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THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE

The Lutheran magazine is a publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Each month it provides readers with a wide range of informational and inspirational stories from throughout the ELCA. Many congregations throughout the country provide their members with subscriptions to the magazine while other members choose to subscribe on their own.

The Lutheran boasts the largest circulation of any religious denomination magazine. For those who are a part of that readership, it has been shown that they feel more connectivity with the larger church than those who do not read the magazine. By reading more about faith, ministries, issues, academics, and more that are occurring within the ELCA, readers see what is happening beyond the four walls of their congregation.

According to their website (www.thelutheran.org), the *The Lutheran* aims to:

- Nurture awareness of Christ's presence in our lives and the world.
- Share stories of God's people living their faith.
- Connect us with the global Christian community.
- Provide an open forum for discussion.
- Challenge us to bring God's grace and care to all.

For those who have not read an issue of the magazine, www.thelutheran.org is a great place to start. The website contains pieces of information from the magazine as well as information about subscriptions. The traditional print subscription which includes an online membership is always available as well as a web-only subscription (click "Join Now" in the member login

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box and indicate that you are not a print subscriber). Congregations are also encouraged to look at the group rates for both print and online subscriptions for all their members.

Also on the website is the option to sign up for a free weekly e-newsletter. By signing up for this, you'll get exclusive content delivered to your inbox every week.

While online, explore the website for other features such as discussions, blogs, and congregational study guides to go along with each month's issue.

Another feature *The Lutheran* offers is the ten issues a year of *The Little Lutheran*. This separate subscription is a great way for parents, grandparents, godparents, Sunday schools, or anyone else with young children in their lives. *The Little Lutheran* is designed to help children six and under learn about God's love for them and the world in which they live.

FEATURED RESOURCES

- The Lutheran - www.thelutheran.org
- *The Little Lutheran* - www.thelittlelutheran.org

MONTHLY BIBLE VERSE

This Bible verse was selected by Harold Usgaard, bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, for everyone in the synod to study.



"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." GALATIANS 6:10

ABOUT OUR SYNOD

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod is a faith community of 132,000 baptized people in 184 congregations as well as related institutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Its geographic area includes 15 counties in the southeastern corner of Minnesota.

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