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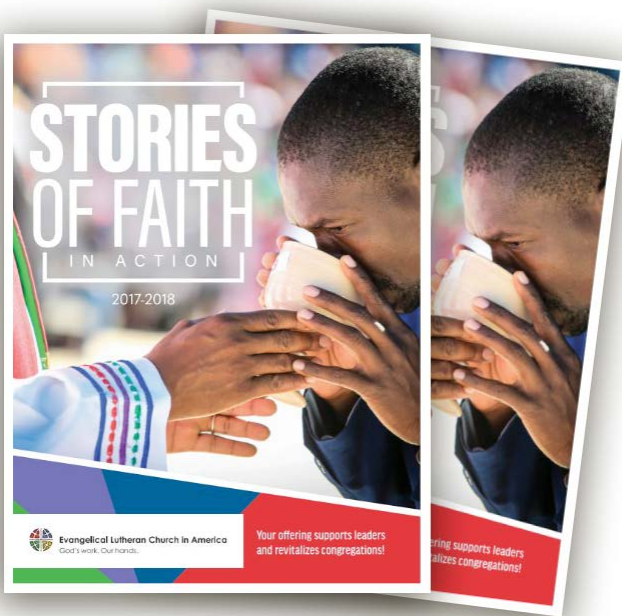


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For leaders of ELCA congregations and synods

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Stories of Faith in Action 2017-2018 is here!

Stories of Faith in Action is an annual publication highlighting how God is changing lives through the ministries funded by your congregation's unrestricted offering of Mission Support, which is shared with your synod and the ELCA churchwide organization. Stories of Faith in Action and the resources that go along with it are designed to share how important your weekly offering in your congregation is in sustaining and growing God's mission. Stories, videos, bulletin inserts and an infographic explaining "Where does my offering go?" are all great to use during a congregational focus on stewardship.

[Read Stories of Faith in Action and download accompanying resources.](#)

Hurricane relief efforts

Hurricane Harvey was one of the most catastrophic storms to hit the U.S. in a decade, and Hurricane Irma was the longest-lasting powerful hurricane ever recorded in the world. The ELCA was mobilized on the ground in the areas of impact even before the storms hit. Lutheran Disaster Response, through its network of local affiliates and partner organizations, is responding to these storms and will be there throughout the long-term recovery.

More [information about the ELCA's response](#), as well as [resources](#) and [ways to give](#) are available online.





Living Lutheran: 'Recipes from the heart'

Food plays an important role in the lives of many Lutherans, as so many church gatherings include the sharing of a meal. And, of course, there's the meal that matters most to the lives of the faithful – the Lord's Supper. *Living Lutheran's* September cover story features several vignettes of readers sharing their favorite recipes and the significance they have in their faith stories.

[Read the article.](#)

WATCH THIS

'ELCA World Hunger: Kanchan's Story'

Nutrition and health care in Madhya Pradesh, India.



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Get your window cling!

When you give to ELCA Vision for Mission, you help open doors to new ministries, revitalize existing congregations, share the gospel and grow the church for the sake of the world. **And in recognition of your support, every gift from now until Nov. 1 will receive a 2018 ELCA window cling.** With your continued help, we can send an important message to people throughout this church and the world: "You are welcome here." Give now at ELCA.org/VisionForMission.



Campaign Corner

UPDATES on *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*

Each year, more than 225 ELCA missionaries serve in more than 40 countries around the world. They are sent by the ELCA in response to invitations from our companion churches and serve in a variety of roles, working alongside our companions to proclaim the gospel, raise up leaders, care for those in need and develop new ways of being church together.

This October, as we observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, join us for [Global Church Sunday](#) by celebrating and supporting our church's missionaries! Consider coordinating your celebration with World Communion Sunday (Oct. 1, 2017) or Reformation Sunday (Oct. 29, 2017). If each of the ELCA's 9,300 congregations made a gift of \$500 or more to Missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission in commemoration of the 500th anniversary, we could raise nearly \$5 million for these life-changing ministries. This is a historic milestone for the Lutheran church and an exciting opportunity to participate in the ongoing Reformation. Will you join us?



Your congregation received a packet with a Global Church Sunday booklet and other materials earlier this month. View the electronic versions of the [Global Church Sunday booklet](#), [poster](#) and [bulletin insert](#) to get started today!

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