

??...DID YOU KNOW THAT...??

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Please use these ministry blurbs in your church bulletins and/or newsletters. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel ministry. May God bless your ministry abundantly.

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- Called Forward Together in Christ is a document that sets forth the ELCA Strategic Directions through 2025? Visit www.future@elca.org to see and/or download the document.
- Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA completed its third year with \$113 million raised? Visit www.ELCA.org/campaign for a report and ideas as to how you and your congregation may participate in the campaign.



- According to information submitted on the 2016 annual congregational reports, out of 125 congregations: 57 (45.6%) worship <50; 41 (32.8%) worship 51-100; 17 (13.6%) worship 101-150; 6 (4.8%) worship 151-250; 2 (1.6%) worship 251-400; and 2 (1.6%) worship >400.
- The Women and Justice: One in Christ Task Force is preparing a draft of a social statement on gender justice this fall? Congregational members may respond to the draft by visiting www.ELCA.org/womenandjustice. August 31, 2017 is the deadline to respond to the draft document.



- The ELCA has developed a new stewardship survey tool for growing generous, faithful stewards? This survey is a window into discovering perspectives, practices and skills to implement strategies to create a culture of generosity in your congregation. For more information, contact Neil Bullock at (800) 638-3522, ext. 2884 or by email neilbullock@elca.org.
- The ELCA publishes a free monthly electronic newsletter entitled "ELCA Worship News"? To subscribe, visit constituent.care@elca.org.



- 500th Anniversary of the Reformation planning and promotional tools are available at www.ELCA500.org? The site includes: the "official" anniversary logo; promotional ideas, including samples from congregations; PDF posters that your congregation may use. Congregations are also encouraged to share their events and resource submissions for posting. For details, contact Rob Campbell at (773) 380-2986 or by email at Rob.Campbell@elca.org



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