

To us a child is born, to us a son is given...

Isaiah 9:6a



A baby, how wonderful!

This Advent we prepare for the birth of the extraordinary Child whose birth began the rebirth of all creation.

Even an “ordinary” birth of a child in our congregations is an occasion for rejoicing, especially when a child is delivered safely into the world.

But then what?

At baptism parents promise to help their children grow in Christian faith and life, sponsors too pledge their nurture, and the entire congregations promises to “support and pray for them in their life in Christ” (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship p. 228*)

Through your recent Mission Support offering you are helping parents, sponsors, and congregations fulfill these promises by helping to provide faith formation resources for every age and stage of faith development. On the ELCA website parish education leaders and parents can gather free ideas and resources. Of course none of the resources are really “free”, but the cost is covered by the generosity of congregations like yours, providing these services as a gift to the whole church. Please pass this “resource-full” link on to the educational leadership in your congregation.

<http://www.elca.org/christianeducation/resources.html>

Thank you for doing *your* part to support the faith development of God’s children in every age and stage of life.

The God of grace and peace be with you,

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