

# Educational Resources for Congregations

## Science and faith

Covalence (Lutheran Alliance for Faith, Science and Technology) - <http://luthscitech.org/covalence/>

## Faith Formation/Christian Education

*There is a LOT of information on the websites listed below. Take your time to peruse the wealth of information and resources provided on these sites.*

Reimagining Faith Formation with Adults - <http://www.reimaginefaithformation.com/adults.html>

Lifelong Faith Store - [http://www.lifelongfaith.com/store/c1/Featured\\_Products.html](http://www.lifelongfaith.com/store/c1/Featured_Products.html)

Intergenerational Faith Formation - <http://www.reimaginefaithformation.com/intergenerational.html>

Family Faith Formation - <http://www.reimaginefaithformation.com/family.html>

Faith Formation with Children - <http://www.reimaginefaithformation.com/children.html>

Faith Formation with Adolescents - <http://www.reimaginefaithformation.com/adolescents.html>

Missional Faith Formation - <http://www.reimaginefaithformation.com/missional.html>

## Curriculum

**1517 Media** (formerly known as **Augsburg Fortress** and **sparkhouse**) provides a variety of curricula for children through adults. Check out the following websites:

- <http://tinyurl.com/hcxozc8>
- [www.wearesparkhouse.org](http://www.wearesparkhouse.org)

Here is a resource through "Thoughtful Christian," just in time for Advent:

"Advent for Youth" downloadable series - <http://tinyurl.com/gtcy3ge>

## Confirmation Resources for Senior High Youth

[www.lutherhouseofstudy.org/home](http://www.lutherhouseofstudy.org/home)

<http://confirmationclassroom.blogspot.com/> (supplemental resources)

## Sunday School Alternatives/Models for a Changing Church

*Many Sunday Schools are shrinking. Rich Melheim's book, "Let's Kill Sunday School (Before it Kills the Church)" provides a fascinating brief history of Sunday school. This resource is a reminder that the way we've helped children, youth and adults grow in their faith formation has changed through time. Old models give way to new models. There are several case studies of congregations using new models for forming faith. This book is a great resource to use with your leadership – including the pastor, congregation council, worship and music committee as well as your Christian Ed committee.*

<http://store.faithink.com/index.asp?PageAction=VIEWPROD&ProdID=4040>

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## Resources for Senior High Youth/Adults: Social Statements

The ELCA Social Statements can be a great conversation starter with senior high and adults groups. "Women and Justice" (<http://tinyurl.com/z9uyw5s>) is the social statement which is presently being developed. Resources are available on the ELCA website so that you can engage a group of youth and adults in conversation about this social statement and provide feedback to those developing the social statement. The information below was taken from the ELCA website to provide you with a little background on social statements and their usage.

*"This church shall develop social statements ... that will guide the life of this church as an institution and inform the conscience of its members in the spirit of Christian liberty." (ELCA social statement, "The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective" (<http://tinyurl.com/zbwmp87>)).*

*ELCA social statements are teaching and policy documents that provide broad frameworks to assist us in thinking about and discussing social issues in the context of faith and life. They are meant to help communities and individuals with moral formation, deliberation and thoughtful engagement with current social issues as we participate in God's work in the world. Social statements also set policy for the ELCA and guide its advocacy and work as a publically engaged church. They result from an extensive process of participation and deliberation and are adopted by a two-thirds vote of an ELCA Churchwide Assembly.*

Learn about social statements on the ELCA website: <http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements>

*In 2009, the Churchwide Assembly authorized the development of a social statement on women and justice. The ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice: One in Christ is now at work, charged with the responsibility to lead this process.*

## The Northeastern PA Synod Resource Center

Are you aware that YOU have a resource center here in YOUR synod? The synod resource center is located at the Lutheran Center in Northeastern PA, 2354 Grove RD, Allentown, PA 18109.

Visit us! Check out the many resources we have on our shelves. Use the space for a committee meeting so that you can have resources right at hand. Borrow resources to take back to your congregation to peruse.

If you have questions about resources or the resource center please contact Debbie Frey or Karen Matthias-Long.

Call us: 610-266-5101

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Order or check out resources from our resource center online (<http://tinyurl.com/gmyg2o4>)