple and winsome ways for other youth and adults.

Dramas – where youth and adults use their whole bodies to learn to articulate and memorize Lutheran doctrine in more complex and interactive scenarios for other youth and adults.

Personal Witnesses – where youth and adults learn to connect Christ's forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to their daily lives and conversations with illustrations, Bible passages, and always Christ crucified as the central focus.

Neighborhood Canvass – where youth and adults learn to share the Gospel through a religious survey that exposes them to various opinions and religions and gives them the words and opportunities to share their assurance of salvation in Christ.

How we do this:

Local/District Group Weekends

- During our weekends across the country, leaders and experienced youth train new youth in using these 6 witnessing methods Friday night through Sunday mornings. Youth train in small groups in these methods and then share them in the community with the neighborhood survey, devotions at local Nursing Homes, Sunday School openings, and any other venues the local congregation would like.
- We encourage Local/District groups to host weekends each month at a different LCMS congregation in their District so that youth can experience growth, confidence, leadership, and various congregations within the LCMS – as well as get to know other Lutheran youth in their area with a passion for Christ.

National Training Gatherings

- Here youth from various local/district groups gather together to better equip themselves for Witnessing in their local groups. With in-depth workshops, relevant-issue large group presentations, rehearsing and putting into practice our witnessing methods, and fellowship, youth return to their local groups more apt to lead and share.

How do I start an OAFC group in my area?

First check our website www.OAFC.org to see if there is a local group near you. If not, a local group needs 4 things to get started:

- 1) An adult leader
- 2) A pastoral advisor/advocate
- 3) Interested youth
- 4) Congregations willing to host weekends

Our national organization will assist you in starting a group by sending you a starter kit with songbooks, drama books, and all the forms you'll need. We can even send an experienced team of youth and adults to help promote OAFC in your area and train a core group for you to get started.

OAFC's Benefits to Youth

- Focuses on the Law and Gospel and helps youth to be sure of their salvation in Christ
- Helps them begin to witness verbally
- Provides regular opportunities to gain confidence in sharing their faith
- Provides an outlet for their Christian learning and Catechism instruction
- Stimulates their continued growth in personal faith and public worship
- Gives them an opportunity to do the most important work of the church – leading people to Christ
- Helps them realize they are an important part of the church
- Opens their eyes to the world's great spiritual needs
- Causes them to cherish their Christian upbringing and Lutheran faith
- Provides great Christian fellowship and positive peer pressure

OAFC's Benefits to the Church

- Encourages congregations in their outreach to their community
- Reduces confirmation drop-out rates
- Invites people into the Kingdom of God and connects them to His family
- Assesses and improves the church's understanding of the spiritual health of the community
- Develops a positive attitude toward the Lutheran Church and evangelism
- Develops strong future leaders
- Encourages many ambassadors to go into full time church work
- Helps youth to become more dedicated in their congregational activities
- Provides a dynamic youth program for small churches that have few youth
- Becomes an important part of a large congregation's full youth ministry
- Equips youth with "tools" they can use in their churches.

An Overview of an OAFC Weekend

OAFC weekends begin at 7pm on Friday evening and run through early Sunday afternoon. On these weekends, the Ambassadors conduct neighborhood surveys to share the saving Gospel and find prospects for the sponsoring churches. They also witness of Christ's love and salvation at a nursing home/care facility, participate in Sunday School, and, where able, assist with Divine Service. A typical weekend schedule is as follows:

Friday evening:

- Registration
- Sharing OAFC in song, drama, puppets, Bible Study and group building activities
- Host instructions as Ambassadors prepare to go home with host families

Saturday:

- Bible Study
- Witness Survey preparation & Canvassing
- Lunch prepared by host congregation
- Canvassing & Tabulating results
- Supper prepared at the Church
- Nursing Home/Care Facility visit
- Training in 6 Witnessing Methods throughout the day
- Preparation for Saturday evening/Sunday morning worship services
- Closing sharing with Ambassadors/group building and devotions

Sunday:

- Participation in Sunday School and Divine Service
- Potluck meal after church



LEADER INFORMATION

How do I become an OAFc Group Leader?

You must be a male at least twenty one years of age and of a mature and self-disciplined nature. You must love youth and our Savior. You must be in good standing in your local congregation and have its blessing. You should be able to discipline and be a good example as a Christian. You must be loyal to Jesus Christ and faithful to the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and its doctrine.

A background check authorization form (form 545) must be sent to the OAFc office so that a background check can be performed.

You will need to fill out an application for Lead Director Certification (form 660.) Submit this form to the OAFc office along with your list of three personal references. Please have these three persons send letters of reference to the OAFc business office at P.O. Box 712, Greenville, IL 62246 or email it to rlnehr@yahoo.com. Upon receipt of the three letters and your application, the Executive Director will complete an evaluation and inform you of your status.

Lead Director Commissioning

Once you are approved as a leader by the Executive Director, you will need to be commissioned publicly as a lead director. Form 670 is to be used for this purpose. The format for pastors to use for this commission is form 560. Following your commissioning submit a completed copy of form 670 to the OAFc office.

What area does my OAFc group cover?

My suggestion is that you go to the lcms.org website, click locators & directories and enter your home congregation. Determine how many miles you can comfortably drive from your home to do a weekend and still arrive at a church by 6:30pm in time for a weekend. Put this distance in the mileage range under the geographic area box, put in your zip code and submit. This will give you a list of all Lutheran Churches within your area. If necessary reset your distance mileage. Stay on this page and do the following.

Pastoral Adviser

You may also think of him as your pastoral advocate for OAFc. In filling out your application as lead director, you were asked to provide the name of a pastoral adviser. He is to be familiar with OAFc and assist you in obtaining weekends. He can promote OAFc within the area, district and synod. He is your sounding board and the one you go to concerning spiritual matters or questions. It is your duty to ensure that the pastoral adviser be kept current. Please use him for any theological decisions.

Where can I obtain church information for churches in my area?

Ask your pastoral advisor. You can also find information on the lcms.org webpage where you can click on each individual church to find the address, pastor's name, contact information, congregation size, worship times. Print this information sheet for each of your area churches and put them into a binder alphabetically by town name. This is your contact sheet for calling and scheduling outreach weekends. Put the email addresses for each of these congregations into a group email list on your computer. Now when you have a weekend coming up in the following month, you can send the congregation a bulletin note reminding them of the event, the contact name and phone number and deadline for arranging housing for this FREE weekend open to all mature junior high through adults. Gets the congregation members used to our organizations name, our ministry, what we do, who we include and your contact information – all very positive advertisement for Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ (OAFc)!

O AFC Support

The ministry of O AFC needs your continual prayer support that God would bless and guide our ministry and help it multiply and grow into the future. Just as importantly, this mostly volunteer organization needs your financial support so that we can keep our ministry solvent, paying our bills, providing for our worker(s) and maintaining sufficient supplies for our witness, canvass handouts and training supplies. To the best of your ability your group is encouraged to be self-sufficient and self-supporting so that all donations and offering from our local and national events make it to the national office. As a lead director it is crucial that you seek local, district, congregational, parental and ambassador support on an ongoing basis so that the prayer and financial needs of our ministry are made known. Caution is necessary here as fund raising within this ministry must meet certain criteria set forth for non for profit organizations. If you have questions or suggestions about fund raising please contact the O AFC office. Anyone who financially supports O AFC is considered to be a member of the Ambassadors Circle of supporters. Thank you letters are sent out recognizing your tithe, offering, donation, memorials and bequests of our supporters.



Scheduling O AFC outreach weekends

Go to a place like dateandtime.com or Google Calendars and find a 12 month calendar and print it. Draw a line through any weekends which you plan to have family vacation, family gatherings, etc. that year. Now you know which weekends are open for you to schedule a weekend. You may not wish to schedule weekends in the month of July since O AFC Summer Training is conducted during this month. You may wish to leave the month of May unscheduled as many youth have graduations during the month. If you live in climates where the weather makes it difficult to travel during certain months you may wish to leave them open as well. **NOTE:** You will find that your ambassadors need regularly scheduled weekend and events; If not, they may tend to become involved in other activities and you could lose your groups interest.

How do I schedule the weekend?

Your pastoral advisor is your greatest asset for setting up weekends because he can directly speak with pastors who may be harder to connect with. Sometimes church secretaries run interference for local pastors and are very protective of their time and rightly so. You may need to find a time when he will be available so ask her when that might be. Do not use the O AFC acronym when calling churches. You are a lead director with Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ! Call the pastor or visit him and tell him a little about Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ (never assume that people know what O AFC is-don't use this acronym in first discussions). Discuss the services that our ministry can provide his congregation with: *door to door canvassing*, distributing congregational material/ literature to the community; evangelism *training*, children's message; *puppets/drama*, special *singing*, etc. Firm up a date well in advance and assure him that you will send the congregation a check list, bulletin notes and information on planning their weekend as hosts of O AFC. As soon as you schedule the event submit it to the www.oafc.org national schedule; and email the pastor thanking him for scheduling the weekend and inform him that you will attach the "Congregation Packet" download from the Resources page of our website. In it he will find a planning checklist for preparing for our arrival. You will need to find out what level of participation the pastor wants from your group (40 minute – 20 minute – minimum) as this will depend upon your working on plans for the worship service. Always work on this with the pastor.

How do I schedule a nursing home visit?

Depending on if the congregation you are serving has a Saturday evening Divine Service or not, you may wish to schedule a nursing home visit. Ask the pastor which nursing home or care facility their congregation serves. You can ask the pastor to set this up for you, or you can call that facility and ask for the events coordinator, asking that your group be allowed to come in and visit with them for about a 30-40 minute period where you will be singing, doing a drama or puppets and sharing some Good News about Jesus with the residents. These visits will normally be on Saturday afternoon around 4pm. Ask the coordinator where they want you to set up for this presentation. NOTE: most events coordinators are not available at the facility on Saturday's so DO NOT be surprised if the facility does not know anything about it. Just remind them that you had set this up previously with (name the coordinator) and ask if it is ok to come in and ask where they want you. Some facilities will allow ambassadors to walk the halls as they sing. Please ask before you do so. Other facilities may allow you to assist them in bringing wheel chair residents in to hear you. It is a good idea to allow Ambassadors to introduce themselves and where they are from. When presenting the Good News of Jesus to each resident and worker present, ALWAYS knee down so that you are on a face to face level of the resident. We don't want you to tower over them or talk down to them. Jesus came as one of us and we are to be as one of them. Whether singing or speaking always "SMILE". Jesus loves them. When you pick songs for your program with the nursing home, always include a song or two that they will remember and be able to sing along with you.

Free Time

In OAFK all things are scheduled very closely. There should be no "free time" during OAFK events. Time with God, personal Bible study, prayer partners, writing of a personal witness, running through puppet or drama presentations, guitar workshop are but a few of the many ways in which your youth can stay busy and kept from boredom which tends to separate the group.

Quieting a Group of Ambassadors (pointing towards heaven)

When you as a leader need to speak to the assembly and the room is noisy; this is how you get their attention. Raise your index finger and point it to heaven over your head. Your finger points to the only way to heaven – Jesus (see also OAFK logo). All Ambassadors are supposed to follow suit and also raise their finger as well. Pretending there is a string attached from that finger to your lower lip this closes their mouths and allows you as the leader to speak important information to them.



Planning Housing of your youth

Each weekend you will need to divide your youth into teams for housing. Always send an experienced youth with an inexperienced one. Assign girls with girls and boys with boys. Never assign the opposite sex to the home of a widow(er). Drivers transporting youth to and from a host home must be at least 25 years old. Provide all hosts with your cell phone number to call in case of emergency. Each youth in your group should have a current medical consent form and photo release form on file. Leaders should always carry this form secured and available with them at all events so that parents can be contacted if medical problems arise.

From where do my ambassadors come?

You may have no Ambassadors when you start an OAFK group. You may need to borrow a guitarist and or an experienced Ambassador to train your first weekend youth and adults. Call area pastors and ask them to send you a couple of youth for the weekend. Ask youth from your church to join you. Ask your Lutheran nieces and nephews, your pastor's kids. Ask members of your evangelism committee or even Local pastors. You will need to be creative on this. Leaders could ask each pastor of a neighboring congregation to send us 2 of their best – most interested in sharing their faith or active in Confirmation - youth to the weekend. You will want to tell them how much fun the

weekend is. The spiritual growth and eagerness to serve their Lord and Savior will grow in them once they are involved. If you have 1 youth or 1 adult you can train them! You have gained by 100%. If they bring two friends next time you multiply that growth and so you grow. There will be times when you ebb and flow in numbers of Ambassadors. You will gain some and you may lose some due to outside intrusion of the world into the spiritual life of ambassadors. If we share with 1 person that Jesus suffered, died and arose again to pay for the sins of all people – we accomplish our goal. Gods' remnant will also remain. It is God who provides for our every need. Ask Him in prayer!

How do I connect with my ambassadors?

On Friday nights as each Ambassador arrives, have every one fill out the registration form (form 500b) even if doing only part of the weekend. This list is where you will get the youths email address and phone number to begin your ambassador group email contact list. (Please send this list along to the office by email so we can nationally connect with your group). A month prior to your weekend send your youth an email sharing with them the date, time, address, church and town name of your weekend. Give them a date of when you need to know if they are attending the weekend (normally a week in advance, so that you can give the pastor a rough housing and meal total). It can also be beneficial to place the event on your Facebook page and invite them there. Remember not all ambassadors will be your friend on Facebook! In case of a cancellation, please strive to reschedule it immediately. Go to the oafc.org national schedule and fill out a cancellation note so others viewing or considering the weekend can be informed.

What Paper Work Do I Need To Submit?

You are to fill out the Weekend Report (form 600) during each weekend and following the weekend send it along with the list of prayer supporters and door offering to the OAFc Office at P.O. Box 712, Greenville, IL 62246 or email it to rlnehrt@yahoo.com. Checks made out to OAFc must be sent to the office for deposit into the national account. Some leaders prefer to send a personal check for the amount of cash donations. The information from these forms include your next three scheduled weekends, persons trained, commissioned or recommissioned Ambassadors, prospects and Unchurched numbers. Also submit any photos you may wish to have shared on the website or in the Crier. There is always a need for new personal witnesses which may be included in the Crier.

Commissioning of Ambassadors

When an Ambassador who has been confirmed has attended at least two weekends and led his/her first call, they can be commissioned. This is a one year commitment between them and God and not to any other. Have them fill out form 610 and sign their name and have the parents sign this form also. There is a Commissioning Format (form 550) that the pastor will use to commission the youth during a worship service. Occasionally youth wish to be commissioned at their home congregation, (this is acceptable) but may require your coordination with their pastor as you provide the format to him for this purpose. After the commissioning send the Commissioning Forms to the office so that a copy can be made for the lead director, office and the youth. Commissioning is for one year and should be renewed annually.

OAFc Bank Account

The National OAFc Office maintains THE ONLY authorized bank account for this ministry. All donations, gifts, door offerings and monies are to be immediately sent to the OAFc Office for deposit. All donations must be recognized in writing by the OAFc office. If you wish to make out a check for the loose bills and change rather than mailing cash money following a weekend – please make the check payable to OAFc and write the weekend information in the memo line (door offering church name, dates, city/state). Any acceptable reimbursement requires a written receipt be provided to the office and must be entered on the weekend report offering information. If you have questions or are in doubt call the office.

10 O.A.F.C. PRINCIPLES

1. **BELIEVING** the Bible is the absolute Truth of God is basic to the Christian faith. His story is the true story. An ambassador is confident that Jesus has won the victory in the past and that His promises of a future home in heaven are certain. As our Savior, Jesus lived the perfect life for us. He suffered and died on the cross for our sins and rose from the grave in triumph. Because He lives we shall live also! Because we believe, we speak of His love!
2. OAF C helps youth find **RIGHT MOTIVATION** for serving the Lord. They want to live for Him in love.
3. OAF C encourages youth to live a **CHRIST-CENTERED LIFE**. Youth are encouraged to pray, to have personal Bible study each day, to attend church and Bible class regularly, to commune frequently, and to share Jesus with others. In everything a Christian does he asks "Jesus, what do you want me to do?" (and does it!)
4. OAF C is a **CHRIST-CENTERED ORGANIZATION**. Because many people do not know the way to heaven, OAF C is specifically Christ-centered so that in everything it does, the way to heaven is clear.
5. OAF C challenges youth to **BE THE CHURCH NOW**. It gives them the opportunity to do the most important work of the church: spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It helps involve youth in an atmosphere where they can learn to share their faith and the things they have been taught. Many find new meaning and joy in their Christian lives as their faith grows through the Gospel.
6. OAF C is a **DISCIPLINED MINISTRY**. Youth who are serious about the ministry become frustrated with other youth who attend for the wrong reasons, and they may drop out. When a clear line is drawn between high and low standards, non-committed youth then have to make a choice to either leave the group or to cross over the line and join the dedicated youth. Together they can build a strong group dedicated to serving God.
7. OAF C believes that **POSITIVE PEER PRESSURE** can be a reality among youth. OAF C offers a positive group of people and positive activities that center on Christ. It is Christ who gives them power to resist the negative crowd and negative influences. As youth become involved and challenged in sharing Christ, they begin to develop new personal and group goals. Living in God's love, youth strive to live a godly life and encourage each other to do the same.
8. OAF C has outlined **10 BASIC CONCEPTS** to help individuals in their spiritual growth. These concepts are Biblical references which show how our lives are abundant, peaceful, thankful, truthful, powerful, purposeful, wholesome, orderly, serving, and giving. (see next page)
9. OAF C offers opportunities for renewal of **COMMITMENT TO GOD**. Youth and adults who want to dedicate themselves to the work of Christ's church through OAF C may be commissioned as Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ. When commissioned they pledge to strive to live out their Christian lives in a godly way at home and among friends and with an active church life. They are given an opportunity to renew this commitment to God through the Baptismal Renewal Bible Study. Commissioning is for a one year period and should be renewed annually.
10. OAF C is designed to be a **MULTIPLYING MINISTRY**. The ministry multiplies when youth and adults are trained and then they in turn train others, who in turn train others, who then also pass on their training.

Ambassador's Dress Guidelines

- All clothing be MODEST and in GOOD TASTE – to the GLORY OF GOD – drawing attention to your face and not your body.
Sloppy clothing should not be worn. Shorts, skorts, skirts and dresses must be knee length or longer.
 - Improper clothing (such as excessively worn shoes, low-cut tops, crop tops, halter tops, and tank tops) should not be worn.
 - Jeans should be dress jeans only. (with no holes, patches, rips, or writing on them, not tight fitting or visibly worn)
 - Sunglasses should not be worn as they prevent others from reading the expression in our eyes and hinder getting acquainted.
 - Males must not wear earrings.
 - Clothing should not be too tight and should not show a bare midriff under normal activity. Swimwear must be modest, **one-piece** attire.
- Appropriate shoes should be worn at all times (please no flip-flops).



Ambassador's Duties

Respond to your lead directors emails so that he can obtain housing for you and include you in transportation to scheduled events.
Make attendance to weekends a personal priority.
Mingle with new people. Sit with others you do not know.
Find friends who are ambassadors, but do not treat weekends as a dating service.
Obey housing guidelines.
Clean up after yourself.
Learn all three witnessing methods so that you can train others.

Respect your leaders. Understand that adult leaders are the final authority on all decisions.

Do not leave the facilities or the room unless you have permission.

Display eagerness for canvassing as this is a great service to our Lord and to the host congregation and community.

Do not smoke, use drugs, or drink.

Do not bring music playing electronics to weekends as we want you to freely experience conversation with fellow ambassadors and hosts.

Be a Godly example.

Do not use cell phones during weekends. (Youth who out of necessity must contact parents must have permission first)

Do not drive during weekends, although ambassadors may drive to weekends. (Drivers must be twenty five years of age to transport ambassadors.)

Ambassador Guide for Host Homes

Guests in Host homes: Host families are a vital part of OAF's ministry. These guidelines will help remind you of the limitless ways in which you can show your appreciation for their service and help insure the continuation of these wonderful fellowship opportunities with other Christian families.

- Many hosts do not know what we do in OAF. Therefore, tell them about yourself and OAF; share a mock call with them (make sure they, too, know how to get to heaven).
- Do not expect royal treatment; ask if you can help in some way.
- Be polite.

- Even if you are told to make yourself at home, your first and loving consideration is THEIR comfort, not your own. (Ask about their normal schedules (breakfast, bathroom, showers, lights out) and adjust yourself to their schedule.)
- Eat what is put before you (if you have dietary problems discuss it with your host when you first arrive in the home).
- Eat during meal times (raiding the refrigerator is not allowed and host's snacks are not meals).
- Treat the home better than your own:
 - Dry off the vanity when you are done with it.
 - Remove hair from the shower drain.
 - Make your bed and pick up your room before you leave each day.
 - Put towels up to dry where they belong.
 - Make sure you have all of your things when you leave.
 - Be sure that you have a wake up plan and that you are up when it is time to be up.
 - Write a thank you note for your host Saturday night before you sleep and leave it in your room Sunday morning.
 - Do not watch TV unless your host watches with you (be sensitive to your hosts and let the program be wholesome, not MTV or soaps).
 - Go to bed when your host does. You are to be showered, in your beds, and no longer talking after 11:59:59.
 - Do not use your hosts' phone except for an emergency.
 - Do not use your cell phone or text (you are to get to know your hosts and spend time with them and their family).
 - Do not leave your host home on any evening. Violation will mean an early trip home for you and will jeopardize your attendance at future OAFc weekends.
 - Display thankfulness in all things.
 - Immediately report violations of these guidelines by other ambassadors to the lead director.

National Opportunities in OAFc

The OAFc office organizes a National Summer Training each year. Several churches in a general area host the training. This training is usually in a different part of the country each summer. Youth and adults from OAFc groups nationwide travel to this event for a week of intensified training. The Training features main speakers, workshops on OAFc methods, worship services, fellowship, and much encouragement and rejoicing.

The OAFc office schedules and sends out Summer Training Travel Teams following the week of Training. Made up of the best of OAFc, these Travel Teams go to various parts of the USA to expand the OAFc ministry through one night Happenings and through Outreach Weekends. The OAFc office also works to support College age youth who wish to spend their Spring Break working for OAFc. College Ambassadors have frequently sought to use their Spring Break to spread the message of salvation in Christ through OAFc. If your college group would like help setting up a Spring Break Travel Team, please contact the national office.

OAFc Symbol explanation

The cross reminds us of sin. Jesus died on the cross to take away our sins. The cross is leaning to remind us that someone else has to carry the message of the cross to other people. We must be messengers, for the one finger pointing upwards reminds us of the only way to heaven, Jesus Christ.



Leading An OAFc Weekend

Friday-Sunday Weekend Schedule

90/90 Survey Schedule ending at 8:40pm

Friday

- 7:00pm Registration
- 7:00 Group Singing of Gospel Songs interspersed with:
 - Getting Acquainted and Introduction of the OAFc Ministry
 - Witnessing Methods, Drama, and Puppet presentations shared
 - Personal Witnesses
- 8:10 Small Group Bible Studies
- 8:30 Large Group Sharing
 - Recap of Bible Studies – Singing and Prayer
 - Instructions for Host Homes and Saturday Activities
- 8:40 Hosts arrive, Ambassadors assigned for housing
GUIDELINES FOR THE HOST FAMILIES given to each host
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Alternate study for Ambassadors who have been through the Baptism study
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- 12:45 Sharing of morning calls
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- 1:15-2:45 Witness Survey of the Community*
- 2:45 Tabulation of reports and writing letters to Prospects
- 3:00 Sharing of afternoon calls
- 3:30 Preparation for nursing home visit/puppets practice
- 3:50 Leave for Nursing facility
- 4:00 Nursing home visit (Drama/Puppets, Singing, Personal Witness)
- 4:45 Review logistics for Sunday School/Bible Class
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- 5:45 Prayer Partners, Personal Witness Training/Sharing
- 6:15 Drama/Puppets
- 7:45 Evaluation and guidelines for newcomers – sharing time for others
- 8:10 Review logistics for church service
- 8:40 Adult Hosts pick up Ambassadors



- * 1. To **WITNESS** to all about the certainty of eternal life through Christ
- 2. To **INVITE** the unchurched
- 3. To **TRAIN** others

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- 1:00 Rite of departure and Leave for home.

Form 120

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Form 120

As you gather Friday evening, try to get everyone present to Register with their contact info. It is helpful to housing if you have two sheets: one for females and one for males. At the end of the weekend, it's recommended that you save these Contact Sheets for your local group database.

Date _____

OAFC Weekend CONTACT INFORMATION



Church _____

Name	Date
Address	
City, State ZIP	
Home Phone	Birthday (mo/day/yr)
Email	
Home Church	
Spouse's Name	
Occupation, Employer	
Comments:	

Name	Date
Address	
City, State ZIP	
Home Phone	Birthday (mo/day/yr)
Email	
Home Church	
Spouse's Name	
Occupation, Employer	
Comments:	

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Home Phone	Birthday (mo/day/yr)
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Home Church	
Spouse's Name	
Occupation, Employer	
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City, State ZIP	
Home Phone	Birthday (mo/day/yr)
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Home Church	
Spouse's Name	
Work Number	

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Home Phone	Birthday (mo/day/yr)
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Home Church	
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Occupation, Employer	
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Home Church	
Spouse's Name	
Occupation, Employer	

This is the basic outline of a Friday night OAFc ministry presentation—known as a Happening. You may follow it strictly or more informally, depending on the congregation or time available. The goal is simply to present what OAFc is all about and encourage people to join the next day. If you Canvassed before the presentation you may present the Survey Stats. If not, skip this line. The subsequent resources follow the Happening outline and then the Weekend Schedule.

OAFc 90 MINUTE HAPPENING

CHURCH _____ City _____ Pastor _____

MODERATOR _____ GUITARIST _____

OPENING SONG# _____
(this is the subtle way we announce our program is beginning)

SONG# _____ song _____ Intro _____

PRAYER (That we will honor the Lord with our praise....) _____

SONG# _____ song _____ Intro _____

INTRODUCTIONS (if informal -back and forth around the circle, sharing name and some other interest)

WHAT IS OAFc (LCMS, youth evangelism training, local groups, intro ways progressively below...)

①Singing SONG# _____ song _____ Intro _____

②Door-to-door witness - Role Play Survey call w/pastor _____ / _____
(Callers to remain focused even if pastor is being humorous)

SEEK COMMENTS FROM HOST CHURCH FOLKS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY

AH SKIT _____

SURVEY STATS _____

PRAYER (Focus on those witnessed to during canvass) _____

SONG# _____ song _____ Intro _____

③Drama - INTRO _____

If presenting, ambassadors may be seated until we stand together again for song or Q & A

DRAMA _____

④Personal Witness _____

⑤Puppets – INTRO _____

PUPPET PLAY _____

⑥ SGBS Bible Study (20 min) - (text _____) _____ / _____ / _____
(Leader pray, 1 sentence thank you prayer around circle, read verse, re-read verse & comment, share key word, closing circle prayer).

LEAD SMALL CHILDREN _____

CHILDREN SING

PRAYER (thanksgiving for God's Word & the GOOD NEWS of Jesus) _____

*DUET (or song) _____

*OAFc QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Moderator-select Ambassadors to answer questions from congregation)

SUPPORTING OAFc (Prayers, Ambassador Circle, Memoriam, Honorarium, our team expenses)

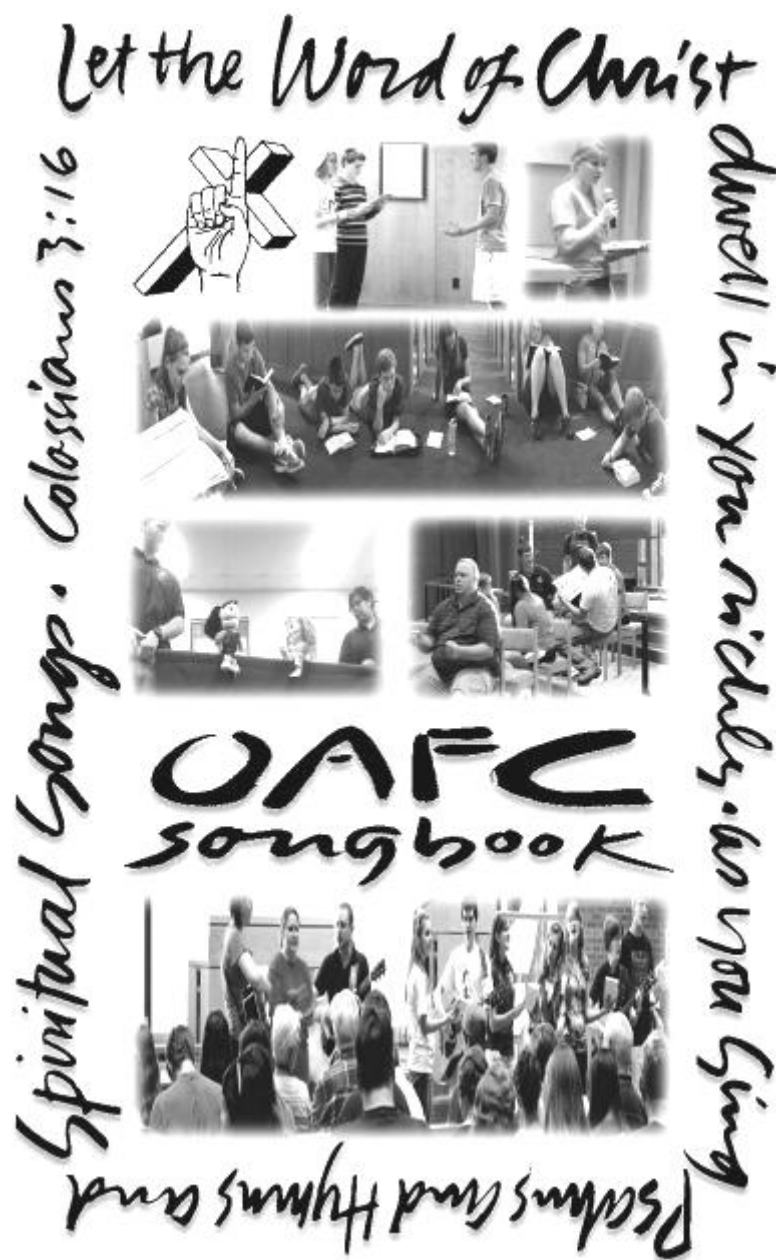
WORD OF THANKS _____

CLOSING SONG# _____ song _____ (Doxology)

PRAYER (Thanks and praises for host congregation) _____

HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS _____

* Optional additions when time allows



We believe that singing songs is a key task of an evangelist, especially in a digital music culture. Youth and adults are surrounded every day by music and OAFC strives to put Biblical Christ-centered music into the hearts and minds of our Ambassadors so that they can share that powerful message with others. Because many people do not know the true God, we want to sing, not just about "God" in general, but to specifically point to His gift of salvation in Christ. As St. Paul saw himself as a "servant of the Gospel," called to "make known the mystery of God, namely Christ," so we too are compelled to sing "Christ crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2) for sinners - the Only Way to the Father. To this end, we publish an OAF Songbook - a collection of Strong Gospel Message Songs - especially many emphasizing the Sacraments, Hymns and Old Favorites, Children's Songs, Fellowship Songs, and Solos and Duets that have as their purpose the proclamation of the Word of God, especially the Gospel of the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.

When singing for an older crowd, you may choose to sing more from the Hymns and Old Favorites section. With youth, try to choose more fun and exciting, upbeat songs.

At every meal provided for Ambassadors, we seek to sing a Thank You Song as found in the back of our Songbook. Best practice is to choose an Ambassador to be in charge of choosing the specific song, handing out the Songbooks to all Ambassadors so they can quickly learn and join in the song, and of introducing the cooks and servers, applauding them, and then leading the singing. After singing the Thank You song, Ambassadors do not clap for themselves. Rather, they once more say Thank You and seek ways to help clean up.

Religious Survey

Team # _____ "PROCLAIM HIS EXCELLENCIES – BEING PREPARED TO DEFEND!" 1 Peter 2:9, 3:15 Date: _____

Names of Callers A. _____ B. _____ C. _____

(Affirm good answers.)

1. Write house # (& new Street Name if you have changed streets. . . check "Not-homes")
Intro: Hello! / Good morning! / Hi! / How are you today? (etc.) We are with/represent _____
Lutheran Church and are taking a religious survey and sharing some Good News.
This is _____ and I am _____. May we ask a few questions?

2. Are you familiar with _____ Lutheran Church?
3. Did you attend church when you were growing up?
Yes What church did you attend?

4. Do you and your family attend church now?
Yes 4a. Which church do you go to?

5. Are there children in this home that attend Sunday School?

6. Do you have a Bible in your home? ("No" May someone from [host church ____] bring you a Bible?)

8. **Repeat your name.** As I said at the beginning, my name is _____. May I ask your name?

9. May I ask you about something important?

Where do you believe you will go when you die? (Repeat to them their answer for clarification.)
(or What is a Christian?)

Other than Heaven Go to question 10.

Heaven Why do you believe you will go to heaven? (Repeat their answer for clarification.)

(Jesus -- Isn't it wonderful to know all that Jesus did to save us! Share Good News Card – Q. 11.)

10. May I share with you why I believe I will go to heaven when I die? (SSS, Good News, AH, or Cross Method)

11. May I share the Good News of Jesus with you in a personal way? May I use your first name? (Good News Card)

If Unchurched: 12. May someone from our church come and talk to you again about the Lord Jesus?

Yes Ask for Phone Number. Check First & Last Name [If the address is not posted... May I have your address?]
(They are a Prospect! Complete a Prospect Form and on it check the "Wants follow-up Visit".)

Put "Y" for Yes. Put "0" for No or None.

No church + Share Good News + Response = UNCHURCHED

Caller A,B,C	House Number (Street Name If Changed)	2. Know Church	3. PAST Denomination 0 for "none"	4. PRESENT Denomination 0 for "none"	5. Sund. School	6. Have Bible	7. Give Bible	8. First Name Last Name	Jesus	Good Works	Didn't Know	Didn't Answer	Prospect	Unchurched

For an Example Call in front of congregations, choose an experienced Ambassador to lead the call and another Ambassador to give an example of recording the Survey on the clipboard. Choose either the Pastor or another church volunteer to call upon. If they answer Good Works or Didn't Know responses, make sure to use the appropriate method. You may do multiple example calls to show different kinds of responses; especially try to show how we collect Prospects for the church.

GOOD NEWS!

Put your name in the blanks.

For God so loved _____ that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer, die, and rise in victory for _____, so that believing in Jesus as the Savior from sin, _____ shall not perish, but _____ shall have everlasting life. *Refer to John 3:16*

This is God's Promise to you! (He Cannot Lie. Titus 1:2)



Sin, Separation, Savior Method

(Repeat their Good Works answer) But I still sin and because God requires perfection, even one sin would separate me from God forever. That is why I am glad to know that God sent Jesus Christ to suffer, die, and rise in victory to pay for all of my sins. I believe I will go to heaven because of what Jesus did for me. What do you think about what Jesus has done?

Assurance of Heaven Method

Would you like to be absolutely certain that if you were to die right now that you would go to heaven? The Bible says, "These things are written to you... that you may **KNOW** that you have eternal life." (1 Jn 5:13) We can **KNOW** we have eternal life! This is possible because of what Jesus Christ did for us.

Jesus said in the Gospel of Mark (1:15), "**REPENT** and believe the **GOSPEL**." **REPENT** means to have a change of heart about sin and about God. God requires perfection and He says that even one sin would separate me from Him forever. Does it surprise you to know that you and I deserve God's punishment forever?

Even in this hopeless situation, God rescues us through the **GOSPEL**. The **GOSPEL** is the good news about God's Son, Jesus Christ, and what He did for each of us. Jesus lived the perfect life that we cannot live. Then, He was punished for all of our sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Finally, He rose from the dead to confirm that His sacrifice paid for our sins and to guarantee our life with God forever.

I'd like to share this **GOOD NEWS** with you in a personal way. May I ask your first name? May I call you by your first name? For God so loved ____ that He gave His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer, die, and rise in victory for ____, so that believing in Jesus as the Savior from sin, ____ shall not perish, but ____ shall have everlasting life.

Do you know who **PROMISED** that? Yes. God did! Now, if I promised that to you I could be lying, but the Bible says, "God who cannot lie, promised!" (Titus 1:2) Now, God cannot lie, and He promised everlasting life to all through Jesus who is the Savior from sin. Isn't it wonderful to know that with Jesus as your Savior you will spend eternity in heaven?

Would you like to have this certainty of going to heaven throughout your life? I'd like to **ILLUSTRATE** by asking, What would happen to you if you wouldn't eat or drink anything for six months? Right, you'd die physically. In a similar way, if your belief in Jesus is not fed or strengthened what could happen to your faith in Him? Right, it could die also.

The Bible says, "Faith comes by hearing the Word of God." (Rom. 10:17) Just as you need physical food for your body, you need spiritual **FOOD** for your faith to grow. That is why I encourage you to go at every opportunity to a church where they teach that Jesus suffered, died, and rose in victory for all of your sins. I also encourage you to read your Bible daily. In this way, God will feed your faith and keep you sure of going to heaven.

Dramas (in detail)

DRAMA SCRIPTS – All scripts should be well cared for so that they can be used again and again. When finished using scripts or script books please return them to the proper file or the drama director. Books or scripts that left laying around are easily lost or destroyed.

AUDIENCE – Watching others do a drama is one of the best ways to learn the drama. Listeners can also offer positive reinforcement and positive suggestions to the cast members.

REHEARSAL – Practicing while in front of the group is valuable, but don't try to present a play to the public without adequate rehearsal. All actors should know exactly what to do at a given moment.

OVERLEARN LINES – Review your lines until you are sure that you know them. Sloppy memorization makes it hard for fellow actors to recognize their cues. It also makes for a sloppy play if you aren't working without scripts.

SPEAK LOUDLY – Project your voice to the back of the room. Projecting is not screaming, but is speaking from the diaphragm instead of from the throat. If the play is not heard, the message is lost!

SPEAK SLOWLY – Don't speed through the lines. Take each word individually so that it can be understood. A snail's pace is better than a drag race. The audience is probably not familiar with the script; if they miss even a few words, they may feel lost in understanding the plot or the message.

USE MOVEMENT – Without making it too "busy," use movement that has a purpose and is motivated by the script. Plan your movements beforehand, and practice them

until they come naturally. Movement makes the play more interesting to watch.

DON'T TURN BACK TO AUDIENCE (unless called for in the script) – When your back is turned to the audience, your voice is lost and your facial expressions cannot be seen. Always keep your body open to the audience. Gestures should be made with the hand farthest from the audience.

OVERACT – Overacting helps put personality into your part, especially if you have a stereotyped character. What feels uncomfortable or overdone to you will look great to the audience. You also want the back row to see your movements and expressions.

HAVE FUN – Hand loose and enjoy the play; this is not Broadway. There is no reason to be overly nervous. If you're having fun the audience will have fun. You want to make the play entertaining as well as inspirational.

USE PROPS – Use props whenever possible. They give visual reinforcement of the characters and action (hat, sunglasses, briefcase, sign, microphone, purse, Bible, etc...)

PRAY – GLORIFY GOD, not yourself. Ask God to bless your drama that it will be pleasing to Him, and that when the play is over, the Gospel message will be the thing remembered by all. Thank God for other's talents and your talents.

CHECK OUT the videos our Travel Team recording over Spring Break for ideas.

God bless your drama presentations that all may hear that Jesus is their Savior.

Puppets (in detail)

PUPPET CARE – Puppets cost money. You want to give each one a long life, so take good care of them. Be gentle with them and put them away soon after each presentation. Avoid storing them in a deformed position, or they will take on a deformed shape.

PUPPET SCRIPTS – All scripts should be well cared for so they can be used again and again. If a puppet curtain is to be folded and it has scripts inside, fold it in such a way that wrinkling of the scripts is kept to a minimum. When finished using scripts or script books, please return them to the proper file or the puppet director.

HIDE PUPPETS – Puppets should never be seen by an "audience" except during a play. They may be placed ahead of time behind an unadjustable stage, and they be folded neatly in a flexible curtain.

TYPES OF STAGES – There are two general types of stages: 1) Unadjustable, and 2) Adjustable. An unadjustable stage does not allow height or length variations. Its frame or entire structure is generally made of a non-flexible material. An adjustable stage allows flexibility and is much more portable. It is often a curtain, with no frame or only a partial frame that allows height and length variations.

UNADJUSTABLE STAGE – If an unadjustable stage is used, the puppeteers will have to use more flexibility in positioning themselves to the proper height. Each puppeteer will want to have his head just below the top of the stage. With arms extended, this puts the puppets at, basically, the same height. Because of the different heights in puppeteers, one may have to squat while the other kneels; one may have to stand on a box while the other stands on the floor; etc...

ADJUSTABLE STAGE – With an adjustable stage or curtain the puppeteers can determine the stage height. This caters to their comfort, but all puppeteers must mutually agree on a height. Then they adjust themselves so that their heads are at the same height. Persons may squat, kneel, sit, even stand, but any two people can get their heads to

an equal height. With arms extended, this puts the puppets at basically the same height.

HEIGHT – The top of the curtain is held slightly above the puppeteers head height. During practice, curtain holders should note the proper height in relation to their own body (ex. Belly button). As they set-up for the presentation they can bring it right to that height to begin with. The fewer adjustments in front of the audience, the less distracting. If a practice session is not possible, start with the curtain plenty high and lower it as the puppeteers position themselves.

SET UP – Prior to the play, the curtain is folded so that the top two corners (when open) are handy and clearly identifiable. When setting up, the curtain holders each grab one of these two corners and spread the curtain out lengthwise. Then they gently let the lower part unroll down to the floor. The puppets will be exposed, ready for the puppeteers to position themselves behind the curtain and position the puppets on their hands. Holders should twist the curtain in their fingers to retain a good grip. They stand on the lower edge of the curtain, then stretch it up and out, making it tight in all directions. Both holders use their weight to apply an equal amount of tension, and they need to concentrate on retaining this tension throughout the play. A rod or plastic pipe placed in a seam at the top of the curtain may be used to help the curtain remain straight across the top throughout the play.

HOLDER'S FOCUS – Holders should always give full attention to the puppets and not look behind the curtain at the puppeteers. In essence, holders should be "invisible," standing as still as possible and not making faces. A holder should only be "visible" in the case of a play where he narrates or fills a conversing part with the puppets.

POST-PLAY – When the play ends the curtain holders reach down and grab the lower corners of the curtain. As they pick up these 2 additional corners the curtain will become like a net. The puppets and any props are placed into the "net," and the curtain is folded as before the play.

PUPPET POSITION – When the curtain is at the proper height, you, as a puppeteer, should have no problem keeping your puppet at the proper height. Most puppets have a shirt as their lowest part. Only the bottom 1 inch of the shirt should be below the curtain throughout the play. Your arm should be straight up as you hold your puppet. If it is not, he will look like he is flying or falling over. The straighter your arm, the less strain on your muscles, also. Your puppet's body should not touch the curtain at all or should only slightly brush it. He should not apply any force or weight on the curtain. This allows free movement also.

EVENLY SPACED – Puppets should be evenly spaced across the width of the curtain. During practice discuss your movements and adjust your spacing as needed. The puppets should always be far enough apart to allow comfortable movement and never so far apart that it looks like two solo performances.

DOWNWARD ANGLE – Working your wrist properly is a key to good position and movement. To keep your puppet looking down at the "audience" rather than up at the ceiling, your wrist inside the puppet must be bent down as far as possible. Think of your fingertips on the upper mouth plate as the puppets eyes. To look down, they must point down. To look to the side, they must be turned to the side.

MOUTH MOVEMENT – Correctly manipulating your puppet's mouth is essential in making to more lifelike. The mouth should open (fingers and thumb move apart) as each syllable is spoken. Contrast is important too. Keep the mouth closed when not talking. When talking the bottom jaw should move much more than the top jaw. Only open the mouth partway for regular conversation. Save full opening for exaggerated expressions.

VOICE-FLUCTUATION – Humans say a lot just with their facial expressions. Your puppet's facial expressions are limited. To compensate, speak your lines with great expression and demonstrate those expressions as much as you can with the puppet's mouth and movement.

PERSONALITY – A great enhancement to a play and something to work hard on creating is personality in your puppet. He is not just a cover-up for your voice reading a script. Think through a personality before you even start practicing, then enhance it as you practice. Personality can be created with accents, talking speed, emphasis, and movement *examples: old lady – scraggly voice; boisterous – loud & deliberate speaking; shy – peaking over curtain & soft spoken; very happy – high pitch, enthusiastic voice). The audience will enjoy listening to and getting to know a puppet who has personality!

SPEAK LOUDLY – Because you are behind a curtain, your speaking volume should always be Loud. Focus on talking to the back of the room, not to the other puppet. You can keep the volume loud and still contrast between loud talk and whispers by the tone and emphasis of your voice.

BODY MOVEMENT – A primary movement is turning your puppet toward the other puppets and back to the audience throughout the play. If you are talking to someone you usually look at them! Movement side to side can portray personalities or feeling (ex. Excited person, sad and needing a hug, angry at the other puppet, etc...). Use body language also in response to what the other puppets say or do (ex. Gasp at a surprise statement, shake head if disappointed or disgusted with them, joyful smile at what they said, etc...).

ARM MOVEMENT – Wires or Velcro strips glued on the end of dowels can be wrapped around a puppet's wrist to allow arm movements. This can add many lifelike movements: pointing, scratching, grooming his hair, clipping, etc... Again, it is good to practice and perfect these movement in front of a mirror.

LIFELIKENESS – The goal is to make your puppet look like, speak like, and move like people do. Study human movements and imitate them with your puppet. Practicing with your puppet while looking in a mirror is an excellent way to improve your puppet manipulation and work on lifelike movements

A Personal Witness is telling about God's love and forgiveness in Christ through a personal story or about an object and how that story or object is similar to what you're saying about the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in Jesus. We teach youth how to create a Personal Witness so that they can be prepared to share their faith in their everyday lives.

Personal Witnesses

PICK THE BEST TOPIC THAT APPLIES TO YOUR LIFE	FOLLOWING ARE SOME HELPFUL THOUGHTS	PICK ONE BIBLE VERSE	YOU MAY INCLUDE A SONG
WHAT DID GOD DO FOR YOU?			
1. He saved me from my sins	Share the joy of God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ. "I was once eternally lost, but now I am saved through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ."	Isaiah 12:2 Isaiah 43:25 Romans 6:23 Romans 10:13 Eph. 1:7 1 John 1:9	Freely, Freely Robe of Righteous God is so Good Hallelujah, Let Hosannas Love is God's Gift Sino Alleluia
2. He gave me the Assurance of Heaven	Share the joy of knowing that then you die you will go to heaven through believing in Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin. You may incorporate one of the witnessing methods in this personal witness	John 3:16 John 4:13 John 5:24 John 17:3	For God So Loved The Steadfast Love I Am the Resurrection Love is God's Gift
3. He delivered me from an accident, or rough surgery or through a death in the family	Share how God has kept or strengthened your faith in God while going through one of these trials. Share how you were totally helpless while in the hospital, and compare that with the lives of your audience. "I am totally helpless when it comes to saving myself, but Jesus Christ saved me by dying on the cross. He forgives my sins and assures me of eternal life."	Psalms 23:4 Psalm 27:1 Matt. 11:28 Romans 8:35 2 Cor. 1:10 James 1:2-3 1 Peter 1:6-7 1 Peter 4:12-13	Cast Thy Burden Come to the Water I know where I'm Going The Answer Through it All Love was When Promises
3. He strengthened my Christian faith through OAFCC	Share what your faith in God was like before and after you attended your first OAFCC weekend. And how God strengthened your faith through Bible Study, singing, or witnessing. Tell how God gave you the absolute assurance that you will go to heaven. Always give the glory to God and not to a person or thing. Tell how God worked through OAFCC.	John 11:25 John 20:31 Romans 5:1 Romans 10:17 Ephesians 2:8	You may use a favorite OAFCC song
WHAT DOES GOD MEAN TO YOU?			
1. He's First in my life.	Share how other people or material things were first in your life and how God was last. "God showed me how lost in sin I was without Him. Now I believe in Jesus as my Savior from sin. He is now and always will be number one in my life. He means more to me than anything in this world, because He died for my sins."	Matt. 6:33 John 12:25 John 14:6 Ephesians 2:8 Hebrews 13:5	He's Everything to Me Dear Jesus Seek Ye First The Greatest Gift
2. He is my Best Friend	Share how you can sometimes trust in a friend. "But now in my life Jesus is my best friend, who I can totally trust as my Savior from sin and in eternal life. Jesus will never lie or leave me."	Prov. 18:24 John 14:18 John 15:13-15 1 Cor. 1:9 2 Thess. 3:3	Happy Am I Jesus, Jesus What A Friend
HOW IS GOD IMPORTANT IN YOUR LIFE?			
1. He gives me a purpose for living	Share that as a Christian I can be assured that my sins are forgiven and that He gives me eternal life. "My purpose for living is to always be an ambassador for Christ sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout my life."	Isaiah 43:10 Matt. 16:24 Matt. 28:19-20 Acts 1:8 Gal. 2:20	Be of Good Cheer Good Morning Lord Everybody Ought to Know
2. He gives me direction for living	Share how God has made a difference in your life from before you believed in Him to now. "He has changed my life from living for the world and for myself to living for Jesus. I was once a loser, but now I am a winner through Jesus Christ. God's Word gives me direction to live for Jesus and not the world."	2 Cor. 5:7 Gal. 2:20 Gal. 5:16 Titus 3:5 Hebrews 13:6-7 1 John 1:7	For Those Tears Free The Answer Titus 3:5 If Any Man I Know Where I'm Going
HOW DID GOD BRING YOU TO FAITH? AS AN INFANT, YOUTH OR AN ADULT?			
1. He brought me to faith through a friend, family member, or spouse.	Share what your life was like before you believed in Jesus (empty, lost, no purpose, etc.) and what your life is like after you believe in Jesus as your Savior from sin (peace, happiness, assurance of heaven, forgiveness, etc.). Share when and where a friend told you about Jesus Christ and how God's Word worked faith in your heart.	Psalms 119:67 John 1:12-13 John 6:44 Romans 5:1 Romans 10:17	I Am I Am the Bread of Life I Know Where I'm Going The Answer
2. He brought me to faith through Holy Baptism	Share that you were brought to Holy Baptism either as an infant by your parents or as an adult. And that through Baptism you, were a new born Christian, by the Holy Spirit. Share how the Holy Spirit worked in your life through God's Word in devotions, Church, Sunday School, and OAFCC, always strengthening your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin. You are able to boast about what God has done in your life.	Matt. 28:19-20 John 3:5 Acts 2:38 1 Cor. 12:13 Gal. 3:27 1 Peter 3:21	His Sheep Am I The Steadfast Love. Jude Promises See This Wonder in the Making

Bible Study

1. Leader Prays –

Example: "Heavenly Father, send us your Holy Spirit to show us Christ in His Word that we may learn to show Christ to others; in Jesus' name. Amen."

2. Group Circle Prayer – Thanksgivings

3. Each Person Reads a Verse through the Reading

4. Re-Read Verses and Share How it Points to Jesus and Applies to Your Life

Application Guides

5. Closing –

Example: "How would you use what you've learned in this study to share Christ with others?"

6. Group Circle Prayer – Thanksgiving & Petitions

Interpreting Scripture

All Scripture points to Jesus. How does this verse point to Jesus?

What sin does this verse condemn?

How can this verse comfort sinners with the death and resurrection of Jesus for them?

Does this verse talk about Baptism or cleansing?

Does this verse talk about the Lord's Supper or eating and drinking?

Do we use this verse in any of our liturgies? Where? How does that help you understand the verse or the liturgy better?

Have you or could you use this verse in a Personal Witness?

How could this verse help you with your prayers or spiritual warfare?

How does this verse help you share the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

It's best to take the church's copy of the Host Sign Up sheet and assign Ambassadors to each host before the end of the Friday night presentation. When assigning hosts to Ambassadors, have everyone remain seated and ask the hosts by name to raise their hands and have the youth assigned to them stand up and identify themselves by name.



O AFC

Host Sign-up Sheet

Thank God for your gift of sharing your home. Your love is our source of support! Host Families Provide:

1. Overnight Housing with Breakfast the next morning.
2. Transportation to/from their home & church or Make Arrangements for this through others.
3. General Oversight, reporting any concerns or problems to the O AFC Director.

Name & Address	Phone	Desired # of Girls	Desired # of Boys	Ambassadors Assigned by O AFC Director
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				

Use of this sheet: Please post this sheet at the rear of your church 1 or 2 Sundays and announce that those who wish to be hosts should sign it. Then present it to the O AFC Director when he arrives and he will assign the Ambassadors with the host families.

This is a copy of the form in the Hosting Packet to be sent home with each of the hosting families on Friday night. It can be helpful to go over some of these points at the end of the Friday night presentation.

Guidelines for the OAFc Host Families

Thank You, on behalf of the OAFc ministry, for what you have already done and will be doing to make this outreach weekend a success. We regard the Ambassador's stay in your host home as a vital part of our ministry. The Ambassadors have the opportunity to experience how you and your Christ centered family live out your relationships with our Lord Jesus. As host parents, we ask you assist in the following ways:

- 1. It is expected that all youth attending the weekend event participate in the entire weekend. We ask that you as host parents take your guests directly home and not allow them to leave your home for any reason. Our desire is that they visit with you, their host family.**
- 2. Arrange to transport the OAFc members assigned to you (the driver should be over 21).** We encourage the arranging of car pools where possible.

Friday evening - pick up at 8:40pm

Saturday morning - bring to church by 8:30am

Saturday evening - pick up at 8:40pm

Sunday - bring to church 20 minutes prior to service.

- 3. Provide breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings.**
- 4. The youth are to go to bed when you do or no later than 11:59 PM. You have the authority to discipline. This includes encouraging them to study their witnessing methods, sending them to bed so they get a good night's sleep, discouraging loud talking, texting, using cell phones, etc. Please report any needs or behavioral difficulties by contacting the lead director.**

OAFc Weekends seek to be Christ-centered in everything that is done. May the Lord bless all who serve that Christ is honored and glorified.

NOTE: Host families are a vital part of the OAFc ministry. The Ambassadors are instructed to treat you and your home with respect. We are glad to receive many positive comments and to witness lasting friendships being formed. We hope that the Ambassadors assigned to your home will be good witnesses in their words, actions and thoughtfulness. We really appreciate the gift of your hospitality. You are most welcome to encourage them in their conduct.

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM BIBLE STUDY



1) **PHYSICAL BIRTH** Ps. 51:5 - CONCEIVED IN SIN; Jn 3:6, Rom 5:19, Eph 2:1-3, 4:18-22 - CORRUPT AND DEAD, LIVE ACCORDING TO OUR NATURAL DESIRES; Gen 5:3, 6:5, 8:21 - ONLY EVIL; Rom 3:11-12, 5:10,12, 6:23, 7:18, 8:7 - ABSENCE OF GOOD, AN ENEMY OF GOD, DESERVING ETERNAL DEATH (HELL); I Cor 2:14 - SPIRITUALLY BLIND.

Everybody is born spiritually dead, blind and an enemy of God and is lost!

2) **SPIRITUAL BIRTH (Baptism)** Acts 2:38, 22:16 - GIVES FORGIVENESS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT; Rom 6:3-4 - UNITES WITH CHRIST, HIS DEATH, AND MAKES A NEW MAN; Jn 3:5-6, Gal 3:27, I Pet 3:21, Mk 16:16 - SAVED THROUGH THE RESURRECTION; Matt 28:19-20, Eph 2:8, Acts 16:15,33.

A baptized baby is cleansed, born again, united with Christ and is SAVED!

3) **SPIRITUAL GROWTH** Matt 28:19-20 - BAPTIZE AND TEACH; Rom 10:17 - FAITH COMES BY HEARING!

If a person is not fed physically he will die. If a person is not fed spiritually after baptism he can die spiritually. If fed spiritually, people can know who Jesus is, what He has done for them and what God's will is for their life. This is the purpose of continued church attendance and Bible Study.

4) **SPIRITUAL IMPEDIMENTS** (Things that harm faith) Heb 10:26-27 - SINS AGAINST BETTER KNOWLEDGE; Gal 5:19-21, I Cor 6:9-10, Rev 21:8, Matt 7:21-23 - NOT ALL WHO CALL ME LORD WILL ENTER. Heb 10:26 (keyword: willful) Demonstrate with the "Cross Witnessing Method".

WHY ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE WILL NOT MAKE IT TO HEAVEN:

WALTHER IN "LAW & GOSPEL" - "Wicked men cannot truly believe, cannot have a genuine faith." "The light of faith can be extinguished not only by gross sins, but by any willful, intentional sin."

LUTHER'S LARGE CATECHISM - "Where faith is present with it's fruits, there baptism is no empty symbol, but the effect accompanies it; but where faith is lacking, it remains a mere unfruitful sign."

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM - "The sins of the impenitent sinners, that is, of those who are not sorry for their sins and do not believe in Jesus Christ, are to be retained as long as they do not repent." "Manifest and impenitent sinners must be excluded from the Christian congregation." "Put away from among yourselves that wicked person." I Cor 5:13

THE FORMULA OF CONCORD, TRIGLOTTA, pg 943 - "[We] reject the secure Epicurean delusion...which is without repentance and without good works, as though there could be in a heart true faith and at the same time the wicked intention to persevere and continue in sins, which is impossible;...." pg 947 - "Against this pernicious delusion the following true, immutable, divine threats and severe punishments and admonitions should be often repeated and impressed upon Christians who are justified by faith: I Cor. 6:9 "Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, etc., shall inherit the Kingdom of God." Gal 5:21, Rom 8:13, Col 3:6, etc.

5) **HOW TO LIVE UNDER BAPTISM** - SMALL CATECHISM - "Baptism signifies that the Old Adam in us should, by daily contrition and repentance, be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts and, again, a new man daily come forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever." Therefore, after Baptism, as a person experiences sins he daily repents and renews his baptismal vow.

6) **SPIRITUAL RENEWAL** through Baptism includes these actions as we live the peaceful and abundant spiritual life that Christ promised He would give us.

A. **DAILY REPENTANCE** (Being so sorry for sin that I don't want to sin again.)

- ☐ Gal 5:24-25 - "Jesus, what do You want me to do? Do it."
- ☐ II Pet 3:9 - Repent means to "turn away from your sins".
- ☐ I Jn 1:9 - Confess your sins and be forgiven.

B. DEDICATED OR SURRENDERED LIFE

- ☐ Rom 6:13 - Give yourself to God!
- ☐ I Cor 6:19-20 - You are bought by Christ so LIVE FOR HIM!
- ☐ II Cor 8:1-5 - First, they gave themselves to the Lord!
- ☐ Rom 12:1 - Present your bodies to God!
- ☐ Rom 8:5 - Change your mind about God!

C. FOCUSING ON OUR BLESSINGS

- ☐ Rom 13:14 - Put on Christ! II Cor 5:17 - We become new creatures.
- ☐ I Pet 1:23 - We become new BY THE WORD! Eph 4:22-23 - We have a new nature.
- ☐ Col 3:10 - We are renewed after God. Jn 1:11-12 - We become God's children.
- ☐ Rev 3:14-20 - We become earnest in Christ. 1 Jn 5:11-12, Jn 3:16 We have eternal life.

Realize that only the HOLY SPIRIT working through GOD'S WORD can give you power. 1 Cor 12:3

D. A RITE OF RENEWAL

(This section contains 3 prayers(*). For each, ask the group to bow their heads and close their eyes. They may repeat the prayer after you, phrase by phrase.)

1. Confessing Our Sins

- a. As God gives you a repentant heart, review what Jesus did for you on the cross.
- b. Ask the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit to show you your sins. * PRAY: "Holy Spirit, show me my sins - (wait 2 - 3 minutes to let God show them their sins.) - I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen"
- c. Daily ask Jesus to forgive every sin, to take away your burdens and guilt and to free you from the power of sin.
- d. Pray on the basis of I Jn 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful ...to forgive our sins..." Get rid of sin immediately and ask God to keep you from sinning that way again in the future.

PRAY: "Jesus, I have sinned - - - I am so sorry, I never want to sin again - - - thank You for forgiving me - - - for assuring me I will go to heaven. In Jesus' name, Amen."

2. Rededicating Our Lives

- a. Thank God for:
 - ☐ The assurance of forgiveness and salvation.
 - ☐ Being a child of God.
 - ☐ Having the assurance of eternal life through Jesus your Savior.
- b. As God gives you power, dedicate or rededicate your life to Christ. (As in Baptism or Confirmation.) This includes everything you are and have: mind, emotions, will, future, job, possessions, family, pride, etc. Rom 12:6-12
- c. As God empowers you and on the basis of GOD'S WORD, ask Jesus to control your life.

PRAY: "Jesus, thank You for giving me new power in my life. - - - I dedicate or rededicate my life to You and Your service. - - - control my life to Your glory. In Your name. Amen."

E. SUGGESTIONS FOR LIVING THE RENEWED LIFE:

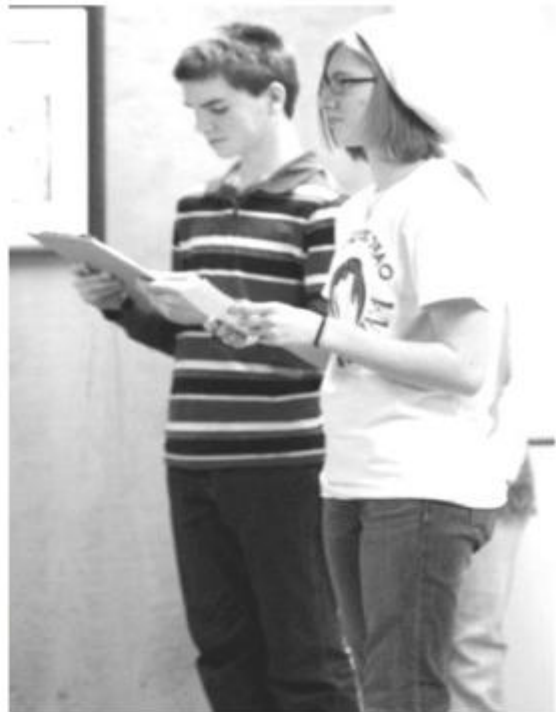
- 1) Read your Bible daily.
- 2) Speak to God in prayer constantly.
- 3) Receive the Lord's Supper regularly!
- 4) Witness of Christ daily in life!
- 5) The secret of life is to give yourself away for others!

"I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST!" (Paul & You!)

Canvassing Policies

1. “No Solicitors” Sign

- A. Know the state and city law regarding these signs. In some localities it may mean to make no contact at a door.
- B. Where the state and city laws are silent regarding this matter, acknowledge the sign before you speak and ask permission to continue.
- C. Follow the directions and desire of the host congregation.



2. Apparent Danger

- A. We follow the policy that the Holy Spirit must warm the hearts of those to whom we will speak or we do not speak, as there would be only fruitless efforts and negative results.
- B. Leave the home at once if you sense danger.

3. Absent Parents

- A. If children are younger than age 14, do not talk with them but you may leave a tract. Count the house as “no one home” in your report.
- B. If youth are high-school age, ask if their parents would mind if you took the survey with the youth and proceed if you gain permission.

4. Non-Prospects

- A. It is okay to write them up on a prospect form and also to write a letter to them, if this seems good in special cases, but clearly mark on the prospect form the circumstances and share orally with the host congregation this special situation.
- B. Do not count them in your total of prospects.

4. Non-Lutherans at OAFS Weekends

- A. The majority at weekends should be LCMS members. Guests from other churches are allowed.
- B. Guests must consent to follow our teachings and directions and not promote contrary teachings.
- C. The same behavior standards are expected of all.
- D. Their door-to-door witnessing must always be supervised as we are representing the host church.

Religious Survey

Team # _____ "PROCLAIM HIS EXCELLENCIES – BEING PREPARED TO DEFEND!" 1 Peter 2:9, 3:15 Date: _____

Names of Callers A. _____ B. _____ C. _____

(Affirm good answers.)

1. Write house # (& new Street Name if you have changed streets. . . check "Not-homes")

Intro: Hello! / Good morning! / Hi! / How are you today? (etc.) We are with/represent _____
Lutheran Church and are taking a religious survey and sharing some Good News.
This is _____ and I am _____. May we ask a few questions?

2. Are you familiar with _____ Lutheran Church?

3. Did you attend church when you were growing up?

Yes What church did you attend?

4. Do you and your family attend church now?

Yes 4a. Which church do you go to?

5. Are there children in this home that attend Sunday School?

6. Do you have a Bible in your home? ("No" May someone from [host church ____] bring you a Bible?)

8. **Repeat your name.** As I said at the beginning, my name is _____. May I ask your name?

9. May I ask you about something important?

Where do you believe you will go when you die? (Repeat to them their answer for clarification.)
(or What is a Christian?)

Other than Heaven Go to question 10.

Heaven Why do you believe you will go to heaven? (Repeat their answer for clarification.)

(Jesus -- Isn't it wonderful to know all that Jesus did to save us! Share Good News Card – Q. 11.)

10. May I share with you why I believe I will go to heaven when I die? (SSS, Good News, AFI, or Cross Method)

11. May I share the Good News of Jesus with you in a personal way? May I use your first name? (Good News Card)

If Unchurched: 12. May someone from our church come and talk to you again about the Lord Jesus?

Yes Ask for Phone Number. Check First & Last Name [If the address is not posted... May I have your address?]
(They are a Prospect! Complete a Prospect Form and on it check the "Wants follow-up Visit".)

Put "Y" for Yes. Put "0" for No or None.

No church + Share Good News + Response = UNCHURCHED

Caller A,B,C	House Number (Street Name If Changed)	2. Know Church	3. PAST Denomination 0 for "none"	4. PRESENT Denomination 0 for "none"	5. Sund. School	6. Have Bible	7. Give Bible	8. First Name Last Name	Jesus	Good Works	Didn't Know	Didn't Answer	Prospect	Unchurched

When training new Ambassadors to do the Survey, make sure they write the date, their team number, and their first and last names at the top first thing. Then, in their teams, have them practice going through the Survey—both asking the questions and pretending to fill in the blanks.

Be sure to highlight that the Ambassadors need to listen closely to the answers given so that they get all of the information. For example, if you ask, "Did you attend church growing up," and the person at the door says, "Yes," make sure you ask the follow-up question, "What church did you attend?"

If the person at the door requests a Bible or agrees for a follow-up visit, make sure the Ambassadors get their full first and last name, their phone number, and make sure they double check the address. We want the church to be able to follow up the best they can.

It is better to read the best fitting Witnessing Method than to speak from memory a method that doesn't fully answer the person at the door's need, especially if it is an "I don't know" answer or any answer other than "Heaven."

An "Unchurched" answer is someone who has no present church with whom we shared the Gospel.



OAFC Prospect Report

Date: _____ Team # _____ Team Members _____

PROSPECT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____

PROSPECT'S DENOMINATION _____

☐ Active Now ☐ REQUESTS VISIT
☐ Background ☐ REQUESTS BIBLE

OF CHILDREN AGE 0 - 18 _____
ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL Yes / No _____

SPOUSE'S DENOMINATION _____

☐ Active Now
☐ Background

PHONE NUMBER _____ ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

When asked "Why do you believe you will go to heaven?" he/she answered: _____

PROSPECT DATA:

Estimated Age _____

☐ Multi-church family

☐ New to area

Date last attended church _____

☐ Unchurched

☐ Interested

☐ Friendly Response

☐ Personal Problems

☐ Single

☐ Married

☐ Widow (er)

☐ Divorced

☐ Separated

METHOD

SPOKEN:

☐ SSS

☐ Good News

☐ AH

☐ Cross

TRACT

GIVEN:

☐ AH Tract

☐ GN Card

☐ Church info

Further comments about why I consider this person a prospect (beliefs, attitudes, background, needs, situation, etc.) _____

When a team finds a Prospect for church follow-up, it is best practice to fill out a Prospect Form before going on to the next house. To best serve the congregation, try to fill in the Form as completely as possible. When you return to tabulate results, Teams will write letters to each of their Prospects, having each member of the team sign the Prospect Letter. An example is provided.

Dear _____

Thank you for responding to our survey questions when we came by your home last Saturday. The neighborhood survey will help [name of church] to better understand the spiritual needs in the community and how God might use it serve its neighbors.

We know that we sin and deserve God's punishment forever, but we can rejoice that God's Son, Jesus Christ, suffered the punishment we deserve when He died on the cross. Thank you for allowing us to share the Good News about Jesus Christ and how His resurrection assures us of eternal life. (1 John 5:13)

[or]

While the Bible tells us in Romans 6:23, that "The wages of sin is death," the verse continues to say "But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus paid the full price for our sin and there is nothing we can do to earn it. Isn't it wonderful to know that we have forgiveness of sins and eternal life through Jesus!

Pastor _____, or someone from _____ Lutheran Church should contact you soon to share more about the Lutheran church, God's Word, and forgiveness. In the meantime, please feel free to call the church about any of your spiritual needs or about programs offered.

Your friend in Jesus,



Team Report

Of Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ Calls

TEAM NUMBER _____

NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS MADE
(where you actually talked to someone) _____

NUMBER OF "NOT HOMES"
(Where Gospel Tracts Were Left) _____

NUMBER OF PROSPECT
(prospect slips turned in) _____

NUMBER UNCHURCHED _____

DENOMINATION	JESUS	GOOD WORKS	DIDN'T KNOW	DID NOT ANSWER	TOTALS
LUTHERAN					
ROMAN CATHOLIC					
METHODIST					
BAPTIST					
OTHER CHRISTIANS					
write-in					
write-in					
CULT (Mormon, JW, Etc.)					
WORLD RELIGIONS					
NO CHURCH					
CHURCH NOT REVEALED					
TOTALS					*



O AFC Tabulation Guidelines & Prospect Letter

WHEN YOU RETURN FROM CALLING IN THE AFTERNOON:

1. Gather your whole team and sit down together at a table. **TRAIN THE NEWCOMERS** in each aspect of the tabulating. Start by reading through this page with them.
2. Look through your survey forms. Check to see that you have filled out everything and that every word is easily readable.
3. Separate the **UNUSED** survey forms from those that you used.
4. Count up the number of prospects you have.
5. **CLEAR YOUR TABULATION AREA** of any **EXTRA FORMS & TRACTS**. Place the Unused survey forms, tracts, Good News cards, etc. on the secretary's table in the piles designated for unused materials. If your group prefers, **restock your clipboard** so that it is ready for the next weekend.
6. Pick up these items:
 - 1 Team Report
 - Additional Prospect Forms, if needed
 - As many pieces of church stationery and envelopes as you have prospects.
7. Fill out the Team Report completely. Your horizontal and vertical "Totals" columns should add up to the same figure. This is your number of visits made.
8. Review that your Prospect Report(s) are complete and thorough, including first & last name, address, zip code, and all that you found out about the person.
9. **STAPLE TOGETHER** the following in this order: 1) Team Report 2) Map 3) Survey forms in order
Place them on the secretary's table.
10. Write **VERY NEATLY** (preferably in ink) a letter of encouragement to each prospect. A **sample letter** is below. Add a special Bible promise if you wish.
11. Address an envelope to each prospect and place letters in envelopes (**DO NOT SEAL THEM**). Place the letters and Prospect Reports on the secretary's table.
12. Your Team is Finished. Now look around to see if you can **HELP SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS NOT FINISHED**. Do **NOT** move on to any other activity until you first check with one of the adult leaders!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND NEAT WORK!!!

Canvass Secretary Responsibilities

Sat. Canvass Secretary _____ Helper _____

MATERIALS

Witnessing Methods	Survey Forms	Tabulation Guidelines
Pencils (not included)	Prospect Reports	Team Reports
Weekend reports	Good News Cards	AH Tracts
Maps	Clip Boards	Church brochures
Church stamp or labels, Stationary & Envelopes (get from Pastor or Secretary)		

BEFORE THE CANVASS:

Find out from your director how many teams you will have. Plan for extra teams from the host congregation.

Take inventory of your clipboards.

Ask the congregational leader for church stationary and envelopes, The church brochure (or stamp), and a stapler. [Stamp ONLY as many tracts as you expect the teams to use.]

Recruit a couple persons to help you put together the clipboards, each with:

2 Survey forms	2 Prospect forms	1 Method sheet	25 AH tracts
25 GN cards	1 Team report	Pencils	25 church brochures (if available)

Assign to each team a “#”

Before you go out to canvass, lay out the tabulation forms (extra Prospect Reports, Tabulating Guidelines, Stationary & Envelopes) so that any teams that return early can begin tabulating right away.

AFTER THE CANVASS:

Create piles for all re-useable forms.

Find out what “Write-ins” the Pastor would like _____, _____, _____.

Free yourself from tabulating your personal survey work and immediately start filling out the Weekend Report.

Instruct the survey teams to hand in their used forms clipped together with their board clip in this order: Team Report, Map, Survey Forms, and Prospect Forms with Prospect letters in unsealed envelopes for the Saturday survey. Teams should remain in front of you while you check to see if everything has been tuned in and is filled out correctly. If they are not correct, return it to the team members. The teams should also put their re-useable forms and clip boards in the appropriate piles.

From each completed Team Report, fill out the Weekend Report. Fill out the front including your ST team number & leader, the date, and attendance – especially note any new persons trained from your host congregation; and fill out the back completely. Make sure the figures add up correctly.

Place the reports in alphabetical order with the Weekend Report on top.

THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

REPORT OF AN ONGOING AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST WEEKEND

Following the weekend, send this Report, Prayer Support Sheets, and Commissioning Forms to the OAFc office.

DIRECTOR'S NAME(S)			
DATE: _____ to _____ 20____			
CHURCH: _____			
CITY: _____		STATE: _____	

Place names of **canvass teams** on the lines below.
If more than 15 teams, use a second sheet.

ATTENDANCE: # OF COMMISSIONED	Youth	Adults
# OF NON-COMMISSIONED	Youth	Adults
TOTAL ATTENDANCE		
# OF NEW PERSONS TRAINED	Youth	Adults
# OF NEWLY COMMISSIONED	Youth	Adults
# OF RE-COMMISSIONED	Youth	Adults

Place a star (*) by the names below of those who were commissioned or re-commissioned, and submit a commissioning form for each.

	NON-Weekend	Ablaze
1.		
2.		

All of your hard work Canvassing comes together with the Weekend Report. Make sure you get the attendance numbers and the team members names, first and last.

15.			
Next	Date: MO/Date to Date/Yr	Church	City
Weekends:			
Three			

Be sure to fill out the back side.

DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE _____

Team No.	No. of Calls	Prospects	Lutherans Only				Roman Cath.	Methodists	Baptist	Other Chr.	Write-ins		Cults	World Relig.	NO Church	Not re-veiled	Answers to the Way to Heaven				Not Home	Ablaze
			Luth. Calls	Said Jesus													JESUS	Good Works	Didn't Know	Didn't Answer		
1																						
2																						

On the back of the Weekend Report is the place to tally all of the team totals. There are multiple places to double check the numbers. Make sure the columns and rows all add up properly. If they do not, recheck your math and, if it isn't your math, give the Team Report back to the team whose Report doesn't add up and ask them to fix it. You can also download the Excel version from the website.

If you've had expenses for the weekend, note them on the Report. Assign two responsible Ambassadors to count the offering after church and input that amount into the Report.

14																					
15																					
Survey Totals																					

If Sunday School Survey was used, Summarize below:

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Coins: _____	Name of Counters _____	If you need to cover OAFc Group expenses, list them and attach All receipts.	Expenses _____	\$ Amount _____
Currency: _____	_____		_____	_____
Checks _____	_____		_____	_____
Total \$ _____	Offering is enclosed [] Church will send it []		_____	_____
SUMMARAY	Offering: _____ - Expenses: _____ = Net Amount: _____		Total Expenses _____	

Assign a competent male Ambassador as Moderator for the Nursing Home. Encourage him to work with other Ambassadors, especially your guitarists, to plan the Devotion. If you plan this early enough—either Friday night or Saturday morning—your Moderator should be able to work on this throughout the weekend and be ready to go by the time you're done reviewing Canvassing.

Nursing Home Devotion Plan

(The following is just a guide; abbreviate as necessary.)

Moderator: _____

Get-Attention **Song** _____ Pg # _____

Opening Prayer (Thanks for God's Word & this opportunity to share it together) _____

Moderator: Briefly tell WHO we are & what CHURCH we represent.

(then each person says their name and where they are from)

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

What is OAFIC & our Purpose (W.I.T.) _____

Good News Method shared with one resident _____

Good News Method said by all Ambassadors using "You" – started by moderator.

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

SSS Method explained and shared by _____

Personal Witness by _____

Solo/Duet/Group **Song** _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

Puppet Play _____ Curtain Holders _____

Puppeteers _____

Short Message by _____

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

Drama _____

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

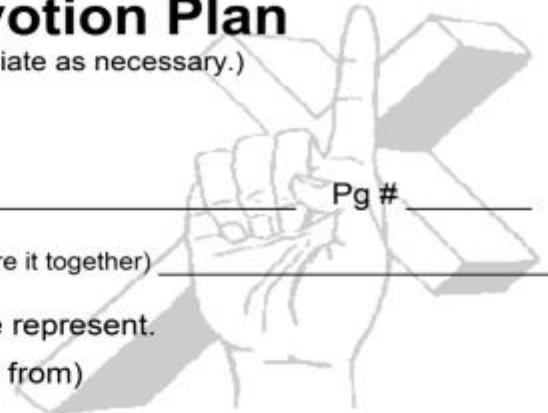
(The Apostles Creed or Lord's Prayer may be used occasionally, led by moderator, said by all.)

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

Closing Prayer by _____

Moderator: Words of thanks & Announcement of our desire to visit with them personally.



Personal Witnessing Preparation

Using the Thought Starters and Ideas page to get you started, you can use this outlining process to help Ambassadors prepare their Personal Witnesses for sharing throughout the Weekend and at home. As often as possible, try to encourage Ambassadors to create and share Personal Witnesses throughout the weekend. You can share them in the circle, at the Nursing Home, during the OAFC presentation in the service, during Bible Study on Sunday morning, or any time. The more you encourage this sharing, the more your Ambassadors will rise to the challenge and come up with and commit to memory great Personal Witnesses.

I. PRE-OUTLINE

- A. Pray for the Lord to give you wisdom and guidance as you work out your testimony (James 1:5-6).
- B. Think through any spiritual changes or guidance that God has brought about in your life. Then pick a topic that best applies to your life, whether it relates to what God did for you, what He means to you, how important God is in your life, or how God brought you to faith.
- C. Pick one or two scripture verses that best apply to your topic.
- D. At the end of your testimony you may wish to sing a favorite song or quote a portion of a song that best applies to your topic.

II. OUTLINE

- A. A carefully planned and well organized presentation can help you present Christ in a clear, attractive and simple way, better than one given without much thought.
- B. Below is a suggested outline to follow:
Begin with an attention getting sentence.
 1. Share an aspect of your Christian life.
 2. Share how God strengthens your Christian life.
 3. Share how God is helping you through a struggle of life.
 4. In closing, share an applicable Bible verse and perhaps a song.

III. WRITING

- A. A short, well planned testimony will do more than one that is long, dragged out, and causes the audience to become lost. Try to be short and to the point, about three minutes.
- B. Emphasize that Jesus makes the difference in your life.
- C. While writing, avoid the following:
 - Making negative or humiliating statements about churches, denominations, organizations, or individuals.
 - Copying another person - give your own testimony.
 - Overworking certain words such as fantastic, exciting, great, etc.
 - Using large words or stereotyped expressions such as justification, redemption, born again, conversion, hallelujah, praise the Lord, etc.
- D. Be honest, sincere, positive, interesting, and realistic. Jesus does not eliminate all problems in life, and struggles often reoccur. However, Jesus does give us the power to live in peace in the midst of problems and struggles.

O AFC Weekend Worship Participation

Many congregations encourage Ambassador youth to participate in their worship. The four guidelines on the bottom of this page show 4 possible ways the Ongoing Ambassadors may be involved in your church's worship services. The presentation and time allotted are up to the pastor and congregation. These four samples are given simply to show what could be done. Please share your desires with the O AFC director prior to the O AFC weekend. We encourage that congregations at least allow Ambassadors to share the results of the weekend and request congregational prayer and financial support during the worship service.

We also offer Pre-Weekend Bulletin Inserts with information about the O AFC ministry as well as weekend Bulletin Inserts to note the impact of the weekend. The director will email these to you beforehand or bring them with the team when he comes, and if permissible, distribute them along with your worship bulletin.

May this information be helpful in aiding our serving together in Word and Work in Christ's name.

45 Minute Matins Participation – Lead Service	55 Min. Divine Service Participation – Lead Service
<i>Optional Opening Hymn</i> Invocation – Spoken by the Pastor Venite Song – "Come Let us Go Up to the Mountain" Psalm Song – "You Called Me By Name" OT Reading <i>Optional Puppet Show</i> Epistle <i>Optional Gradual Song – "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord"</i> Gospel Reading Sermon Creed – Spoken or Sung, "Lord of Hope, of Life, of Love" Canticle – "For God So Loved," "Who hath believed..." Offering O AFC Presentation – What is O AFC, Results, Support, Personal Witness Prayers of the Church Lord's Prayer – Spoken or Sung Benediction – Spoken or Sung, "Barocha" Recessional Hymn	<i>Optional Opening/Processional Hymn</i> Invocation, Confession & Absolution – Spoken by Pastor Introit/Psalm Hymn – "You Called Me By Name" Hymn of Praise – "This is the Feast," "We Will Glorify" Salutation and Collect OT Reading <i>Optional Puppet Show</i> Epistle Reading Alleluia and Verse – "Alle, Alle," "Sing Hallelujah" Holy Gospel Hymn of the Day – Led by O AFC Sermon Creed – Spoken or Sung, "Lord of Hope, of Life, of Love" Offering & O AFC Presentation – What is O AFC, Results, Support, Personal Witness Prayers of the Church (If no Communion, Conclude with Lord's Prayer, Benediction, and Recessional Hymn) Preface – Spoken by Pastor Sanctus – "Here at the Altar" Words of Institution – Spoken by Pastor Lord's Prayer – Spoken or Sung Agnus Dei/Pre-Communion Hymn – "Lamb of God" Distribution and Communion Hymns – "Communion Gift," "Broken and Poured Out" Post-Communion Hymn – "There is a Redeemer" Post-Communion Collect – Spoken by Pastor Benediction – Spoken or Sung, "Barocha" Recessional Hymn
20 Minute Participation - Presentation	5 Minute Minimum - Presentation
O AFC Song – <i>Usually preservice or Offering</i> Introduce O AFC Ministry Personal Witness Survey Results Presented Sharing the Weekend Impact on First-Timers Invitation for Prayer and Financial Support Puppet Skit – Often between OT and Epistle O AFC Song – <i>to close presentation</i>	Introduce O AFC Ministry Sharing Good News Witnessing Method Survey Results Presente Invitation to Prayer and Financial Support

OAFC Outreach Report Presentation

About OAFC

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from – You should be able to do this without reading it)

OAFC is Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ. We are a Recognized Service Organization of our LCMS that equips youth and adults to share their faith in Jesus Christ. Our three-fold purpose is to:

Witness to all about Jesus who died for the sins of all people so that they can have the certainty of eternal life with Christ when they die,

Invite the unchurched to the congregations we serve and to invite youth to join us in our ministry,

Train youth and adults to share their faith in Jesus.

OAFC witnesses through: **puppets, singing, Bible study, drama, canvassing, and personal witnesses.**

Survey Report

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from)

Ambassadors from ____ different churches (states) witnessed about Jesus' love and forgiveness through a witness survey of the community where we spoke to people at ____ homes. We left Gospel and church literature at another ____ houses where no one was home.

During our survey we asked, "Where do you believe you will go when you die?" Most people answered "Heaven." Then we asked, "Why do you believe you will go to heaven?"

____ people were sure of going to heaven through what Jesus did for them;

____ said they thought they would go because of their own good works;

____ said they did not know how to get to heaven or where they were going; and

____ persons did not answer that question or take our survey.

We shared with all who would listen that Jesus gave His life to pay for all their sins, that they might be certain of having eternal life with Christ. We spoke to some individuals who are inactive in church or have no church home with whom we also had the opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From this survey we can report ____ such visits.

Through our neighborhood survey we discovered ____ person(s) who is (are) interested in learning more about Jesus Christ their Savior and this church. We ask that you welcome these souls into your midst and pray for them. We would like to leave the names of these individuals with your congregations for follow-up. Would _____ please come forward to receive these?

Financial Support

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from)

- ☐ The ministry of OAFC is supported entirely by gifts of individuals, groups, and congregations like yours. We are a volunteer organization. Our annual budget supports only one part time Called worker and pays for witness materials.
- ☐ OAFC works to establish additional groups throughout our Synod. We would like to thank the members of this congregation for hosting us and for supplying us with meals and homes for sleeping. Thank you for the door offering which you are presenting today for the work of OAFC as we continue to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We invite your ongoing financial support.
- ☐ Those of you who are Thrivent members may designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the national ministry of Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ. Please contact your area Thrivent representative for assistance with this gift to OAFC.

Prayer Support

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from)

The ministry of OAFC needs prayer supporters. Your prayers are vital to our ministry. We ask that you pray for Youth who participate, Adults who serve as leaders, and Congregations who host OAFC weekend.

Anyone who is willing to become a prayer supporter of the ministry of OAFC is asked to meet with me after the service so we can record your name and email address. We will send you our monthly OAFC email newsletter, "The Crier," to inform you of our prayer needs and keep you up to date with what's happening with OAFC. You can also visit our website to check us out at www.oafc.org. God bless every one of you for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

The Impact of OAFC

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from – You should be able to do this without reading it)

(preferably a new ambassador) My experience with OAFC has helped me grow in my faith in Jesus by: (in your own words)

Sunday Morning Jobs Checklist

Responsible Jobs Assigned:

- Offering Custodians – have 2 copies of OAFIC Offering Record (form #580), know when to go to the back of the church, know where to count the offering
- Prayer Support Enlisters – have forms #620 on clipboards, bookmarks & pencils; know when to go to the back of the church
- Songbook Distributor – hands out books & takes extras also
- Prayer Support Announcer – has copy of form #620 & knows what to say and when
- Financial Support Announcer/Enlisters – has form #455 & Giving Plus Forms
- Songbook Holders for Guitarists – know to sit & stand by guitarist
- Survey Results Presenter – has prospect reports & form #455 with info complete
- Puppeteers – have scripts & know how to clip them into place, will NOT help with curtain set-up; know where play will be done
- Puppet Props Keeper – has curtain & puppets placed in handy place in sanctuary
- Puppet Curtain Holders – know where to set-up curtain & where to put it afterward
- Puppet Microphone Holder – knows where to get microphone, how to hold it
- Drama Set-up (Coach) – has general props placed in handy place in sanctuary, has taught cast members how to set-up and windup the drama
- Drama Cast – has scripts & personal props, know where to stand/sit initially
- Personal Witness givers – have given it to a leader, know where to stand & have notes
- Method Presenters – if saying it to someone, know how to ask for their help
- Song Teachers – know how to introduce their song and teach it phrase by phrase

Moderator:

- All of our participation & OAFIC Song #s are marked in bulletin.
- For speaking presentations, know when to go up & where to stand.

Guidelines:

- Leading in public worship is an awesome responsibility. Be humble.
- No visiting during the service.
- We do NOT initiate clapping after any of our presentations
- If you're NOT in charge of something, don't put yourself in charge.
- No leaving the service, have your preparations ready beforehand.
- If any preparation is not ready, the moderator may omit its use.
- Face the people when we sing, except during communion.
- Look at as many people as possible during singing, especially during well-known parts of the song
- If several will speak back to back, they should all know that they will all come forward together, the moderator should lead them all to the "speakers' spot" each takes his turn then all return to the pews together.
- If possible the moderator should thank the congregation for hosting.
- Anticipate things so that "lapse time" is kept to a minimum.
- Afterward, as folks are visiting, please do NOT play guitar in the sanctuary or start clean up until everyone is out and you have visited with Church members.

Building Community in Local Groups

A strong sense of community is a real blessing in your local groups. That sense of community makes it easier to function as a unit. Out of it the interaction between members of the group flows more easily – they are more willing to risk vulnerability and empathy. When there are problems, with relationships or with schedule, community helps individuals in the group to be forgiving and supportive.

A real sense of community doesn't just happen by itself. It is carefully crafted. The director can guide the group in directions that will lead to such a sense of unity or he can keep them from developing. During the weekends together there are many critical points from which community can be built or lost.

First, the director must have an expectancy for and appreciation of those "family" feelings. From the moment you gather with your team, it is important to let them know that that is the direction you would like to take. Tell them that you are looking forward to getting to know each of them and ministering with them during your weekends. Hold before them an exciting picture of becoming closer to each other and to Jesus.

That first gathering work hard on "name awareness". Don't just go around the room and say names. Have each person as they share their name begin to let the group know some information about themselves – where they are from, what grade they are in school, how long they have been in OAFC, a glimpse of their family. Model for the group the importance of listening attentively to whoever is speaking. The director should be the first to share, if at all possible, to set the tone.

The next opportunity, review names and introduce sharing on a spiritual plan: What is one of your favorite Bible verses? How has being in OAFC helped you grow in your relationship to Jesus Christ? This is a wonderful opportunity to share spontaneous testimonials. It is probably a good idea, if you did not already comment about group confidentiality to do so here.

Prayer is very important to opening up to each other. Begin each day by asking the group if there are any special concerns (from back home or from OAFC) and take time to pray about those. Circle prayers help with the sense of unity. Later in the weekend you may want to go around the circle and pray for the person on your right. Guided prayer in small groups of three or four can be helpful. An emphasis on prayer keeps things on a spiritual plane.

We have found that warm fuzzies are important to model positive talk and caring. The group may be comfortable doing that in person or you may want to put up graffiti sheets around the room for team members to sign (be sure to emphasize the importance of positive comments). In our circuit we have occasionally passed sheets with team members' names on them around the circle. You write a positive comment on that person's sheet and then pass it to the left until everyone in the group has written a comment on every sheet. Then the sheets are sealed in an envelope with the person's name on it. You are not allowed to read your warm fuzzies until you get home. We call these "Warm Fuzzies to Go!"

There are a couple of other dynamics that help to develop a strong sense of group unity. Appropriate, meaningful touch (such as hugs) are an excellent way to express caring. Again, it is important for the director to be a role model. Emphasizing positive talk and staying away from put downs (even done in fun) is critical. The sharing of group responsibilities is helpful. An example from Summer Training one year was in Bible study time: The first day, I led the study; on the second day, I asked one of the new adults to lead it; on the third day, the team captain led it; on the last day it was led by one of the ambassadors on the team. When I got home from the week of Training I sent a letter to each

member of the team.

I mentioned earlier that there are some critical points in the development of community. The first is name awareness - - community can't develop if each member doesn't know every other member's name. Another is modeling of respect for the person who is speaking - - if people are to be whispering on the side, the group loses. At some point in the weekend, there will come a time when the group decides if it is going to stay on a superficial level or if it will be a place to be vulnerable to each other. Many times this comes as the director or one of the group members chooses to trust the group enough to open up on a deeper level. Frequently deeper sharing by one will lead to deeper sharing by others. This should never be forced by going around the circle. During such sharing, the director has a real opportunity to model unconditional acceptance and caring empathy.

I never cease to be amazed at how close a group of "strangers" can become in just a short time together. What an image of the Church as it lives out Christ's love! May the Lord bless you as you participate in community with your team!

Pastor Loy G. Schlote

Some discussion starters: (by Nancy Schlote)

A time when God's Word really spoke to me was...

A special time in OAFS was...

Who has been the most influential on my spiritual growth?

My confirmation verse is...(a time it really spoke to me was...)

A favorite Bible verse of mine is...(a time it had special meaning was...)

A word picture of my relationship to Jesus right now is...

A time I led someone into a relationship with Jesus was...

If I could be completely in charge of my life I would change it ...

Happiness for me is...

One thing that I am fearful about right now is...

One of the best things that ever happened to me was...

Go around the group having each person answer out loud the questions below. Each person records the name and answers of one other person on their sheet. When everyone is finished answering the questions and these have been recorded, then the rest of the group is to come up with a nick-name for that person based on their answers.

1. What is your favorite pet? 2. What is your father's middle name, followed by your mother's middle name? 3. What is a job or occupation you'd like to try someday? 4. What is your favorite desert? 5.

What is a favorite hobby of yours? 6. What is one thing that brings you a great sense of joy?

7. If you had to be an animal, what would you be? 8. What positive character quality best describes you? 9. What is your favorite time of day? 10. Would you rather watch a movie, be in a movie, or direct a movie? 11. What color most often best describes you? 12. One word that describes your room is: 13. What season of the year do you like best? 14. If you had to have one of the following, which would you choose and why: ___ an elephant's trunk? ___ a bear's fur? ___ a rabbit's ears? Or ___ a Kangaroo's tail? 15. One of the nicest things that someone could say to me is: 16. What is one dream that you have for your future?

Attire for Special Events:

Worship at Host Congregation:

Men: Dress pants & dress shirt (a tie is highly recommended)

Women: Dress, or dress shirt and dress pants or skirt



Discipline Policy

If you have come to a weekend to goof off or get into trouble, you will be doing yourself and us a service if you leave and don't come back until you have a change of attitude. OAFc leaders do not intend to baby-sit or police your actions while you are at OAFc events. Only mature Junior High and High School youth can attend OAFc weekends and events.

Discipline problems at national events will be handled by the OAFc Executive Director and leadership staff. Training policies and rules are meant to be a blessing for everyone. For those who choose not to follow them as such, discipline will follow.

Minor offenses (e.g., unauthorized phone use, improper dress, boys wearing earrings, etc.):

1st offense - verbal warning

2nd offense - verbal warning and isolated for a period of time

3rd offense - verbal warning and parents notified

4th offense - call parents and make arrangements for the offender to be immediately picked up by the parents.

Major offenses (e.g., smoking, use of alcohol, off premises, drug use, breaking curfew, sexual misconduct)

1st offense - parents contacted and arrangements made for offender to be immediately picked up at once by the parents.

Lead directors may ask that an offending youth not return to weekends until a change of heart has been made by the offender. Since our Lord and Savior and the offender know of the forgiveness asked for and received, I do ask that offenders apologize publically for public offenses and privately with the lead director if the offense was known only to the leadership.

If multiple offenders are involved in a major offense, all offenders involved will be sent home.

Fundraising Policy

While we strive to keep OAFc activities as reasonably priced as possible, occasionally local groups or individuals may want to do fundraising to cover travel or registration expenses for your local group to attend OAFc functions. All fundraising activities done in the name of OAFc, nationally and locally, should be gathered and used in a responsible, good-stewardship manner. For more detailed information on OAFc fundraising policies, please contact our national office.



Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ



Training Lutherans to Witness Christ

Jesus made us His witnesses through Baptism. OAFC works to train baptized Christians in ways to live out that calling through Songs, Bible Studies, Puppet Shows, Dramas, Personal Witnessing, and a Neighborhood Survey.

Church Packet

Revised January 2015

Everything you need to plan and promote an OAFC Outreach Weekend at your church.

Songs

Bible
Studies

Puppets

Dramas

Personal
Witness

Survey

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Pastor and members of the congregation,



Thank you for considering hosting an Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ weekend at your church. For a Friday to Sunday weekend, your congregation would be asked to provide a place for about 10-20 youth and adults to meet, train and sing from 7 pm on Friday evening through about 1:30 pm on Sunday. We can also do a Saturday and Sunday weekend that would begin at 8:30am Saturday morning. We suggest ending with a church pot luck meal following Divine Services on Sunday. On Sat and Sun we would be in and out of these premises from around 8:30 am to about 9:00 pm. (see sample schedule in documents attached) If your members are hosting ambassadors from out of town, they would pick them up on Fri and Sat evening at around 8:30p each evening and deliver them back to the church by 8:30 am after providing a breakfast for them on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Such hosts would house as many they can comfortably (normally 2 to 3 of the same sex). We ensure that newer ambassadors are housed with more experienced ambassadors. Other members/groups of your church would need to provide for the noon and evening meals on Saturday.

In return we would provide fellowship, witness training through Singing, Drama, Puppets, Bible Study, Personal Witness and a door to door Canvass of an area of your community that you choose. In this Canvass we gather basic church information and our youth and adults share the gospel of Jesus Christ's suffering, death and resurrection to forgive the sins of all people. We see who does not have Bibles thus providing a way for your congregation to further witness to this home as you bring them a Bible. We deliver any church brochure that you may have plus our tract of how they can be absolutely sure of Heaven when they die because of what Jesus has done for them. We would participate in your Sunday school and Divine Services as you would allow. The included Worship Planning guide will assist in this decision. We would do a nursing home visit and sing, do a puppet or drama presentation and share the good news of Jesus with all who will listen at the facility of your choosing. We bring LCMS youth from around the area to facilitate this mission.

By hosting us, you are providing us with a place to train others while we hone our witnessing skills. O AFC is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. We have no home congregation or gathering place. Our local group gatherings at congregations like yours *are* our organization.

It is impossible to share with you the benefits and spiritual growth these weekends provide to each youth and adult in this short letter. Suffice to say our seminaries, colleges and vocations are full of our Ambassadors living out their faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ from over 45 years of our ministry. They are active in their local congregations and closing the back door on Missouri Synod youth losses. O AFC does not attach itself to your congregation, but uses the youth of many congregations like yours to build the group and begin spreading the gospel our communities are so badly needing to hear even in our own backyards.

Our youth eagerly look forward to scheduled weekends. They leave physically drained and spiritually filled! We do ask that O AFC be allowed to give a short report on what O AFC is and to solicit both prayer and financial support for our ministry. We would also report of the results of the door to door canvass. We ask that a door offering following each worship service be taken. Since there are a large number of Thrivent members involved in the weekend by both youth, adults and congregation members, and many volunteer hours are spent in the canvass and spiritual growth of the group over the weekend, congregations often strive to match the door offering with Thrivent assistance. If you found this weekend rewarding for your congregation and your youth, we encourage you to consider scheduling another weekend at your church for next year to help keep O AFC *ongoing*.

For more information please contact me at: _____

For more information on O AFC check out our website, www.OAFC.org, for Frequently Asked Questions, examples of our witnessing methods, and great resources—as well as ways to support and sustain this youth and evangelism ministry.

Serving God through O AFC

A History of OAF:

Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ (OAF) began in 1970 in Brownsdale, MN by Pastor Fred Darkow as a means of anchoring post-Confirmation youth to the witness and ministry of the Church. It quickly spread to many congregations in the LCMS and became a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in 1980 as a youth and evangelism program. From Minnesota OAF has impacted most of the states and districts in the Synod with groups from New York and Pennsylvania down to Florida, Washington and Oregon down to California, and states in between. Wherever there are youth who want to learn more about their faith and who want to share their faith in Christ with a world in need, OAF is a program for them.



We are called Ambassadors because the calling of all of Christ's Church is to speak and proclaim His Gospel of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation on His behalf to His world. The Apostle Peter says to all Christians, "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light," (1 Peter 2:9), and again, "In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense (lit. apologetic) to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15). With such a great

responsibility given to the Church, we need to train youth and adults to be prepared to witness Christ and speak about Him and for Him to our world.

We are called Ongoing because we seek to gather in local groups each month to grow ourselves, spiritually, and seeking to assist others to grow by God's power through His Word. By meeting each month in local groups youth are encouraged to become proficient in our methods and so learn to take leadership and teach others. It also allows us to reach more people with the Gospel by going to different places and speaking to different people.

Because OAF engages youth with God's Word in very real-life situations, many of our youth come to realize that the need for professional witnesses to the Gospel is great. A number of our youth go on to fields in Church work, like pastors and DCEs and teachers, and many more go on to be elders and church members who know that the Church needs to reach out and not keep the Gospel to ourselves.

"OAF is a youth evangelism RSO of Synod that exists to grow faith in our congregations - especially our youth - by sharing the Faith with the unchurched through regional outreach weekends and national training conferences."

We exist to:

Witness to all that Jesus Christ came to suffer, die, and rise in victory to pay for their sins.

Invite the unchurched to join local congregations to be fed and strengthened in Word and Sacrament and invite other youth and adults to join us in Witnessing.

Train other youth and adults to Witness

We do this in six ways:

Bible Study – where youth and adults learn how to search and meditate upon the Scriptures with Christ as the center.

Songs – where youth and adults use their voices, instrumental talents, and emotions to connect life to Scripture and to share that with others.

Puppet Shows – where youth and adults use their mouths and hands to learn to articulate Lutheran doctrine in simple and winsome ways for other youth and adults.

Dramas – where youth and adults use their whole bodies to learn to articulate and memorize Lutheran doctrine in more complex and interactive scenarios for other youth and adults.

Personal Witnesses – where youth and adults learn to connect Christ's forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to their daily lives and conversations with illustrations, Bible passages, and always Christ crucified as the central focus.

Neighborhood Canvass – where youth and adults learn to share the Gospel through a religious survey that exposes them to various opinions and religions and gives them the words and opportunities to share their assurance of salvation in Christ.

How we do this:

Local/District Group Weekends

- During our weekends across the country, leaders and experienced youth train new youth in using these 6 witnessing methods Friday night through Sunday mornings. Youth train in small groups in these methods and then share them in the community with the neighborhood survey, devotions at local Nursing Homes, Sunday School openings, and any other venues the local congregation would like.
- We encourage Local/District groups to host weekends each month at a different LCMS congregation in their District so that youth can experience growth, confidence, leadership, and various congregations within the LCMS – as well as get to know other Lutheran youth in their area with a passion for Christ.

National Training Gatherings

- Here youth from various local/district groups gather together to better equip themselves for Witnessing in their local groups. With in-depth workshops, relevant-issue large group presentations, rehearsing and putting into practice our witnessing methods, and fellowship, youth return to their local groups more apt to lead and share.

How do I start an OAFC group in my area?

First check our website www.OAFC.org to see if there is a local group near you. If not, a local group needs 4 things to get started:

- 1) An adult leader
- 2) A pastoral advisor/advocate
- 3) Interested youth
- 4) Congregations willing to host weekends

Our national organization will assist you in starting a group by sending you a starter kit with songbooks, drama books, and all the forms you'll need. We can even send an experienced team of youth and adults to help promote OAFC in your area and train a core group for you to get started.

Leading An OAFc Weekend

Friday-Sunday Weekend Schedule

90/90 Survey Schedule ending at 8:40pm

Friday

- 7:00pm Registration
- 7:00 Group Singing of Gospel Songs interspersed with:
 - Getting Acquainted and Introduction of the OAFc Ministry
 - Witnessing Methods, Drama, and Puppet presentations shared
 - Personal Witnesses
- 8:10 Small Group Bible Studies
- 8:30 Large Group Sharing
 - Recap of Bible Studies – Singing and Prayer
 - Instructions for Host Homes and Saturday Activities
- 8:40 Hosts arrive, Ambassadors assigned for housing
GUIDELINES FOR THE HOST FAMILIES given to each host
- 8:45 Hosts depart with Ambassadors

Saturday

- 8:30am Confirm attendance, Singing, Prayer
- 8:45 Christian Baptism Bible Study for newcomers
Alternate study for Ambassadors who have been through the Baptism study
- 9:45 Preparation for Witness Survey and travel to survey areas
- 10:10 Load vehicles to go to survey areas
- 10:15-11:45 Witness Survey of the Community*
- 12:00pm Lunch served by the church (Thank You Song)
- 12:45 Sharing of morning calls
- 1:00 Witness Training, review of Witnessing Methods, replenish Survey supplies
- 1:10 Load vehicles to go to survey areas
- 1:15-2:45 Witness Survey of the Community*
- 2:45 Tabulation of reports and writing letters to Prospects
- 3:00 Sharing of afternoon calls
- 3:30 Preparation for nursing home visit/puppets practice
- 3:50 Leave for Nursing facility
- 4:00 Nursing home visit (Drama/Puppets, Singing, Personal Witness)
- 4:45 Review logistics for Sunday School/Bible Class
- 5:00 Dinner served by church (Thank You Song)
- 5:45 Prayer Partners, Personal Witness Training/Sharing
- 6:15 Drama/Puppets
- 7:45 Evaluation and guidelines for newcomers – sharing time for others
- 8:10 Review logistics for church service
- 8:40 Adult Hosts pick up Ambassadors



- * 1. To **WITNESS** to all about the certainty of eternal life through Christ
 - 2. To **INVITE** the unchurched
 - 3. To **TRAIN** others

Sunday

- 8:30am Worship Service preparation
- 10:15 Sunday School and Bible Class
- 12:00 A shared meal by the congregation with the Ambassadors (Thank You Song)
- 12:30 Sing-A-Long and fellowship with the congregation
- 1:00 Rite of departure and Leave for home.

Form 120

Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ, Inc, PO Box 712, Greenville, IL 62246
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Alternative Weekend Schedule

Saturday-Sunday Weekend Schedule



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Form 120

Guidelines for Arranging an O AFC Weekend

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Check As You Complete

- () 1. A room for up to 50 people; with a circle of chairs, and tables available.
- () 2. Host families found and recorded on the "O AFC Sign-up Sheet", and this sheet is ready to present to the Ambassador Director when he arrives.
- () 3. Host Family Guidelines given to each host.
- () 4. Saturday noon meal served by the church - 12:00 noon / 12:30 p.m.
- () 5. Saturday evening meal served by the church - 5:00 p.m. / 5:30 p.m.
- () 6. Sunday noon meal at church - suggest congregational shared meal or pitch-in.
- () 7. Entire congregation invited for Friday evening activities.
- () 8. All youth (8th & above), youth leaders, adults involved in evangelism, and any other interested persons invited for the entire weekend.
- () 9. Canvass-area survey maps ready. Each area marked on a separate map. Number of survey areas, that is maps, needed = one-half the number of persons expected to attend the weekend. Each area should include about 50 homes.
- () 10. Pencils, stapler, and church stamp on hand at the beginning of the Weekend.
- () 11. Approximately 20 pieces of church stationary and envelopes.
- () 12. Devotional program arranged at a nursing home - 6:30 pm Saturday evening. It will include singing, puppets, and personal sharing. (After the program, the Ambassadors enjoy visiting bed-ridden residents room-to-room.)
- () 13. Discuss with the O AFC lead director transportation needs for Saturday AM & PM surveying and for the nursing home visit. Adult Drivers have been enlisted to meet these needs.
- () 14. Plans made, as host pastor desires, to involve Ambassadors in Sunday services and/or Sunday School opening & classes. (Ambassadors available to sing, do drama, puppets, personal witnesses, demonstrate witnessing methods, or briefly describe O AFC. For Sunday School - children's songs, puppets, or leading Bible study. Pastors, see form 310.)
- () 15. Representative of the congregation selected to receive the weekend survey results and prospect information. We would like to present these during the worship service(s).
- () 16. Free will offering or other gift to defray expenses and extend the proclamation of the Gospel through O AFC.
- () 17 Congregational tracts that you might wish left at the door of the homes that we will visit on our canvass.

Promoting Attendance in the HOST Church of an O AFC Outreach Weekend

O AFC Weekends are open to High-School age and mature Jr. High age youth, and adults. Encourage attendance from each group, especially from the High School age youth.

It's likely that there is an active and experienced core group of Ambassadors in your area, with a local leader and trained youth. This leader usually makes contact with his core group to invite them, and makes a general invitation to the youth groups of the area. **You will want to make a special effort to encourage people of all ages from your congregation to attend the Friday night activities, and if you can help include nearby congregations, please do!** We've included some promotional materials you may want to us.

- A Pre-Weekend Bulletin Insert – designed to be used several weeks beforehand.
- Copies of the Promoting a Weekend Poster
- Bulletin/Newsletter Announcement (*samples on this page*)
- Verbal Announcement (*sample on this page*)

2 Sample Bulletin/Newsletter Announcements:

1. Do the people around our church know Jesus as their Savior? We have a special chance to tell them of the Savior with the help of the Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ (O AFC). These LCMS youth are trained in evangelism and canvass nearly once a month. On the weekend of *{date}* we will get to experience their sharing Jesus in Songs, Bible Studies, Dramas, Puppets Plays, Personal Witness training, and, in the highlight of their activities, a canvass of our community on Saturday. Everyone is invited to the opening sharing time on Friday evening beginning at 7:00pm. For the Saturday activities, all of your youth are encouraged to attend, as well as any adults with an interest in evangelism.
2. We will host an Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ (O AFC) Outreach Weekend here on *{date}*. Weekend activities include: Bible Studies, Christ-centered Songs, ministry through Puppets and Dramas, Personal Witness training, and a Canvass of our community. Everyone is

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Sample Verbal Announcement:

Mark your calendars for the weekend of _____. We are pleased to host the Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ (O AFC) on this weekend for a time of growing in faith and witnessing Christ. Trained Ambassadors will lead the activities which include Bible Studies, Songs, ministry through Drama and Puppets, Personal Witness training, and a canvass of our community with a religious survey.

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Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ is an important and unique ministry, helping LCMS youth and adults learn to speak the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Again, you are all invited to join in the activities, beginning Friday night on _____.

Note: *In your written and verbal announcements, you may also wish to add information about the following:*

Host Families signing up to house O AFCers
Sample: If you would serve as a host family (provide a place to sleep and breakfast) for one or more of the Ambassadors, please note so on the Host Sign-Up Sheet.

- Sunday Meal Plans
Sample: Sunday at noon we'll have a share meal for the Ongoing Ambassadors and all members of the congregation. Bring your favorite dish.



O AFC

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O AFC Weekend Worship Participation

Many congregations encourage Ambassador youth to participate in their worship. The four guidelines on the bottom of this page show 4 possible ways the Ongoing Ambassadors may be involved in your church's worship services. The presentation and time allotted are up to the pastor and congregation. These four samples are given simply to show what could be done. Please share your desires with the O AFC director prior to the O AFC weekend. We encourage that congregations at least allow Ambassadors to share the results of the weekend and request congregational prayer and financial support during the worship service.

We also offer Pre-Weekend Bulletin Inserts with information about the O AFC ministry as well as weekend Bulletin Inserts to note the impact of the weekend. The director will email these to you beforehand or bring them with the team when he comes, and if permissible, distribute them along with your worship bulletin.

May this information be helpful in aiding our serving together in Word and Work in Christ's name.

45 Minute Matins Participation – Lead Service	55 Min. Divine Service Participation – Lead Service
<i>Optional Opening Hymn</i> Invocation – Spoken by the Pastor Venite Song – "Come Let us Go Up to the Mountain" Psalm Song – "You Called Me By Name" OT Reading <i>Optional Puppet Show</i> Epistle <i>Optional Gradual Song – "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord"</i> Gospel Reading Sermon Creed – Spoken or Sung, "Lord of Hope, of Life, of Love" Canticle – "For God So Loved," "Who hath believed..." Offering O AFC Presentation – What is O AFC, Results, Support, Personal Witness Prayers of the Church Lord's Prayer – Spoken or Sung Benediction – Spoken or Sung, "Barocha" Recessional Hymn	<i>Optional Opening/Processional Hymn</i> Invocation, Confession & Absolution – Spoken by Pastor Introit/Psalm Hymn – "You Called Me By Name" Hymn of Praise – "This is the Feast," "We Will Glorify" Salutation and Collect OT Reading <i>Optional Puppet Show</i> Epistle Reading Alleluia and Verse – "Alle, Alle," "Sing Hallelujah" Holy Gospel Hymn of the Day – Led by O AFC Sermon Creed – Spoken or Sung, "Lord of Hope, of Life, of Love" Offering & O AFC Presentation – What is O AFC, Results, Support, Personal Witness Prayers of the Church (If no Communion, Conclude with Lord's Prayer, Benediction, and Recessional Hymn) Preface – Spoken by Pastor Sanctus – "Here at the Altar" Words of Institution – Spoken by Pastor Lord's Prayer – Spoken or Sung Agnus Dei/Pre-Communion Hymn – "Lamb of God" Distribution and Communion Hymns – "Communion Gift," "Broken and Poured Out" Post-Communion Hymn – "There is a Redeemer" Post-Communion Collect – Spoken by Pastor Benediction – Spoken or Sung, "Barocha" Recessional Hymn
20 Minute Participation - Presentation	5 Minute Minimum - Presentation
O AFC Song – <i>Usually preservice or Offering</i> Introduce O AFC Ministry Personal Witness Survey Results Presented Sharing the Weekend Impact on First-Timers Invitation for Prayer and Financial Support Puppet Skit – Often between OT and Epistle O AFC Song – <i>to close presentation</i>	Introduce O AFC Ministry Sharing Good News Witnessing Method Survey Results Presente Invitation to Prayer and Financial Support



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YOUTH and ADULTS, come join in the learning, sharing, and excitement of being part of this outreach experience.

WEEKEND DATE: _____



Singing

Bible

Study

Personal

Witness

Puppets

Dramas

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Survey

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Witness of Christ to All
Invite All into the Church
Train All to Witness

The Outcome of OAFCC is...

The Church's youth are strengthened in the Faith and find a voice to share that Good News of Jesus with their world.



The 3-Fold purpose of OAFCC is that we:

1. Witness to all about Jesus our Savior
2. Invite the unchurched to the congregation we serve and other youth to join us
3. Train youth and adults to confidently share their faith

Thank you for hosting a team of Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ. We hope that our time together was a blessing for you as we joined you in carrying this eternal life message to your community.

You have encouraged us by:

- ✦ Praying for God's blessing on our outreach and our ministry
- ✦ Providing us with housing, meals, and transportation
- ✦ Joining us in reaching out to your community and to the lost
- ✦ Allowing us to participate in your Sunday school and worship service
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This weekend Ambassadors from _____ different churches witnessed about Jesus' love and forgiveness through a witness survey of the community where we spoke to people at _____ homes.

We left Gospel and church literature at another _____ homes where no one was home. During our survey we ask, "Where do you believe you will go when you die?" Most people answered "heaven". Then we ask, "Why do you believe you will go to heaven?"

_____ people were sure of going to heaven through what Jesus did for them; _____ said they thought they would go because of their own good works; _____ said they did not know how to get to heaven; and _____ persons did not answer that question or take our survey.

We shared with all who would listen that Jesus gave His life to pay for all their sins that they might be certain of having eternal life with Christ. We spoke to some individuals who are inactive in church or have no church home with whom we also had the opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From this survey we can report _____ such visits. We also discovered _____ person(s) who is (are) interested in learning more about Jesus Christ their Savior and this church. We ask that you welcome these souls into your midst and pray for them.



Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ



Training Lutherans to Witness Christ

Jesus made us His witnesses through Baptism. OAFC works to train baptized Christians in ways to live out that calling through Songs, Bible Studies, Puppet Shows, Dramas, Personal Witnessing, and a Neighborhood Survey.

Document Packet

Revised January 2015

**All the forms and resources you
need to advertise and to run an
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Songs

Bible
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Friday-Sunday Weekend Schedule

90/90 Survey Schedule ending at 8:40pm

Friday

- 7:00pm Registration
- 7:00 Group Singing of Gospel Songs interspersed with:
 - Getting Acquainted and Introduction of the OAFB Ministry
 - Witnessing Methods, Drama, and Puppet presentations shared
 - Personal Witnesses
- 8:10 Small Group Bible Studies
- 8:30 Large Group Sharing
 - Recap of Bible Studies – Singing and Prayer
 - Instructions for Host Homes and Saturday Activities
- 8:40 Hosts arrive, Ambassadors assigned for housing
GUIDELINES FOR THE HOST FAMILIES given to each host
- 8:45 Hosts depart with Ambassadors

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Alternative Weekend Schedule

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O AFC 90 MINUTE HAPPENING

CHURCH _____ City _____ Pastor _____

MODERATOR _____ GUITARIST _____

OPENING SONG# _____

(this is the subtle way we announce our program is beginning)

SONG# _____ song _____ Intro _____

PRAYER (That we will honor the Lord with our praise....) _____

SONG# _____ song _____ Intro _____

INTRODUCTIONS (if informal -back and forth around the circle, sharing name and some other interest)

WHAT IS O AFC (LCMS, youth evangelism training, local groups, intro ways progressively below...)

① Singing SONG# _____ song _____ Intro _____

② Door-to-door witness - Role Play Survey call w/pastor _____ / _____

(Callers to remain focused even if pastor is being humorous)

SEEK COMMENTS FROM HOST CHURCH FOLKS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY

AH SKIT _____

SURVEY STATS _____

PRAYER (Focus on those witnessed to during canvass) _____

SONG# _____ song _____ Intro _____

③ Drama - INTRO _____

If presenting, ambassadors may be seated until we stand together again for song or Q & A

DRAMA _____

④ Personal Witness _____

⑤ Puppets – INTRO _____

PUPPET PLAY _____

⑥ SGBS Bible Study (20 min) - (text _____) _____ / _____ / _____

(Leader pray, 1 sentence thank you prayer around circle, read verse, re-read verse & comment, share key word, closing circle prayer).

LEAD SMALL CHILDREN _____

CHILDREN SING

PRAYER (thanksgiving for God's Word & the GOOD NEWS of Jesus) _____

*DUET (or song) _____

*O AFC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Moderator-select Ambassadors to answer questions from congregation)

SUPPORTING O AFC (Prayers, Ambassador Circle, Memoriam, Honorarium, our team expenses)

WORD OF THANKS _____

CLOSING SONG# _____ song _____ (Doxology)

PRAYER (Thanks and praises for host congregation) _____

HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS _____

* Optional additions when time allows

Opening Prayer & OAFc Explanation: _____

Explanation of OAFc: "Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ is a youth and evangelism RSO of the Missouri Synod that exists to grow faith in LCMS youth by sharing THE Faith with the unchurched through regional outreach weekends and national training conferences. We do this in 6 ways: 1) Singing, 2) Puppet Shows, 3) Dramas, 4) Neighborhood Canvassing, 5) Personal Witnesses, and 6) Bible Study. We'd like to share these with you tonight."

Song 1: _____

Explanation of Songs as OAFc Witnessing Methods: "We use songs to get the Word of the Gospel stuck in youth and adults' heads and hearts. We like to say that "The organ won't fit in the back of the van," so we use guitars and we have a songbook compiled for guitars - made up of 1) Strong Gospel Message Songs, 2) Children's Songs, 3) Fellowship Songs, 4) Hymns and Old Favorites, and 5) Solos and Duets, along with sung Meal Prayers and Thank You Songs. Throughout tonight, if you find any you want to sing from our songbook, feel free to make a request."

Song 2: _____

Q&A/sharing about youth singing experience - Youth share what they like about OAFc songs

Puppet Show & Puppet Explanation: _____

Explanation of Puppets as OAFc Witnessing Methods: "Puppet Shows help youth learn to articulate Lutheran doctrine in simple and winsome ways for other youth and adults - especially kids. It really helps those youth who are a little more shy speaking in front of people to be able to learn and share their faith just by sitting behind a curtain and reading lines from a script. In our over-45 years of witnessing, we've compiled a number of puppet shows and dramas in our Another Book of Acts whose aim to convey God's Law and Gospel in every single skit. We have puppet shows about all the chief parts of the Small Catechism, plus a number of issues little kids face in their Christian walk."

Q&A/sharing about youth puppet show experiences - Youth share about their favorite puppet shows

Drama & Drama Explanation: _____

Explanation of Dramas as OAFc Witnessing Methods: "Like puppet shows, Dramas help youth learn to articulate and memorize Lutheran doctrine, yet in more dramatic and interactive scenarios. Our Another Book of Acts includes dramas about comparative religions, how to and how not to share Christ with your friends, the meaning of God's gift of salvation, and applications of Scripture passages. Every drama we teach and share aims at strengthening our youth's faith in Christ as their Savior while sharing that message with others."

Q&A/Sharing about drama experiences - Youth share about their favorite dramas

Song 3: _____**Canvassing Example & Explanation:** _____

Explanation of Canvassing/GN/SSS/AH as OAFc Witnessing Methods: "In our Neighborhood Canvass, we learn to share the Gospel through a religious survey which helps the churches we serve learn more about their communities while giving us the words and opportunities to share our assurance of salvation in Christ and invite others to the Church. We share our Good News card with everyone we can, while we share our Sin, Separation, and Savior response with those who believe they're going to heaven because of something they've done, and we share our Assurance of Heaven response with everyone who is uncertain about how they'll get to heaven or doesn't believe in heaven."

Q&A/Sharing about canvassing experiences - youth share their favorite/most impactful calls and take questions about their experiences Canvassing

Personal Witness & Explanation: _____

Explanation of Personal Witnessing as OAFc Witnessing Methods: "In teaching youth to Personally Witness, they learn to connect Christ's forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to their everyday lives and so learn to share Christ with their friends and family."

Q&A/Sharing about personal witnessing experiences - youth share how they've used personal witnesses

Song 4: _____

Explanation of Bible Study as OAFc Witnessing Methods: "The purpose of the OAFc Bible Study format is to help youth feel comfortable studying the Bible while helping them learn that all of Scripture is meant to point them to Christ. As they better learn Christ as the point of Scripture, youth grow more confident in sharing Christ from the Bible with their friends."

Bible Study: _____

Q&A/Sharing about Bible study experiences - youth share how the Bible Study format helps them in study & sharing

Song 5: _____

Thanking Host Church for having us/Encouragement of Host Church to hold a future Weekend &

Closing Prayer: _____



Religious Survey

Team # _____ "PROCLAIM HIS EXCELLENCIES – BEING PREPARED TO DEFEND!" 1 Peter 2:9, 3:15 Date: _____

Names of Callers A. _____ B. _____ C. _____

(Affirm good answers.)

- Write house # (& new Street Name if you have changed streets. . . check "Not-homes")
Intro: Hello! / Good morning! / Hi! / How are you today? (etc.) We are with/represent _____
Lutheran Church and are taking a religious survey and sharing some Good News.
This is _____ and I am _____. May we ask a few questions?

- Are you familiar with _____ Lutheran Church?
- Did you attend church when you were growing up?
Yes What church did you attend?

- Do you and your family attend church now?
Yes 4a. Which church do you go to?

- Are there children in this home that attend Sunday School?

- Do you have a Bible in your home? ("No " May someone from [host church ____] bring you a Bible?)

- Repeat your name.** As I said at the beginning, my name is ____ . May I ask your name?

- May I ask you about something important?

Where do you believe you will go when you die? (Repeat to them their answer for clarification.)
(or What is a Christian?)

Other than Heaven Go to question 10.

Heaven Why do you believe you will go to heaven? (Repeat their answer for clarification.)

(Jesus -- Isn't it wonderful to know all that Jesus did to save us! Share Good News Card – Q. 11.)

- May I share with you why I believe I will go to heaven when I die? (SSS, Good News, AH, or Cross Method)

- May I share the Good News of Jesus with you in a personal way? May I use your first name? (Good News Card)

If Unchurched: 12. May someone from our church come and talk to you again about the Lord Jesus?

Yes Ask for Phone Number. Check First & Last Name [If the address is not posted... May I have your address?]
(They are a Prospect! Complete a Prospect Form and on it check the "Wants follow-up Visit".)

Put "Y" for Yes. Put "0" for No or None.

No church + Share Good News + Response = UNCHURCHED

Caller A,B,C	NOT HOME	House Number (Street Name If Changed)	2. Know Church	3. PAST Denomination 0 for "none"	4. PRESENT Denomination 0 for "none"	5. Sund. School	6. Have Bible	7. Give Bible	8. First Name Last Name	Jesus	Good Works	Didn't Know	Didn't Answer	Prospect	Unchurched
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CANVASSING WITNESSING METHODS

ONGOING AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST



Good News Method of Witnessing

I would like to share God's good news with you in a personal way. May I ask your first name? May I call you by your first name? For God so loved _____ that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer, die, and rise in victory for _____, so that believing in Jesus as the Savior from sin, _____ shall not perish, but _____ shall have everlasting life.

Sin, Separation, Savior Method of Witnessing

May I share with you why I believe I will go to heaven? (*Repeat their answer, e.g., "I go to church..."*)

...But, I still sin, and because God requires perfection, even one sin would separate me from God forever.

That is why I am glad to know that God sent Jesus Christ to suffer, die, and rise in victory to pay for all of my sins. I believe I will go to heaven because of what Jesus did for me. What do you think about what Jesus has done?

(*Seek to follow with the Assurance of Heaven*)

Assurance of Heaven Method of Witnessing

Would you like to be absolutely certain that if you were to die right now that you would go to heaven? The Bible says, **"These things are written to you...that you may KNOW that you have eternal life."** (1 John 5:13) We can **KNOW** we have eternal life! This is possible because of what Jesus Christ did for us.

Jesus said in the Gospel of Mark (1:15), **"Repent and believe the Gospel."**

"REPENT" means to have a change of heart about sin and about God. God requires perfection and He says that even one sin would separate me from Him forever. Does it surprise you to know that you and I deserve God's punishment forever? (*3 Responses in parenthesis below*)

(1. Not Surprised) Go to *. (2. "How is that true?") Go to verses below, then re-ask the question above.

(3. Surprised) Reply: Please share with me why you feel that way? ("Sin isn't that bad. God doesn't work that way.")

Reply: I believe the Bible does say that we deserve God's punishment forever, but there is Good News too. I encourage you to read your Bible. ("What is the good news?") Go to *.

Helpful Verses:

"The wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23.

"The soul who sins is the one who will die." Ezekiel 18:4

"Cursed is everyone who does not...do everything...in the Law" Galatians 3:10

"Whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it." James 2:10

* Even in this hopeless situation, God rescues us through the Gospel.

The **GOSPEL** is the good news about God's Son, Jesus Christ, and what He did for each of us. Jesus lived the perfect life that we cannot live. Then, He was punished for all of our sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Finally, He rose from the dead to confirm that His sacrifice paid for our sins and to guarantee our life with God forever.

I'd like to share this **GOOD NEWS** with you in a personal way. May I ask your first name? May I call you by your first name? For God so loved _____ that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer, die, and rise in victory for _____, so that believing in Jesus as the Savior from sin, _____ shall not perish, but _____ shall have everlasting life.

Do you know who **PROMISED** that? Yes, (Jesus) God did! Now, if I promised that to you I could be lying, but the Bible says, **"God who cannot lie, promised!"** (Titus 1:2) Now, God cannot lie, and He promised everlasting life to all through Jesus, who is the Savior from sin. Isn't it wonderful to know that with Jesus as your Savior you will spend eternity in heaven?

Would you like to have this certainty of going to heaven throughout your life? I'd like to **ILLUSTRATE** by asking, What would happen to you if you wouldn't eat or drink anything for six months? Right, you would die physically. In a similar way, if your belief in Jesus is not fed or strengthened, what could happen to your faith in Him? Right, it could die also.

The Bible says, **"Faith comes by hearing the Word of God."** (Romans 10:17) Just as you need physical food for your body, you need spiritual **FOOD** for your faith to grow. That is why I encourage you to go at every opportunity to a church where they teach that Jesus suffered, died, and rose in victory for all of your sins. I also encourage you to read your Bible daily. In this way God will feed your faith and keep you sure of going to heaven.

(*Seek to follow with: "May someone from our church come and talk to you again about the Lord Jesus?"*)



Team Report

Of Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ Calls

TEAM NUMBER _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS MADE
(where you actually talked to someone) _____

NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS:

NUMBER OF "NOT HOMES"
(Where Gospel Tracts Were Left) _____

1) _____

NUMBER OF PROSPECT
(prospect slips turned in) _____

2) _____

3) _____

NUMBER UNCHURCHED _____

4) _____

DENOMINATION	JESUS	GOOD WORKS	DIDN'T KNOW	DID NOT ANSWER	TOTALS
LUTHERAN					
ROMAN CATHOLIC					
METHODIST					
BAPTIST					
OTHER CHRISTIANS					
write-in					
write-in					
CULT (Mormon, JW, Etc.)					
WORLD RELIGIONS					
NO CHURCH					
CHURCH NOT REVEALED					
TOTALS					*

HELPFUL INFORMATION THAT YOU MAY HAVE DISCOVERED WHILE TALKING WITH THE PEOPLE: Generally, did the people:

1) know what the church looked like? Yes / No / We're not sure

2) know the church's location? Yes / No / We're not sure Evaluate

The overall response to your calling. Check those that apply.

[] Excited [] Warm [] Friendly [] Too busy to Talk [] Cool [] Indifferent [] Angered

Other Comments: _____

Sunday School Survey Recap: # Of Calls Made _____ # Of Sunday School Prospects

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Form 430



OAFC Prospect Report

Date: _____ Team # _____ Team Members _____

PROSPECT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____

PROSPECT'S DENOMINATION _____

☐ Active Now ☐ REQUESTS VISIT
☐ Background ☐ REQUESTS BIBLE

OF CHILDREN AGE 0 - 18 _____
 ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL Yes / No _____

SPOUSE'S DENOMINATION _____

☐ Active Now
☐ Background

PHONE NUMBER _____ ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

When asked "Why do you believe you will go to heaven?" he/she answered: _____

PROSPECT DATA:

Estimated Age _____

☐ Multi-church family

☐ New to area

Date last attended church _____

☐ Unchurched
☐ Interested
☐ Friendly Response
☐ Personal Problems

☐ Single
☐ Married
☐ Widow (er)
☐ Divorced
☐ Separated

METHOD

SPOKEN:

☐ SSS
☐ Good News
☐ AH
☐ Cross

TRACT

GIVEN:

☐ AH Tract
☐ GN Card
☐ Church info

Further comments about why I consider this person a prospect (beliefs, attitudes, background, needs, situation, etc.) _____

Congregation Follow-up

DATE of each Activity:

first second third fourth

Delivered Bible/Friendly visit

Elder visit

Pastor visit

Mailed Church information

Follow-up is continuing. What kind? _____

Follow-up has stopped

None

After conducting your follow-up visits, we would appreciate your sending a copy of this form to the OAFC office:

**OAFC PO Box 712
 Greenville, IL 62246**

Adult Prospect

THE PROSPECT RESPONDED IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- ☐ Became a member
- confirmed
 - profession of faith
 - baptized
- ☐ In Adult Confirmation Class

- ☐ Attending Bible class regularly
☐ Attended Bible class once
☐ Attending church regularly
☐ Attended church once
☐ Open to our visit
☐ Said, "Not interested"
☐ Antagonistic response to visit

Children of Prospect

- ☐ Baptized
☐ Attending Sunday School regularly
☐ Attended Sunday School once
☐ Attending church regularly
☐ Attended church once
☐ Attended VBS
☐ Enrolled in Christian day School

Comments:



O AFC Tabulation Guidelines & Prospect Letter

WHEN YOU RETURN FROM CALLING IN THE AFTERNOON:

1. Gather your whole team and sit down together at a table. **TRAIN THE NEWCOMERS** in each aspect of the tabulating. Start by reading through this page with them.
2. Look through your survey forms. Check to see that you have filled out everything and that every word is easily readable.
3. Separate the **UNUSED** survey forms from those that you used.
4. Count up the number of prospects you have.
5. **CLEAR YOUR TABULATION AREA** of any **EXTRA FORMS & TRACTS**. Place the Unused survey forms, tracts, Good News cards, etc. on the secretary's table in the piles designated for unused materials. If your group prefers, **restock your clipboard** so that it is ready for the next weekend.
6. Pick up these items:
 - 1 Team Report
 - Additional Prospect Forms, if needed
 - As many pieces of church stationary and envelopes as you have prospects.
7. Fill out the Team Report completely. Your horizontal and vertical "Totals" columns should add up to the same figure. This is your number of visits made.
8. Review that your Prospect Report(s) are complete and thorough, including first & last name, address, zip code, and all that you found out about the person.
9. **STAPLE TOGETHER** the following in this order: 1) Team Report 2) Map 3) Survey forms in order
Place them on the secretary's table.
10. Write **VERY NEATLY** (preferably in ink) a letter of encouragement to each prospect. A **sample letter** is below. Add a special Bible promise if you wish.

Dear _____

Thank you for responding to our survey questions when we came by your home last Saturday. The neighborhood survey will help *[name of church]* to better understand the spiritual needs in the community and how God might use it serve its neighbors.

We know that we sin and deserve God's punishment forever, but we can rejoice that God's Son, Jesus Christ, suffered the punishment we deserve when He died on the cross. Thank you for allowing us to share the Good News about Jesus Christ and how His resurrection assures us of eternal life. (1 John 5:13)

[or]

While the Bible tells us in Romans 6:23, that "The wages of sin is death," the verse continues to say "But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus paid the full price for our sin and there is nothing we can do to earn it. Isn't it wonderful to know that we have forgiveness of sins and eternal life through Jesus!

Pastor _____, or someone from _____ Lutheran Church should contact you soon to share more about the Lutheran church, God's Word, and forgiveness. In the meantime, please feel free to call the church about any of your spiritual needs or about programs offered.

Your friend in Jesus,

11. Address an envelope to each prospect and place letters in envelopes (DO NOT SEAL THEM). Place the letters and Prospect Reports on the secretary's table.
12. Your Team is Finished. Now look around to see if you can **HELP SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS NOT FINISHED**. Do NOT move on to any other activity until you first check with one of the adult leaders!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND NEAT WORK!!!

English/Spanish Witness Survey Question

1. Write house # (Street Name if you have changed streets.)
Intro: Hello! / Good morning! / Hi! How are you today?
(etc.) We are with/representing _____

Lutheran Church and are taking a religious survey and sharing some Good News. This is _____ and I am _____. May we ask a few questions?
1. ¡Hola! ¡Buenos días! ¡Hola! ¿Cómo anda hoy?
Somos con/representar _____

La Iglesia Luterano estamos tomando una
sustantivo religiosos y confidencia algunas
Buenas Noticias

Estoy con _____ y yo soy _____.
¿Podemos preguntar unas pocas preguntas?
2. Are you familiar with _____ Lutheran Church?
2. ¿Usted esta familiarizado con _____
La Iglesia Luterano?
3. Did you attend church when you were growing up?
3. ¿Usted asistió una iglesia cuándo crecía?

Yes What church did you attend?
¿Sí Qué iglesia asistió usted?
9. May I ask you about something important?
9. ¿Puedo preguntar algo importante?

Where do you believe you will go when you die?
(Repeat to them their answer for clarification.)
¿Dónde cree usted que irá cuándo usted se muere?

(Optional) or What is a Christian?
¿(Opcional) o Qué es un Cristiano?

Other than Heaven Go to question 10.
De otra manera que el Cielo. Va a preguntar 10

Heaven Why do you believe you will go to heaven?
(Repeat their answer for clarification.)
El cielo ¿Por qué cree usted que irá al cielo?

(Jesus -- Isn't it wonderful to know all that Jesus did to save us! Share Good News Card – Q. 11.)
¡(Jesús -- Que maravilloso saber que todo que Jesús hizo para salvarnos!
10. May I share with you why I believe I will go to heaven when I die? (SSS, Good News, AH, or Cross Method)
10. ¿Puedo compartir con usted por qué yo creo que iré al cielo cuándo me muera?
4. Do you and your family attend church now?
4. ¿Y su familia asiste usted la iglesia ahora?
Yes 4a. Which church do you go to?
Sí 4a. ¿A cuál iglesia va usted?
5. Are there children in this home that attend Sunday School?
5. ¿Hay niños en esta casa que asiste la escuela del _____ la iglesia?
6. Do you have a Bible in your home?
6. ¿Tiene una Biblia en su casa?
7. "No" May someone from [host church ____] bring you a Bible?)
7. Si conteston No ¿Con su permiso, alguien de la iglesia, le traer una Biblia)?
8. **Repeat your name.** As I said before, my name is ____ . May I ask your name?
8. Como dije antes, me llamo ____ . ¿Pueda pregunto su nombre?
11. May I share the Good News of Jesus with you in a personal way? May I use your first name? (Good News Card)
11. ¿Puedo compartir las Buenas Noticias de Jesús con usted en una manera personal? ¿Puedo usar su primer nombre?

If Unchurched:
12. May someone from our church come and talk to you again about the Lord Jesus?
- Si no tiene iglesia:
12. ¿De nuestra iglesia puede venir alguien y puede hablar con usted otra vez acerca del Señor Jesús

Yes Ask for Phone Number. Check First & Last Name [If the address is not posted . . . May I have your address?]
Sí Pide Número de teléfono. Verifique Primero & Apellido

(They are a Prospect! Complete a Prospect Form and on it check the "Wants follow-up Visit".)

GOOD NEWS!*Put your name in the blanks.*

For God so loved _____ that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer, die, and rise in victory for _____, so that believing in Jesus as the Savior from sin, _____ shall not perish, but _____ shall have everlasting life. *Refer to John 3:16*

This is God's Promise to you! (He Cannot Lie. Titus 1:2)

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**Now, if you were to die right now,
where would you go?**

**Why do you believe
you will go to heaven?**

Now that you have heard the Good News; now that you believe that Jesus suffered, died, and rose from the dead for all your sins; and now that you know that the Son of God has come to you and given you certainty of entering heaven, you are invited to pray the following words:



Dear Heavenly Father! I confess that I am a sinner and that I deserve your punishment forever. Thank you Father for the sacrifice of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, for my sin. Thank You Jesus for paying the price for all of my sin through Your suffering and death on the cross. O God, You have forgiven me and have put away my sins as far as the east is from the west. You have promised that through Jesus I am now counted as holy in Your eyes. I praise You for giving me the assurance of eternal life. Let Your Good News about Jesus keep me in the one true faith for all my days. You, O God, have made me new in Christ. You have made me your child. Strengthen me in my new life in Christ so that I may grow in wisdom and knowledge for living the new life You have given me. I pray this in the Holy Name of Jesus. Amen.

To Grow in Faith Daily

Go to God in Prayer
Read and hear God's Word
Only Jesus saves from sin, so
Witness daily to others.



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**Would
You
Like
To
Be
Absolutely**



**Certain
Of
Going
To
Heaven**



Would you like to be **ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN** that if you were to die right now that you would go to heaven?

THE BIBLE SAYS:



"These things I have written unto you... that you may know that you have eternal life."

1 John 5:13

We can **KNOW** we have eternal life! This is possible because of what Jesus Christ did for us.

Jesus said in the Gospel of Mark (1:15)

"repent and believe the gospel."

"REPENT" means to have a change of heart about sin and about God.

God requires perfection, and He says that even one sin could separate us from Him forever. Because of our sin, we deserve God's punishment forever!

Even in this hopeless situation, God rescues us through the Gospel.

The Gospel is the Good News about God's Son, Jesus Christ, and what He did for each of us. Jesus lived the perfect life that we cannot live. Then, He was punished for all of our sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Finally, He rose from the dead to confirm that His sacrifice paid for our sins and to guarantee our life with God forever.

Listen to that Good News written in a personal way.

The Good News!

Put your name in the blanks.

For God so loved _____ that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer, die and rise in victory for _____, so that believing in Jesus as the Savior from sin, _____ shall not perish, but _____ shall have everlasting life.

Do you know who **PROMISED** that? God did! Another person could lie to you about this, but **the Bible says, "God, who cannot lie, promised!"** Titus 1:2 Now, God cannot lie, and He promised everlasting life to all through Jesus, who is the Savior from sin. Isn't it wonderful to know that with Jesus as your Savior you will spend eternity in the presence of God?



Would you like to have this certainty of going to heaven throughout your life?

To **ILLUSTRATE** how you can have this assurance...

What would happen to you if you wouldn't eat or drink anything for six months? Right, you would die physically.

In a similar way, if your belief in Jesus is not fed or strengthened, what could happen to your faith in Him? Right, it could die, also.



The Bible says:

"Faith comes by hearing the Word of God."

Romans 10:17

Just as you need physical food for your body, you need spiritual food for your faith to grow.

Report of an Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ Weekend

Following the Weekend, send this Report, Prayer Support Sheets, and Commissioning Forms to the OAFC office.

DIRECTOR'S NAME(S)

DATE:

_____ (mm/dd - mm/dd/yyyy)

CHURCH:

CITY:

STATE:

ATTENDEND: # of Commissioned

Youth Adults

of Non-Commissioned

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TOTAL ATTENDANCE

0

OF NEW PERSONS TRAINED

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OF NEWLY COMMISSIONED

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OF RE-COMMISSIONED

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Place names of canvass teams on the lines below.
If you have more than 15 teams, use a second sheet.

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**NEXT
THREE
WEEKENDS**

Date/church/location

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DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE

WITNESS SURVEY RECORD

Date:

Lutherans only

Write ins

Church, City, State:

Answers to the way to Heaven

Team #	# of Calls	Prospects	Lutheran Calls	Said Jesus	Roman Catholic	Methodist	Baptist	Other Christian	Write in A.	Write in B.	Cults	World Religion	No Church (NC)	Church Not Revealed (CNR)	Jesus !	Good Works.	Didn't Know ?	Didn't Answer (? !)	Not at Home	Unchurched
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If Sunday School

Survey is used,

Summarize below:

Coins:

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Names of counters

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Church will send it



Witnessing Survey

We use a survey to expose youth to the beliefs of their communities and, at the same time, give them an opportunity to share their faith in eternal life by the blood of Christ.



In our Survey, youth are exposed to world beliefs – not just in a textbook but from the mouths of people in communities just like theirs. Through our witnessing methods, youth learn how to proclaim the Faith through Law and Gospel to others. When they return, our Pastoral Advisors and Directors can explain other religions' teachings and show why Christianity is the only true faith.



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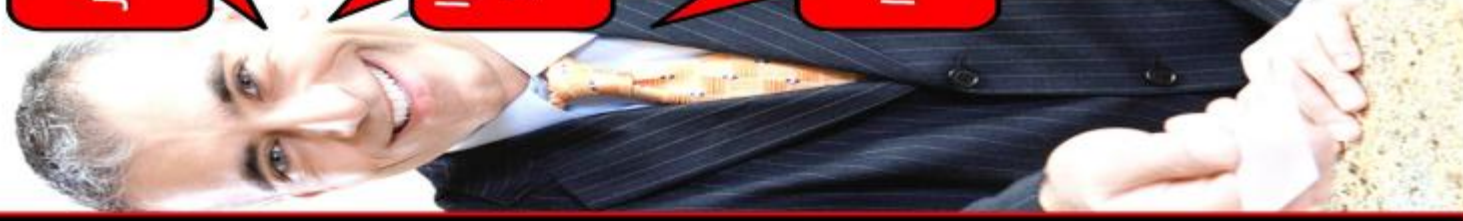
Learning what others believe. Sharing the Gospel of Jesus.

Witness Survey

The Survey

1. Hi. We're representing _____ Lutheran Church and are taking a religious survey and sharing some Good News. This is _____ and I am _____. May we ask you a few questions?
 2. Are you familiar with _____ Church?
 3. Did you attend church when you were growing up? What church?
 4. Do you and your family attend church now? Which church?
 5. Are there children in this home that attend Sunday School?
 6. Do you have a Bible in your home? If not, may we bring you a Bible?
 7. May I ask your name?
 8. May I ask you something important? Where do you believe you will go when you die? Why?
 9. May I share with you why I believe I will go to heaven when I die?
 10. May I share the Good News of Jesus with you in a personal way?
- If Unchurched:** May someone from our church come and talk to you again about the Lord Jesus?

OAFC Canvassing Witnessing Methods



I believe Jesus died for me.

I believe I'm a pretty good person.

I don't know.

Good News Method

I would like to share God's good news with you in a personal way. May I ask your first name? May I call you by your first name? For God so loved _____ that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer, die, and rise in victory for _____ so that believing in Jesus as the Savior from sin, _____ shall not perish, but _____ shall have everlasting life. That's God's promise to you.

Sin, Separation, Savior Method

May I share with you why I believe I will go to heaven? *[Repeat their answer, e.g., "I go to church..."]* ...But, I still sin, and because God requires perfection, even one sin would separate me from God forever. That is why I am glad to know that God sent Jesus Christ to suffer, die, and rise in victory to pay for all of my sins. I believe I will go to heaven because of what Jesus did for me. What do you think about what Jesus has done? *[Seek to follow with the Assurance of Heaven]*

Assurance of Heaven Method

Would you like to be absolutely certain that if you were to die right now that you would go to heaven? The Bible says, "These things are written to you...that you may KNOW that you have eternal life." *[1 John 5:13]* We can KNOW we have eternal life! This is possible

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CHRISTIAN BAPTISM BIBLE STUDY



1) **PHYSICAL BIRTH** Ps. 51:5 - CONCEIVED IN SIN; Jn 3:6, Rom 5:19, Eph 2:1-3, 4:18- 22 - CORRUPT AND DEAD, LIVE ACCORDING TO OUR NATURAL DESIRES; Gen 5:3, 6:5, 8:21 - ONLY EVIL; Rom 3:11-12, 5:10,12, 6:23, 7:18, 8:7 - ABSENCE OF GOOD, AN ENEMY OF GOD, DESERVING ETERNAL DEATH (HELL); I Cor 2:14 - SPIRITUALLY BLIND.

Everybody is born spiritually dead, blind and an enemy of God and is lost!

2) **SPIRITUAL BIRTH (Baptism)** Acts 2:38, 22:16 - GIVES FORGIVENESS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT; Rom 6:3-4 - UNITES WITH CHRIST, HIS DEATH, AND MAKES A NEW MAN; Jn 3:5-6, Gal 3:27, I Pet 3:21, Mk 16:16 - SAVED THROUGH THE RESURRECTION; Matt 28:19-20, Eph 2:8, Acts 16:15,33.

A baptized baby is cleansed, born again, united with Christ and is SAVED!

3) **SPIRITUAL GROWTH** Matt 28:19-20 - BAPTIZE AND TEACH; Rom 10:17 - FAITH COMES BY HEARING!

If a person is not fed physically he will die. If a person is not fed spiritually after baptism he can die spiritually. If fed spiritually, people can know who Jesus is, what He has done for them and what God's will is for their life. This is the purpose of continued church attendance and Bible Study.

4) **SPIRITUAL IMPEDIMENTS** (Things that harm faith) Heb 10:26-27 - SINS AGAINST BETTER KNOWLEDGE; Gal 5:19-21, I Cor 6:9-10, Rev 21:8, Matt 7:21-23 - NOT ALL WHO CALL ME LORD WILL ENTER. Heb 10:26 (keyword: willful) Demonstrate with the "Cross Witnessing Method".

WHY ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE WILL NOT MAKE IT TO HEAVEN:

WALTHER IN "LAW & GOSPEL" - "Wicked men cannot truly believe, cannot have a genuine faith." "The light of faith can be extinguished not only by gross sins, but by any willful, intentional sin."

LUTHER'S LARGE CATECHISM - "Where faith is present with it's fruits, there baptism is no empty symbol, but the effect accompanies it; but where faith is lacking, it remains a mere unfruitful sign."

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM - "The sins of the impenitent sinners, that is, of those who are not sorry for their sins and do not believe in Jesus Christ, are to be retained as long as they do not repent." "Manifest and impenitent sinners must be excluded from the Christian congregation." "Put away from among yourselves that wicked person." I Cor 5:13

THE FORMULA OF CONCORD, TRIGLOTTA, pg 943 - "[We] reject the secure Epicurean delusion...which is without repentance and without good works, as though there could be in a heart true faith and at the same time the wicked intention to persevere and continue in sins, which is impossible;...." pg 947 - "Against this pernicious delusion the following true, immutable, divine threats and severe punishments and admonitions should be often repeated and impressed upon Christians who are justified by faith: I Cor. 6:9 "Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, etc., shall inherit the Kingdom of God." Gal 5:21, Rom 8:13, Col 3:6, etc.

5) **HOW TO LIVE UNDER BAPTISM** - SMALL CATECHISM - "Baptism signifies that the Old Adam in us should, by daily contrition and repentance, be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts and, again, a new man daily come forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever." Therefore, after Baptism, as a person experiences sins he daily repents and renews his baptismal vow.

6) **SPIRITUAL RENEWAL** through Baptism includes these actions as we live the peaceful and abundant spiritual life that Christ promised He would give us.

A. **DAILY REPENTANCE** (Being so sorry for sin that I don't want to sin again.)

- ☐ Gal 5:24-25 - "Jesus, what do You want me to do? Do it."
- ☐ II Pet 3:9 - Repent means to "turn away from your sins".
- ☐ I Jn 1:9 - Confess your sins and be forgiven.

B. DEDICATED OR SURRENDERED LIFE

- ☐ Rom 6:13 - Give yourself to God!
- ☐ I Cor 6:19-20 - You are bought by Christ so LIVE FOR HIM!
- ☐ II Cor 8:1-5 - First, they gave themselves to the Lord!
- ☐ Rom 12:1 - Present your bodies to God!
- ☐ Rom 8:5 - Change your mind about God!

C. FOCUSING ON OUR BLESSINGS

- ☐ Rom 13:14 - Put on Christ! II Cor 5:17 - We become new creatures.
- ☐ I Pet 1:23 - We become new BY THE WORD! Eph 4:22-23 - We have a new nature.
- ☐ Col 3:10 - We are renewed after God. Jn 1:11-12 - We become God's children.
- ☐ Rev 3:14-20 - We become earnest in Christ. 1 Jn 5:11-12, Jn 3:16 We have eternal life.

Realize that only the HOLY SPIRIT working through GOD'S WORD can give you power. 1 Cor 12:3

D. A RITE OF RENEWAL

(This section contains 3 prayers(*). For each, ask the group to bow their heads and close their eyes. They may repeat the prayer after you, phrase by phrase.)

1. Confessing Our Sins

- a. As God gives you a repentant heart, review what Jesus did for you on the cross.
- b. Ask the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit to show you your sins. * PRAY: "Holy Spirit, show me my sins - (wait 2 - 3 minutes to let God show them their sins.) - I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen"
- c. Daily ask Jesus to forgive every sin, to take away your burdens and guilt and to free you from the power of sin.
- d. Pray on the basis of I Jn 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful ...to forgive our sins..." Get rid of sin immediately and ask God to keep you from sinning that way again in the future.

PRAY: "Jesus, I have sinned - - - I am so sorry, I never want to sin again - - - thank You for forgiving me - - - for assuring me I will go to heaven. In Jesus' name, Amen."

2. Rededicating Our Lives

- a. Thank God for:
 - ☐ The assurance of forgiveness and salvation.
 - ☐ Being a child of God.
 - ☐ Having the assurance of eternal life through Jesus your Savior.
- b. As God gives you power, dedicate or rededicate your life to Christ. (As in Baptism or Confirmation.) This includes everything you are and have: mind, emotions, will, future, job, possessions, family, pride, etc. Rom 12:6-12
- c. As God empowers you and on the basis of GOD'S WORD, ask Jesus to control your life.

PRAY: "Jesus, thank You for giving me new power in my life. - - - I dedicate or rededicate my life to You and Your service. - - - control my life to Your glory. In Your name. Amen."

E. SUGGESTIONS FOR LIVING THE RENEWED LIFE:

- 1) Read your Bible daily.
- 2) Speak to God in prayer constantly.
- 3) Receive the Lord's Supper regularly!
- 4) Witness of Christ daily in life!
- 5) The secret of life is to give yourself away for others!

"I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST!" (Paul & You!)



Small Group Bible Study

We teach youth a method of studying Scripture that engages everyone, encourages discussion, and purposefully connects every Scripture to Christ and your life.



Too many small group Bible Studies point people to themselves rather than Jesus. In OAFc, we teach youth and adults always to look at Christ as the center of all the Bible – in every passage, every Study. That's why we consider Bible Study a Witnessing Method: because it's whole purpose is to point us and everyone to Christ.



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Bible Study

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1. Leader Prays –

Example: "Heavenly Father, send us your Holy Spirit to show us Christ in His Word that we may learn to show Christ to others; in Jesus' name. Amen."

2. Group Circle Prayer – Thanksgivings

3. Each Person Reads a Verse through the Reading

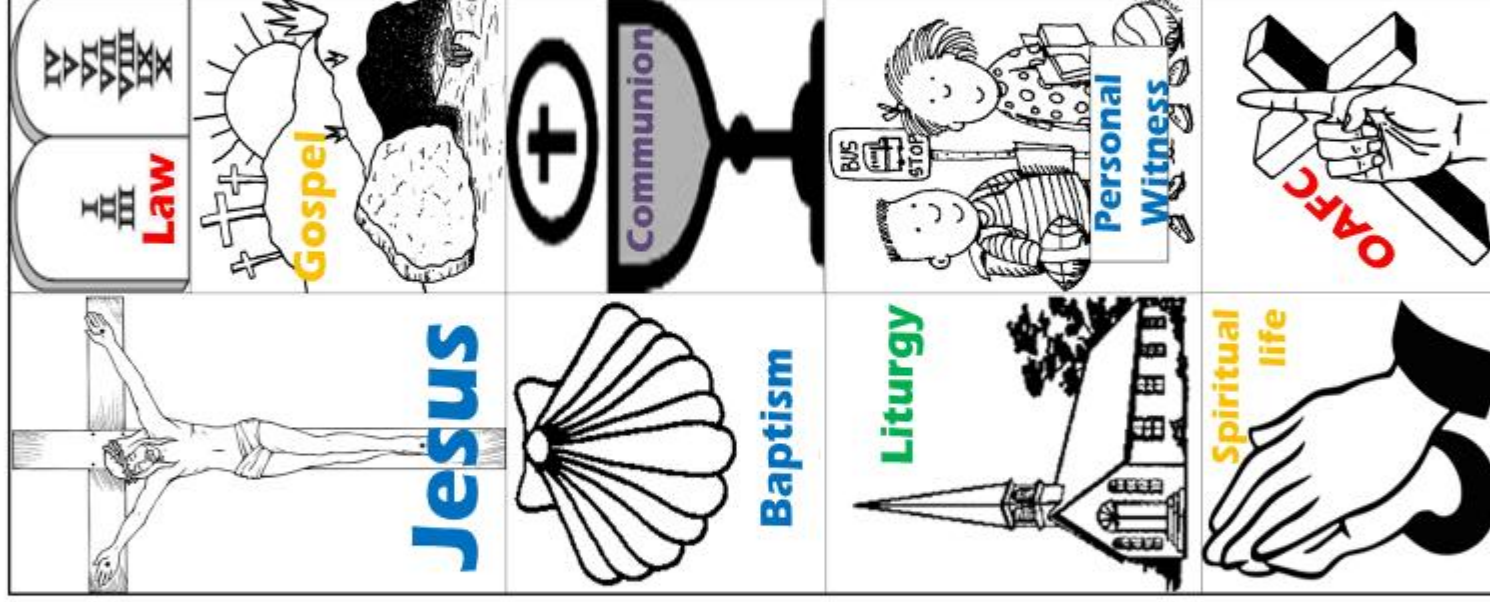
4. Re-Read Verses and Share How it Points to Jesus and Applies to Your Life

Application Guides

5. Closing –

Example: "How would you use what you've learned in this study to share Christ with others?"

6. Group Circle Prayer – Thanksgiving & Petitions



Interpreting Scripture

All Scripture points to Jesus. How does this verse point to Jesus?

What sin does this verse condemn?

How can this verse comfort sinners with the death and resurrection of Jesus for them?

Does this verse talk about Baptism or cleansing?

Does this verse talk about the Lord's Supper or eating and drinking?

Do we use this verse in any of our liturgies? Where? How does that help you understand the verse or the liturgy better?

Have you or could you use this verse in a Personal Witness?

How could this verse help you with your prayers or spiritual warfare?

How does this verse help you share the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Personal Witness of Faith



Sharing your personal story of faith is an effective way to tell an audience or an individual your gratitude or appreciation of what God and He alone has done in your life.

I. PRE-OUTLINE

- A. Pray for the Lord to give you wisdom and guidance as you work out your testimony (James 1:5-6).
- B. Think through any spiritual changes or guidance that God has brought about in your life. Then pick a topic that best applies to your life, whether it relates to what God did for you, what He means to you, how important God is in your life, or how God brought you to faith.
- C. Pick one or two scripture verses that best apply to your topic.
- D. At the end of your testimony you may wish to sing a favorite song or quote a portion of a song that best applies to your topic.

II. OUTLINE

- A. A carefully planned and well organized presentation can help you present Christ in a clear, attractive and simple way, better than one given without much thought.
- B. Below is a suggested outline to follow:
 - 1. Begin with an attention getting sentence.
 - 2. Share an aspect of your Christian life.
 - 3. Share how God strengthens your Christian life.
 - 4. Share how God is helping you through a struggle of life.
 - 5. In closing, share an applicable Bible verse and perhaps a song.

III. WRITING

- A. A short, well planned testimony will do more than one that is long, dragged out, and causes the audience to become lost. Try to be short and to the point, about three minutes.
- B. Emphasize that Jesus makes the difference in your life.
- C. While writing, avoid the following:
 - 1. Making negative or humiliating statements about churches, denominations, organizations, or individuals.
 - 2. Copying another person - give your own testimony.
 - 3. Overworking certain words such as fantastic, exciting, great, etc.
 - 4. Using large words or stereotyped expressions such as justification, redemption, born again, conversion, hallelujah, praise the Lord, etc.
- D. Be honest, sincere, positive, interesting, and realistic. Jesus does not eliminate all problems in life, and struggles often reoccur. However, Jesus does give us the power to live in peace in the midst of problems and struggles.

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PICK THE BEST TOPIC THAT APPLIES TO YOUR LIFE	FOLLOWING ARE SOME HELPFUL THOUGHTS	PICK ONE BIBLE VERSE	YOU MAY INCLUDE A SONG
WHAT DID GOD DO FOR YOU?			
1. He saved me from my sins	Share the joy of God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ. "I was once eternally lost, but now I am saved through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ."	Isaiah 12:2 Isaiah 43:25 Romans 6:23 Romans 10:13 Eph. 1:7 1 John 1:9	Freely, Freely Robe of Righteous God is so Good Hallelujah, Let Hosannas Love is God's Gift Sino Alleluia
2. He gave me the Assurance of Heaven	Share the joy of knowing that then you die you will go to heaven through believing in Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin. You may incorporate one of the witnessing methods in this personal witness	John 3:16 John 4:13 John 5:24 John 17:3	For God So Loved The Steadfast Love I Am the Resurrection Love is God's Gift
3. He delivered me from an accident, or rough surgery or through a death in the family	Share how God has kept or strengthened your faith in God while going through one of these trials. Share how you were totally helpless while in the hospital, and compare that with the lives of your audience. "I am totally helpless-when it comes to saving myself, but Jesus Christ saved me by dying on the cross. He forgives my sins and assures me of eternal life."	Psalms 23:4 Psalm 27:1 Matt. 11:28 Romans 8:35 2 Cor. 1:10 James 1:2-3 1 Peter 1:6-7 1 Peter 4:12-13	Cast Thy Burden Come to the Water I know where I'm Going The Answer Through it All Love was When Promises
3. He strengthened my Christian faith through OAFC	Share what your faith in God was like before and after you attended your first OAFC weekend. And how God strengthened your faith through Bible Study, singing, or witnessing. Tell how God gave you the absolute assurance that you will go to heaven. Always give the glory to God and not to a person or thing. Tell how God worked through OAFC.	John 11:25 John 20:31 Romans 5:1 Romans 10:17 Ephesians 2:8	You may use a favorite OAFC song
WHAT DOES GOD MEAN TO YOU?			
1. He's First in my life.	Share how other people or material things were first in your life and how God was last. "God showed me how lost in sin I was without Him. Now I believe in Jesus as my Savior from sin. He is now and always will be number one in my life. He means more to me than anything in this world, because He died for my sins."	Matt. 6:33 John 12:25 John 14:6 Ephesians 2:8 Hebrews 13:5	He's Everything to Me Dear Jesus Seek Ye First The Greatest Gift
2. He is my Best Friend	Share how you can sometimes trust in a friend. "But now in my life Jesus is my best friend, who I can totally trust as my Savior from sin and in eternal life. Jesus will never lie or leave me."	Prov. 18:24 John 14:18 John 15:13-15 1 Cor. 1:9 2 Thess. 3:3	Happy Am I Jesus, Jesus What A Friend
HOW IS GOD IMPORTANT IN YOUR LIFE?			
1. He gives me a purpose for living	Share that as a Christian I can be assured that my sins are forgiven and that He gives me eternal life. "My purpose for living is to always be an ambassador for Christ sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout my life."	Isaiah 43:10 Matt. 16:24 Matt. 28:19-20 Acts 1:8 Gal. 2:20	Be of Good Cheer Good Morning Lord Everybody Ought to Know
2. He gives me direction for living	Share how God has made a difference in your life from before you believed in Him to now. "He has changed my life from living for the world and for myself to living for Jesus. I was once a loser, but now I am a winner through Jesus Christ. God's Word gives me direction to live for Jesus and not the world."	2 Cor. 5:7 Gal. 2:20 Gal. 5:16 Titus 3:5 Hebrews 13:6-7 1 John 1:7	For Those Tears Free The Answer Titus 3.5 If Any Man I Know Where I'm Going
HOW DID GOD BRING YOU TO FAITH? AS AN INFANT, YOUTH OR AN ADULT?			
1. He brought me to faith through a friend, family member, or spouse.	Share what your life was like before you believed in Jesus (empty, lost, no purpose, etc.) and what your life is like after you believe in Jesus as your Savior from sin (peace, happiness, assurance of heaven, forgiveness, etc.). Share when and where a friend told you about Jesus Christ and how God's Word worked faith in your heart.	Psalms 119:67 John 1:12-13 John 6:44 Romans 5:1 Romans 10:17	I Am I Am the Bread of Life I Know Where I'm Going The Answer
2. He brought me to faith through Holy Baptism	Share that you were brought to Holy Baptism either as an infant by your parents or as an adult. And that through Baptism you, were a new born Christian, by the Holy Spirit. Share how the Holy Spirit worked in your life through God's Word in devotions, Church, Sunday School, and OAFC, always strengthening your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin. You are able to boast about what God has done in your life.	Matt. 28:19-20 John 3:5 Acts 2:38 1 Cor. 12:13 Gal. 3:27 1 Peter 3:21	His Sheep Am I The Steadfast Love. Jude Promises See This Wonder in the Making



Personal Witness

We teach youth a simple way to connect everyday events to Christ through Law and Gospel so they can always be ready to share the importance of faith in their lives.



An OAFc Personal Witness is a pre-planned, 2-3 minute presentation of how Christ crucified for you has made a difference in your life. Youth and adults are then encouraged to share these Personal Witnesses with their churches, friends, and everyone so that others can learn how Christ can make a difference for them, too.



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Personal Witness

Connecting our lives to Christ so others can be connected to Him.



Personal Witnessing Thought Starters and Ideas

PICK THE BEST TOPIC THAT APPLIES TO YOU	FOLLOWING ARE SOME HELPFUL THOUGHTS	PICK ONE BIBLE VERSE	YOU MAY INCLUDE A SONG
1. Jesus saved me from my sins	Share the joy of God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ. "I was once eternally lost, but now I am saved through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ."	Isaiah 12:2, Isaiah 43:25, Romans 6:23, Rom. 10:13 Ephesians 1:7, 1 John 1:9	Freely, Freely Robe of Righteousness Hallelujah, Let Hosannas Ring Love is God's Gift
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3. Jesus delivered me from an accident, or rough surgery, or through a death in the family	Share how God has kept or strengthened your faith in God while going through hospitalization, accident, or rough surgery, or and compare that with the lives of your audience. "I am totally helpless when it comes to saving myself, but Jesus Christ saved me by dying on the cross. He forgives my sins and assures me of eternal life with Him."	Psalm 23:4, Psalm 27:1 Matthew 11:28, Rom 8:35 2 Corinthians 1:10 James 1:2-3, 1 Peter 1:6-7 1 Peter 4:12-13	Cast Thy Burden I Know Where I'm Going Through It All Promises Be Ye Glad
4. Jesus strengthened my Christian faith through OAFCC	Share what your faith in God was like before you attended your first OAFCC weekend, and how God strengthened your faith through the OAFCC witnessing methods. Tell how God gave you the absolute assurance that you will go to heaven by faith. Always give the glory to God and not a person or thing - tell how God worked through OAFCC.	John 11:25, John 20:31 Romans 5:1, Rom. 10:17 Ephesians 2:8	Use your favorite OAFCC song or hymn
5. Jesus is First in my life.	Share how other people or material things were first in your life and God came after. "God showed me how lost in sin I was without Him. Now I believe in Jesus as my Savior from sin. He is now and always will be number one in my life. He means more to me than anything in this world because He died for my sins."	Matthew 6:33 John 12:25, John 14:6 Ephesians 2:8 Hebrews 13:5	He's Everything to Me Dear Jesus Seek Ye First The Greatest Gift All I Once Held Dear
6. Jesus is my Best Friend	Share how you can sometimes trust in a friend. "But now in my life Jesus is my best friend, whom I can totally trust as my Savior from sin, giver of eternal life, and provider for my needs. Jesus will never lie or leave me."	Proverbs 18:24 John 14:18, John 15:13-15 1 Corinthians 1:9 2 Thessalonians 3:3	Happy Am I Jesus, Jesus What a Friend We Have In Jesus
7. Jesus gives me a purpose for living	Share that as a Christian you can be assured that your sins are forgiven and that you've been given eternal life NOW. "My purpose for living is to always be a witness for Christ, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through my life and vocation."	Isaiah 43:10 Matthew 16:24 Matthew 28:19-20 Acts 1:8, Galatians 2:20 1 Peter 2:9-10	Be of Good Cheer Good Morning Lord Everybody Ought to Know
8. Jesus gives me direction for living	Share how God has made a difference in your life, even from before you believed in Christ to now. "Jesus changed my life from living for the world and for myself to living for Jesus. I was once a loser, but now I am a winner through Jesus Christ. God's Word gives me direction to live for Jesus and not the world."	2 Corinthians 5:7 Galatians 2:20, Gal. 5:16 Titus 3:5, Hebrews 13:6-7 1 John 1:7	Free The Answer Titus 3:5 If Any Man I Know Where I'm Going Glorious Day
9. Jesus brought me to faith through a friend, family member, or spouse.	Share what your life was like before you believed in Jesus (empty, lost, no purpose, etc.) and what your life is like after you believe in Jesus as your Savior from sin (peace, happiness, assurance of heaven, forgiveness, etc.). Share how God's Word worked faith in your heart.	Psalm 119:67, John 1:12-13 John 6:44, Romans 5:1 Romans 10:17	I Am I Am the Bread of Life I Know Where I'm Going All I Once Held Dear Light of the World
10. Jesus brought me to faith through Holy Baptism	Share that you were brought to Holy Baptism either as an infant by your parents or as an adult. Share that through Baptism you were a new born Christian by the blood of Christ through the Holy Spirit. Share how the Spirit has worked in your life through Word and Sacrament, through devotions, Church, Sunday School, and OAFCC, always strengthening your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin. Boast about what God has done FOR YOU.	Matthew 28:19-20 John 3:5, Acts 2:38 1 Corinthians 12:13 Galatians 3:27 1 Peter 3:21	His Sheep Am I The Steadfast Love of the Lord Baptized into Your Name Most Holy See This Wonder in the Making Bartle Hymn of Moses

Sharing your personal story of faith is an effective way to tell an audience or an individual your gratitude or appreciation of what God and He alone has done in your life.

I. PRE-OUTLINE

- Play for the Lord to give you wisdom and guidance as you work out your testimony (James 1:5-6).
- Think through any spiritual changes or guidance that God has brought about in your life. Then pick a topic that best applies to your life, whether it relates to what God did for you, what He means to you, how important God is in your life, or how God brought you to faith.
- Pick one or two scripture verses that best apply to your topic.
- At the end of your testimony you may wish to sing a favorite song or quote a portion of a song that best applies to your topic.

II. OUTLINE

- A carefully planned and well organized presentation can help you present Christ in a clear, attractive and simple way, better than one given without much thought.
- Below is a suggested outline to follow:
 - Begin with an attention getting sentence
 - Share an aspect of your Christian life
 - Share how God strengthens your Christian life
 - Share how God is helping you through a struggle of life
 - In closing, share an applicable Bible verse and perhaps a song

III. WRITING

- A short, well planned testimony will do more than one that is long, dragged out, and causes the audience to become lost. Try to be front and to the point, about three minutes.
- Emphasize that Jesus makes the difference in your life.
- While writing, avoid the following:
 - Making negative or humiliating statements about churches, denominations, organizations, or individuals.
 - Copying another person - give your own testimony.
 - Overworking certain words such as fantastic, exciting, great, etc.
 - Using large words or stereotyped expressions such as justification, redemption, born again, conversion, hallelujah, praise the Lord, etc.
- Be honest, sincere, positive, interesting and realistic. Jesus does not eliminate all problems in life, and struggles often recur. However, Jesus does give us the power to live in peace in the midst of problems and struggles.

Nursing Home Devotion Plan

(The following is just a guide; abbreviate as necessary.)

Moderator: _____

Get-Attention **Song** _____ Pg # _____

Opening Prayer (Thanks for God's Word & this opportunity to share it together) _____

Moderator: Briefly tell WHO we are & what CHURCH we represent.

(then each person says their name and where they are from)

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

What is OAFIC & our Purpose (W.I.T.) _____

Good News Method shared with one resident _____

Good News Method said by all Ambassadors using "You" – started by moderator.

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

SSS Method explained and shared by _____

Personal Witness by _____

Solo/Duet/Group **Song** _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

Puppet Play _____ Curtain Holders _____

Puppeteers _____

Short Message by _____

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

Drama _____

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

(The Apostles Creed or Lord's Prayer may be used occasionally, led by moderator, said by all.)

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

Closing Prayer by _____

Moderator: Words of thanks & Announcement of our desire to visit with them personally.

OAFC Weekend Worship Participation

Many congregations encourage Ambassador youth to participate in their worship. The four guidelines on the bottom of this page show 4 possible ways the Ongoing Ambassadors may be involved in your church's worship services. The presentation and time allotted are up to the pastor and congregation. These four samples are given simply to show what could be done. Please share your desires with the OAFC director prior to the OAFC weekend. We encourage that congregations at least allow Ambassadors to share the results of the weekend and request congregational prayer and financial support during the worship service.

We also offer Pre-Weekend Bulletin Inserts with information about the OAFC ministry as well as weekend Bulletin Inserts to note the impact of the weekend. The director will email these to you beforehand or bring them with the team when he comes, and if permissible, distribute them along with your worship bulletin.

May this information be helpful in aiding our serving together in Word and Work in Christ's name.

45 Minute Matins Participation – Lead Service	55 Min. Divine Service Participation – Lead Service
<i>Optional Opening Hymn</i> Invocation – Spoken by the Pastor Venite Song – "Come Let us Go Up to the Mountain" Psalm Song – "You Called Me By Name" OT Reading <i>Optional Puppet Show</i> Epistle <i>Optional Gradual Song – "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord"</i> Gospel Reading Sermon Creed – Spoken or Sung, "Lord of Hope, of Life, of Love" Canticle – "For God So Loved," "Who hath believed..." Offering OAFC Presentation – What is OAFC, Results, Support, Personal Witness Prayers of the Church Lord's Prayer – Spoken or Sung Benediction – Spoken or Sung, "Barocha" Recessional Hymn	<i>Optional Opening/Processional Hymn</i> Invocation, Confession & Absolution – Spoken by Pastor Introit/Psalm Hymn – "You Called Me By Name" Hymn of Praise – "This is the Feast," "We Will Glorify" Salutation and Collect OT Reading <i>Optional Puppet Show</i> Epistle Reading Alleluia and Verse – "Alle, Alle," "Sing Hallelujah" Holy Gospel Hymn of the Day – Led by OAFC Sermon Creed – Spoken or Sung, "Lord of Hope, of Life, of Love" Offering & OAFC Presentation – What is OAFC, Results, Support, Personal Witness Prayers of the Church (If no Communion, Conclude with Lord's Prayer, Benediction, and Recessional Hymn) Preface – Spoken by Pastor Sanctus – "Here at the Altar" Words of Institution – Spoken by Pastor Lord's Prayer – Spoken or Sung Agnus Dei/Pre-Communion Hymn – "Lamb of God" Distribution and Communion Hymns – "Communion Gift," "Broken and Poured Out" Post-Communion Hymn – "There is a Redeemer" Post-Communion Collect – Spoken by Pastor Benediction – Spoken or Sung, "Barocha" Recessional Hymn
20 Minute Participation - Presentation	5 Minute Minimum - Presentation
OAFC Song – <i>Usually preservice or Offering</i> Introduce OAFC Ministry Personal Witness Survey Results Presented Sharing the Weekend Impact on First-Timers Invitation for Prayer and Financial Support Puppet Skit – Often between OT and Epistle OAFC Song – <i>to close presentation</i>	Introduce OAFC Ministry Sharing Good News Witnessing Method Survey Results Presented Invitation to Prayer and Financial Support

OAFC Outreach Report Presentation

About OAFC

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from – You should be able to do this without reading it)

OAFC is Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ. We are a Recognized Service Organization of our LCMS that equips youth and adults to share their faith in Jesus Christ. Our three-fold purpose is to:

Witness to all about Jesus who died for the sins of all people so that they can have the certainty of eternal life with Christ when they die,

Invite the unchurched to the congregations we serve and to invite youth to join us in our ministry,

Train youth and adults to share their faith in Jesus.

OAFC witnesses through: **puppets, singing, Bible study, drama, canvassing, and personal witnesses.**

Survey Report

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from)

Ambassadors from ____ different churches (states) witnessed about Jesus' love and forgiveness through a witness survey of the community where we spoke to people at ____ homes. We left Gospel and church literature at another ____ houses where no one was home.

During our survey we asked, "Where do you believe you will go when you die?" Most people answered "Heaven." Then we asked, "Why do you believe you will go to heaven?"

____ people were sure of going to heaven through what Jesus did for them;

____ said they thought they would go because of their own good works;

____ said they did not know how to get to heaven or where they were going; and

____ persons did not answer that question or take our survey.

We shared with all who would listen that Jesus gave His life to pay for all their sins, that they might be certain of having eternal life with Christ. We spoke to some individuals who are inactive in church or have no church home with whom we also had the opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From this survey we can report ____ such visits.

Through our neighborhood survey we discovered ____ person(s) who is (are) interested in learning more about Jesus Christ their Savior and this church. We ask that you welcome these souls into your midst and pray for them. We would like to leave the names of these individuals with your congregations for follow-up. Would _____ please come forward to receive these?

Financial Support

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from)

- ☐ The ministry of OAFC is supported entirely by gifts of individuals, groups, and congregations like yours. We are a volunteer organization. Our annual budget supports only one part time Called worker and pays for witness materials.
- ☐ OAFC works to establish additional groups throughout our Synod. We would like to thank the members of this congregation for hosting us and for supplying us with meals and homes for sleeping. Thank you for the door offering which you are presenting today for the work of OAFC as we continue to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We invite your ongoing financial support.
- ☐ Those of you who are Thrivent members may designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the national ministry of Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ. Please contact your area Thrivent representative for assistance with this gift to OAFC.

Prayer Support

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from)

The ministry of OAFC needs prayer supporters. Your prayers are vital to our ministry. We ask that you pray for Youth who participate, Adults who serve as leaders, and Congregations who host OAFC weekend.

Anyone who is willing to become a prayer supporter of the ministry of OAFC is asked to meet with me after the service so we can record your name and email address. We will send you our monthly OAFC email newsletter, "The Crier," to inform you of our prayer needs and keep you up to date with what's happening with OAFC. You can also visit our website to check us out at www.oafc.org. God bless every one of you for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

The Impact of OAFC

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from – You should be able to do this without reading it)

(preferably a new ambassador) My experience with OAFC has helped me grow in my faith in Jesus by: (in your own words)

Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ



Prayer Supporters

Sign up to let us know that you're praying us and we'll send you our monthly E-mail newsletter, "The Crier," full of prayer requests, upcoming activities, Bible Studies, and devotional thoughts for the month.

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Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ



Singing

Bible

Study

Personal

Witness

Puppets

Dramas

Witness

Survey

The Mission of OAFCC is to...

Witness of Christ to All

Invite All into the Church

Train All to Witness

The Outcome of OAFCC is...

The Church's youth are strengthened in the Faith and find a voice to share that Good News of Jesus with their world.



Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ



The 3-Fold purpose of OAFCC is that we:

1. Witness to all about Jesus our Savior
2. Invite the unchurched to the congregation we serve and other youth to join us
3. Train youth and adults to confidently share their faith

Thank you for hosting a team of Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ. We hope that our time together was a blessing for you as we joined you in carrying this eternal life message to your community.

You have encouraged us by:

- ✓ Praying for God's blessing on our outreach and our ministry
- ✓ Providing us with housing, meals, and transportation
- ✓ Joining us in reaching out to your community and to the lost
- ✓ Allowing us to participate in your Sunday school and worship service
- ✓ Supporting OAFCC with your prayers and financial gifts

This weekend Ambassadors from _____ different churches witnessed about Jesus' love and forgiveness through a witness survey of the community where we spoke to people at _____ homes.

We left Gospel and church literature at another _____ homes where no one was home. During our survey we ask, "Where do you believe you will go when you die?" Most people answered "heaven". Then we ask, "Why do you believe you will go to heaven?"

_____ people were sure of going to heaven through what Jesus did for them; _____ said they thought they would go because of their own good works; _____ said they did not know how to get to heaven; and _____ persons did not answer that question or take our survey.

We shared with all who would listen that Jesus gave His life to pay for all their sins that they might be certain of having eternal life with Christ. We spoke to some individuals who are inactive in church or have no church home with whom we also had the opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From this survey we can report _____ such visits. We also discovered _____ person(s) who is (are) interested in learning more about Jesus Christ their Savior and this church. We ask that you welcome these souls into your midst and pray for them.

Sharing with others the joy of JESUS CHRIST and His Resurrection...

Date _____

Place _____

Dear Jesus, Thank You for giving Your life on the cross for my sins. I don't deserve Your love for I have sinned in so many ways. I have done things I should not have done and have neglected things I should have done. I haven't shared You in the past like I should have, but thank You for the training I have received in OAF. Help me to consider being a member of OAF that I may grow in my ability to share You with others that they might also have the certainty of going to heaven and the abundant life You promise. Amen.



1. To be a commissioned Ambassador you must be a confirmed member of a member congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.
2. This pledge sheet should be filled out only after you have attended at least two complete OAF weekends. You should make your decision based upon prayer considering the pledge you are making, and without allowing emotions or the decisions of others to influence you. (1 Corinthians 14:12).
3. In order to be commissioned, you must know the two basic witnessing methods, you must have led a call, and you must sign this commissioning form.
4. This pledge sheet is to be filled out and signed by you (and your parents or guardian if you are under 18 years of age). You can participate in OAF activities without being commissioned. (Ephesians 6:1-3; Romans 13:1-2).
5. If you choose to be commissioned, you will be commissioned publicly.
6. This commitment is for one year. At that time you should prayerfully consider being recommissioned.

ONE WAY - JESUS CHRIST

That I might be more effective in being used to lead people to Christ and into the church, I pledge myself to STRIVE to do the following as God empowers me:

1. Give all glory to Jesus who died for me that I can live eternally.
2. Pray daily for the Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ youth, leaders, and supporters.
3. Pray for the lost and to lead at least one to Christ and into membership of my church.
4. Read my Bible, pray and witness daily for spiritual strength.
5. Attend my local church, its Bible classes and the Lord's Supper at every opportunity.
6. Attend all future OAF programs in my area.
7. Be a financial supporter of OAF.
8. Pray for and live to improve the spiritual growth of my family.
9. Bring at least one recruit to each future OAF weekend.
10. Live a Christ-centered life to the glory of God, my church and my generation.

☐ Check if this is
your very first
commissioning.

I PLEDGE MYSELF TO STRIVE TO DO THESE THINGS WITH THE HELP OF GOD.

Your Signature

Signature of Parent or Guardian

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION BELOW

Name		Month, Day, Year of Birth	
Street Address	Town	State	Zip Code
Area Code & Phone Number	E-mail Address		Home Congregation

"I HAVE COME TO BRING YOU TRUTH - I HAVE COME TO BRING YOU LIFE - IF YOU BELIEVE IN ME THEN YOU SHALL LIVE - I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE - HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE!"

Photocopy twice—one copy for the Ambassadors, one for the Director.

Send original to the OAF Office, PO Box 712, Greenville, IL 62246

Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ



**Thank You from your
Ambassador Guest**



Go Quick and Tell the World of Christ our Lord!

Christ has called His Church out of darkness and into His marvelous light, and so charges us to proclaim this excellent work and to be ready to make a defense to anyone who asks for the hope that is within us (1 Peter 2:9, 3:15). That can be scary unless we remember that Christ's power and His promise is to be with us to the end of the age!

Since 1970, Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ have made over 720,000 visits to share the message of God's forgiveness earned for all at the cross of Christ. New Ambassadors come back thrilled that they were able to share their faith. They have a new eagerness to hear the Word of God and their faith grows by leaps and bounds. Many hear the call for full-time service in the Church as they see first-hand the need of the world. Thanks for your encouragement in sending workers into the harvest field.



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Please join us in praying
that the ministry of OAFC
would grow with more

- * Leaders around the country
- * LCMS Youth involved
- * LCMS Churches participating
- * OAFC groups established

So that...

- * OAFC would continue to be faithful in sharing the Good News of Jesus to all who will listen, and
- Youth will grow

"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

For God so loved _____ that He gave His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer, die, and rise in victory for _____, so that, believing in Jesus as the Savior from sin, _____ shall not perish, but _____ shall have everlasting life.

Paraphrase of John 3:16



Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ

Medical Information & Parent/Guardian Consent Form

Date: _____

TO: Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ (O AFC)

PARTICIPANT: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE: _____

ZIP _____ HOME TELEPHONE: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____

FATHER WORK: _____ CELL _____

MOTHER WORK: _____ CELL _____

As the parent/guardian of the above named participant, I grant permission for him/her to take part in O AFC weekends and other events.

I realize the nature and extent of these activities and represent to you that the participant is physically and mentally able to join in these activities.

While O AFC adult leaders strive to maintain a safe environment, I realize that accidents can happen and have instructed the participant to follow common sense safety, i.e. fastening their seatbelts etc, and that they will be responsible for their actions.

I hereby appoint O AFC adult leaders as my agent and representative for the purpose of authorizing and consenting to hospital and/or medical care and treatment as necessary for the health and well being of the participant while they are attending O AFC activities.

Consent and Emergency Information:

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Relationship to Minor _____

Witness of Signature _____

Witness Name (Printed) _____

Primary Emergency Contact _____

Secondary Contact _____

Connection to Participant Home Phone _____ Cell or Work Phone _____

Doctor _____

Phone _____

Medical Insurance Company _____

Policy Number _____

Phone _____

Date of participant's last Tetanus shot _____

If needed, participant allowed aspirin, Tylenol, etc.? _____

Other medication _____

Comments: _____

Date received: _____

This form should be updated annually or whenever any information changes.

O AFC Office, PO Box 712, Greenville, IL 62246

Model Release*
for Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ



I, _____ (print model's name), do hereby give Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ, their assigns, licensees, successors in interest, and legal representatives the irrevocable right to use my name, picture, portrait, or photograph in all forms and media and in all manners, including composite or distorted representations, for advertising, trade, or any other lawful purposes, and I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished version(s), including written copy that may be created and appear in connection therewith. I am of full age (If the model is under 18 years of age, then their parent or guardian must give consent by signing below). I have read this release and am fully familiar with its contents.

Witness _____ Signed _____
Model

Address Address

Date , 20 ____

Consent (if applicable)

I am the parent or guardian of the minor named above and have the legal authority to execute the above release. I approve the foregoing and waive any rights in the premises.

Witness _____ Signed _____
Parent or Guardian

Address Address

Date , 20 ____

*The Model Release gives permission for use of any Ambassador's pictures taken at many OAFB events (weekends, New Years, Summer Training, etc.) in OAFB publications such as the Crier, publicity materials, and on the web site. In order to protect youth ambassadors, it is the practice of OAFB to use only the first name on any material posted on the web site.

Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ serves LCMS congregations nationwide by leading OAFB Outreach Weekends and other events; training youth & adults to better share their faith in our Savior Jesus Christ, the only way to heaven. In OAFB we strive to Witness to all who will listen that Jesus suffered died and rose again to forgive the sins of all people. We Invite those who do not have a church home to the congregations we serve and we Train youth and adults to join us in multiplying our ministry. OAFB witnesses through: Bible study, singing, door to door canvassing, drama, puppets, and personal witnesses.



When you have the opportunity, a volunteer from your local group is encouraged to exhibit at local LCMS conferences; like Pastors' Conferences or LWML gatherings. The National Office of OAFU has budgeted to cover the table costs of 1 conference per year for each local group. If you can, we've provided a layout for how you might set up the table with the resources in this manual and provided by the Office—such as Songbooks and Book of Acts.

(It's not required, but candy does work pretty well at these events).

Example Exhibition Table Layout

The History of OAFc



Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ (OAFc) began in 1970 in Brownsdale, MN by Pastor Fred Darkow as a means of anchoring post-Confirmation youth to the witness and ministry of the Church. It quickly spread to many congregations in the LCMS and became a **Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod** in 1980 as a youth and evangelism program

We are called **Ambassadors** because the calling of all of Christ's Church is to proclaim His Gospel of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation on His behalf to His world. The Apostle Peter says to all Christians, **"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light,"** (1 Peter 2:9), and again, **"In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense (lit. apologetic) to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect"** (1 Peter 3:15). With such a great responsibility given to the Church, we need to train youth and adults to be prepared to witness Christ and speak about Him and for Him to our world.

We are called **Ongoing** because we seek to gather in local groups each month to grow ourselves, spiritually, and seeking to assist others to grow by God's power through His Word.

Because OAFc engages youth with God's Word in very real-life situations, many of our youth come to realize that the need for professional witnesses to the Gospel is great. A number of our youth go on to fields in **Church work**, like pastors, DCEs and teachers, and many more go on to be church members who know that the Church needs to reach out and not keep the Gospel to ourselves.



Supporting OAFc

Prayer Support Financial Support

The ministry of OAFc is supported entirely by gifts of congregations, groups, and individuals like you. Our annual budget supports only 1 called worker and pays for witnessing materials. Please consider supporting this ministry individually and encouraging your church to include us in their mission and outreach budget.



More than financial support, we ask for your prayers. Please pray for the youth who participate, adults who serve, congregations who host, and the people with whom we share. Follow our ongoing Prayer List and News by signing up to receive our email newsletter or LIKE US on Facebook and FOLLOW us on Twitter.



Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ



The Mission of OAFc is to...

Singing
Witness of Christ to All
Invite All into the Church
Train All to Witness

Bible Study
Personal Witness

GOOD NEWS! *For your name in the Month.*
For God so loved _____ that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer, die, and rise in victory for _____, so that believing in Jesus as the Savior from sin, _____ shall not perish, but _____ shall have everlasting life. *Refer to John 3:16*
_____ This is God's Promise to you! (1st Cor. 1:18; Titus 1:2)

The Outcome of OAFc is...

Puppets
Dramas
Witness Survey

The Church's youth are strengthened in the Faith and find a voice to share that Good News of Jesus with their world.





Training All to Witness

Outreach Weekends at local congregations



We train youth to witness by preparing them and then sending them to witness to their peers, their churches, and even to total strangers. And by facing real witnessing situations, with real people and real questions, youth come back asking their pastors and leaders for real biblical, Lutheran answers.

Find an Outreach Weekend near you or invite OAFC into your congregation.

Yearly national training events

For one week, youth from across the country join in Bible study, workshops, worship, fellowship, and fun, and above all: sharing the Gospel.



Follow us on the web to learn more about this year's Summer Training.

www.oafc.org



Witnessing of Christ to All

Six Witnessing Methods

Jesus made us His witnesses in Baptism, yet many don't know how to put their faith into words. That's what OAFC does.

Bible Studies



Engaging everyone, Pointing to Christ, Applying to life

Singing



Christ-centered, Gospel-focused, Word and Sacraments

Puppet Shows



Catechesis, whimsical, Biblical, Kids love it, learning by sharing

Dramas



Engaging real situations to prepare youth to proclaim

Personal Witness



Connecting life to Christ so youth can connect others to life in Christ

Witness Survey



Learning what others believe, Sharing what we believe



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Inviting All to the Church

"Faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ." Rom 10:17

Apart from the Word and Sacraments, faith will starve. That's why biblical evangelism must connect people to the Church. That's what OAFC teaches youth to do.

Region	Number of Churches	Number of Youth	Number of Adults	Number of Families
North America	1,234	5,678	12,345	3,456
Europe	987	4,567	10,987	2,876
Asia	654	3,210	8,765	2,109
Africa	432	2,109	6,543	1,543
Oceania	210	1,098	3,210	876
Total	3,517	16,662	41,850	10,860

Over **40 years** of ministry, OAFC has **spoken with over 700,000** people and connected over **70,000 to local LCMS churches**

In the last 10 years, we've shared the Gospel with nearly **6,000** people who didn't go to church.



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