



Our Resources

Justice for Women Program
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

From Bible studies to an academic volume of Lutheran theology written by women to discussion guides about human trafficking, the Justice for Women program offers multiple ways for Lutherans and other Christians to engage with each other theologically.

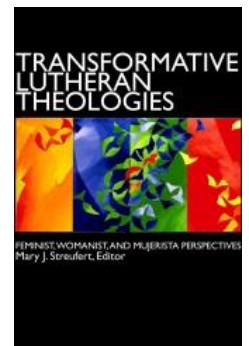
All resources can be located online at www.ELCA.org/Resources/Justice-for-Women.

Lutheran Theology

Transformative Lutheran Theologies:

Feminist, Womanist and Mujerista Perspectives, ed. Mary J. Streufert

Released from Fortress Press in the fall of 2010, this volume is the first of its kind in Lutheran theology. It holds some of the most exciting recent work from Lutheran perspectives in classical theological topics such as the doctrine of God, sin and grace, christology and the Holy Spirit. The sixteen contributors seek to be faithful to the witness of the Christian tradition and the central wager of the Protestant Reformation—justification by grace through faith—while at the same time raising the critical and constructive wager that all humans are equally created, broken and redeemed. Taking this equality to heart changes how theology is done and what theology says.



Annotated Bibliography of Lutheran Women Scholars in Religion

Knowing how challenging it can be in research and writing to find other Lutheran scholars outside of immediate professional circles, Justice for Women has endeavored to create one field of access to the works of Lutheran women scholars in biblical, theological and religious studies. It is our hope that this bibliography will serve as a great resource for all persons interested in identifying the tremendous scholarship by Lutheran women and will support academic, professional, and personal research in multiple ways.

There is, indeed, a vast fund of wisdom that exists among us, and certainly there are more Lutheran women voices yet to be heard.

This bibliography is annotated, and divided into seven broad sub-disciplines:

- Theology
- Biblical studies
- Church History/Historical Theology
- Ecclesiology and Ecclesial Life
- Ethics
- Worship
- Pastoral Care/Theology
- Miscellaneous



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Bible Studies

The following Bible study series are designed to help people talk together biblically and theologically about sexism and patriarchy. Available in English, online or in hard copy. Go to: www.elca.org/resources/justice-for-women and click on “Sexism.”

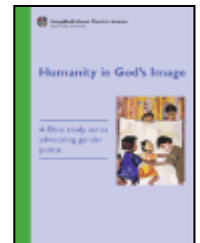


Bible Study, Series 1: Speaking of Sexism: Called to Trust and Risk

In the three sessions of the first series, participants study the story of the Israelites' wilderness journey and the gospel of Mark in order to talk about social and religious change, power and privilege.

Bible Study, Series 2: Humanity in God's Image

In the three sessions of the second series, participants talk about humanity's equal creation, sin and redemption through the premise that we are loved, known, chosen, forgiven and bidden. Participants study the stories of the woman at the well; Mary, the mother of Jesus; and the woman who anoints Jesus' feet.



Sexism

Our Voice, Our Stories

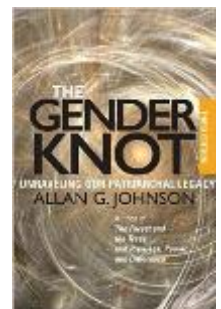
This booklet of true stories, written by a variety of people across the ELCA, serves to encourage listening and dialogue about tough realities surrounding gender. This compilation of monologues represents the hidden life of women in church and society. It is representative of what women in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and across the country experience every day. Each woman has offered her story, some at personal risk, in order to assist this church both to understand and to recognize the problems of sexism and patriarchy.

Basic Vocabulary on Sexism

This easy-to-use glossary gives background information on sexism and patriarchy in church and society. It may be helpful for studying our other resources and provides a starting place for discussion.

The Gender Knot Study Guide

Allan Johnson's *The Gender Knot: Unraveling Our Patriarchal Legacy* is an introductory exploration of sexism, patriarchy and the systems that support the continuation of these problems. Our study guide gives a faith-based look at these social issues. This book is accessible, clear and thorough, and the accompanying study guide provides highlights of the text and discussion questions.



Miss Representation Study Guide



“*Miss Representation*” unpacks how the media objectifies women and examines the effect of this powerful medium on young people growing up. The film explores the depiction of women in mass media and questions its relation to female leadership in areas such as the film industry and government. The discussion leader's guide and participants' questions for discussion can be downloaded in three versions. Each option is appropriate for a variety of church groups, including youth groups and men's groups!



Gender-Based Violence

On November 14, 2015 the ELCA Church Council unanimously adopted a social message on gender-based violence, accompanied by foundational documentation. Find the full text at <http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/Gender-Violence>. Spanish version available soon.

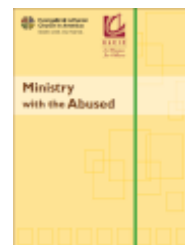


Lutheran Theology Facing Sexual and Domestic Violence

One necessary step in addressing domestic and sexual abuse, argues Mary Pellauer, is to name the problems in Lutheran theology for survivors to renew Lutheran theology in ways that strengthen the church's abilities to address such violence. Pellauer addresses the deeply seated legacy of Luther's thought that potentially permeates the Lutheran tradition and entreats Lutherans to explore the ways that Luther's ideas on marriage, sexuality, men and women, and authority continue to run unexamined through social and religious discourse. This booklet is available online and in hard copy in English and in Spanish.

Ministry with the Abused

This resource provides information on domestic and intimate partner violence in the United States and Canada. Use this resource to learn more and to raise awareness to help make your congregations and communities safe. Intended for congregational use in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, this can be found online in English and Spanish.



Awareness and Worship Resources



Each year in October, communities across the United States work to increase awareness of sexual and domestic violence and to promote action to end it. Your congregation can be a part of this national effort during every month of the year. The Justice for Women website holds resources in English and Spanish, including a bulletin insert, liturgical resources, and a poster with helpful information to place in strategic areas of your facility.

Human Trafficking

Human trafficking, the second-largest and fastest-growing illegal trade in the world, is modern-day slavery wherein people are in bondage through fraud, force or coercion. Raise awareness, gain knowledge and explore action steps in six one hour sessions. This peer-to-peer learning series is designed to help high-school aged young people explore this social issue, but it can be adapted for other groups as well.

