

JUNE–DECEMBER CONGREGATION CONNECTIONS PLANNING CALENDAR

As a committee and staff team, make plans to encourage congregational and personal commitment to ending the scandal of hunger by offering frequent opportunities for learning, action, and generous giving to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, Stand With Africa, and ELCA Disaster Response. Create your own planning calendar, adding specific who-what-when-where details. Here are a few ideas to help you get started.

JUNE 2008 [PENTECOST, CYCLE A]

- **June 15: Father's Day.** Reproduce "Gift Suggestions" (Water Repro Stories '08. AF order number 978-6-0002-2118-8) in your June newsletter or in the Sunday bulletin on June 1 or 8.
- Review reproducible stories [www.elca.org/hunger/stories] and Congregation Connections [www.elca.org/hunger/connections]. Share your favorite reproducible pieces with the person responsible for Sunday bulletins and the church newsletter.
- Make sure key leaders in the congregation (e.g., worship, education, social ministry, hunger/global links) are signed up to receive ELCA World Hunger resource packets and the quarterly newsletter. [www.elca.org/hunger/contact]

JULY 2008

- **2008 Global Mission Event, July 17–20, La Crosse, Wisconsin** Who will attend? How will they report back? Place the THOUGHT PRELUDE from p. 6 in the Sunday bulletin for July 6 or 13. [www.elca.org/gme]
- Identify at least three people to personally invite to join in and lead World Hunger efforts in the congregation.
- Take steps for the congregation to be even more eco-friendly. [www.webofcreation.org]

AUGUST 2008

- Review the Summer 2008 Top 40 catalog and stock up on World Hunger resources. [www.elca.org/hunger/Top40]
- Order your supply of Fair Trade coffee and chocolate. [www.lwr.org/fairtrade]
- **Lectionary connection: August 3.** Feeding of the 5,000 (Matthew 14:13–21). Offer to lead the children's message and adult forum that Sunday (see p. 7).

SEPTEMBER 2008

- Offer to help connect ELCA World Hunger and Rally Sunday.
- Set a challenge goal for giving to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal between now and the end of the year and regularly communicate progress toward the goal.



1-2-3 CONTACT!

Add your name as a hunger contact and receive the two ELCA World Hunger Resource Packets and the quarterly issues of *LifeLines* newsletter delivered to your home. Just visit www.elca.org/hunger/contact or call 800/638-3522, ext 2764.

HUNGER RUMBLINGS

ELCA World Hunger staff "bloggers" invite you to comment on the reflections and stories you'll find at <http://blogs.elca.org/hungerrumblings> Some of the first posts were titled: Eco-confusion, Ballroom dance lessons raise money for ELCA World Hunger Appeal, and \$35.9 BILLION spent on pets.