

Resources at your fingertips...literally!

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Stories of Faith in Action 2010

The handbook - every page a gem!

Online - www.elca.org/stories - download bulletin inserts of stories in the handbook, plus much more. Includes many excellent videos available right online! Download bulletin inserts showing how your offering is used in the wider church and learn more about mission support. Also go directly to:

ELCA Good Gifts 2009/2011.

Another great handbook!

Online - stories, videos, resources, great ideas! You'll like "Mrs. Wang's Three Pigs" in God's Global Barnyard at <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/ELCA-World-Hunger/Stories/By-Category/Gods-Global-Barnyard-stories.aspx>

Seeds for the Parish - the resource newspaper of the ELCA. Each issue contains articles about resources that can help congregations in their worship, service, and ministries; published six times annually. <http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Communication-Services/Resources/Seeds-for-the-Parish.aspx>

Advocacy, Justice for Women, Congregation-based organizing, Peace Not Walls (Middle East), Decade of culture for non-violence, Poverty ministries, www.elca.org/justice

- **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services** - Opening hearts, opening doors for refugees <http://www.lirs.org/>
- **Resources for health care reform** - <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Advocacy/Issues/Health-Policy-and-Global-Disease/Health-Care-Reform-Hub.aspx>

- **Environment and Energy** - start a green team - <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Advocacy/Issues/Environment-and-Energy.aspx>
- **Join the ELCA e-Advocacy Network** <http://www.capwiz.com/elca/mlm/signup/>
- **Peace and conflict** - For peace in the world <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Advocacy/Issues/Peace-and-Conflict.aspx>
- **U.S. Hunger, Poverty, Economic Justice** - Child Nutrition Reauthorization, Reform of the Federal Poverty Measure, Affordable Housing and Homelessness, National Housing Trust Fund, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act (SEVRA), Wages, Labor, and Lending, Federal Budget, along with a number of other Domestic Issues. <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Advocacy/Issues/US-Hunger-Poverty-and-Economic-Justice.aspx>

Service opportunities in the wider church - www.elca.org/ServiceOpportunities

- **Lutheran World Relief projects** - www.lwr.org
- **Lutheran Volunteer Corps** - <http://www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org/>
- **Mission Builders** - <http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Discipleship/Mission-Partners-Founders-Builders/Mission-Builders.aspx>
- **Lutheran Outdoor Ministries** servant journeys - <http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Outdoor-Ministry/Journeys-Servant-and-High-Adventure.aspx>
- **Young Adults in Global Mission** <http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Global-Mission/Engage-in-Global-Mission/Global-Service/Basics-of-Global-Service/Young-Adults.aspx>

Responding to the world - <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World.aspx> - Global Mission, ELCA World Hunger, ELCA Disaster Response

- **ELCA World Hunger** - this is loaded with stories, sermon starters, bulletin inserts, videos - great stuff! <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/ELCA-World-Hunger.aspx>
- **ELCA Global Mission** - there's enough here to fill bulletins, newsletters, temple talks, forums...for a long time. Don't miss it! <http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Global-Mission.aspx>
- **ELCA Disaster Response** - terrific site! Learn about our hands and dollars at work in the US and around the globe. <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/Disaster-Response.aspx>
- **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land**—learn about the many churches, schools and centers for peace. <http://www.elcjh.org/>
- **Lutheran World Federation**—lots of resources including information about LWF Sunday http://www.lutheranworld.org/What_We_Do/OCS/LWI-2009-PDF/LWI-200905-EN-low.pdf

Life Transitions - <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Life-Transitions.aspx> - Financial challenges, Family relations, Youth issues, Physical and emotional health, Aging issues

Churchwide Communications Resources—<http://www.semnsynod.org/communicators/ChurchwideResources.pdf>—advertisements—devotional guide—resource centers- web site development- news and events-prayer ventures-web feeds-studies on sexuality-social statements-quick facts-Spanish language resources-Women of the ELCA interchange-legal FAQs-ELCA worship-demographic information for your zip code-sharing faith-Faith Lens, youth Bible studies-lay job listings-resources for times of peace and war

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METROPOLITAN CHICAGO SYNOD**

<http://www.mtselca.org/>

On the synod web site above, click on "Resources" for a listing of many affiliated organizations. See also the drop-down menu under "Navigate the synod Web page". Be sure to see Mission Interpreters at http://www.mtselca.org/what/stewardship/mission_interpreters/

See the ELCA's mission interpretation resources at www.elca.org/stewardship/interpreting.html
www.elca.org/stewardship/micresources (password: mission)

Sign up for the ELCA's mission interpreter network at <http://elcamin.ning.com/> (temporarily out of order)

Metro-Chicago partners in mission

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois: <http://www.lssi.org/>

Lutheran Campus Ministry: <http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Campus-Ministry.aspx>

Companion Synod, S. Africa: http://www.mtselca.org/who/companion_synod/

Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center: <http://www.lomc.org/>

Bethel New Life, Inc: <http://www.bethelnewlife.org/>

Lutheran Volunteer Corps: <http://www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org/>

Lutheran Deaf Ministry: daytonwilliams@comcast.net

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IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

http://www.mtselca.org/what/stewardship/mission_interpreters/

(This page is for stories about mission activity by individuals and in our congregations. We hope soon to include videos from Metro Chicago congregations and individuals that were entered in the recent ELCA contest for the churchwide assembly. These stories will also be considered for the Metro-Chicago insert in the *Lutheran* magazine. Send your stories to:

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