

# WELCOME DISCIPLES!

## Welcome to *EveryWhere and EveryWay!*

Prayer is at the very heart of our relationship with God. As the early disciples yearned for Jesus to teach them to pray, we too long for that connectedness and assurance as we are called into a living relationship with Christ. This program planner is intended to assist Christian education leaders as they engage people of all ages and especially children in a life of discipleship grounded in prayer. As adults we have the privileged and responsibility for nurturing an awareness of God's presence in their lives and the confidence that every day and every way is an opportunity for prayer!

Three unique features mark this year's planner:

- ⦿ As we continue with our series of "modern day disciples" the spotlight shines on the life and ministry of Ruth Youngdahl Nelson. Ruth modeled twentieth century discipleship for her family, her church, and for those impacted by her faithfulness across the globe. Ruth Youngdahl Nelson plays a significant part in this year's Intergenerational Rally Day Module.
- ⦿ A children's sermon to help worship leaders integrate prayer and the *EveryWhere and EveryWay* theme into worship.
- ⦿ A Take-home connection helping parents and grandparents create time, space and opportunity for regular prayer at home.

## An Ongoing Expression of Discipleship

This resource is the latest addition to the constellation of resources carrying out the *Call to Discipleship* and the first emphasis of the ELCA Evangelism Strategy.

Each annual program planner focuses on one specific aspect of discipleship and the seven faith practices. Find a quick overview of the previous themes, information on Bible studies related to the seven faith practices, and the list of Intergenerational Rally Day modules at

[www.elca.org/christianeducation/programplanners/2006CEProgramPlanner/images/ongoingexpression.pdf](http://www.elca.org/christianeducation/programplanners/2006CEProgramPlanner/images/ongoingexpression.pdf)

[www.elca.org/christianeducation/discipleship/](http://www.elca.org/christianeducation/discipleship/) is your one-stop entry point for accessing all the materials mentioned above.