



The Resource Center

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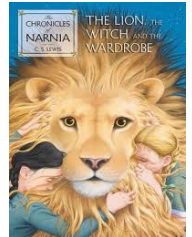
Resources for YOU and YOUR Congregation

- All resources are available for loan to individuals and to congregations
- Call, visit, or email the Resource Center at the EaND Synod office
- An online catalog is available at www.eandsynod.org (“Search the Catalog” under the Resource Center)
- Available to you are web links, online collections, media and print resources, curricula and more for all areas of congregational life

Open for Exploration!

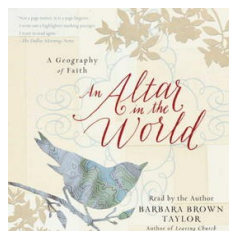
LENT 2012

- ✚ **Lenten Journey: Water Marks** is the newest in the Book of Faith Lenten Reflections. These water stories from both Old and New Testaments would be really helpful for a focus on baptism. Other **Lenten Journeys** include **40 Days with the Lord’s Prayer**, **Marks of the Christian**, and **Seven Wonders of the Word**. Weekly themes and ideas for worship are included. For individual, group, or congregational use. Preview copies available.
- ✚ Baptismal themes can also be found in the *Washed and Welcome Sourcebook*. Articles for reprinting in worship folders or newsletters are available. In *Living the Promises of Baptism*, key bible verses are highlighted.
- ✚ ELCA World Hunger offers a Lenten series—12 meals, 12 related stories which are also scripted as dramas for those interested, facts, placemats, fundraising and ideas. The series is available at www.elca.org/hunger/lent
- ✚ For worship, be sure to consider the DVD series, **The Greatest Story: Jesus**. The focus on gospel stories includes compelling sand art images that will engage all ages. Preview copy available.
- ✚ For C.S. Lewis aficionados, themes from **The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** provide a creative way to focus on Lenten themes using the video, the book, and the **LLW Discovery Guide**. Copies available.
- ✚ Check out Pastor Tom Weitzel’s Handbook for the Discipline of Lent, A Lenten Retreat, and Stations of the Cross as well as other Lenten resources at <http://www.liturgybytlw.com/LentDir.html>
- ✚ For worship planning: *Worship Guidebook for Lent and the Three Days* together with the *Music Sourcebook for Lent and the Three Days* from Augsburg Fortress. Preview copies available.



IDEAS to consider:

- Stories Around the Fire: three or four people tell two-minute stories of a favorite Bible verse—how they came across it, what it meant to them then and what it means to them today. Each week people who tell their stories write their names in a congregational family Bible next to their texts in the margins. “We had people as young as nine and people in their 80’s share their stories.”
- Sermon series are memorable. There are so many cleverly named series all over the internet. Pick a catchy title and develop your own pieces to it.
- Spirituality for Busy People: everybody is busy. Then pick practices such as Sabbath keeping, service, prayer, blessing, eating together, vocation, testimony to unpack during Lent.



- Consider Barbara Brown Taylor’s **An Altar in the World**: look for God outside of church walls. Take a chapter a week to find God in the everyday events of our lives. Have people tell stories of God at work, at school, at leisure—in unexpected places.
- The timelessness of Holden Evening Prayer: “We are still in love with Holden Evening Prayer—it sustains us year after year!”

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- ✚ TheThoughtfulChristian.com has several downloadable resources available for Lent. Take a look at Walking the Way of the Cross with Paul at <http://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com/>
- ✚ For a rich Lenten worship experience, consider the new ***Holden Prayer Around the Cross***, a set of resources adapted from Holden Evening Prayer and Prayer Around the Cross by Susan Briehl, Tom Witt, and Marty Haugen. To accompany HPAC, a set of musical resources is available in ***Singing Our Prayer: Companion to Holden Prayer Around the Cross***.
- ✚ You're invited to take a look at a stewardship resource ideal for Lent: Mark Allan Powell's **Biblical Stewardship: Our Duty and Delight** features seven 20-minute video sessions on DVD, a comprehensive study guide and participant handouts. Session titles include Belonging to God, What is a Steward?, Treasures and Hearts, Motives for Giving, Duty and Delight, and Cheerful Sacrifices.
- ✚ The **40 Day Journey books** for small groups or individual use are designed for Lent. Titles include *Journeys with Dietrich Bonhoeffer*, *Joan Chittister*, *Julian of Norwich*, *Martin Luther*, *Madeleine L'Engle*, and others.
- ✚ If you've found the **Nooma** films interesting, consider matching themes from the texts for Lent with the short and engaging DVDs. It's an excellent way to repeat the themes and invite conversation about the weekly texts. Call the Resource Center for a list!
- ✚ Bread themes for Lent? Try a Lenten study called ***Bread in the Wilderness: Spiritual Famine or Gospel Feast***, six sessions about hunger and food. A new six-part bible study called *Bread and Broth* also invites participants to share soup and bread while learning about Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Elisha, John the Baptist and Jesus.
- ✚ Northwestern Minnesota Synod has shared "**Lent 2012: A Season for Prayer and Renewal.**" For congregational renewal and reflection, it includes prayer petitions, a plan for midweek worship, Bible readings, mission resources and more. Call the Resource Center for a copy or download at <http://www.nwmnsynod.org/assets/documents/resources/Lent-2012-resource.pdf>
- ✚ **Teach us to Pray** introduces participants to the full spectrum of Christian prayer methods and encourages them to incorporate these practices into their daily lives. Twenty-two lesson plans can be used as a year-long course, as four separate courses or individually. Adaptable for Lent, adult education, prayer and spirituality groups or retreats. <http://leaderresources.org/teach-us-pray>



Please share what your congregation is doing for Lent!
 This rich season of the church year is prime time for deepening our worship life and living the remarkable drama of new life in Christ.

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