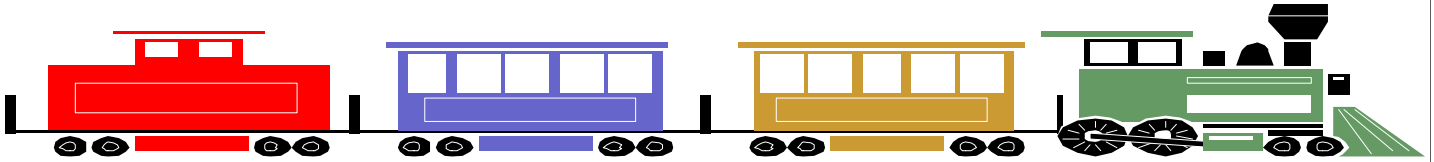


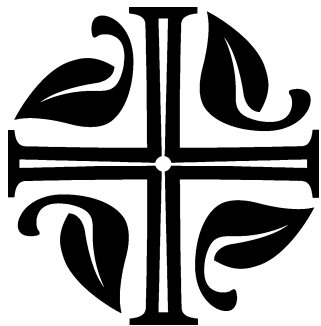


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Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray. Proverbs 22:6



What is Evangelical Lutheran Worship?

(This is the first in a series of tips to equip Christian education volunteers to help children learn how to use the ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship.)

Let's begin with what we already know about ELW. It is new. Its cover is cranberry. It has a lot of hymns in it, but please do not call it a hymnal or a songbook. Why not?

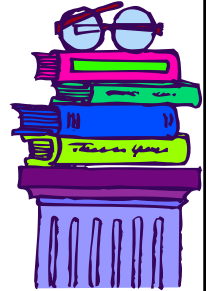
Here are a few reasons why ELW is not a hymnal. In the front section of ELW there is the Calendar of the Church Year with Sundays and Principal Festival according to church season and colors. A calendar for lesser festivals and commemorations according to months of the year is also included. The Propers for Sundays, festivals, and commemorations for Years A, B, C complement the calendar.

Also in the front section is a collection of Additional Prayers that may be used outside of the sanctuary, i.e. in Sunday (continued on page 2)

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BOOK REVIEW

Recently, the I-K Synod, ELCA, Christian Education Team finished studying *Disciple-Making Teachers: How to Equip Adults for Growth and Action* by Josh Hunt with Dr. Larry Mays. Great teaching is teaching that creates great people. Where disciples of Jesus are being developed, great teaching is taking place. Jesus told us to make disciples, not merely to make converts. The objective of Christian teaching is to produce mature disciples of Jesus Christ. Teaching is not about methods; it is about changed lives. This book is about being a teacher that will help to make disciples and help people to live differently.



The book is organized as illustrated:

	Outside of Class	In Class
Teacher	Preparation	Presentation
Learner	Lifestyles	Learning

The book is organized around these four quadrants, each one is examined in detail: lifestyle, learning, presentation and preparation. The

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(ELW, continued) School and Confirmation classes, with small groups and committees, even in the home. No, it is not a prayer book. In the back section of ELW there is the complete Daily Lectionary for Years A, B, C, and an index of key Biblical foundations for Scripture and worship. Also in the back section is the Small Catechism of Martin Luther. Consider using some education time with Luther in the ELW.

ELW contains references and indexes to Scripture, the colors, and celebrations of the Church Year. There are 16 pages of prayer covering a wide array of topics and situations. The central learning piece for Lutherans, prepared by Martin Luther so parents could teach the faith to their children in their homes, is a very distinctive feature. Thus, ELW is really a resource containing our assets.

Ed. Network is grateful to Lorraine Brugh, member of the Renewing Worship Editorial Team of the ELW, for readily sharing her expertise and insight so this series could be developed for the Christian educations in the I-K Synod, ELCA. Lorraine resides in Valparaiso, Indiana, and is a member of one of our ELCA congregations.

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focus of the book is how will people live on Monday morning and every day of their lives, and it begins with that end in mind, with the lifestyle of a disciple of Jesus.

Disciple-Making Teachers: How to Equip Adults for Growth and Action provides tips and insights for conducting a class, specifically a Bible class. It tends to focus on discipleship, but its methods apply to any material. It can be used by any classroom regardless of grade level. It encourages the teacher to take risks and make the class interesting by conducting the class “outside the box.” This book can definitely be used as a training and growth tool.



Because of Thanksgiving, we often identify November as a big “giving” month, but our stewardship is daily. Luther wrote that God provided us “with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day.” (Luther’s Small Catechism)

There is nothing wrong with handing your child some money right before the offering is collected, but, remember: we teach by example. What lesson do you want your child to learn?

One of the seven faith practices of discipleship is giving. We know that everything belongs to God; we are merely caretakers and managers. This is a hard concept to teach young children, yet stressing family giving might be the path to learning how to give. Calling a “family conference” to decide this month’s giving not only involves the entire family, but stresses to children that we parents take seriously the knowledge and command that we are managers of all God has provided.

Emphasize giving specific items: mittens and hats for the mitten tree; Thanksgiving or Christmas food baskets; picture books for the local day care center; school-food-health supplies for the food pantry or school nurse; blankets for Red Cross, etc.



Don’t forget to communicate-communicate-communicate with your children, their parents/guardians, and congregational worshipers about your special stewardship project.