



Event Ideas

Fall:

- Returning and new student welcome/orientation gathering
- Welcome back cookie package with list of location/contact info/events/bible studies/etc. (This also works well with a Ramen noodle pack and attached contact info/list of events).
- Welcome back picnic or BBQ
- Staff an information table at activity fairs or freshman orientation events on campus
- Pumpkin carving
- Bonfires
- S'mores and/or hot dogs over campfire
- Camping trip or retreat
- Rake leaves and other yardwork for area seniors, church members, etc.
- Go apple picking
- Visit a corn maze
- Participate in a trunk or treat event
- Hike through the fall colors
- Host a Reformation/Oktoberfest event

Winter:

- Ice skating
- Toboggan/sledding
- Snowman/ice carving competitions
- Downhill skiing and snowboarding or cross-country ski trip
- Sports viewing parties
- Shovel snow for the elderly or at a local church or school
- Prepare and serve an Advent meal
- Bake and decorate Christmas cookies
- Host a gingerbread house decorating event
- Collect and deliver Christmas gifts for area children or seniors
- Make and send Christmas cards for shut-ins
- Visit a Christmas lights display or live nativity
- Go Christmas caroling
- Host a holiday dinner
- Babysit for school parents to go Christmas shopping
- Help with a Christmas for Kids event

Spring:

- Prepare and serve a Lenten meal
- Go strawberry picking
- Plant a garden for the local food pantry
- Have a picnic or BBQ

- Play outdoor sports – volleyball, softball, cornhole, ladder ball, frisbee, etc.
- Participate in a Mission Journeys mission trip
- Help seniors and congregation members with spring cleaning
- Help with church Arbor Day clean-up
- Distribute snacks for finals week
- Help with an Easter for Kids event
- Host an Easter egg hunt
- Help with Easter breakfast at church

Anytime:

- Small group or online Bible study
- Bible Information Classes
- “Ask the Pastor” night
- Guest WELS lecture, presenter, or concert
- Bible study/devotion at local coffee shop or restaurant
- Canvass for your local church
- Rides to church services
- Bowling event
- Roller skating
- Movie showings
- Trivia night (especially “Bible trivia”)
- Paintball event
- Collect food for and/or volunteer at a food pantry
- Have a pizza or taco making party
- Themed meal nights (sloppy joe night, pizza night, spaghetti night, lasagna night, dollar night)
- Cheer on a local sports team or college team as a group
- Have a board game night
- Scavenger hunt
- Volunteer to help with worship services – play an instrument, sing, usher, babysit small children, teach Sunday school, run A/V equipment, greet/welcome visitors, etc.
- Sponsor a blood drive
- Partner with an ESL class at church
- Staff a concession booth for a local sports team or entertainment venue
- Have an “open mike” karaoke or comedy night
- Help with (or start) a “First Friends” program of Jesus Cares Ministry

Do you have additional event recommendations you’d like us to add to the list?

Email them to cm@wels.net!