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January 19-20
Louisville, Kentucky

Connecting the Reformation with Children, Families and the Home

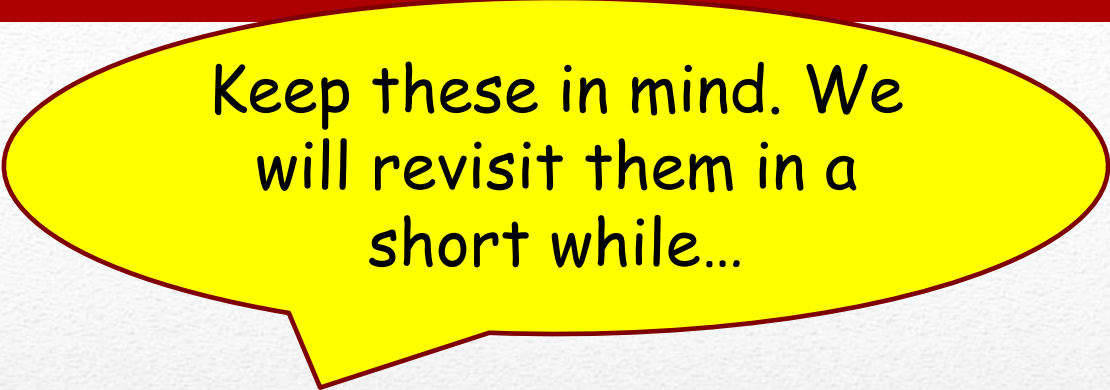


Rev. Janelle Rozek Hooper



Debbie Streicher





Keep these in mind. We
will revisit them in a
short while...

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that is new to you?

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network with one another?

What important aspects of the Reformation and our ever-reforming church would our children and households benefit from learning?

How can we actively involve children, youth, and families in hands-on faith formation opportunities during worship, at home, and in the community?

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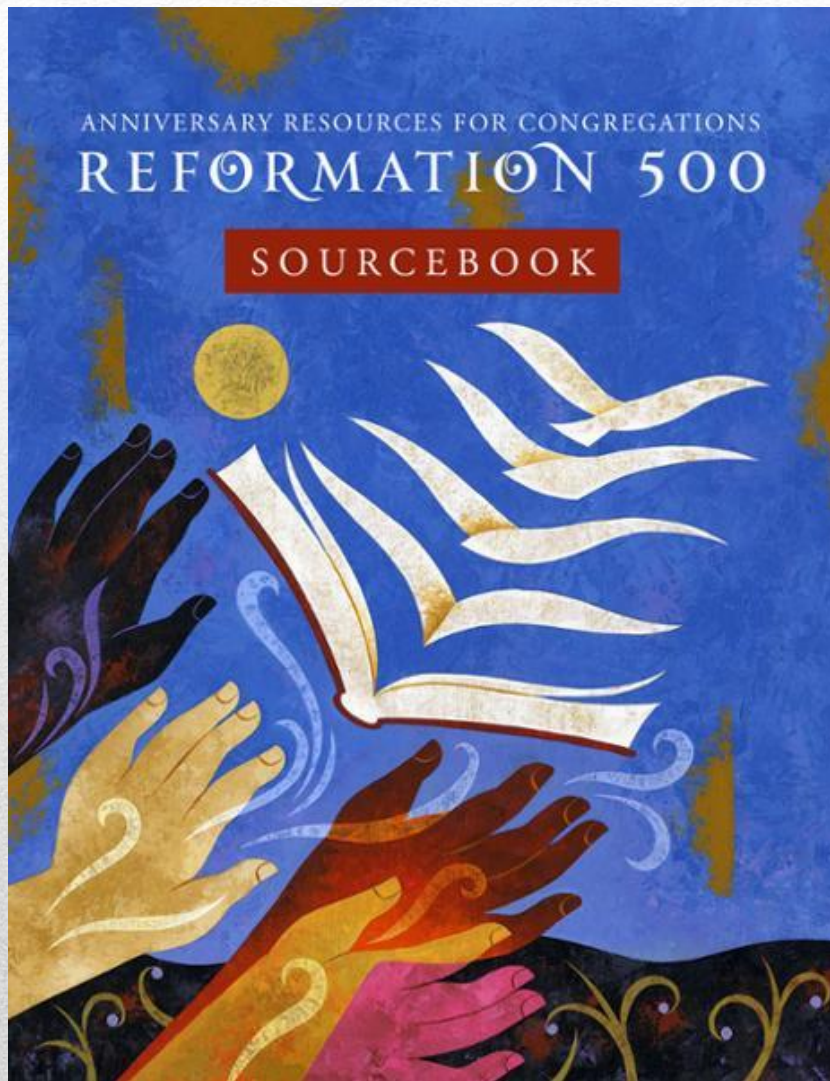
REFLECT!

REFORM!

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and priests..."*



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The Big Class: What Would Luther Do Today?

By Elizabeth Eaton 👤 650+

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COURSE SUMMARY

Join thousands of learners around the world and discover what church reformer Martin Luther might do 500 years after his historic thoughts and writings shook the Christian church.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Five centuries ago monk and academic Martin Luther stood up to say the Church can do better.

Today that's still the case.

In this free course, Elizabeth Eaton, the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America applies Luther's thoughts and writings to contemporary issues. Her video presentations are entitled:

- Origins
- Poverty and Ecumenism
- Climate Change
- Legacy

This course is ideal for those seeking to better understanding of how Lutheranism might address current affairs. Register beginning January 2. The course opens January 16 and is free through January 30 thanks to the generosity of [1517 Media \(Augsburg Fortress\)](#) and [United Lutheran Seminary](#).

THE BIG CLASS

📅 Starts January 16th
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24 Steps • 📺 4 Videos • 📖 9 Readings

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<https://www.churchnext.tv/library/what-would-luther-do-today/44943/about/>

Reformation of Worship

- Milestones
 - Godly Play
 - Set aside a season
 - Art
 - Hymnody
 - Lord's Prayer Signing
 - Involvement during worship
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"At the heart of Lutheranism is grace and wonder."



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How do we identify and connect faith to milestones in our lives ?

First Cell
Phone

- Name it
- Equip it
- Bless it
- Gift it
- Reinforce it

Getting a
Driver's
License

Back to School

Easter Egg
Blessing

Broken Bone

Reformation of Worship





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Birth 0–3



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Age 2–Grade 6



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Sparkhouse Online

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Age 2–Grade 6

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- *children's message*
- *prayers during Prayers of Intercession*

Preview

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Who do we pray for?

Listen to the prayers in worship today. Draw someone you hear about in the prayers or someone you know.



Be with us, Lord, no matter where we are. Amen

This week

Find unusual places to pray along your way this week.

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Kids
Celebrate
Lent 20



Preview

gather

Welcome to worship. When can we
How often can we pray? There's no
end to our prayers to God.

Some people use
large circle
paths or
labyrinths
like this
one to
walk and
pray. As
they walk
in the
circle they
remember God's
never-ending love.



Use your finger to trace this circle path
finally reach the end you can begin
praying as you go on your way!

What's Your Favorite Line?

During worship we sing many, many songs. Have you ever paid close attention to the words? Follow along in the hymnal or bulletin, look on the screen, or listen closely to find one line that you like in three different songs today. Write the words here.

SONG #1

SONG #2

SONG #3

SPARK
STORY TIME

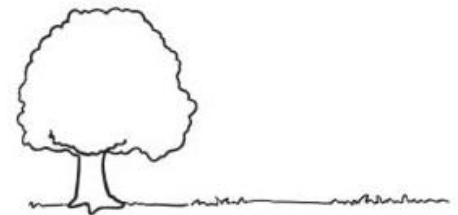
READER

Pentecost 3

- Today is the **third** Sunday after Pentecost.
- During Pentecost, we learn about the **amazing miracles of Jesus**.
- Today we are reminded to **look for God's miracles** in our own lives.

Design Your Own Log Cabin

Trees can make homes for animals. Trees can also provide wood so people can build homes. Using the lumber that this tree gives, design your very own log home below.



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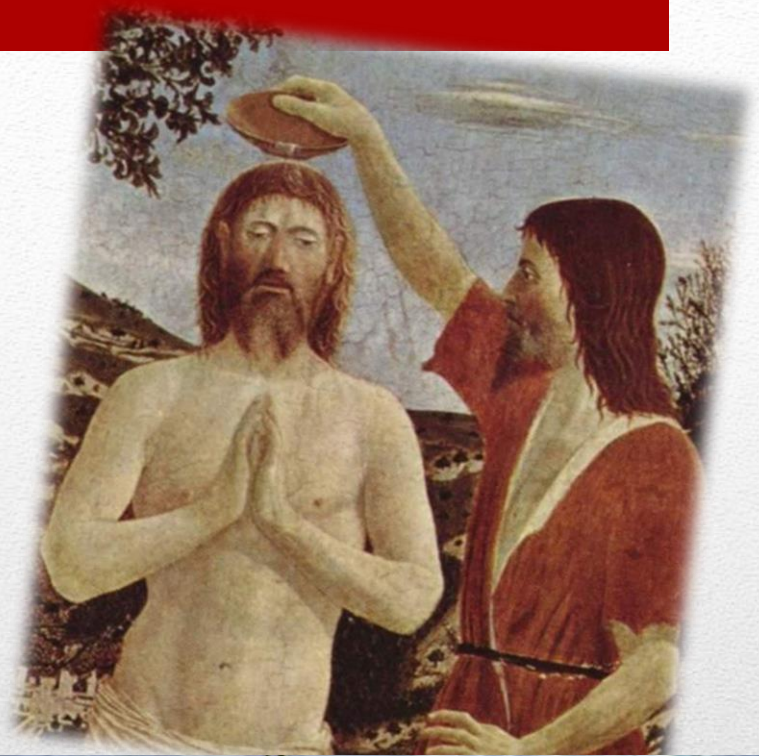
- children's bulletins ex. Sparkhouse "Reformation Sunday"
- making props and signs with words used in worship



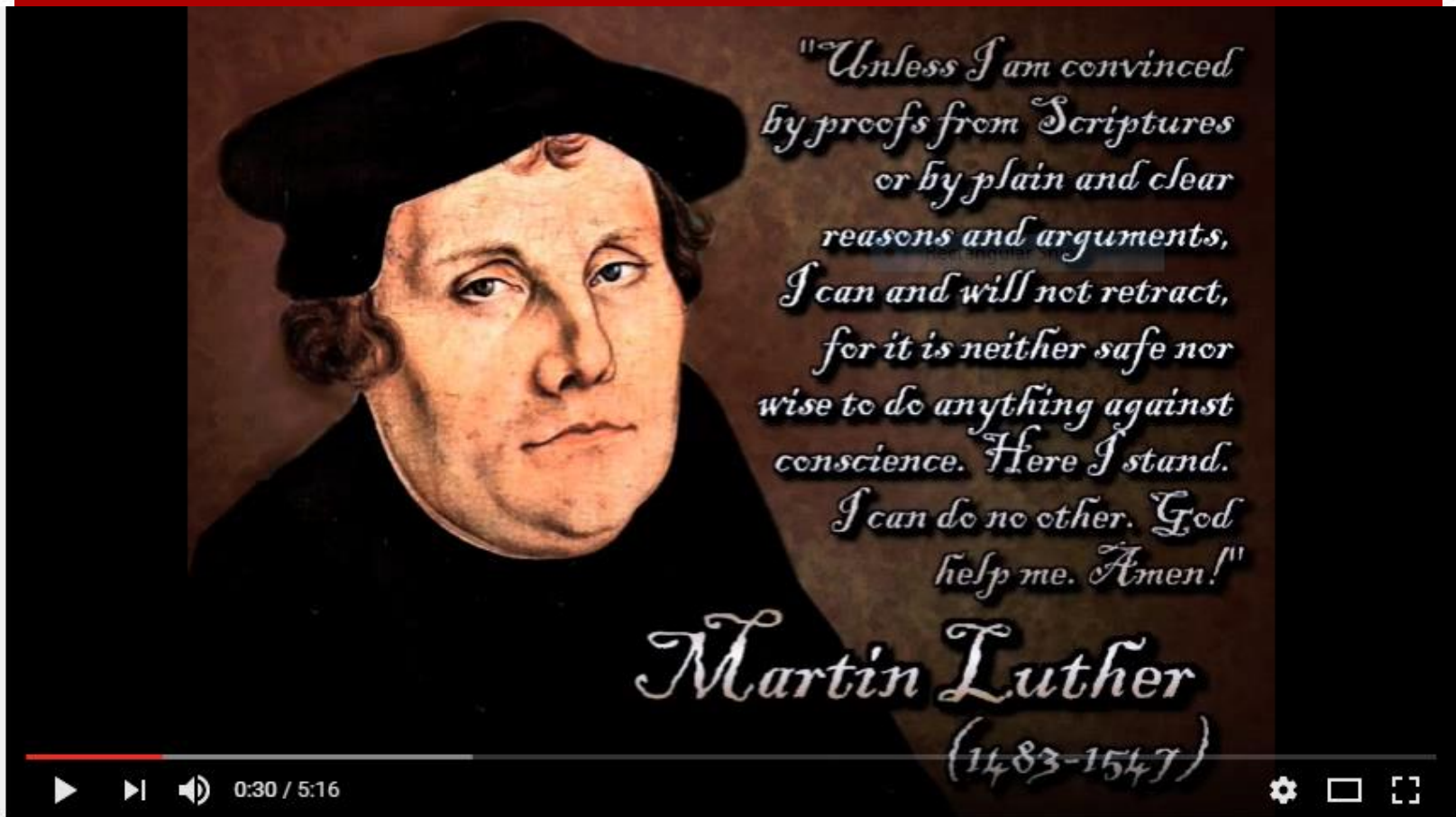
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHZiPWxpEvM>



- learning to sign the Lord's Prayer



- Discuss religious symbolism, art, banners, etc.
- Intergenerational table event



A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (with words) - Martin Luther

YouTube – [A Mighty Fortress](#)

- Luther wrote many songs
- He viewed hymnody as a way to get theology into the hands /voices of the people



The image shows the homepage of Justin Roberts' website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: HOME, Music, VIDEO, TOUR, fun, NR4NP, and SHOP. Below these are links for Contact, Press Kit, and Bio. The main content area features a 'New CD!' announcement for 'LEMONADE', a 'Pre-Order LEMONADE now on PledgeMusic!' section, and a 'JR in the NY Times!' announcement. There's also a section for a new picture book 'The Great Henry Hopenhower' and a quote from the Washington Post about Justin Roberts' music.

Justin Roberts

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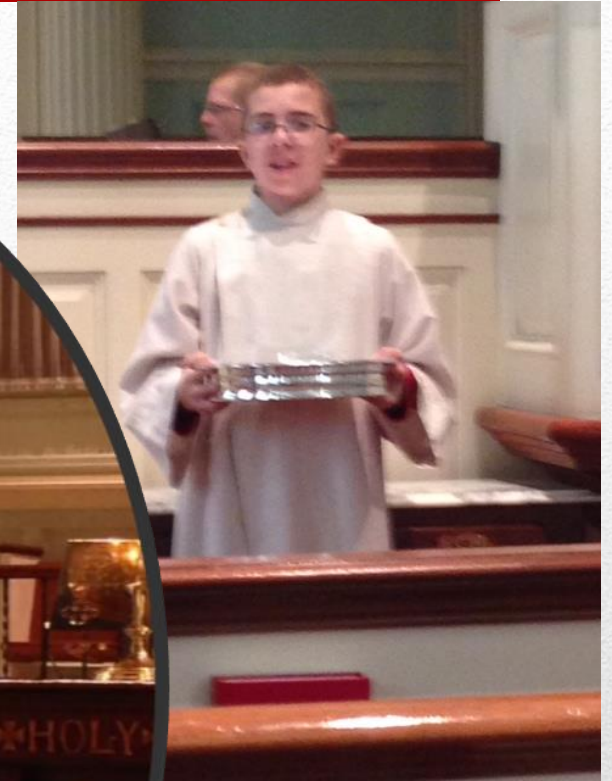
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"There are a slew of musicians with alt-rock credibility making records for kids ... Justin Roberts may be the best of the bunch."

Washington Post

<http://www.justinroberts.org/home.php>

- How can young people be involved in worship?



- Include children being actively involved during worship



- Could a young person in your congregation chant the leader refrain of the psalm?



- Puppets



- Invite all ages to do ministry together





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjZrwk6bz3Q>

- Sing and sign scripture



- Playground? Rocking chairs? Children's Leadership?
- Contact Rev. Janelle Hooper for consulting and advice.

Reformation of Intergenerational Learning

- Milestones
 - Rally Day/Pentecost
 - Story Bibles
 - Luther movie
 - Indulgences Activity
 - Take a stand
 - Faith Practices for the Home
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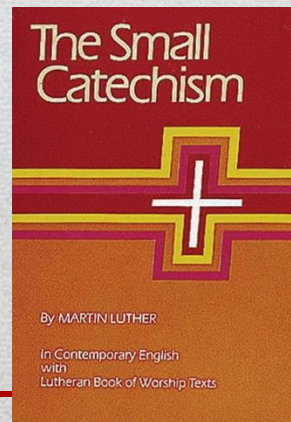
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Five Principles *for living and passing on faith:*

- Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships – often in our own homes.
 - The church is a living partnership between the ministry of the congregation and ministry of the home.
 - Where Christ is present in faith, the home is church too.
 - Faith is caught more than it is taught.
 - If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults.
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Four Keys *for practicing faith:*

- Caring Conversations
- Devotions
- Service
- Rituals and Traditions





MILESTONES MINISTRY

*Scripture alone
Faith alone
Grace alone*

— Reformation Themes

Reformation Anniversary Milestone Moment

On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the door of a church in Wittenberg, Germany. That event is recognized as the beginning of the Reformation. Luther would continue to clarify his message to emphasize salvation by grace through faith in Christ. What began in 1517 as an objection to the selling of indulgences to pay for St. Peter's Basilica in Rome launched a renewal of the church that continues to this day.

The Reformation directly impacted church and society. Luther helped bring the Christian faith into the daily lives of people by translating the Bible and liturgy into the German language and bringing faith into the home by writing the Small Catechism. Luther's message emphasized God's power of forgiveness that frees people to love God and neighbor. People were empowered to do God's work as part of the "priesthood of all believers." For example, Luther stated that fathers and mothers are "apostles, bishops, and priests," acknowledging their role in raising children in the Christian faith. He worked as a "pastor and shepherd of souls" to help all people practice the Christian faith by encouraging caring conversations, a devotional life, and service to others.

As the church observes 500 years of the Reformation, the goal is not to remember an honored and distant past but to live the message of the Reformation in the present. The power of the word of God to save and transform lives is as important today as in Luther's time. The intent of the Reformation Anniversary Milestone Moment is to assist congregations and homes to participate in the ongoing reformation of the church and outreach to a world still in need of God's grace and mercy and peace.

The 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation encourages us to pause and give thanks for how Martin Luther and other reformers proclaimed the heart of the gospel. It provides opportunities to reflect on how the Reformation continues to impact our lives of faith. This Milestone Moment incorporates a five part structure:

Naming – Observing the Reformation gives attention to the importance of trusting God's action and not our efforts as essential to salvation. This Reformation message frees us to love God and neighbor and to share the Christian faith with the world.

Equipping – Experience the importance of the Reformation in people's lives by engaging in caring conversations, devotional reflections, service, and Christian rituals and traditions that reflect key Reformation themes.

Blessing – The Reformation promotes a life of prayer for all people. Offering a blessing to others is a sacred and relational moment for Christians that extends God's love and grace to others.

Gifting – Giving a tangible gift like a bookmark, Bible, cross, Small Catechism, or other reminder of this occasion helps people remember the importance of the Reformation for years to come.

Reinforcing – Following the Reformation Anniversary Milestone Moment, it is important to continue to reflect on how salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ transforms our lives every day.

Four Keys for Practicing Faith

- Caring Conversations
- Devotions
- Service
- Rituals and Traditions

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MILESTONES MINISTRY

In celebration of the 500th Anniversary, there is a Milestone Moment designed for you to use at home or as a faith community.

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- Name it
- Equip it
- Bless it
- Gift it
- Reinforce it



- Rally Day

Luther's info Drive-thru

Luther's Info Drive-thru is an interactive program for children, youth and adults. It is designed to stir us to deeper discipleship as we come to a clearer understanding of the fundamental teachings of the Christian faith through a Lutheran lens. It urges us to appreciate the depth of its biblical insight and celebrate the many gracious gifts of faith it gives.

The content for this 60- 90 minute program is based on

Stir Us to Deeper Discipleship

Curriculum for this program consists of:

- The 25-30 minute, large group celebration is referred to as Luther's Drive-In Theater. It includes Scripture, a brand new "I'm a Lutheran" song, a "Prayer for Lutherans Everywhere," and a skit titled "The Big Race," featuring the Lil' Buddies from the Back Pew. A reproducible "Songs and Prayers" sheet is available on-line, along with a scripted version of the entire celebration at www.elca.org/etown/2002CEProgramPlanner.

Steer us to Deeper Discipleship

Frightened Child

When Martin was a child in Germany in the late 15th century, his parents raised him in the Christian faith, as was the practice. They attended church regularly and had devotions at home.

Martin all the time. His parents expected obedience from him. If he disobeyed, his father would beat him until he bled for stealing a nut. When his father told him that children, Martin believed that God punished disobedient children. Years, no one ever taught M

My Word,
The Bible for

Such was the world of the time—Bibles were rare and churches had Bibles. The Bibles were in Greek or Latin; so only those who were well-educated could even read God directly from the Bible, but only by what others told them.

Martin's parents sent him to the university, thrilled that their son would succeed and good standing to the family. But Martin had other worries. Through all his studies, he believed that he was doing enough for God to love him. At that time, people were used to good works and give their money to the church to get to heaven.

One day, walking back to the university town after visiting his parents, Martin was caught in a violent thunderstorm, and lightning struck close to him. Filled with fear, he fell to the ground, and promised to become a monk. He believed that by devoting his life to the service of God, God would forgive him for all his sins.

Enlightened Monk

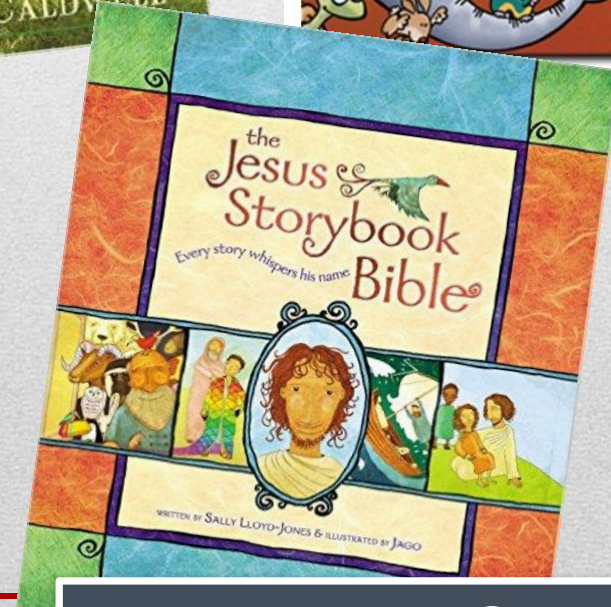
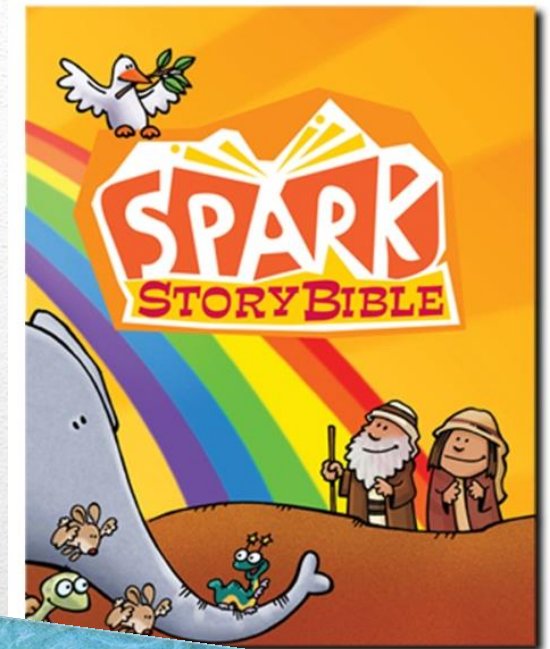
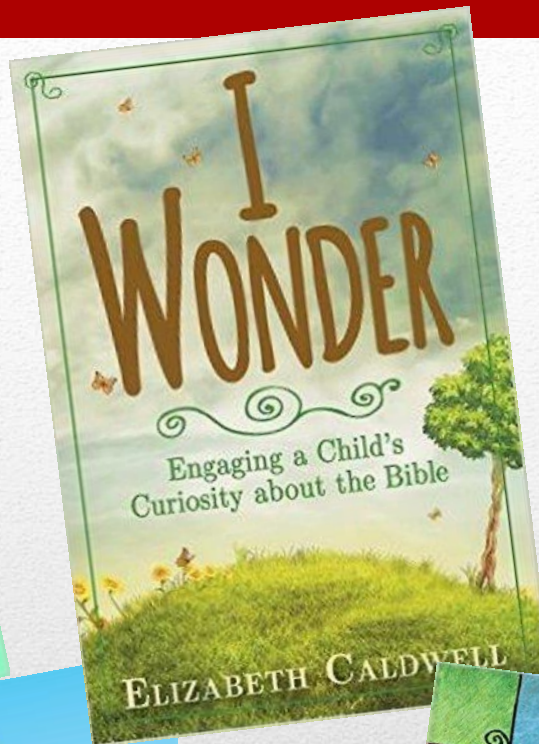
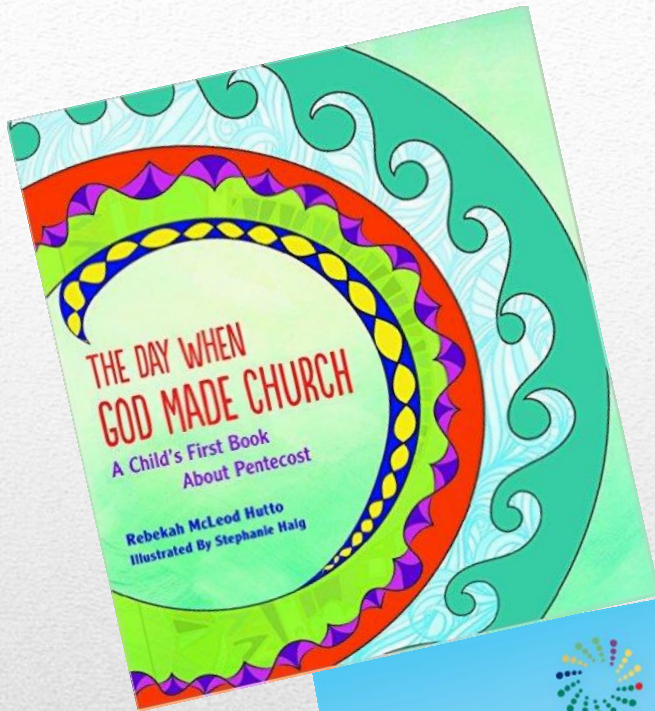
Even as a monk, Martin continued to study, but now he began to study the Bible more. By the time he was 28, he was a professor at the new University of Wittenberg, lecturing about the Bible to other students much older than he. When Martin lectured on Paul's letter to the Romans, he was caught up with the idea that "the just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17). Martin began to realize that Christians did not have to try to live perfect lives, because God had sent Jesus to die for people's sins, and make them "right" with God.

The church was not teaching this gospel message. Instead, the church was selling indulgences, pieces of paper that served like a ticket to heaven. Martin, through reading the Bible, now realized that indulgences were not necessary, and didn't want the people to buy them when they needed their

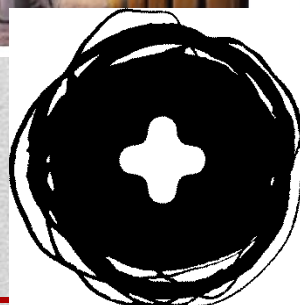
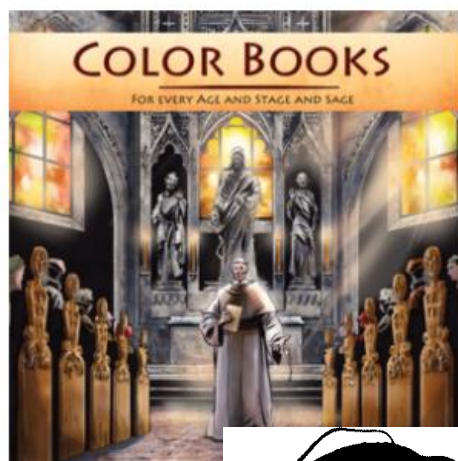
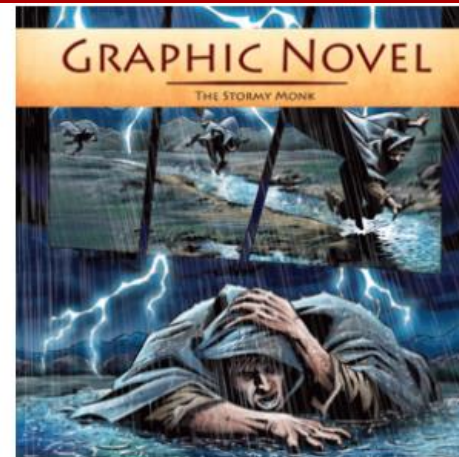
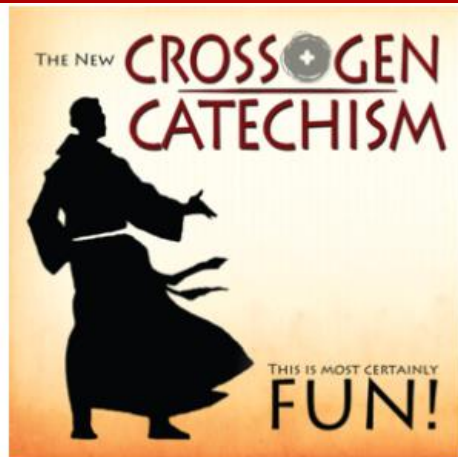


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My Word, the Bible for Everyone



- Books and Story Bibles



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Holy Moly Bible Storybooks



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Connect Bibles



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Youth-Adult

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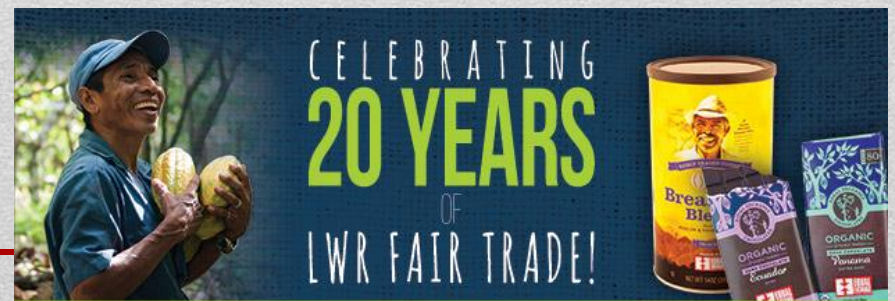
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- Sell Indulgences
- Connect with LWR



LWR GIFTS



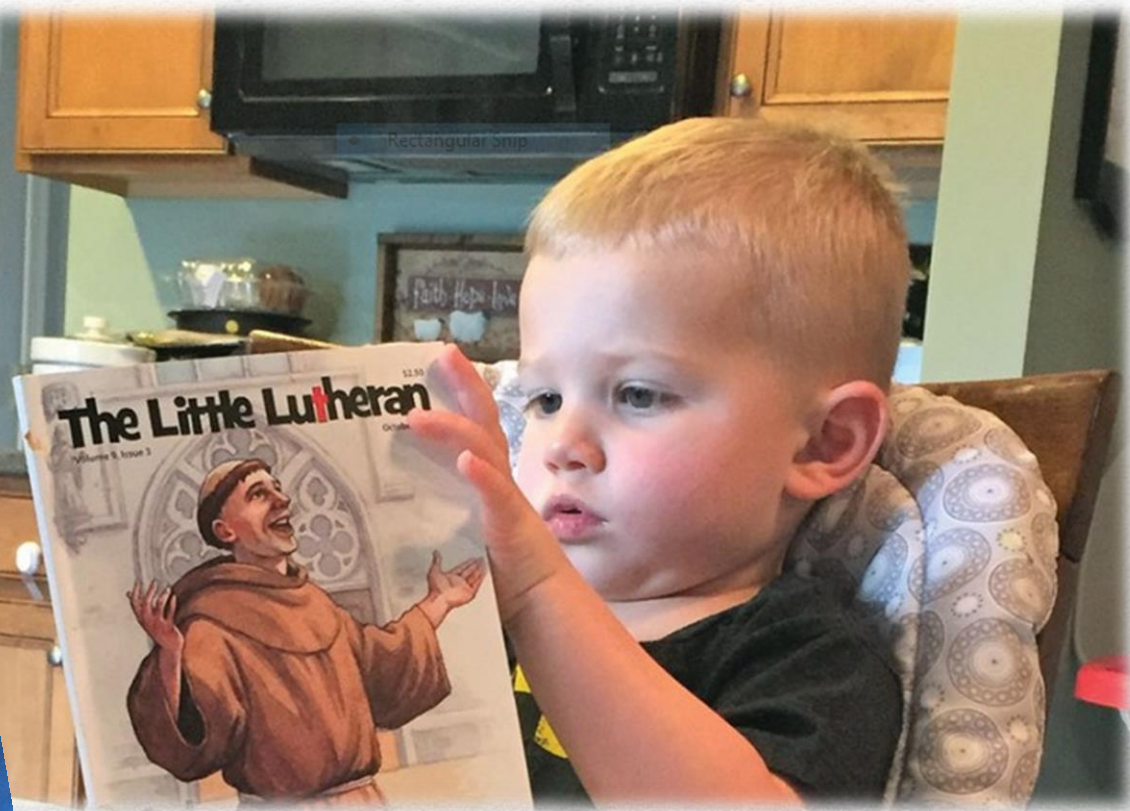


- Faith practices
- Monthly fellowship time for all ages



Reformation of Faith Storytelling

- Milestones
 - Past and current
 - The Little Lutheran and Living Lutheran
 - Ask the youth!
 - Non-fiction children's books
 - Skits and Puppets
 - Biblical Storytelling
-



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Additional Resources:

Ever-Reforming:

A Reformation 500 Cross-Generational Study

A Collaborative Ministry of the North Carolina Synod edited
by Mindy and Eric Childers.

www.nclutheran.org

Teaching Children about Martin Luther and the Reformation
Montana Synod edited by the Rev. Amanda Applehans

<http://tinyurl.com/javwfg8>



Opening the Door to Luther

Rick Steves is active in a Lutheran
congregation in WA.

[Link to Opening the Door on YouTube](#)



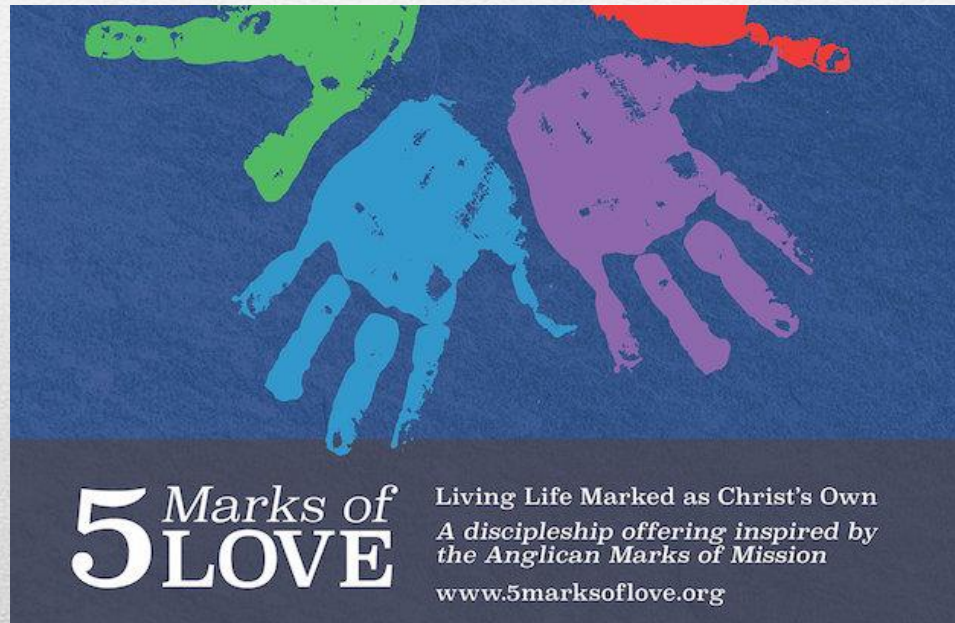
Rick Steves



<https://www.creativecommunications.com/>

buildingfaith

Christian formation inspiration from the
Center for the Ministry of Teaching at
Virginia Theological Seminary



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Let's read the Small Catechism together

Connect, discover and share information about
the 500th anniversary observance of the
Lutheran Reformation.



An invitation from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton to all ELCA members ELCA to read Luther's Small Catechism together.

http://www.elca500.org/?_ga=1.166645303.886026874.1476281086



Christian Education Network of the ELCA

"... that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love ..."
Colossians 2:2

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A prayer to use in your ministry

Creator God, everything we are given is a gift from you. Help us to take time to appreciate and revel in the wonder of creation. Give us glad and generous hearts to give thanks to you for all you provide to us on a daily basis. Amen.

The Rev. Elizabeth A Cummings
CENetwork Chaplain

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Reformation 500 is coming!

Are you gathering your resources and making plans to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation? The Christian Education Network of the ELCA is here to help! We have added a new tab with resources. We will be adding to that page as we find more valuable resources! One of the CENetwork Board members has shared her "Flat Marty". Another board member shared some curriculum ideas and a power point with us. Here is a sneak peak of the powerpoint! More of the curriculum files can be found on the Reformation 500 page, log in and check it out!

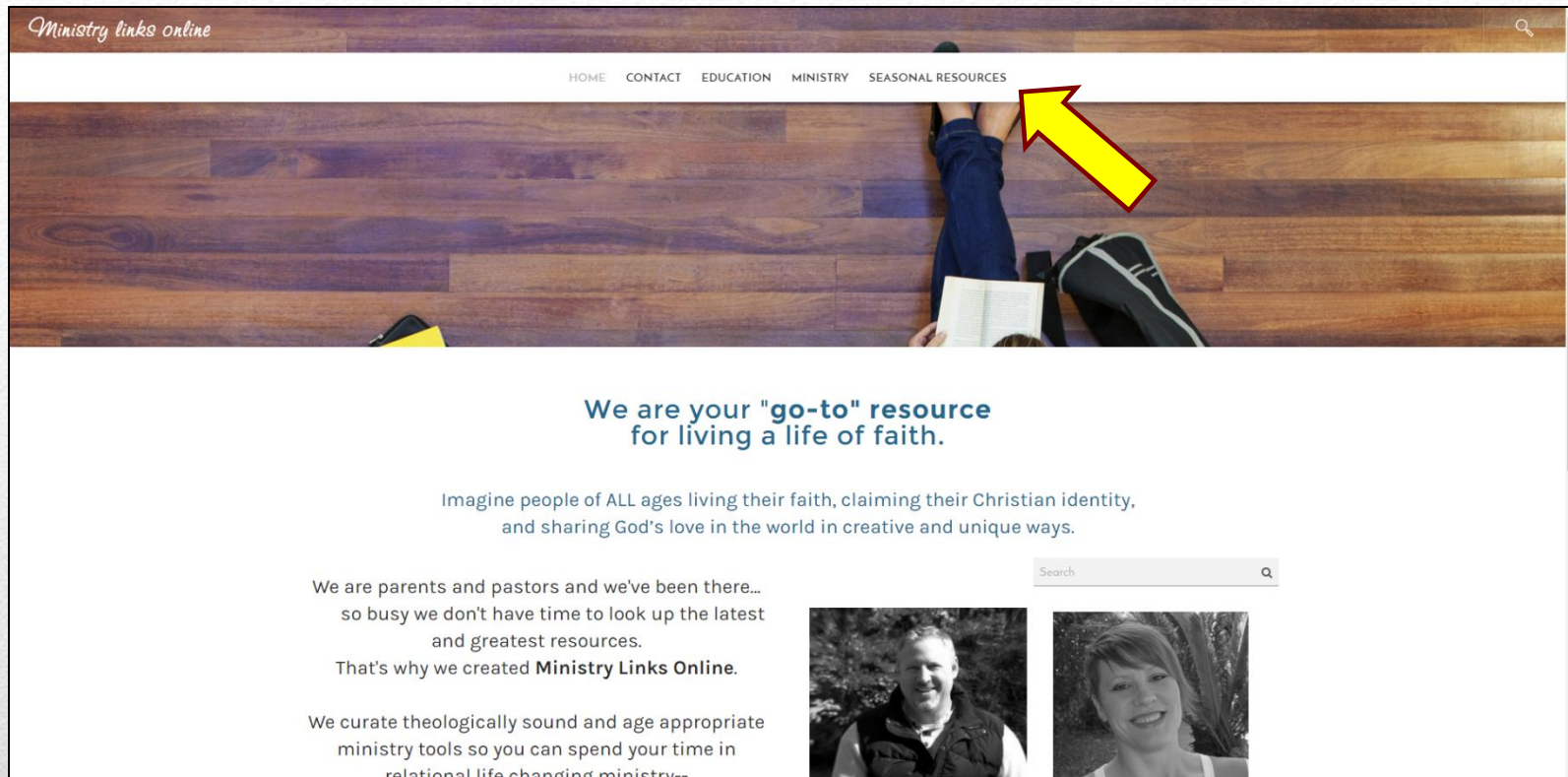
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