

Celebrating Lent with Children and Families

Lent can be a more devout time where children and families can learn something special together! Need some ideas on what to do? The Christian Education Network of the ELCA is here to help! Below are a few ideas, check out the Facebook group online and ask questions, check out the CENetwork of the ELCA website for other ideas (www.faithfulteaching.org)!

- Study parts of Luther's Small Catechism... perhaps doing the 10 Commandments (2 a week during Lenten services)?
- Study the Lord's Prayer together – divide it into the different petitions and study a different part each week during Lent!
- Study the Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed, and what other creeds can you find? The Massai Creed? Write your own creed... or family mission statement ... or faith statement?
- Given Ash Wednesday isn't until March 1st this year, you have time to put together a devotional for Lent... ask your children and families in your church to write a prayer or draw a picture or tell a story... and put them together with some added Bible passages, songs, prayers, etc, print them and distribute them to your church!
- Collect non-perishable items such as canned or boxed food... one item per day for 40 days of Lent... then donate it to the local food shelf during Holy Week! You can collect them at church... perhaps build towers of Mac and Cheese? If every family collected 40 items for the local food shelf – wouldn't that be amazing?!!!

What ideas do you have?

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

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