

## *Your LINK to the Ministry Resources of Northeastern Ohio*

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### NE Ohio Synod Resource Center

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Call or email ahead and  
recommended resources will  
be pulled for you to preview  
whenever you are able to visit.  
Not able to visit? Most items  
can be mailed.

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### Family Faith Formation

Resources for Christian Education or Faith Formation are continuing to be developed with recognition of the increasing using of digital opportunities. One new resource for infants and their families is **FROLIC**. It combines regular contact with parents to resources for in the home and in the church nursery. Resources include a sturdy bound Bible story book plus board books for family and church nursery use. The on-line subscription allows congregations to sign up the family of an infant for a monthly link or app of age appropriate developmental tips for growing children along with suggested faith formation activities. The online subscription also provides a constantly updated activity guide for leaders to use with children in the church nursery and other classes. Poster and music CDs add to the experience in the church setting. To learn more register for a webinar at [www.augsburgfortress.org](http://www.augsburgfortress.org) or contact the resource center. We have full samples of the books, posters and CD's to review. Congregations that sign up by October 31, 2016 will receive a free one year subscription of online **FROLIC: Little Steps, Big Faith** by visiting [www.wearsparkhouse.org](http://www.wearsparkhouse.org)

Another way to support families in faith formation is to provide links to articles or suggested activities. [www.Vibrantfaithathome.org](http://www.Vibrantfaithathome.org) currently provides free articles and activities to support faith development for couples, young families, families with teens and young adults.

Articles from [www.buildfaith.org](http://www.buildfaith.org) can be used with your own scriptures suggestions in Facebook groups to encourage others in sharing their own favorite verses. [See "Spiritual Fun with Dry Erase Markers" ]

### Faith Formation Leaders

Leaders for faith formation in the congregation are invited to share their most successful Rally Day event or God's Work. Our Hands service activity on Sept. 15 from 10—Noon at the synod resource center. Brainstorm with others and be inspired for future events in your own congregation. View actual full samples of the new FROLIC materials. See what else is new in the resource center. RSVP for a light lunch at noon to continue conversation.

*For resource updates between newsletters visit [www.twitter.com/resources4U](http://www.twitter.com/resources4U)*

## Reaching the Nones

Congregations or clusters of congregations wanting to reach those particularly of the younger generation who currently are not active in the congregation may want to read together the book, ***Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation***. Each of the eight chapters raises awareness for the differences in generations and provides questions to start helpful conversations in how your congregation can acknowledge and support the differences. The resource center has a copy available for loan or can be purchased through Amazon.

## New Arrivals

***Becoming the Transformative Church*** emphasizes the need for healthy leadership and actions in a congregation.

***Clergy Retirement: Every Ending a New Beginning for Clergy, Their Families and Congregants*** helps pastors with all the transitions of moving into retirement. Whether you have set your retirement date or are considering the possibility read this book to prepare yourself for this significant life change in vocation.

***The Gospel Next Door: Following Jesus Right Where You Are*** encourages and challenges the reader to look at the needs of the local community and respond accordingly. Young adults may find this book inspiring. To view the group discussion and learn more visit. [www.thegospelnextdoor.com](http://www.thegospelnextdoor.com)

***Heart in Focus: A Faith Focused Financial Course*** is an alternative to the Dave Ramsey course. The resource center has a copy of the student workbook for you to preview. To learn more about this program visit [www.HeartinFocus.com](http://www.HeartinFocus.com)

***How Can I Let Go if I Don't Know I'm Holding On*** helps readers to see what attitudes they may be holding that keep them from being spiritually transformed. Questions with each chapter aid individual reflection and the section of group guidelines facilitate group discussion.

***Reformation 500 Sourcebook: Anniversary Resources for Congregations*** contains materials for worship services and sermon helps; educational opportunities in the congregation and with ecumenical partners as well as 12 bulletin inserts and a Reformation timeline. Recommendations of resources including websites provide even more options and ideas for commemorating this significant event in history.

***Special Needs Parenting: From Coping to Thriving*** is helpful for individual reading and designed to be an excellent resource for a parent support group. An understanding leader and this book could be a new outreach ministry for your congregation.

***A Very Present Help: Psalm Studies for Older Adults*** is written for individual or group study. This book specifically helps older adults connect the psalms to the joys and struggles of aging. This would be an excellent faith conversation resource in an independent or assisted living community.

## Healthy Bodies, Minds and Spirits

With the approach of cooler temperatures we can again encourage people to walk on a daily basis. ***Christ Walk: A 40-Day Spiritual Fitness Program*** provides helps for personal or group reflection while walking in a way that strengthens one's body, mind and spirit. And now there is a ***Christ Walk Kids*** edition for those 11 years and up. Encourage families or intergenerational teams to walk and talk their way into a better health with these resources. Preview a copy through the resource center.