

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH TASK FORCE INFORMATION

RESOURCES/PRACTICES					
AREA OF COMPARISON	ELCA	LCMS	WELS	LCMC	CORE
Overall	<p>The ELCA has its own publishing house and its website offers a huge variety of worship and educational resources.</p> <p>Augsburg Publishing House</p>	<p>Concordia Publishing House is the world's largest distinctly Lutheran publishing house. Concordia publishing house is the publisher of Portals of Prayer, the world's most widely circulated daily devotional.</p> <p>Concordia Publishing House</p>	<p>WELS has its own publishing house which provides a variety of materials including curriculum, worship resources, etc. mainly to WELS congregations.</p> <p>Northwestern Publishing House</p>	<p>LCMC makes no recommendations. Worship style is determined by the congregation.</p> <p>Most congregations use liturgical/worship planning resources available from other Lutheran denominations.</p>	<p>CORE recommends considering use of materials provided by the WordAlone Network, one of Lutheran CORE's partners.</p>
Liturgy	<p>No required liturgy, but generally follows the Revised Common Lectionary of liturgical readings. Sponsors a liturgical planning resource, Sundays and Seasons, with suggestions for hymns and special music appropriate to the readings each week, and adult and children's sermon suggestions. Numerous resources for pastors, worship committees, church musicians and altar guilds.</p>	<p>While seeking to enhance worship of the triune God with a variety of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, LCMS remains steadfastly committed to the Holy Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions.</p>	<p>WELS provides worship resources, hymnals and liturgy information through its publishing house.</p>	<p>LCMC makes no recommendations. Worship style is determined by the congregation.</p> <p>Most congregations use liturgical/worship planning resources available from other Lutheran congregations.</p>	<p>NALC has not yet published information in this area.</p>
Worship/Sunday School	<p>Offers printed worship resources/hymnals including Evangelical Lutheran Worship, This Far By Faith, With One Voice, and Worship and Praise Songbook. Has specific Schools and Early Childhood Ministries and provides numerous resources for lifelong learning from Sunday School through adult education.</p> <p>St. John currently uses Sunday School material from Group Publishing in Longmont, CO. This is an interdenominational publishing house.</p> <p>St. John currently uses Lutheran Book of Worship, With One Voice and The Other Song Book.</p>	<p>Offers many resources through their publishing house. They are notably the largest Lutheran publishing house in the world and serve many different denominations and churches. Their curriculum is Lutheran-based.</p>	<p>WELS provides worship resources and curriculum through its publishing house.</p>	<p>No official worship or Sunday School materials exist at this time. Many congregations continue to use their previous hymnals, worship music and Sunday School materials.</p> <p>That said, some new resources are being developed by various different collaborative efforts of LCMC congregations. Typically this information is exchanged at the Annual Gathering and Leadership Conference.</p>	<p>NALC has not yet published information in this area.</p>

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Pastoral Supply	The Nebraska Synod of the ELCA website has a list of available supply pastors.	Information is unavailable.	Information is unavailable.	<p>The congregation is responsible for calling pastors, although the LCMC offers a list of rostered clergy on their website.</p> <p>Local pulpit supply is at the discretion of the congregation; however, pastors need to agree with the LCMC Statement of Faith.</p> <p>If it chooses, LCMC congregations may appoint one of their own number to preach, teach and administer the sacraments. Do not need to be ordained pastors.</p>	<p>The NALC will certify and maintain a clergy roster and will establish procedures for the reception of clergy from other Lutheran Church bodies.</p> <p>The NALC will certify and maintain lists of chaplains and interim pastors.</p>
Camps/Colleges/Seminaries	<p>Eight seminaries                  27 ELCA related colleges and universities                  187 campus ministries                  1,530 Lutheran early childhood education centers                  267 Lutheran K-8 elementary schools                  147 outdoor ministries</p> <p>*Please see the attached information</p>	<p>Two seminaries.                  10 LCMS related colleges and universities                  Numerous schools and early childhood center</p> <p>*Please see the attached information</p>	<p>One seminary.                  3 schools of ministerial education.                  Numerous schools and early childhood centers</p> <p>*Please see the attached information</p>	<p>LCMC does not have any seminaries. Work cooperatively with a number of seminaries around the country. Publishes ministry standards that include course requirements for ensuring pastors have a solid confessional Lutheran theological education. Do not require a Master of Divinity degree.</p> <p>*Please see the attached information</p>	<p>No information could be found regarding Lutheran CORE seminaries. The new NALC will work with existing Lutheran and non-Lutheran seminaries and with newer theological education initiatives such as the Institute of Lutheran Theology.</p> <p>No additional information attached.</p>

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