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Zoom Classes Forming

Several synods are forming classes using the Zoom online platform! They are open to students from any synod.

Find out more [here](#).



Praying in Color

Using a calendar template is a simple, daily prayer practice for making the journey through Lent.

Each day, choose a word to ponder or a person to pray for. Write the word or name in the allotted space with a pen and draw or doodle around it. Add color with colored pencils or markers. Let the word or name speak to you. If words come to you as you draw, pray them. If not, just continue to draw, stay quiet, and let the word or name burrow into your mind and heart. Returning to the calendar each day establishes a hallowed time and a place to be present to God and listen.

Check out three free, downloadable templates [here](#).



Get Social with The Book Of Faith

The Book of Faith Initiative strives to increase biblical literacy and fluency for the sake of the world. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is committed to this five-year initiative encouraging members, congregations and synods to dig deeper into our book of faith — the Bible.

In order to delve deeper in the word, the Book of Faith Initiative recommends a four-fold method for reading the Bible: devotional, historical, literary and Lutheran theological reading. It's up to you and your faith community to decide how the Book of Faith Initiative will become a vital part of your ministry so that together we grow in our deep engagement with the word of God.

Get social! Join the Book of Faith [Facebook Group](#) to find ideas, watch videos, download study guides and discuss Scripture online or follow Book of Faith on [Twitter](#).

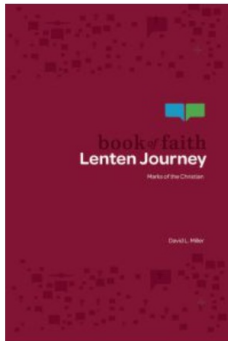


Thoughts on the Diakonia Cross

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Good Reads

Title: Book of Faith Lenten Journey: Marks of the Christian

Author: David L. Miller

You are invited to a 40-day journey exploring Romans 12. In this chapter, the apostle Paul calls us to new life in Christ and identifies marks of the Christian life. The deep reflections and insightful questions in this book will help you explore how your life is "marked" by Christ and consider how you live the marked life for the sake of the world.

You can take this journey on your own or with others. Consider getting together with a family member, friend, or small group to discuss the questions.

Available from [Augsburg Fortress](#).

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