

## Faith is caught, not taught!

Understanding our baptismal promises are to “...**live** among God’s faithful people; **hear** the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper; **proclaim** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; **serve** all people following the example of Jesus; and **strive** for justice and peace in all the earth.” We can challenge and encourage families to add faith practices to support each of those promises!

**Live:** read the Bible together, worship with your faith family, talk about offering and tithing, care for and encourage one another, pray, renew the promise with water and a sign of the cross on your forehead

**Hear:** listen to the Word from the Bible and in the sermon in worship, devotions, sacraments, experience the arts, forgiveness of sin, meal time prayer

**Proclaim:** Invite friends and family to church, confess the faith through word and song, offer encouragement to friends who are ill or in need, talk about faith with family and friends, and live joyfully, thankfully, encouragingly, and hopefully

**Serve:** Serve in the home, the church, the community, visit the sick or send cards and pictures, feed the hungry, respond to disasters, walk alongside others, give of resources.

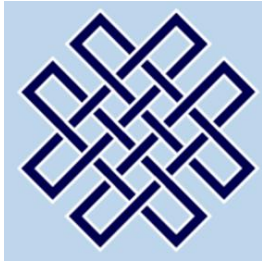
**Strive for Justice and Peace:** Pray for peace, “Go Green” initiatives in churches or communities, forgive each other, marches and walks for social issues such as violence against children, Collect food for the local food shelf, volunteer at a homeless shelter, pray! Love all of humanity, respecting everyone, and seeing differences as a gift from God.

(some suggestions come from [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org))

**Perhaps one baptismal promise is focused on each week during Lent?**

# Christian Education Network of the ELCA

*"... that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love ..."*  
Colossians 2:2



*Supporting lifelong  
faith formation  
in the home  
and congregation*



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