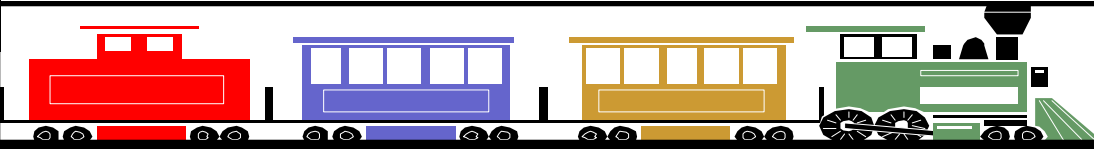


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**Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.
Proverbs 22:6**

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Ten Ways

for teachers to follow their Call to Discipleship - Teachers can pray . . .

1. Pray for one or more of your students by name each day.
2. Teach your students the prayerful exchange: "The Lord be with you" . . . "And also with you."
3. Set aside a daily time of prayer and meditation that works best for you.
4. Pray for one family of the students in your class each week and let them know you hold them in your prayers.
5. Adopt a short prayer to pray at different times of the day; e.g., "Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me."
6. Pray for yourself and your own call to discipleship each day.
7. Pray for God's will to be done in your life and through your teaching.
8. Pray for your congregation and pastor at least once a week.
9. Pray daily for your class and your upcoming learning time.
10. Pray or sing the Lord's Prayer at least once a day.



(Fanning the Flames of Discipleship, 2001-02 Christian Education Planning Guide, ELCA)

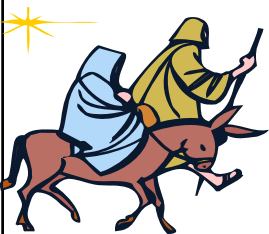
BOOK REVIEW:

CLOPPER AND THE NIGHT TRAVELERS

by Emily King

In this beautifully illustrated children's Christmas story, Clopper is a donkey who accompanies Mary and Joseph. Clopper carries Mary, Jesus' mother, to Bethlehem where the adventure begins. Clopper witnesses a surprise arrival of shepherds to see the newborn king, and is there on the strange evening

when Wiseman come to worship and bring gifts to the baby. Later, Joseph prepares Clopper for a long trip. Their journey is hard, taking them to the strange land of Egypt. Finally the day comes when God tells them it is safe and to go home, but not to Bethlehem. Ages 4-8



Excerpts from **OUR CALLING IN EDUCATION**

What does God have to do with education?

- Christians believe that God creates human beings with ability to learn, teach, and know and that God is active in and through education.
- Martin Luther insisted that Christians learn to read, understand, and interpret the Bible and know the content of their faith.
- Luther understood the Christian life to be one of service to God and neighbor in one's everyday places of responsibility; education equipped Christians for this vocation.

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where you can custom make word search, criss-cross, double puzzles, fallen phrases, math squares, mazes, letter tiles, cryptograms, number blocks, and hidden messages.

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Lutheran Worship Terms

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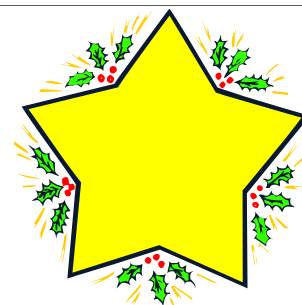
Terms taken from *Glossary of Lutheran Worship Terms*
pages 122-133 *The Lutheran Handbook II*

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S	E	C	I	L	P	R	U	S	P	O	U	O	U	S	ALB
P	B	T	F	E	D	B	M	S	O	T	I	L	W	I	ANTEPENDIUM
G	Y	O	H	I	T	L	L	F	U	T	D	C	X	T	BAPTISM
M	N	S	N	G	A	Y	I	A	C	A	N	R	L	P	CANDLELIGHTER
T	O	A	O	T	I	E	L	N	O	F	E	U	X	A	CHALICE
I	R	J	M	O	P	L	I	O	H	O	P	C	X	B	CHRISMON
Y	C	V	D	Q	A	T	E	L	C	W	E	I	R	A	COTTA
C	K	H	L	G	N	E	R	L	Y	A	T	F	P	P	CRUCIFIX
B	C	M	R	I	C	E	Y	I	D	O	N	I	X	Q	FONT
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C	P	C	A	E	Z	C	Z	N	M	Q	V	T	L	L	PRX
															SURPLICE
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															VERSICLES

PRAYER STAR

Supplies needed: 2 sheets of construction paper (yellow and any other color);

5-point star pattern; scissors; pen or markers; small brass fastener.



Trace the star pattern on a sheet of 8-1/2 x 11 yellow construction paper. In the center of the star, write the words "Jesus, Our Light, Has Come!" In each of the five points, write "Family and Friends," "Church," "Community," "Country," "World." Make a small hole in the center of the star and fasten it to another sheet of construction paper. Along the top of the background sheet, write "We Remember to Pray For"

Using the star for your daily prayer and devotion, turn the star so that one of the points is directed to the top of the page and use what is written in the point as the focus. Turn the star each day so that all five points have been used throughout the week. At the end of your prayer and devotion time, invite a member of your household to read Psalm 72:18,19. At the end of the reading, invite everyone to respond: **ARISE, SHINE! OUR LIGHT HAS COME!**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

and make plans for Saturday, March 21, 2009,
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S	E	C	I	L	P	R	U	S	P	O	U	O	U	S	ACOLYTE (11, 9, NW)
P	B	T	F	E	D	B	M	S	O	T	I	L	W	I	ALB (9, 5, NW)
G	Y	O	H	I	T	L	L	F	U	T	D	C	X	T	ANTEPENDIUM (12, 11, N)
M	N	S	N	G	A	Y	I	A	C	A	N	R	L	P	BAPTISM (15, 7, N)
T	O	A	O	T	I	E	L	N	O	F	E	U	X	A	CANDLELIGHTER (13, 13, NW)
I	R	J	M	O	P	L	I	O	H	O	P	C	X	B	CHALICE (1, 15, NE)
Y	C	V	D	Q	A	T	E	L	C	W	E	I	R	A	CHRISMON (2, 8, SE)
C	K	H	L	G	N	E	R	L	Y	A	T	F	P	P	COTTA (11, 1, S)
B	C	M	R	I	C	E	Y	I	D	O	N	I	X	Q	CRUCIFIX (13, 4, S)
V	E	R	S	I	C	L	E	S	D	N	A	X	S	K	FONT (4, 3, SW)
J	O	D	L	S	S	V	F	H	A	U	A	D	C	Q	INTINCTION (5, 10, NE)
E	V	A	N	H	M	M	P	S	Q	B	U	C	G	T	NAVE (4, 13, W)
U	H	Y	Y	W	P	R	O	P	E	R	S	M	D	E	ORDINARY (8, 1, SW)
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GETTING FLUENT IN FAITH'S FIRST LANGUAGE



“This year, I’m going to read the ENTIRE Bible!”

Have you started, but became overwhelmed? Please don’t despair! The Bible is similar to a lending library – several books found in one place. If this is your New Year’s resolution, check out these suggestions taken from *The Lutheran Handbook II, “Bible Stuff”* (Augsburg Fortress) pages 215-217.

HOW TO READ THE ENTIRE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Reading the entire Bible is a formidable task and can frustrate even the most patient believer when approached haphazardly. A measured and consistent walk through the Bible, however, can be done without tremendous fuss. In addition, when you are finished you can boast that you have read the entire Bible. Here are some recommendations for reading the entire Bible in one year.

1. Consider purchasing a good “one year” Bible.
Many good translations are published also in one year editions. This tool can make the job easier. It should combine daily Old and New Testament readings with a Psalm or a selection from Proverbs.
2. Choose a method that matches your personality and reading habits.
Start with one book and skip around. Begin with one of the four Gospels, such as John, then read an Old Testament book, like Genesis. Jump into one of the Epistles, such as Ephesians. Skipping around keeps your attention fresh. Start with the first pages and read straight through to the last. This is a common method for Lutherans, who are typically organized in their Bible reading. Keep in mind the first 10 books of the Bible can get fact-heavy and dry. Plowing through them may wear you out fast. If this occurs, try skipping to the juicy parts for variety.
3. Covenant with a reading buddy or an accountability group.
4. Celebrate your completed reading of the Bible.

Be aware of the following:

- You do not earn your salvation by reading the Bible, but you will experience growth in faith. Allow the scriptures to speak to you.
- A good bookmark can be almost as important to daily reading as the reading itself. Find one you look forward to seeing each day when you open the book.
- Avoid trying to read as much as you can at each sitting. Set limits for yourself or you will not keep your patriarchs straight.
- Avoid reading late at night. Dozing off in the middle of the history books guarantees a later reread.