



Loving LUTHERANS CHALLENGE

Activity List for CHILDREN

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Let Your Light Shine

Make Heart shaped suncatchers and hang in windows. Using one part school glue and one part black paint, trace a "leaded glass" design onto a piece of sturdy clear plastic (recycled from a plastic container works well). Once dry, use permanent markers to color in the sections of the suncatcher.

Loving Lutherans Coloring page:

Print off copies of the Loving Lutherans/Luther Seal page and hand out during children's sermons or in Sunday School.

Together our Hearts are Stronger:

Create Danish woven hearts of paper or fabric, combining two halves and weaving the bottom section together like a basket. This can be ornaments, magnets, gift card holders, etc. and taken to members in care facilities. Consider hanging them on a tree of branches in your welcoming/fellowship area to display until they are distributed.



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On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

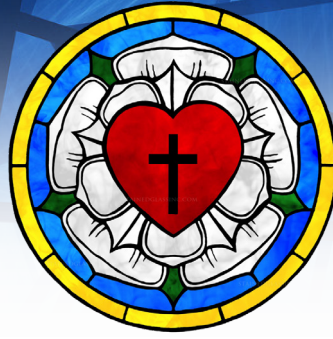
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Pocket Hugs/Pocket Prayers

Decorate small items either in heart shapes or with hearts and attach a poem. These are meant to be kept in a pocket or purse to be brushed upon and reminders to love as Lutherans are called to do. Small flat glass marbles, soft quilted fabric hearts, or other small items can be used in this way by Lutherans young and old.

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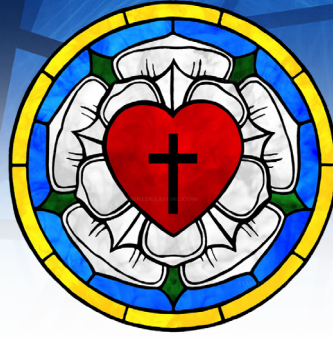
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