

PLANNING CALENDAR

- “Push the envelope.” Place ELCA World Hunger Appeal offering envelopes in every pew and arrange for them to be inserted in the 2009 offering boxes.

OCTOBER 2008

- **Lutheran World Federation Sunday: October 5** [www.elca.org/lwff]
- Highlight Halloween as an occasion to give to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal (see p. 8).
- Strategize ways to encourage alternative giving. Order ELCA Good Gifts catalogs and related resources. [www.elca.org/hunger/Top40]

NOVEMBER 2008

- Watch for the Winter 2008–2009 World Hunger Resource Packet to arrive in the congregation. Distribute the sample resources to key leaders. Decide on the resources to order in quantity.
- **Lectionary Connection: November 9.** *Let justice roll down like waters*, Amos 5:18–24 (see p. 9). Reprint Kathryn Sime’s letter (Water Repro Stories ‘08, ISBN 978-6-0002-2118-8). Show the four-minute slide presentation on the water project in Peru during the offering. [www.elca.org/hunger/basics] Present an adult forum on the Millennium Development Goals. [www.elca.org/advocacy]
- **Christ the King Sunday: November 23.** Plan to focus on ELCA World Hunger in worship, Sunday school classes, and the adult forum on this Sunday before Thanksgiving. Offer to present a temple talk. Distribute the “God’s math” 40-day calendar and coin boxes for use during Advent.
- **Thanksgiving Day.** Observe Thanksgiving on or near November 27. Reprint one of the pieces found on p. 10.

ADVENT [NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2008, CYCLE B]

- **First Sunday in Advent: November 30**
- Provide a reproducible story or coloring page in the bulletin each week during Advent. [www.elca.org/hunger/stories]
- Observe **World AIDS Day** on or near Monday, December 1. [www.elca.org/AIDS]

PLANNING AHEAD

- **Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday: February 1, 2009** [www.souperbowl.org]
- **Ash Wednesday: February 25, 2009.** Connect ELCA World Hunger and the congregation’s Lenten journey. For ideas, see the Winter 2008–2009 edition of “Congregation Connections,” available by November 1, 2008. [www.elca.org/hunger/connections]

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPERIMENT: CARE OF CREATION TIME CAPSULE

At the beginning of the Sunday school year, have children gather small pieces of plastic, paper, and wood from home or around the church. Some ideas could be a plastic shopping bag, a paper lunch bag, the cap of a plastic soda bottle, a Sunday bulletin, a pencil, and a small wooden toy. Bury them in the church yard or garden where they will not be disturbed. Don’t forget to make a map of where you placed them so you can find them again.

At the end of the Sunday school year, take your map and go together to dig up the items that you buried. How much of each item has decomposed? Connect the activity to our calling to be good stewards of the Earth and reduce our waste. Connect the importance of being good environmental stewards and sharing our gifts with those most in need. Together generate a list of ways that the children can help **reduce, reuse, and recycle** at home, school, and church.

GROW THE CAUSE

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