

Your LINK to Ministry Resources

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Family Faith Formation

Looking for faith formation kits for families or intergenerational use? Check out these: www.bannerblue.org/family-kits, created by three NE Ohio pastors!!!

Even when local conditions permit in-person there may be some advantages to continuing a *hybrid form of faith formation*. John Roberto shares some models for consideration at: www.lifelongfaith.com/feb-22-2021.html

EARTH DAY Resources

Check boxes “children, youth, adults” plus “downloadable activities” at www.wearesparkhouse.org/free-resources/

www.creationjustice.org/earth-day-sunday.html

www.elca.org/Resources/Stewardship#Creation
www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org look for April 25 special online worship service

ALL CREATION SINGS

This new liturgy/hymn supplement to the ELW is near completion. In the past similar resources were introduced through a synod event. That may still happen but it will be later than sooner. You can learn more about this resource and view a recorded webinar overview at www.augsburgfortress.org/promos/all-creation-sings. The overview is completed in the first 36 minutes which also includes samples of music. The remaining time is a Q & A which is worth your time as it provides some additional information helpful to worship leaders and musicians that was not included in the overview.

E-Link

You may continue to receive this monthly newsletter through a digital subscription. Email rc@neos-elca.org with “E-Link” in the subscription line and you will automatically receive this newsletter in your email box around the beginning of each month. It will include descriptions of new arrivals as well as helpful ministry ideas. Be sure to share this with the ministry leaders in your congregation.

Links to helpful resources and digital articles can also be viewed by visiting or subscribing to twitter.com/resources4U.

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Call or email ahead of visit for recommended resources to be immediately available for viewing.

Not able to visit? Most items can be mailed.

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You can view the published resources available in the resource center at

<http://www.rqmweb.com/search.asp?q=neos>

Clicking on 'advance search' provides access to the list of subjects and related resources.



New Arrivals

Better Together: Making Church Mergers Work describes the difference between mission-driven mergers (new math) and survival-driven mergers (old math) as well as shares the five reasons *not* to merge. Three models for merger are outlined as well as the five stages of the process including potential 'landmines'. Readers will find the Merger-Readiness Assessment, suggestions for starting the conversation and a check-list among the helpful resources in working through a church merger.

Incline Your Ear: Cultivating Spiritual Awakening in Congregations helps congregations understand who God has called us to be and how we are to love and serve our communities. Spiritual discernment practices designed to help a congregation listen or "incline its ear" for God are shared: Ignatian (including Elizabeth Leibert's Social Discernment Cycle) and Quaker. A concise outline for taking action following discernment ends with offering contemplative practices to help connect the social justice advocate to a spiritual framework. An excellent resource for leading a congregation through discernment to action.

The Scattering: Imagining a Church that Connects Faith and Life by Dwight DuBois reviews the historical and practiced attitudes in regards to ministry over the years and proposes an alternative way to view the gathering and scattering ministry of the church. DuBois lifts up the essentials for a church that connects faith to daily life and suggestions for implementation.

View the latest recommended articles at: twitter.com/resources4U, ie.

<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/10-paradigm-shifts-for-mission-renewal>

30th Anniversary

In celebration of the resource center's 30th anniversary we will be giving away two resources every month plus six items during the assembly. The first two resources will be:

Hear My Voice: A Prison Prayer Book, appropriate for those incarcerated or those ministering to them

Healthy Churches, Faithful Pastors: Covenant Expectations for Thriving Together assists congregants and pastors discuss goals and expectations so that they can support each other and flourish.

To be the potential recipient of one of these resources

Email rc@neos-elca.org with "give-away" in subject,

State in the body of the message the desired title

Provide name & mailing address