

Your LINK to Ministry Resources

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Call or email ahead of
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Catechism in the 21st Century

Looking for a new catechism curriculum? Pastor Katherine Rohloff has developed a flexible curriculum that comes in several versions. Read more about "Grace Alone: Lutheran in the 21st Century" at <https://www.gracealone21c.com/> and view the author's suggestions for use under "FAQ" on that page.

You can preview the e-book on Amazon. Another way to keep informed or learn about the curriculum is through the Facebook group ["GraceAlone 21c"](#)

Catechism instructors may want to incorporate the Small Catechism edition with African-Descent Reflections in to their discussion on "What Does This Mean? " This edition with sample pages can be viewed at www.augsburgfortress.org

Bishop Eaton as part of the 500th Reformation Celebration created brief videos related to the Ten Commandments for use in large and group settings called "With New Voices". To view videos and discussion guide that also encouraged use of the African-Descent Reflections resource visit: https://www.elca500.org/with-new-voices/?_ga=2.117403022.920411809.1593697414-1345188072.1569325179

Meeting the Needs of the Community

It will be different for each county and maybe even school district this fall in terms of how our children resume schooling. Parents and some educators have grave concerns about those students who may have limited classroom time. Is there a way your congregation can be a support to those students or school systems? Talk with area educators and be open to the possibilities. While this article focuses on one family I think it can raise thoughts of possibilities for the rest of us. <https://www.growchristians.org/2020/07/02/front-yard-people/#more-8964>

Older Adults often experience feelings of **isolation and loneliness**. The May newsletter of **Adult Lutherans Organized for Action[ALOA]** has an excellent article with helpful practical tips on *Dealing with Social Isolation*. View this article at <https://aloaserves.org/>.

Inspiring Generosity: Stewardship in the Congregation is a webinar for congregation members interested in stewardship. This webinar Monday, July 27 7:00- 8:30 pm will introduce participants to three stewardship resources: two giving programs *Walk with Jesus, Because of God's Great Mercy* plus an education/discussion resource *Reflections on Faith and Finances*. Check the synod e-news or contact Karen Kaufman rc@neos-elca.org for registration information.

Sundays at Six

Several years ago a congregation instituted this opportunity for those unable to get out to participate in an abbreviated worship service, offer prayer petitions and experience informal gatherings through a conference call. Even when in-person worship resumes there will be some individuals who are unable to participate. You may want to consider an opportunity such as this as another option for members.

Zoom Tips

Some people have resisted using Zoom for worship or gatherings for a variety of reasons and are now reconsidering. Here are a couple of links to assist you in the process.

For new participants: <https://tinyurl.com/yarkxdga>

Or a 3 ½ minute video: <https://tinyurl.com/y7nqcp2y>

2 ½ minute video for Zoom Hosts: <https://tinyurl.com/ybdqw58y>

You can digitally subscribe to this newsletter by emailing rc@neos-elca.org

For those looking to continue on-line worship (zoom or other) and wanting to learn from others the Facebook group **On-line Worship - Best Practices/Sharing** is excellent.

Remote Sunday School

Congregations may be wondering how to use their purchased curriculum remotely. Sparkhouse is creating instructional videos and guides for making their current curriculum functional for remote use. To see a sample video and sign up visit: <https://go.wearesparkhouse.org/creating-remote-sunday-school?redirected=true>

Advent 2020 – Year B

Creative worship resource **Sanctified Art** is looking forward to Advent. They have been inspired by the opening lines of Psalm 126 for the theme: **To Those Who** Dream. To learn more about this theme and accompanying resources visit: <https://mailchi.mp/sanctifiedart/advent-2020-theme-infographic>.

Your synod resource center has approximately 30 resources available for loan that focus on Advent. Search our catalog or contact Karen (330-929-9020/rc@neos-elca.org) for assistance.