

A photograph of two young Black women kissing on the cheek in a public setting, possibly a festival or market. The woman on the left is wearing a white top, and the woman on the right is wearing a dark top with a choker. The background is blurred, showing other people and colorful structures. A white text overlay is centered on the image, reading "Go and...!" and "January 27, 2022".

Go and...!

January 27, 2022

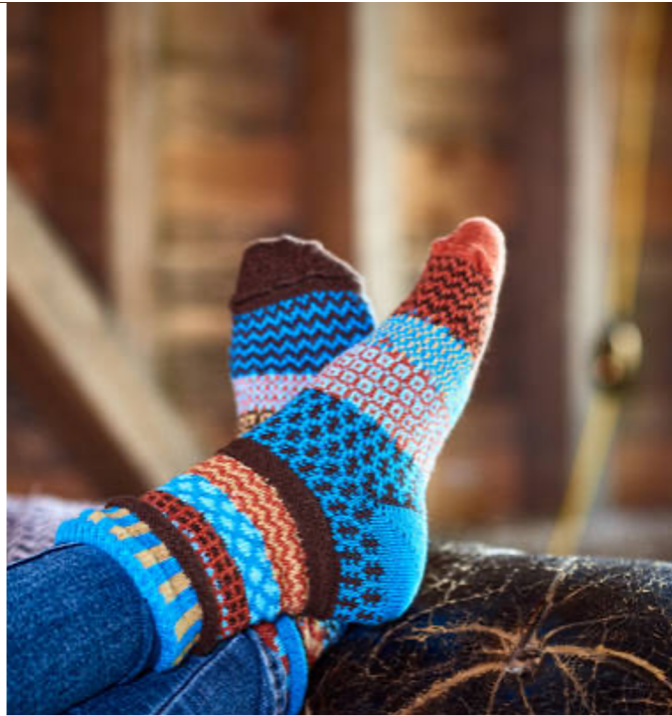


Agenda

- Theme of the day - Spread the Good News
- Spiritual practices – Devotions, Dwelling in the word, Prayers, etc.
- Story sharing – Guests, Practitioners
- Encouraging action - Co-creating with God

Go and...!





When someone says GO and...

What comes to your mind?





Fire = Transformation





CENTERING
TIME

LET'S PRAY!

Dwelling in the Word - Matthew 28:18-20



Go and...!

28 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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¹¹While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹²After the priests^[c] had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, ¹³telling them, “You must say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ ¹⁴If this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Dwelling in the Word – Breakout groups



Go and...!

1. Read twice Matthew 28:18-20

NRSV - And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Message - Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.”

2. Ask each person in the group to name the word or phrase that stood out for them without elaboration (2 minutes)
3. What do you think God might be inviting you to consider during this time? (1 to 2 minutes per person)

Dwelling in the Word



**What is God inviting us into
and
where is God sending us?**

Go and...!

EVANGELISM



...as the simple act of sharing the good news of God's love in Jesus and inviting others to trust in this love and join in God's work

Call and Invitation

FRAMEWORK

- **RADICALLY RELATIONAL** – BEING WITH
- **CONNECTION** - COLLABORATION
- **LEARNING** – LISTEN
- **INCLUSIVE TO ALL!** - DIVERSE
- **INNOVATION** – CREATIVITY / IMAGINATION
- **EQUIPPING AND EMPOWERING PEOPLE**





One-to-One Story Sharing

Vicar Kayla Hopgood

- Intern at Prince of Peace Lutheran church in Princeton Junction
- Creating a remembrance garden for perinatal loss

Co-Creating with God

Listening Questions

- What keeps you up at night?
- Where might God be active in your congregation?
- What brings you joy?





Resources

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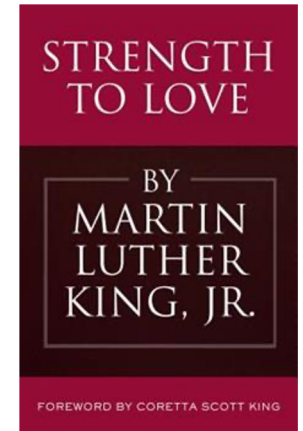
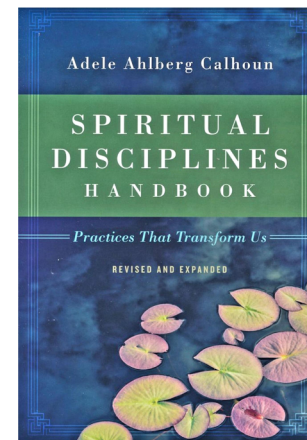
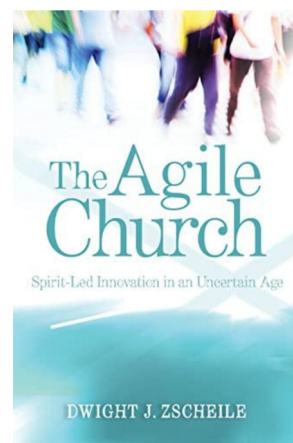
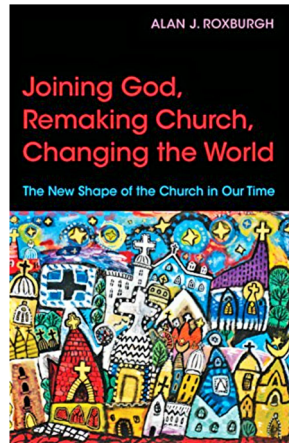
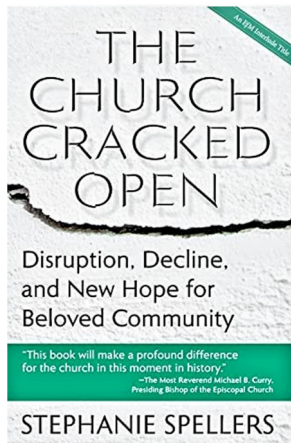
[Evangelism - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](http://elca.org)

Documents - [Building a Culture of Evangelism \(elca.org\)](http://elca.org)

Spiritual Practices - *Dwelling in the Word*

Go and...!

Books:



Sending



God is cracking open the Church to go and...

Pray

Listen

Try Something

Be with &
Love Neighbors

Meet new People

Serve & Witness

Join us for our next virtual gathering on Zoom
February 24 @ 7 p.m.

A photograph of two young Black women kissing on a city street. The woman on the left has her hair in a large afro and is wearing a white top. The woman on the right has her hair in a bun and is wearing a dark top with a choker. The background is a blurred city street with other people walking. The text "Thank you!" is overlaid in white serif font in the center of the image.

Thank you!