

GOD'S CHILDREN. YOUR JOURNEY.

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Cherish All Children

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YOUR JOURNEY



SHARE WITH A NEIGHBOR...

- In what congregation were you baptized? How old were you?
- In what congregation were you confirmed - or did you most recently join?
- How are you currently involved in your own congregation?
- Why did you come to this Women of the ELCA Convention?



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.



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CORPS**
BUILDING COMMUNITY, WORKING FOR JUSTICE,
LIVING SIMPLY AND SUSTAINABLY



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**THE
LUTHERAN
WORLD
FEDERATION**

A story on your journey...

2 KINGS 4:1-7



QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Who are the people
in the story?

Who are the people
outside the story?

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE STORY?

- Other members: company of prophets
- Other families in similar situations
- People who bought the oil
- People who knew about the situation, but did not help for whatever reason
- People who didn't know about the situation—may or may not have helped
- People to whom the children would have been sold

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Where are you
in the story?

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Where might God be
calling you?

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Who are the children
enslaved today?

DEFINITIONS

Commercial sexual exploitation manifests in numerous forms, such as brothels, sex trafficking, mail order brides, sex tourism, pornography, prostitution, stripping, lap dancing, and phone sex.

The most common forms of child commercial sexual exploitation are sex trafficking, child pornography, and child sex tourism (Women's Support Project 2014).

www.ojjdp.gov/mpg/litreviews/CSECSTrafficking.pdf

DEFINITIONS

Sex trafficking: a commercial sex act which is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age.

Found at www.nij.gov/topics/crime/human-trafficking/pages/welcome.aspx

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE STATISTICS

It is highly likely that you know a child who has been or is being abused.

- Experts estimate that 1 in 10 children are sexually abused before their 18th birthday.
- 1 in 5 children are sexually solicited while on the Internet.
- Youth are **2.5 times** more likely to be raped than adults.
- About **35%** of victims are **11 years old** or younger.

Found at

https://www.d2l.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/all_statistics_20150619.pdf

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE STATISTICS

- 30 to 40% of children are abused by family members.
- As many as 60% are abused by people the family trusts.
- Nearly 40% are abused by older or larger children.
- Over 90% of children who are commercially sexually exploited have a history of child sexual abuse.
- About 75% of child pornography victims are living at home when they are photographed. Parents are often responsible.

Found at

https://www.d2l.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/all_statistics_20150619.pdf

STORIES FROM THE NORTHWEST SYNOD OF WISCONSIN

Douglas County

“Human trafficking lands Superior man in prison” (Aug 19, 2016)

A 56-year-old Superior man who tried to get a teenage girl to work as prostitute was sentenced Wednesday in federal court to 15 years in prison followed by 10 years supervised release on a human trafficking charge.

<http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/4098173-human-trafficking-lands-superior-man-prison>

Sawyer County

“Local girl caught up in human trafficking” (July 15, 2016)

A Sawyer County teenage girl, who was persuaded by a 15-year-old boy to leave her home, eventually found herself in Green Bay, the victim of human trafficking, a modern form of slavery.

http://www.apg-wi.com/sawyer_county_record/news/regional/local-girl-caught-up-in-human-trafficking/article_43f5ee78-4910-11e6-b7d9-d3efa57caf07.html

St. Croix County

“DOJ: 5 arrested in sex trafficking sting in St. Croix County” (February 9, 2018)

MADISON, Wis. — The Wisconsin Department of Justice says five people have been arrested and two victims have been recovered in a sex trafficking sting in St. Croix County.

<http://www.startribune.com/doj-5-arrested-is-sex-trafficking-sting-in-st-croix-county/473595933/>

Chippewa, Dunn, Polk Counties

“Remaining three men arrested in child sex trafficking sting now charged”

(September 26, 2013)

EAU CLAIRE, Wis.(WEAU)-- Five area men are charged with soliciting sex with children after investigators posted ads on Craigslist. Three of the men are from Chippewa County, one is from Dunn County and the other is from Polk County.

<http://www.weau.com/home/headlines/Five-men-arrested-in-child-sex-trafficking-sting-224909922.html>

BARRON COUNTY SHERIFF

March 1, 2018 Message from Sheriff Fitzgerald about recent Facebook Posts

Several people have voiced their concerns to me about the Facebook reports going around about stalkers, attempted kidnappings, and human trafficking, etc. I met with several area police chiefs today and at this time the public is not in any danger. If the public were in danger, we would be the ones reporting this to you. I am not discrediting the reports out there, as I don't have all the details, but I can confirm that we are not looking for any suspects or vehicles. If we do learn something new, as some of these events are still being looked into, we will let you know.

This does not mean that we have nothing to worry about. **We all need to continue to be vigilant when out and about and the most important thing to remember is that you need to call 911 if you think you are being followed or someone is following a kid in the store. SEE IT-HEAR IT-REPORT IT.** Do not post it on Facebook, we will do that and you can share our post. Those that know me know as soon as you need to know something I will put it out there on every form of media there is.

Yes, human trafficking is an issue in today's world, along with Meth and Active Shooters and that is why we offer talks on all of these issues and we will be expanding our presentations on the topic of Human Trafficking in the near future. I am more than happy to discuss any of these topics with you, a group you belong to or any public forum because these are important issues at this time.

Again, at this time we are not looking for any suspects or vehicles but if you see something that does not seem right call 911 and let us check it out. It is nice to know that so many people care out there as that is what makes Barron County so Great and Safe!

Remember if you SEE IT-HEAR IT-REPORT IT.

Sheriff Fitzgerald

<https://www.facebook.com/barroncountysheriff/>

NATIONAL
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
HOTLINE

National Human Trafficking Hotline Wisconsin Statistics

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/wisconsin>

Human Trafficking in Wisconsin
State Bar of Wisconsin



<https://www.wisbar.org/NewsPublications/WisconsinLawyer/Pages/Article.aspx?Volume=90&Issue=9&ArticleID=25914>

ELCA MESSAGE ON COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (2001)

“Love born of faith in Jesus Christ calls us all to attend to, discuss, resist, and reject the system of sexual exploitation.” (pg. 1)

Found at www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/Commercial-Sexual-Exploitation

HUMAN SEXUALITY: GIFT AND TRUST (2009)

The sexual body is never to be used as an object for commercial purposes, and this church will speak against the public idolatry of pleasure, freedom, and wealth that undergirds such practices. Especially deplorable is the billion-dollar global sex market and the economic systems that thrive on it, both in the United States and abroad. (pg. 34)

Found at <http://www.elca.org/en/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Human-Sexuality>

2017 WOMEN OF THE ELCA TENTH TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

Resolution 2017.01: Act to End Human Trafficking

**RESOLVED, that the Women of the ELCA
work to end human trafficking and
support its victims using resources such
as the ELCA ministry Cherish All
Children's mission model: Pray, Educate,
Connect, and Act
(www.cherishallchildren.org);**

CHERISH ALL CHILDREN 4-PART PREVENTION MODEL

Pray

Educate

Connect

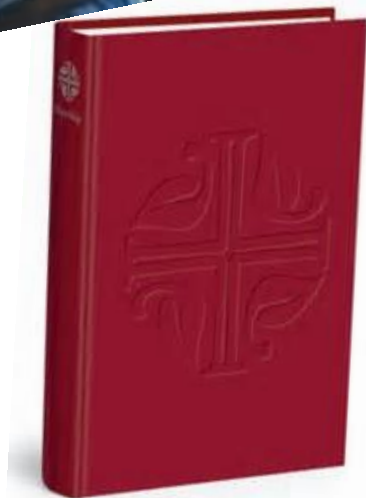
Act

PRAY

For children, youth, and young people in
your congregation.



PRAY



In the Service of Baptism in the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal (page 228), the congregation is asked, “**People of God, do you promise to support [the person/s being baptized] and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?**”

PRAY

Olivet Lutheran Church



PRAYER RESOURCES

[Congregation Manual](#)

Updated in 2017

Resources, Ideas, Congregation Stories

[Wednesday Prayer](#)

Weekly Scripture-based reflection

[E-Quipped for Prevention](#)

More resources, ideas, and
congregation stories

PRAYER RESOURCES

Prayers for Cherishing Children

- Invite small groups to pray when they meet
- Use during worship (Prayers of the People)
- Ask the pastor to pray for children during the sermon
- Have the church council pray for children at each meeting



EDUCATE

Prevention
education

Sermons

Social media
safety training



EDUCATE

Designed to help your congregation understand the issue of child sexual exploitation and trafficking.

To download the complete study, follow this [link](#).

Printed copies are available for \$4 (booklet) and \$6 (plastic comb binder). Contact [LSSMN](#) to order copies.



Cherish All Children

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MY
NEIGHBOR
IS NOT
FOR SALE



EDUCATE

Resources

- www.cherishallchildren.org/education
- Wednesday Prayer
(www.cherishallchildren.org/wednesdayprayer)
- E-Quipped for Prevention
(www.cherishallchildren.org/newsletter)
- www.facebook.com/cherishallchildren
- End the Demand
www.cherishallchildren.org/end-the-demand

EDUCATE

- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (www.missingkids.com)
- Polaris Project (www.polarisproject.org)
- Shared Hope International (www.sharedhope.org)
- Stop It Now (www.stopitnow.org)
- Darkness to Light (www.d2l.org)
- Safeguarding God's Children (www.cpg.org/administrators/insurance/preventing-sexual-misconduct/overview)
- Women of the ELCA (www.womenoftheelca.org/human-trafficking-pages-198.php)
- ELCA - Justice for Women Program (<http://www.elca.org/Resources/Justice-for-Women#Humantrafficking>)

EDUCATE

Men As Peacemakers, an organization in Duluth, MN (www.menaspeacemakers.org), is devoted to ending violence against women and children.



**PEOPLE ARE NOT PRODUCTS.
MEN ARE MORE THAN CONSUMERS.**

They are developing resources in their [*Don't Buy It Project*](#) to help male allies engage in efforts to end the demand for sex trafficking.

THE MASK YOU LIVE IN



therepresentationproject.org/film/the-mask-you-live-in/

HEALTHY MASCULINITY DISCUSSION



EDUCATE

Speakers at Holy Trinity in Buffalo, NY

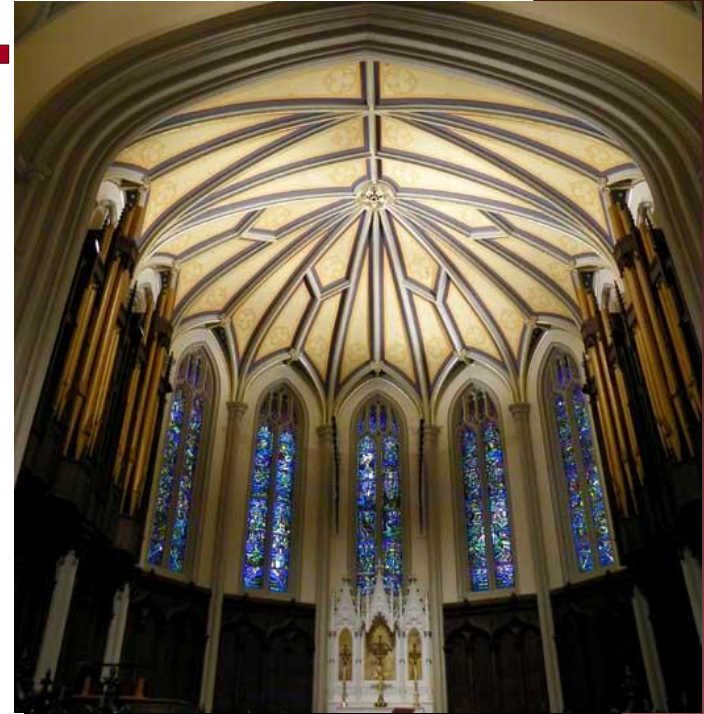
- International Institute
- Child Advocacy Center
 - Led to a service project

Sermon at Lake Nokomis in Minneapolis

- Wednesday Prayer - Prodigal Son

Youth Retreat in Bucyrus, OH

- [Chosen video](#)



CONNECT

- Research and contact local organizations, coalitions, and networks
- Build a relationship
- Find ways to work together



CONNECT

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in
Eagan, MN



CONNECT

Listing of MN orgs:

<http://www.cherishallchildren.org/connectforprevention>

St. Timothy - North
Greenbush

- Fostering Families

Our Saviour's -
Minneapolis

- Snacks for survivors



BABY SHOWER



CONNECT

Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/aht#top>

CONNECT

Wisconsin Department of Justice

<https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/human-trafficking>



WI DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Hotline Posters

The Department of Justice encourages the display of posters in areas where victims of trafficking might be present.

- Gas stations with signs visible from an interstate or state highway that offer amenities to commercial vehicles
- Hotels
- Adult entertainment establishments
- Nail and hair salons
- Places at which employers engage some employees to perform agricultural labor
- Hospitals and other medical centers
- Places at which athletic or sporting events occur
- Establishments that operate as a massage parlor or spa, alternative health clinic, or similar entity
- Expositions conducted by a county or agricultural society
- Courthouses
- Rest areas maintained by the department of transportation
- Public and private transit stations

<https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/human-trafficking>

CONNECT

Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault



<http://www.wcasa.org/pages/SASPs.php>

Wisconsin Anti-Human
Trafficking Consortium

<http://stophumantraffickingwi.com/membership-and-contacts/> (local resources on the next slide)

CONNECT

TimeOut Abuse Shelter, Inc.

Ladysmith

The Bridge to Hope

Menomonie

Fierce Freedom

Eau Claire

Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and
Sexual Violence

River Falls WI

ACT

Pray, educate, and connect.

This process will help you discern a courageous way to act on behalf of vulnerable children and young people.



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH UPSTATE NEW YORK



WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES 2014



S.O.A.P. PROJECT

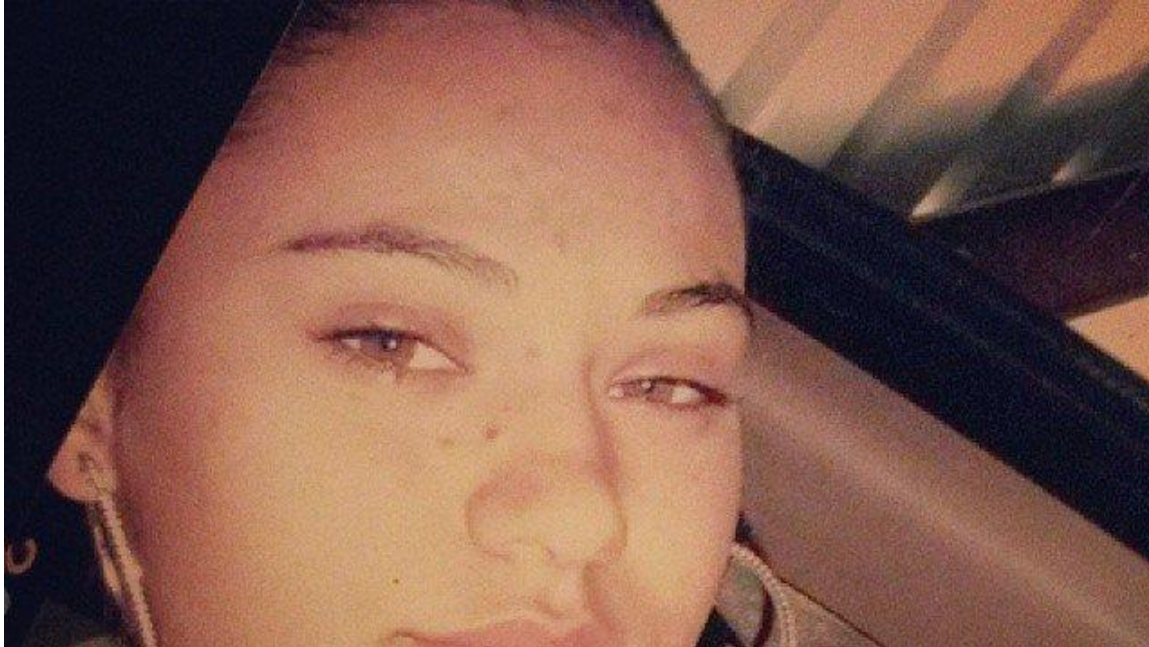
“Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution”



ACT

Sign petitions

- Petition to the Associated Press
www.change.org/p/associated-press-stop-using-the-term-child-prostitute-2



ACT

Grassroots legislative advocacy

- Safe Harbor in Minnesota
 - Youth up to age 24
 - Safe Harbor for All



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING 2012



SAFE HARBOR RALLY - MADISON, WI



SAFE HARBOR RALLY #2 - MADISON, WI



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Legislative Advocacy

- Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin (LOPPW)
<https://www.lopep.org/resources/lopep/>
- ELCA Advocacy webpage
www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Advocacy
- Polaris Project
polarisproject.org/policy-legislation
- Shared Hope International
sharedhope.org/what-we-do/bring-justice/legislative-action-center/
- Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force

ACT

Congregations in south Minneapolis,
an area recognized for a high
incidence of sex trafficking.



SHINING A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS



PRAYER VIGILS



TEAM CHERISH ALL CHILDREN



ACT

Safe Church Policies

■ *Safeguarding God's Children*

To help protect children and adults from sexual misconduct in congregations, dioceses, and other church institutions, the Church Pension Group has created training programs and model policies for its “Safeguarding God's Children” programs. Go to www.cpg.org/active-clergy/insurance/preventing-sexual-misconduct/overview/ to see their training program, order materials, and view sample policies.

■ *Stewards of Children*

Stewards of Children provides in-person and online training about preventing child sexual abuse (www.d2l.org/education/). They also provide tips for screening staff and volunteers, suggested policies, and other information helpful for creating “safe church” policies and practices.

ACT

October 2017:
Breaking Free
held a candlelight
vigil to honor the
trafficked women
who have lost
their lives and
renew hope for
the future.



ACT

Super Bowl Kick-off

- Senator Amy Klobuchar
- Sgt. Grant Snyder
- Suzann Brown
(Guardian Project)
- Quisha Stewart (The Link)
- Natasha Oreskovich
(Streetworks)
- Terry Forliti (Breaking Free)

Urged people to get involved in efforts to end sex trafficking in our communities!



ACT



Linking Freedom in Our Backyard: place stickers in convenience store restrooms to offer a safe place for a youth to text or call for help.

www.inourbackyard.org

ACT

March 22, 2018



HISTORIC VICTORY!

Congress voted to remove previous immunity for sex trafficking websites! Finally, online slavery auctions can be held accountable in the courts!

 NATIONAL CENTER ON SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

— EndSexualExploitation.org —

ACT

April 6, 2018

Justice Department seizes classified ads website
Backpage.com



<https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/06/politics/backpage-doj-seizure/index.html>

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

1-888-3737-888

[humantraffickinghotline.org/type
-trafficking/sex-trafficking](https://humantraffickinghotline.org/type-sex-trafficking)

**Wisconsin DOJ - Indicator and
Response Guide**

[https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/a
ht/pdf/indicatorguide.pdf](https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/aht/pdf/indicatorguide.pdf)

GOD MULTIPLYING THE OIL

Cherish All Children Song

Women of the ELCA
involvement

Namibia







***“The place God calls you to is
the place where your deep
gladness and the world’s deep
hunger meet.”***

— Frederick Buechner

BACK TO THE QUESTION...

Where would you like to
be in the story?

What stirs your heart?

How might God be calling you?

Who can help you,
encourage you,
or pray for you?

**If you want to go fast, go it alone.
If you want to go far, go together.**

Luo: Ka idwaro dhi piyopiyo, dhi kendi; ka idwaro dhi mabor,
dhi gi jowadu. (Kenya)

Swahili: Iwapo unataka kwenda haraka, nenda peke yako;
iwapo unataka kwenda mbali, nendeni pamoja.

KhoeKhoe: !Haesets ga !gû≠gao-o lguri !gû. !Nûsets ga
!gû≠gao-o lhûhâse !gû. (Namibia)

Malagasy: Raha te handeha haerigana ranao, enandehana
irery, fa raha te. hotafita lavihia ianao mandeha ha
eniaraka.

Croatian: Ako želiš stići brzo, idi sam. Ako želiš stići daleko,
idi u društvu.

- *African proverb*

