

RESOURCES FOR YOUR YEAR

Thank you for your partnership! As a gift to you, we would like to offer the following resource. We pray this will be a helpful guide for you on different ways to share God's love in your community, deepen your understanding of God's Word, and support Christian outreach with LHM resources.

These ideas are in five categories that you can use during the calendar year:



HOSTING



SHARING



LEARNING



STUDYING



PARTICIPATING

We pray these resources are just a starting place as you engage in Christian community and outreach.

JANUARY

Gospel Adventures



Gospel Adventures teaches children about animals, people and places of a different country each year. Kids are introduced to children living in that country who are just like them and who carry out their faith in their day-to-day life. Through the exciting lessons, children are introduced to a God whose love is big enough for the entire world. **Share this with your family ministry team or Christian day school.** Learn more at lhm.org/adventures.

Gospel Adventures Show

Lutheran Hour Ministries and Group Publishing have teamed up for an exciting new Gospel Adventure for kids! The Gospel Adventures Show is a weekly audio program that takes young listeners on a Bible journey with hosts Ben and Noah to learn valuable biblical lessons from some of the most-loved Bible characters. Each 30-minute episode has a theme, Bible verse, Bible story, an interactive activity, and a story from a kid. This is a great program to share with your church, school, and your own family. Learn more at gospeladventures.org/show.

Global Ministries



Bring the world to your church's front door by hosting and sharing what LHM is doing around the world!



People are often surprised to hear how many countries LHM operates in around the world. From Ghana and Sri Lanka to Russia and Guatemala, LHM has a host of staff and volunteers doing vital work on the ground that benefits thousands of people who live in these countries. **You could schedule an international mission fair or feature different regions or countries each week in January through your bulletin or church social media pages.** For more information, visit lhm.org/global.

FEBRUARY

Lenten Devotions



Encourage others to explore Christ's Passion by studying Lenten devotions from LHM.

Each year these poignant messages of God doing His redemptive work through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection are read by thousands in English and Spanish. **Reflection questions are great for study groups to explore together!** You can put these resources in the hands of others both inside and outside your church. They can be downloaded, printed, and shared. During the Lenten season, you can also read the text online, receive them in your inbox as a daily email, or subscribe to listen to the audio podcast! For more information, visit lhm.org/lent.

LHM Sunday



Share the ministry resources and outreach tools LHM has by hosting an LHM Sunday.

Hosting an LHM Sunday is easy! We provide you with free downloadable materials that you can share with your congregation on a Sunday of your choice throughout the year. Hosting a LHM Sunday gives you the opportunity to share LHM resources and materials that can help your members of your congregation in all areas of their faith. Make sure your congregation is aware of resources such as daily and seasonal devotions, Lutheran Hour sermons, resources for the family, and equipping resources for reaching out to their neighborhoods through LHM Sunday. Visit lhm.org/lhmsunday to learn more.

Households of Faith



Encourage your church to use LHM's latest Barna-based resources from Households of Faith to create more hospitable and vibrant households.

Two **LHM Learn** online courses, *Me and My Household* and *Building a Vibrant Household*, are helping families better understand how their homes can be places of spiritual growth and outreach vitality. Ideal for self-study, these courses also work nicely for men's or women's groups, adult Sunday school, or classes for young adults and newly married couples. You can participate in a workshop or purchase more resources based on this important research at lhm.org/households.



MARCH

The Lutheran Hour®



Get the word out to others about The Lutheran Hour, its Christ-centered message, and the timely reflection that follows each sermon.

Each week **The Lutheran Hour** proclaims the Gospel to more than one million listeners worldwide. Following the sermon, a Reflection piece offers added value for **study and meditation**. The program can be accessed online, as a radio broadcast, on the Connected by LHM mobile app, and on the American Forces Network at lutheranhour.org/afn. Go to lutheranhour.org for a sermon schedule, archived sermons, reflection pieces, history of the program, and more.

LHM Easter TV Specials



Invite family and friends over to relax and watch one of LHM's Easter TV Specials.

Programs like *Easter Is*, *The Puzzle Club Easter Adventure*, and *3 Days* have been family favorites for years. **You can host a watch party and enjoy these specials with others.** Each program highlights how God is at work during Easter, changing lives and bringing people into His kingdom. You can contact Envoy Productions at envoyproductions.com to get programs on the air in your area. For more info on LHM's Easter specials, visit lhm.org/radiotv.

LHM Learn Online Courses



Let church members and friends know about the online courses available from LHM Learn.

With FREE online courses in five faith-building categories, LHM Learn is a Bible student's dream come true. **They're great for individual learning or can also be used as part of a Bible study group, Sunday school class, or with friends over a cup of coffee.** Courses include a downloadable journal, discussion guide, helpful tips on how to use as a small group study, and transcripts of the course's videos. To find out more about this resource, go to lhm.org/learn.

APRIL

Project Connect Booklets



Handy display stand options make it easy to share Project Connect booklets.

Project Connect booklets come in a variety of subjects such as forgiveness, grief, sharing one's faith, cancer, addictions, finances, parenting, and many more. They're FREE as downloadable PDFs, with many available as audio files, and **they're perfect to share as a pass-along ministry resource to others who have questions**. Churches, businesses, home offices, and community access areas are all outreach locations where **Project Connect** booklets are offered to the public. You can check out selections for individual booklets, or ministry-specific bundles at lhm.org/projectconnect and shoplhm.org.

Spanish Language Podcasts



Let your church and community know about LHM's Spanish podcasts, Sentido Latino and Para El Camino.

Sentido Latino is a weekly 15-20-minute podcast hosted by Rev. Luciano Vega-Ayala and Deaconess Noemi Guerra who speak to issues of interest to Hispanics in the U.S. **Share this program with those** who would benefit from this program's humorous, insightful, and Christ-centered encouragement. The website offers FREE downloadable resources, articles, and program transcripts. To learn more about this Spanish-language resource, visit sentidolatino.com.

Para El Camino, which means *For the Walk*, offers weekly sermons from our archives and from well-known Spanish-speaking pastors. Visit paraelcamino.com for this podcast, devotions, and other resources for Spanish-speaking Christians.

LHM-Barna Partnership



Introduce your congregation to LHM's research based outreach tools through our product kits.

Each kit features a research monograph from The Barna Group, books written by LHM authors and published by IVP Publishing, children's booklets, Project Connect Booklets, and some extra tools for using the concepts in your daily life. Through these resources you will learn skills and tools to share your faith one-on-one in winsome and relevant ways, strengthen your household for witness and relationships, and live out your God-given gifts in your neighborhood. Share a whole kit with your congregational leadership team, or purchase any item on its own. Learn more at lhm.org/barna.

MAY

THRED

Acquaint youth and young adult members of your church with THRED—LHM's cutting-edge social media presence.



Using social media elements like video, in-depth articles, Facebook interactions, group dialogues, and more, **THRED** is connecting with users on many levels. THRED's typical audience skews toward younger ages (25-45), but the style of its conversation appeals to a diverse audience. *You can learn about THRED at lhm.org/thred.*

Mother's Day

Show the women in your community how much they're valued by hosting a luncheon in their honor.



To express your appreciation for all they do, give them something this Mother's Day from LHM. Check out our online store to see what's available. Consider holding a drawing and gift the winner a *Households of Faith* kit with a note thanking the receiver for being faithful in building a household of faith. You can find these and other items at shoplhm.org.

National Day of Prayer

Share God's love with others by reminding them to observe the National Day of Prayer.



Prayer—for our families, for our churches, and for those who have not yet responded to the call of the Gospel—are all worthwhile petitions to make on this day devoted to prayer. *Be sure to share with your congregation LHM's four-part Bible study: Nurturing Your Faith: Prayer.* You can find it here: lhm.org/studies.

JUNE

Vacation Bible School



Suggest LHM's kid-based resources for use in your Vacation Bible School.

Consider providing LHM's illustrated kids' booklets to VBS students. Booklets like *Let's Be Disciples*, *Learning to Pray*, and *Sharing Your Faith* teach children foundational faith sharing principles. Other booklets, such as *The Easter Story* and *Do You Know Who Jesus Is?* introduce children to the Gospel message. Still other titles, like *The Bully*, *Precious in His Sight*, and *I Love My Neighborhood* teach children about their value in God's sight and how to see others as valuable as well. Some of these booklets are also available in Spanish. All of them are perfect for sharing! Learn more at lhm.org/kids/books.

Father's Day



Share LHM's many resources geared toward men and/or fathers.

At lhm.org/studies you can find titles specifically geared toward men, such as *Joseph: Carpenter of Steel*, *Fatherhood*, and *Working for the Man Upstairs*. **Share these video-based Bible studies with the guys in your church.** Consider doing a BBQ where you can watch a televised ball game and serve some beverages, and you'll find a group of grateful guys.

Spiritual Conversations in the Digital Age



Encourage congregations to use LHM's expert research and resources to explore and share their faith.

The Reluctant Witness (Discovering the Delight of Spiritual Conversations) and *How to Talk About Your Faith: an Introduction to the Spiritual Conversation Curve* **help us understand and address the challenges of having spiritual conversations.** The Spiritual Conversation Curve Card is also a handy tool to use when you are praying and thinking about how to talk about Jesus with people you care about. To learn more, visit lhm.org/conversations.

JULY

Daily Devotions

Enhance your study of the Scriptures with LHM's Daily Devotions.



With messages based on the church calendar's three-year lectionary, individual devotions are based on Psalms, the Old Testament, the New Testament, and Gospel texts. Additional devotions each week explore a hymn from the *Lutheran Service Book*, classic short messages from our archives, and a preview of The Lutheran Hour sermon for this week. ***The Daily Devotions offer an excellent opportunity to study God's Word through text and reflection questions.*** Go to lhm.org/dailydevotions.

LHM Mobile Apps

Take Lutheran Hour Ministries on the road with you this summer!



You can access **The Lutheran Hour**, Daily Devotions, video Bible studies, and **Project Connect** booklets—all through the Connected by LHM app. ***Studying God's Word was never so easy***, and it's FREE to download and use on your mobile device.

You can also access resources in Spanish from **Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones™** in the CPTLN mobile app! To learn more, visit lhm.org/apps.

Podcasts



Through podcasting, many of LHM's resources are now available ... everywhere! Interested in a quick message to encourage you in your day? Take inspiration from LHM's offering of podcasts. These are FREE audio files you can easily download to your computer or mobile device. You can listen to sermons from **The Lutheran Hour**, reflect on a Daily Devotion, and invite Jesus into everyday conversations through *Speaking of Jesus*, and more! To learn more about our podcast offerings and get started listening now, go to lhm.org/podcasts.

Lead a Listening Group or Book Study



Encourage others to be engaged with LHM resources by leading conversations about them!

Book clubs are a popular pastime for many people. LHM, in partnership with IVP, has published some great books in the past few years. Get a group of interested people in your congregation to read the books together and discuss! Or, borrowing an idea from our international ministry centers, host a listening group. Gather your group and listen to **The Lutheran Hour™**, an LHM podcast or one of the many Project Connect booklets that are available as audio books. To find these resources and more, visit lhm.org/resources.

AUGUST

Back to School



Host a back-to-school event where parents and kids can focus on the school year ahead.

Hosting a fun lunch is perfect for introducing kids and parents to **Gospel Adventures**, an online learning program that teaches kids about the world and how others live in faraway places. You can even order temporary tattoos with the Gospel Adventures characters on them. For information, go to lhm.org/adventures. Another back-to-school biggie for kids as they think about their faith as young believers in Jesus are kids' booklets from LHM. *You are Gifted*, *Sharing Your Faith*, *Learning to Pray*, and *Do You Know Who Jesus Is?* make great reading, while the booklet *The Bully* touches on a subject many kids may grapple with. Visit lhm.org/kids to learn more.

Better Together



How Christians Can Be a Welcome Influence in Their Neighborhoods

Do you want to encourage the people in your congregation to love their neighbor? Not just in the general sense, but the people who share the same street? The Better Together Kit has resources for just that. Along with those resources, The Hopeful Neighborhood Project offers an online network and a 3-step process designed to help people complete a neighborhood project that uses the God-given gifts of a neighborhood and a focus on possibilities to improve neighborhood well-being. Learn more at lhm.org/together.

EveryGift™ Inventory



Curious about the aptitudes, innate abilities, and acquired skills that make you unique? Take the EveryGift Inventory to see your gifts in 12 distinct areas. After you have learned what your gifts are, use LHM resources to discover how to grow and share them with others. This is a great resource for you, your household, your small group, and even your whole church. Take the inventory and learn more at everygift.org.

We also have resources to lead your congregation through a gift journey, helping them discover, grow, and share their God-given gifts to make a difference in your church and community. Learn more and purchase the fully-downloadable kit, along with all of our resources that help you discover your gifts at lhm.org/gifted.

SEPTEMBER

Call for PetalPushers Volunteers



Volunteer with the PetalPushers during the Christmas holidays.

As a PetalPusher volunteer, *you participate through float decoration and/or assist with outreach and hospitality* before, during, and after the Tournament of Roses Parade. Each year the Lutheran Laymen's League/Lutheran Hour Ministries is the lone float devoted to proclaiming God's love in Jesus. You can watch the parade on several stations—NBC, ABC, Hallmark Channel, and others, as well as on the American Forces Network. For more on the PetalPushers, go to petalpushers.org.

The Lutheran Layman



Make copies of *The Lutheran Layman* available to your congregation.

With each themed issue (available in print and online editions), *readers learn about LHM's global ministry operations*, new books, booklets, and Bible studies, upcoming conferences or gatherings, changed life stories from around the world, and more. Annual donors receive a complementary copy delivered to their home. Congregations receive free copies and can request more to meet their needs. To review current and previous issues online, go to lhm.org/layman.

Prison Ministry



LHM has resources for outreach to incarcerated people.

As a blessing to those behind bars, *The Journey Home*, a 12-part Bible study by Rev. Leroy Johnson is based on Jesus' "Parable of the Prodigal Son," and this study hits home, even now in the 21st century. To learn more, visit lhm.org/journeyhome. Also, two new courses from LHM Learn have a prison focus. You can find *Behind Bars I* and *II* at lhm.org/learn.

National Good Neighbor Day



Did you know that September 28th is National Good Neighbor Day?

Jesus calls us to love our neighbor, but how do we do that with our actual neighbors? Your whole church can explore that question together! **The Hopeful Neighborhood Project™**, a project of Lutheran Hour Ministries is the managing sponsor of this holiday. You can download a free *Getting Started Guide for Churches*. This guide will give you practical tips for celebrating, including a link to a free curriculum for small groups called, *Love Where You Live*. The digital kit includes sermon outlines, a small group curriculum, publicity materials, and more. You can find it at nationalgoodneighborday.org.

OCTOBER

Halloween Outreach



Share LHM's kids' booklets with trick-or-treaters.

When the kids come knocking this Halloween, **share something that will last longer than candy**: kids' booklets from LHM. Fun titles include the following: *Let's Be Disciples*, *Sharing Your Faith*, *Learning to Pray*, *The Easter Story*, *The Christmas Journey*, *The Bully*, *I Love My Neighborhood*, *Precious in His Sight* and *Do You Know Who Jesus Is?*, which is also available in Spanish as *¿Sabes quién es Jesús?* Slip these little gems into Halloween baggies and be a big hit with the little ones. Go to lhm.org/kids to preview and order these booklets.

Reformation Day Celebrations



Explore the fascinating life and times of Martin Luther this Reformation Day.

Naturally, LHM has great resources to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther. **Three video Bible studies are perfect for both group and individual study.** They are *A Man Named Martin: Part 1: The Man*; *Part 2: The Moment*; and *Part 3: The Movement*. Each study features expert commentary on Luther, an in-depth discussion guide, and internet links for further exploration. The **Project Connect** booklet, *A Treasure Revealed: Martin Luther and the Events of the Reformation* by Dr. Carol Geisler makes a handy addition, too. You can find these resources on lhm.org/studies and shoplhm.org.

Our LHM



Stay tuned on what LHM is doing with up-to-date news @OURLHM.

On this site, you'll find real-life impact stories, social media updates, group engagement events, LHM's global news blog, prayer requests, an archive of past stories, and more. This information source is perfect for brushing up on the latest at LHM. This makes sharing LHM's Gospel outreach mission that much easier by giving you food for thought as you converse with those in your area. Visit lhm.org/ourlhm to learn more.

NOVEMBER

Giving Tuesday



As you give this holiday season, please keep LHM's ongoing ministry in mind.

Since its inception, LHM has been a donor-driven organization. As such, Giving Tuesday is an excellent opportunity **to make a financial gift to LHM and participate in the work LHM does** here in the U.S. and around the world—spreading the Gospel to those who need to know their Savior. To take advantage of this opportunity to help expand our ministry, please go to lhm.org/givingtuesday.

LHM Resources for Veterans



Celebrate Veteran's Day by connecting veterans at your congregation with LHM resources designed specifically for them. We have Bible study materials, a detailed research report on giftedness in veterans, and Project Connect booklets all designed with, by, and for veterans. Find all of our current resources, and new offerings, at lhm.org/veterans.

Advent Devotions



Include LHM's Advent devotions in your study of the Christmas story.

In celebration of the birth of our Savior, LHM's Advent devotions are read by thousands in English and Spanish. Reflection questions help your group **study these devotions together!** You can read them as a daily email or listen to the audio by yourself or with others. They can be downloaded, printed, and passed along. For more on these seasonal messages, go to lhm.org/advent.

LHM Christmas TV Specials



Host a party and watch some LHM classics to savor the nostalgia of these long-time favorites.

Christmas specials during the holiday season have become a beloved ritual for millions. For years LHM has offered programs like *Christmas Is*, *Red Boots for Christmas*, *The Little Shepherd*, *The City That Forgot Christmas*, and *The Stableboy's Christmas* to stations to air, and for years stations have made good use of them. For info on LHM's Christmas specials, go to lhm.org/radiotv. To air programs in your area, visit Envoy Productions at envoyproductions.com.

DECEMBER

LHM Facebook

Share LHM's Facebook page with your friends and family.



It makes sense for a Christian organization that specializes in media outreach to be on Facebook, right? Here you'll find content and posts that show just how expansive LHM's reach is as it spreads the Gospel in the U.S. and around the world. Visit the page and **share videos, photos, comments, events, and more.** You can find LHM's Facebook page at facebook.com/LutheranHourMinistries.

End of Year Thank You!

Nothing says, "Thank You!" like a little party showing your appreciation.



The end of the year is full of joy over the blessings God has provided during the year. As a testimony to the generosity of these financial gifts and LHM's able stewardship with these funds, we now reach more than 163 million people each week with some form of Gospel message. As the year draws to a close, we want to say, "Thank you!" for your gracious support and invite you to share our thanks with donors in your congregation by writing a thank-you note or hosting a thank-you party. To those who want to give to LHM before the end of the year, please visit lhm.org/give.

Digital Conversation Pledge

Begin the New Year with a pledge of intention about your digital voice!



The amount of time we spend online is mind-boggling. Much of it is interacting with others via social media: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, WhatsApp, and dozens more. The Digital Conversation Pledge is a reminder—a *wake-up call if you will*—that what we say (*how we communicate online*) matters—big time. It's a pledge to use our online voices to please God, lift others up, and bless them with our words. Read the booklet, and then take the pledge: lhm.org/pledge.



Let us know what other ideas you have!

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