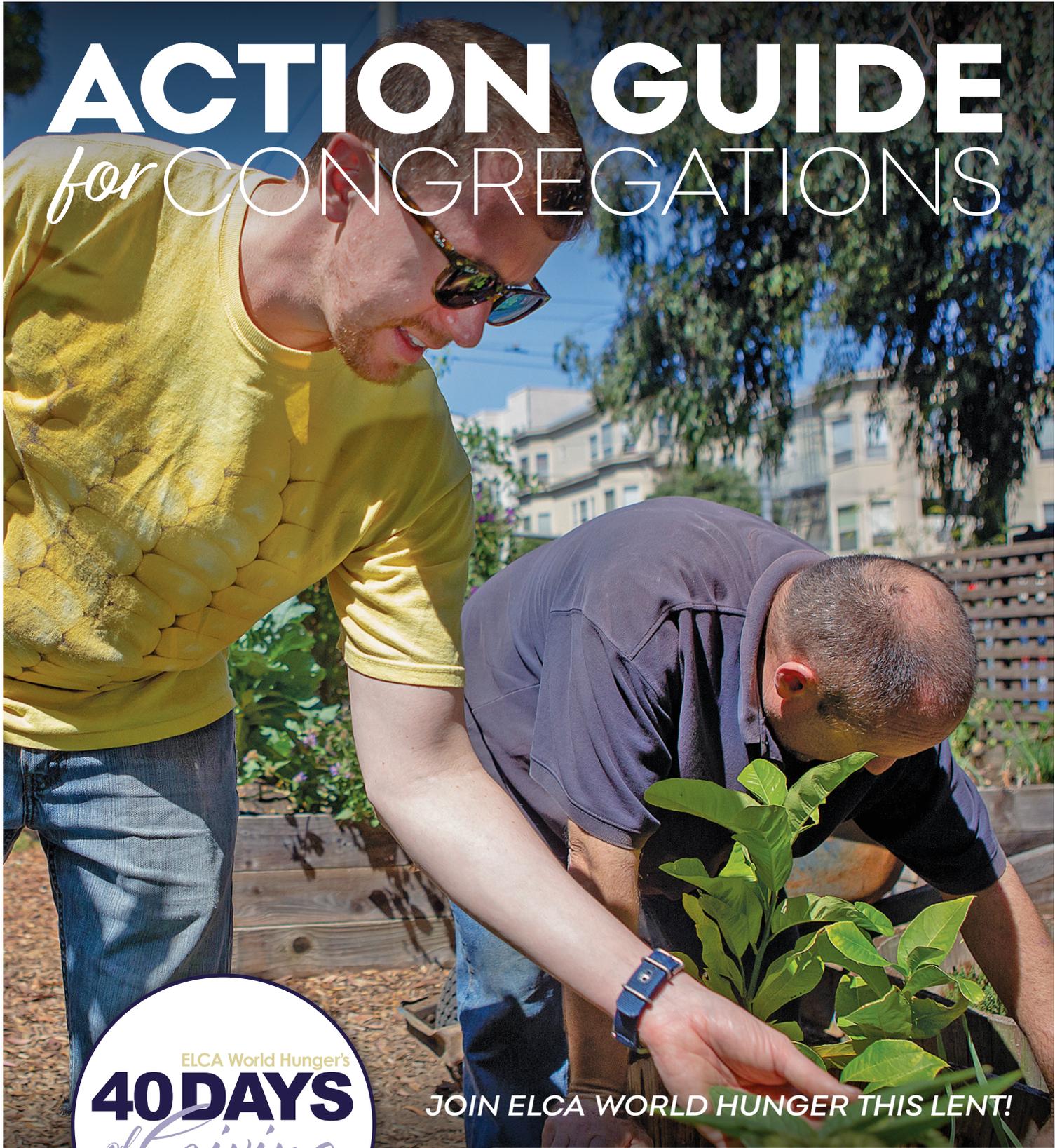


E L C A W O R L D H U N G E R ' S

ACTION GUIDE

for CONGREGATIONS



ELCA World Hunger's
40 DAYS
of Giving

JOIN ELCA WORLD HUNGER THIS LENT!



ELCA World Hunger
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

HOW TO

USE THIS GUIDE



As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we are called to be part of God's work in the world. Through ELCA World Hunger, our church creatively and courageously works toward a just world where all are fed. Together, we can achieve things on a scale and scope we could never do otherwise.

Chances are your congregation is already making a difference in the fight against hunger and poverty by serving your neighbors, raising funds and collecting in-kind donations. Thank you! This guide is designed to help you continue this good work with some new and popular resources.

FIND

Visit [ELCA.org/hunger](https://elca.org/hunger) to find nearly all the resources you see here and more.

CONNECT

Engage with the latest news and stories from ELCA World Hunger:

 [Facebook.com/ELCAWorldHunger](https://facebook.com/ELCAWorldHunger)

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 [Instagram.com/ELCAWorldHunger](https://instagram.com/ELCAWorldHunger)

TELL US

Was your activity a success? We'd love to hear about it! Send photos and stories to hunger@elca.org.

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ELCA World Hunger's 40 DAYS *of Giving*

This Lent, you're invited to join together with fellow supporters to study, pray and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. Experience how the grace of Christ moves us to engage in transformative works of love around the world through ELCA World Hunger as God calls us into the ministry of hope, liberation and restoration for our world.

Lent is a time of reflection and repentance, of sacrifice and self-examination. But Lent is also a season of hope — hope in the work God is doing in the world, even in the most challenging times. This Lent, join ELCA World Hunger as we journey with our neighbors in hope for a just world where all are fed. Bring ELCA World Hunger into your congregation and worshipers' homes with resources that include:



- 1) A devotional calendar with daily ideas for reflection and action,
- 2) A weekly study with inspirational stories and information about how your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are at work in the world, and
- 3) Additional resources, including coin jar wrappers and an inspirational weekly email series, to invite children and families into the practice of giving to the church to end hunger and poverty.

We invite you to study, pray and give with us during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — with thanksgiving to God and for the good of our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.

Visit ELCA.org/40Days for more information, to order resources and sign up for emails, and to begin planning your congregation's participation and fundraising. A sample of the devotional calendar and study are enclosed with this packet.

The 40 Days of Giving starts Feb. 26, 2020.

LENT LITANY

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

Led up by the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil,
Jesus answered, "Worship the Lord your God; serve God alone."
Lead us by your spirit to new places, O Lord, that we may worship you
and serve neighbors in your name.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Nicodemus came by night with questions
and Jesus said, "God so loved the world."
Refresh us with your promises, O Lord, that we may walk more closely with neighbors near and far.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

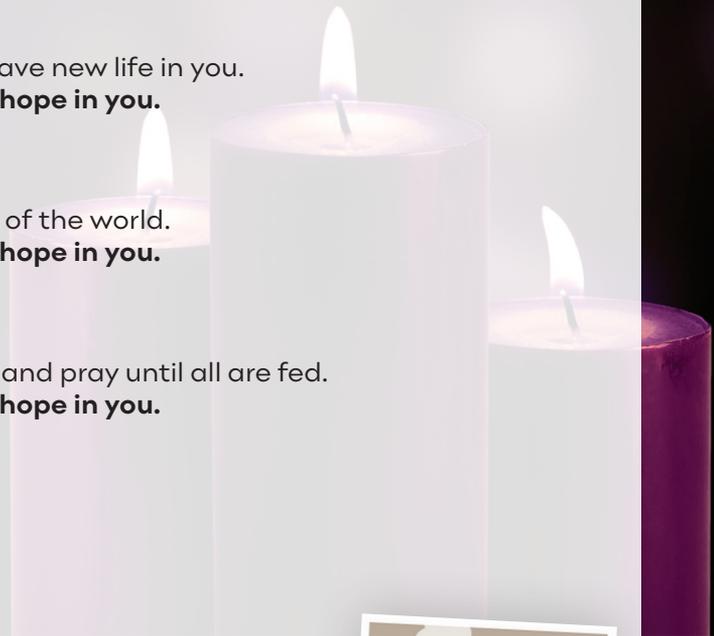
The Samaritan woman said to Jesus,
"Give me this water so that I may never be thirsty."
Wash us in the waters of baptism, O Lord, that all may have new life in you.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

The man blind from birth was healed by Jesus and said,
"I was blind, but now I see."
Help us to see, O Lord, that we may declare your healing of the world.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Jesus said to Mary and Martha at Lazarus' grave,
"Unbind him, and let him go."
Break the chains that bind us, O Lord, that we may work and pray until all are fed.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

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Amen.

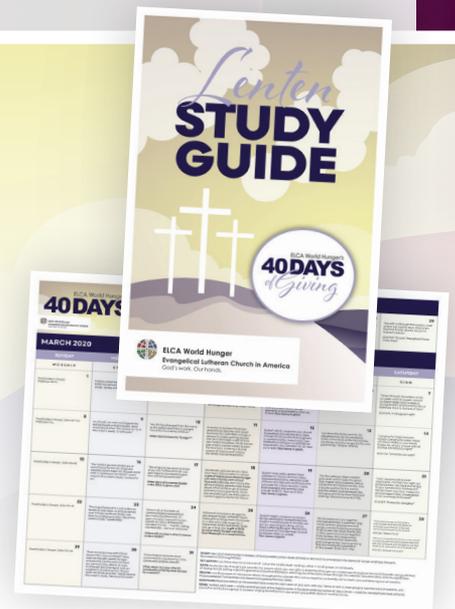


LENTEN STUDY GUIDE

This five-session resource is perfect for congregations, small groups or at-home study. Each session draws on the Scripture readings for Lent and a story of hope from a ministry supported by ELCA World Hunger to inspire prayerful thought about what it means to be church for the sake of the world.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL CALENDAR

Order our Lenten devotional calendar, which is filled with ideas for daily engagement in cultivating hope and working for a just world where all are fed. ELCA.org/40Days.





GET READY FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

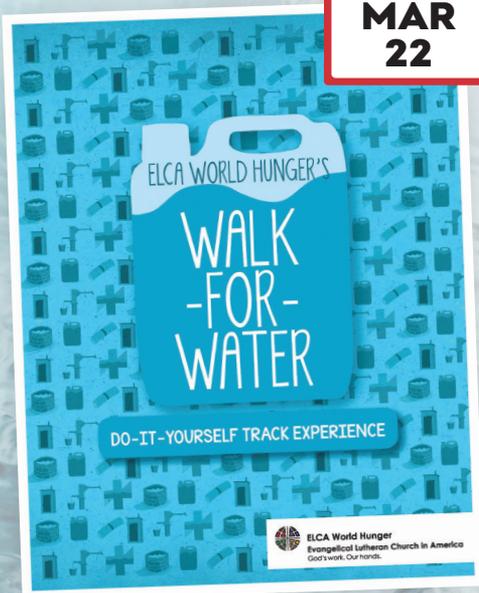
On the Sunday before Valentine's Day, spread the love to ELCA World Hunger's ministries throughout the world with ELCA Good Gifts–grams and children's color-your-own valentines. ELCA Good Gifts–grams may be purchased in honor of your friend, child or significant other to celebrate Valentine's Day. Take a donation for these ELCA Good Gifts–grams prior to Valentine's Day before or after worship as a special way to celebrate the holiday while giving to ELCA World Hunger. Special coloring sheets are also available for kids of all ages.



Visit Resources.ELCA.org to order your Valentine's Day–grams today. Coloring sheets are available for download at ELCA.org/hunger/resources under the "General" tab.



WORLD WATER DAY



For World Water Day 2020, bring the ELCA World Hunger Walk for Water experience to your congregation. The do-it-yourself program gives you step-by-step instructions on how your group can experience what it's like to carry a five-gallon jug of water (41.5 pounds) through a simulated water collection experience. Throughout the simulation, each person follows one of five "stories" to guide them along the track. Along the way, participants will confront different obstacles that help them realize some of the struggles those walking for water may encounter.

Download this guide for free at ELCA.org/hunger/resources under the "Hunger Ed" tab.

New program for 2020!

"ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM

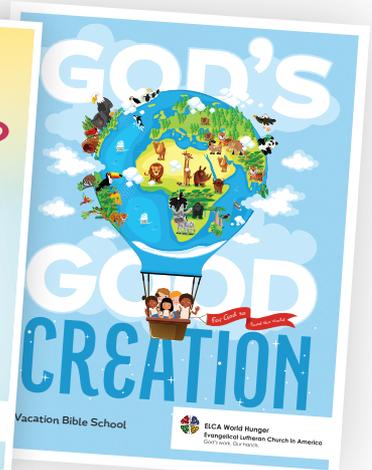
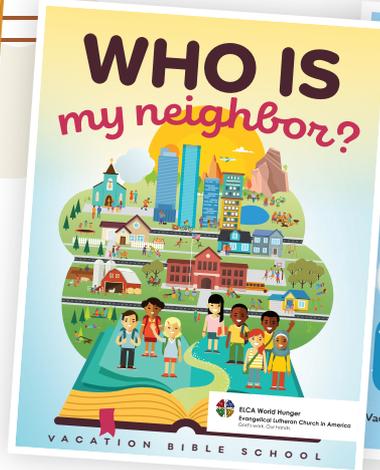
"On Earth As in Heaven" is a Vacation Bible School program that helps children learn about hunger, hope and the work to which God calls us in the world. This year's VBS will focus on the Lord's Prayer, with stories and activities related to hunger, health, peace and more. This five-day program highlights work supported by ELCA World Hunger and includes sample schedules, music, skits, and snack and craft ideas.



Also available!

Visit Resources.ELCA.org to order free printed copies.

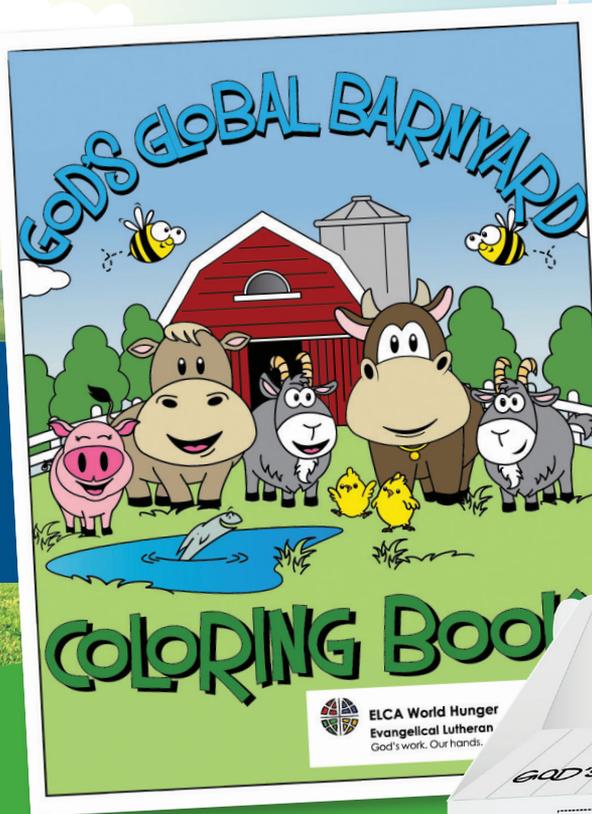
Download the full programs at ELCA.org/hunger/resources under the "Hunger Ed" tab.



GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need, providing food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops, or milk, honey or eggs to sell at the market. Use the following ideas and resources about animals to educate people about "God's Global Barnyard" and raise money through ELCA Good Gifts. Children can have fun looking at the animal images and learning about each animal.

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD COLORING BOOK



GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD STICKERS



COIN BOXES



Visit Resources.ELCA.org to order free coin boxes, coloring books and sticker sheets.

EDUCATE, ENGAGE, INSPIRE

Visit ELCA World Hunger's Vimeo channel to find a series of short videos you can share with your congregation during worship, temple talks, youth lessons, Bible studies and more. Choose from a variety of videos designed to connect your congregation to people and communities whose lives are changed through your gifts to ELCA World Hunger here and in more than 60 countries around the world.

New!



We'll think, "Oh, it wasn't like

Education Opens Doors for Young Women in Guatemala



**360
VIDEO!**

The Seeds of Change in Malawi



Until All Are Fed



East Boston Community Soup Kitchen

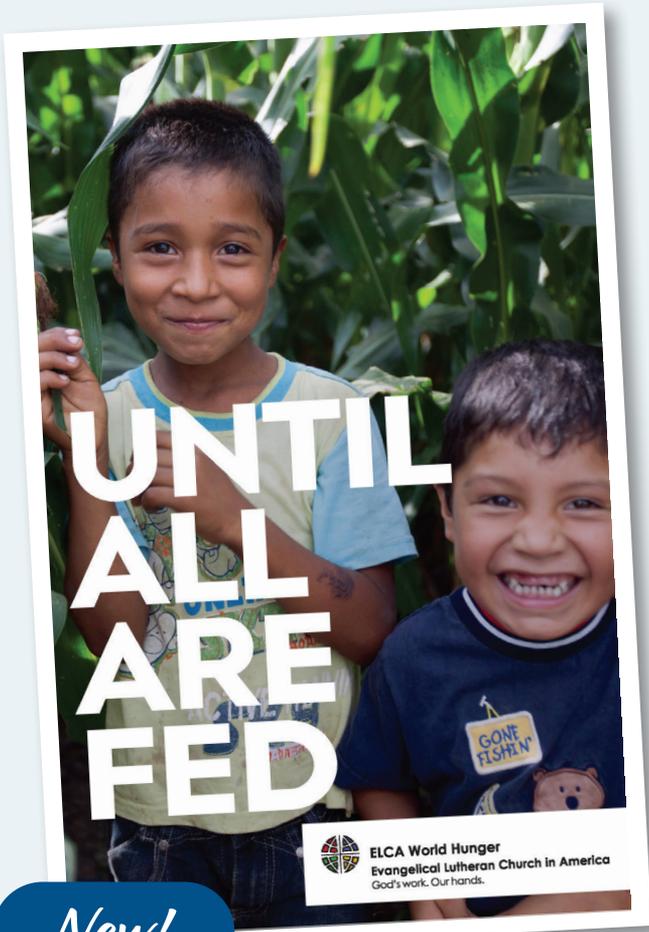


Holistic Ministries



DIKO Marie's Story

Check out all of ELCA World Hunger's videos at [Vimeo.com/channels/ELCAWorldHunger](https://vimeo.com/channels/ELCAWorldHunger) or on the ELCA World Hunger playlist on YouTube.



New!

ELCA WORLD HUNGER BULLETIN INSERT

Include this ELCA World Hunger insert in your Sunday worship bulletin or as a brochure on your resource table. Learn more about how your gifts are making an impact and get an overview of our church's response to hunger and poverty.

Find this insert at ELCA.org/hunger/resources. Click on the "General" tab.



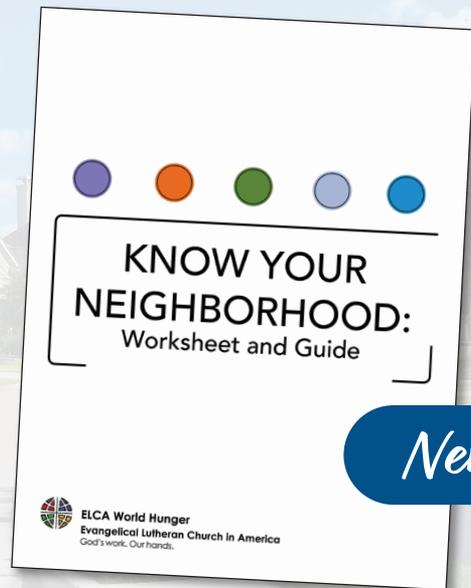
HANG A POSTER

Display our posters in a prominent place to show your congregation's support for ELCA World Hunger, and use them with your Sunday school and youth groups.

Order posters for free at Resources.ELCA.org.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER'S "KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD" WORKSHEET AND GUIDE

Data can help you and others know more about the challenges our neighbors face – and the assets that are available in a community. This guide provides suggestions for finding data related to several areas that impact food security, including housing, employment and food access. Statistics, numbers and other data can help communicate the impact of your ministry, encourage supporters and identify possible areas for growth or change.



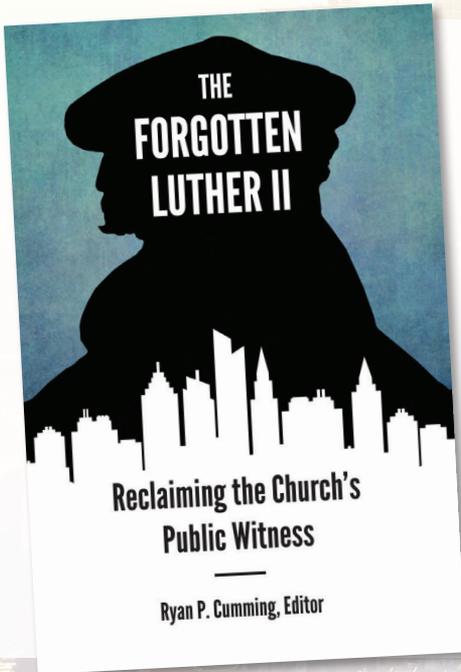
Download these guides for free at [ELCA.org/hunger/resources](https://elca.org/hunger/resources) under the "Hunger Ed" tab.

START PLANNING A COMMUNITY GARDEN

What makes a garden a community garden? How can growing food for ourselves and our neighbors transform our congregations? Learn this and more from ELCA World Hunger's "Community Gardens How-To Guide." This guide is filled with wisdom harvested by ELCA congregations whose community gardens have become vital parts of their ministry. You'll find practical tips on logistics, crafting a vision and incorporating your garden into the life of your congregation.



"THE FORGOTTEN LUTHER II"



In the book "The Forgotten Luther II: Reclaiming the Church's Public Witness," Lutheran scholars argue for a cogent, clear, biblically based and theologically grounded rationale for how the church speaks and acts in the political arena. This book looks carefully at the public witness of Martin Luther and its meaning for preaching, teaching and carrying out public ministry today. Luther's conviction was that government is responsible to God for containing evil and maintaining good order, and for ensuring that no person lives in hunger or want.

The book asks critical questions: When should the church support the state's agenda? When should it resist? What are the options for critical but constructive cooperation?

"The Forgotten Luther II" comes with discussion questions to guide reflection, and video interviews with the authors are available online.

Purchase the book for \$16.99 from Fortress Press at fortresspress.com/forgottenlutherii.

A portion of the proceeds will support the ongoing work of ELCA Advocacy through ELCA World Hunger.



HUNGERING FOR JUSTICE STUDY GUIDE

This five-week educational series uncovers how our Lutheran faith shapes our perspective and role in the economy. Each week's lesson looks at one key aspect of the economy and explores questions related to economic justice.

Download and print from ELCA.org/hunger/resources under the "Hunger Ed" tab.



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THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELCA

THANK YOU!

Through *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*, you and other supporters gave more than \$115 million for ELCA World Hunger, allowing us to do so much together, including growing the number of international grants. Over the same time period, you supported 953 programs to end hunger here in the United States.

For a report with more information about how your generous gifts are at work, visit [ELCA.org/campaign](https://www.elca.org/campaign).



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