



The following are suggestions to nurture study in a congregation.

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- Begin using the *Daily Discipleship* resources for Sunday school and adult classes in September. The curriculum is based on the lectionary - allowing people to study and apply the Sunday texts at home, work or school.
- Schedule a “university day” for your congregation. Schedule a motivational speaker and a series of helpful workshops. Include a focus on children, youth and families. Consider offering this in partnership with neighboring congregations.
- Highlight Luther’s Small Catechism as a devotional resource for ministry in daily life. Order the resource *Celebrating the Small Catechism: A Year-long Adventure for the Whole Congregation* for dozens of creative ideas and suggestions to help people of all ages explore this treasure of Lutheran heritage.
- Provide a book on discipleship for all leaders in the congregation to read during a focused time period. (Consider Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s classic *The Cost of Discipleship*, or some of the other suggestions in Section C of this planning guide.) Schedule book chats on-line or in small groups at convenient times and locations.
- Begin a renewed emphasis on education in your congregation. Form a task force to look at current offerings and plan new and effective ways to involve all in learning. You might use *Beginning Small Groups and Keeping Them Going* to help you in your planning.
- Offer a retreat on Baptism or faith practices. Contact your synod, education team or an outdoor ministry site for help with programming.
- Form study pairs or mentors as a way to encourage people on their spiritual journeys.