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### Prayer for Holy Week

O Lord, the King of Kings,

Show me how to lead and live through love. Teach me how to love and serve others with a gracious and humble heart. Help me to always remember your words, being reminded each time I come before your table to share in the cup and the bread. As I come

before you to eat the bread of redemption and drink the cup of your salvation, may I recommit my heart to serving you and leading through love.

Amen.

Living  
Lutheran

### An Ancient Journey Rediscovered: ELCA Congregations Adopt the Catechumenate

A young woman came to my church, Messiah Lutheran in Wauconda, Ill., seeking to be confirmed before her wedding to a Roman Catholic man. Ours was not the first parish she had

cold-called for help. And, like the others, we had a confirmation program for middle schoolers but nothing to meet her particular need.

So, with the help of a faithful member who served as her sponsor and a devotional book to guide them, we made up an ad-hoc process to prepare her for affirmation of baptism at that year's Easter Vigil.

Reflecting on that experience, we came to the conclusion that faith formation should not be something reserved for, and imposed upon, only children and youth. We joined the growing number of Lutheran communities adopting some version of the ancient **catechumenate**.

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## Daily Devotions for Holy Week

Experience a different United Methodist pastor daily Monday through Saturday of Holy Week for a special devotion that will guide you through Jesus and his followers' difficult journey. Each devotion consists of a Bible passage, a devotional thought, an idea for reflection, and a prayer. They are also each accompanied by a work of art and links to learn more about each of the artists.

### Devotions for Holy Week

- Monday: 'Openness'
- Tuesday: 'Living on purpose'
- Wednesday: 'Reckless extravagance'
- Holy Thursday: 'Denial & forgiveness'
- Good Friday: 'Ends & beginnings'
- Holy Saturday: 'Tarrying Together'

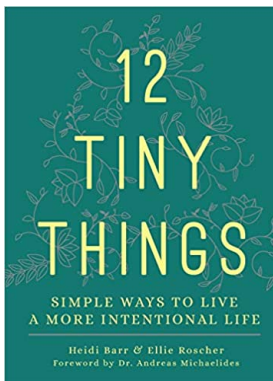
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## Easter Sunrise Breakfast at Home

Getting up before dawn to watch the sunrise is a special treasure that is not easily forgotten in life. This Easter morning tradition of a sunrise breakfast creates a sacred space in which memories are cultivated for life.

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## Good Reads

**Title:** 12 Tiny Things: Simple Ways to Live a More Intentional Life

**Authors:** Heidi Barr and Ellie Roscher

In *12 Tiny Things*, Ellie Roscher and Heidi Barr journey with us through twelve essential areas of life: space, work, spirituality, food, style, nature, communication, home, sensuality, creativity, learning, and community. In each of these areas, we are invited to take one tiny action that is sure to open up growth and renewal. *12 Tiny Things* guides us in curating a spiritual practice that promotes a more reflective, rooted, and intentional life.

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