

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION includes **Parish Education (Cradle Roll)**, **Free Lutheran Bible College** and **Free Lutheran Seminary** and promotes the teaching of Christian truths for children through adults, assists the Parish Education Board in the printing of materials, and contributes to the training of students at the AFLC Bible College (Free Lutheran Bible College-FLBC) and Seminary (Free Lutheran Seminary-FLS).

Please educate all age groups in your church about the publications of the Parish Education Department, our Bible College, and Seminary, Free Lutheran Youth Department, and Evangelism, by checking out their websites and contacting them about pamphlets and brochures from these individual AFLC departments that might be informative.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY -- Attend the meetings of your local women's organization and use the current WMF Bible study book. It can be purchased through the WMF Executive Secretary.

PARISH EDUCATION

Preschool – Adult



Offerings designated to this mission go to support the efforts of our AFLC Parish Education Department to produce Biblical Lutheran Educational and Devotional materials. We recommend you use their assistance for Sunday school and Vacation Bible School ideas as well as for youth and adult educational and devotional resources. We also invite you to consider hosting a Christian Education workshop in your congregation or district

led by Parish Education staff.

Financial assistance also goes toward printing costs of Sunday school materials and confirmation books; historical, devotional, and educational books; and other teaching resources. AFLC Ambassador Sunday School Curriculum has been developed for Preschool through Level 6, and Bible studies have been produced for youth and adults.

A catalog of Christian education materials from Ambassador Publications, is available from AFLC Parish Education at 3110 East Medicine Lake Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55441, by telephone at 763-545-5631, email at parished@aflc.org, or online www.ambassadorpublications.org.

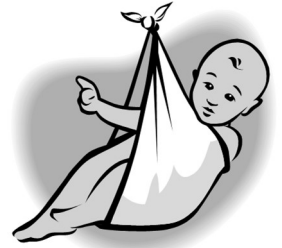
OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Sunday School curriculum (Preschool through Level 6) – use the material the Parish Education Board so carefully creates and edits to serve our AFLC congregations.
- Bible study materials (youth and adults) – use the Bible studies available through the Ambassador Publications catalog.
- Check out the large variety of items that can be ordered through Ambassador Publications. In addition to educational materials, many additional resources such as Bibles and devotional books can be used as gifts for various occasions.

PRAY . . . PRAY . . . PRAY!

CRADLE ROLL – From Birth to 3 Years

Local WMF's are encouraged to have a Cradle Roll Secretary who will be in contact with new parents and children up to age 3. This person will be your congregation's main contact with the families of young children before Sunday school starts at age three. More information about the Cradle Roll Packets and Procedures are included in this section and Cradle Roll programs and children's programs are included in section V. Ministry Resources under Program Ideas.



The WMF makes available a Cradle Roll packet that provides new parents with helpful information on the physical, mental, social, emotional, and spiritual growth of their child from birth to three years. The packet contains newsletters, booklets for parents to share at different stages in the child's development, booklets on baptism, and family devotional books parents get to share with the children, three birthday cards and three Baptism "birthday" cards. **These packets may be ordered from the WMF Executive Secretary.**

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Have a program to honor those who are recently born and newly enrolled and/or for those who turn three years and graduate to Sunday School (programs can be found in Section V. Program Ideas).
- Plan a regular time for mothers to get together. It could include speakers or videos that would present information on parenting, or it could be a time of sharing concerns and getting to know each other better.
- Encourage couples in the congregation to sign up to sponsor a child to pray for and to include in a special event.
- Honor Cradle Roll children, their parents and family at a Sunday worship service. Perhaps a small gift could be presented to the family.
- Use the Cradle Roll Packet as a tool to reach unchurched or non-attending members who have become new parents.

PRAY.....PRAY.....PRAY

PROCEDURES CONCERNING OUR **CRADLE ROLL ENROLLMENT FORMS AND** **CERTIFICATES**

The Cradle Roll enrollment forms and certificate are included with your Cradle Roll Packet. Each packet will have an enrollment form to be filled out and sent to your District Cradle Roll Secretary IF your WMF District has one. If not, then the enrollment is kept by the local Cradle Roll Secretary. Please DO NOT send them to the Executive Secretary.

The procedures will be as follows:

The Local Cradle Roll Secretary will:

1. Order the Cradle Roll packets from the National Executive Secretary. The enrollment forms and certificates will be sent at the same time. **You may pay for the packet when your order or be billed for it.**
2. Fill out the enrollment forms and send them on to the **District Cradle Roll Secretary (if your District has a Cradle Roll Secretary otherwise the local Cradle Roll Secretary will keep them on file.)**
3. Fill out the certificate and present it to the parents.
4. Have your local treasurer pay the bill (payable to: **WMF of AFLC**) for the Cradle Roll packets, enrollment forms, certificates, and postage. Send payment to the Executive Secretary: Dawn Johnson, 2991 30th Ave., Wilson, WI 54027. The cost is \$23 (subject to change), this price includes postage and handling.

In Christian Love,

The National WMF Board

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Free Lutheran Bible College (FLBC)

(formerly known as the Association Free Lutheran Bible School (AFLBS))

WMF offerings to our Free Lutheran Bible College contribute to the Christian training of post high school students. There is nothing more practical for the Christian life than a solid understanding of God's Word. FLBC is a two-year Bible college designed to help students know and understand God's Word and apply it to their lives. It offers Biblical knowledge and practical training needed for a life of faith in Jesus Christ. This teaching of Christian truths and principles is of benefit not only to the young people who attend the Bible college, but also to the congregation which benefits as these graduates return to serve AFLC congregations.

For further information about FLBC go to <https://flbc.edu/> email at flbc@flbc.edu or call 763-544-9501.

Please consider how you can support this ministry to our young people.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- Promote a program of prayer for FLBC students, faculty and staff. Request a prayer list from FLBC.
- Consider sponsoring a high school student and parent to attend Campus Days in the fall and spring.
- Consider inviting a team or choir to visit your congregation by contacting FLBC.
- Encourage and promote FLBC to the children of your congregation as they progress through school, provide information and encourage attendance.
- Sponsor a FLBC student. Post a picture on the church bulletin board to encourage members to pray for him or her.
- Send letters and care packages to FLBC students and other college students from your congregation. A word from home is a great encouragement to any student.

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Free Lutheran Seminary (FLS)

(formerly known as Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary (AFLTS))

WMF offerings to our Free Lutheran Seminary (FLS) contribute to training future pastors and Christian leaders. FLS trains men who perceive God's call to service in a local congregation, the mission field, or other areas of pastoral ministry. Seminary training at FLS includes three years of classroom instruction and the fourth year includes a one-year congregation-based internship in a Free Lutheran congregation, with an experienced AFLC pastor as supervisor.

Prayer is the greatest need for our seminary students. Through your prayers and God's Word the seminary will continue to be a fertile training ground for godly men.

For further information about FLS go to <https://flbc.edu/about-fls/>, email at fls@flbc.edu or call 763-544-9501.

When funds are available a WMF Mission Scholarship may be given to:

- 1) Men enrolled in the seminary who have a firm commitment to World Mission service.
- 2) Missionary wives and other women who have attended the Free Lutheran Bible College and who are furthering their education in preparation for World Mission service.
- 3) Or to the wives of Free Lutheran Seminary students to attend approved training/teaching functions.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- Promote a program of prayer for seminary students.
- Adopt a seminary student and keep in close touch.
- Send personal gifts to seminary students.
- Encourage young men of your congregation to seek the Lord's guidance about attending seminary and becoming a pastor.

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