## THE SPIRITUAL GIFT OF **EVANGELISM**

All Christians are called to be witnesses of the Gospel, but some are given an extra measure of faith and effectiveness in this area. Evangelists have a unique ability to clearly and effectively communicate the Good News of Jesus through their words and example.

## People with this gift...

- Spend time in Scripture and prayer with the goal of understanding the Gospel more deeply
- Embody the Gospel in word and deed, drawing others into the embrace of God's grace
- Enjoy meeting, talking with, and building relationships with a wide variety of people
- Feel compelled to share the love of Christ with others, empowering individuals and communities to encounter God in everyday life
- Feel a sense of concern and compassion for the lost
- Know how to communicate the Gospel clearly and understandably
- Are open to the leading of the Holy Spirit
- Are able to overcome fear of rejection to engage seekers and non-believers in conversations about faith
- Are able to teach and motivate other Christians to share their faith with courage and sensitivity

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!

Isaiah 52:7

## Putting your gift into action...

Evangelism doesn't mean being pushy or aggressive – that's not how Jesus operates. Instead, it's about a willingness to talk with other people about the love of God in a way that encourages them to learn more and follow Him themselves.

In our Parish, people with this gift can:

- Pray for the people God places in your life
- Think about how to answer if a person asks why you believe
- Invite people to church events when appropriate
- Work on being open and non-judgmental
- Cultivate a deeper and more confident faith
- Treat people how you want to be treated
- Write articles for our parish's monthly Cornerstone newsletter or other initiatives
- Go on mission trips
- Work with local outreach ministries (Center 454, The Well, etc.)
- Hang door-knockers with service times in your neighbourhood
- Lead an Alpha study group or other bible study

To learn more about spiritual gifts and stewardship in the life of the church, or to get involved, please talk to any member of the Stewardship Team: Mark Stalter, Tracy Albert, Francis Christensen, or Kristen VanderHoek; or email us at <a href="mailto:stewardship@stpaulshk.org">stewardship@stpaulshk.org</a>.