

# **Women of L.I.F.E.**

*Lutherans In Fellowship & Evangelism*



## **Resource Bank Catalog**

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# RESOURCE BANK

## PURPOSE

To share program materials and organizational helps with each other.

## KINDS OF MATERIALS

1. Program materials for: regular meetings, special events, conventions, retreats, special services, etc. Some may be full-length programs; others may be shorter program items.
2. Bible Studies
3. Bible Teaching Games
4. Organizational Hints that have been successful in carrying out the business and function of a group.

## HOW TO MAKE A DEPOSIT IN THE BANK

1. Send materials that you have found useful that could be shared with other groups. This is not necessarily a one-time thing, you may send as often as you have something new to contribute.
2. Include the author's name if you know it.
3. **DO NOT send copyrighted material.**

## HOW TO MAKE A WITHDRAWAL FROM THE BANK

1. Consult this catalog for materials suitable for your needs. Materials are listed under 6 categories.
  - Category A has longer programs of various kinds.
  - Category B has shorter program items that could be used in conjunction with other materials.
  - Category C has one session or two-session Bible studies suitable for a retreat. There are no study guides included with these studies.
  - Category D lists the annual Bible studies. These have study guides. Some of these study books are still in stock; others are not. Some books can be printed for custom orders. {See order form for pricing and availability}
  - Category E has organizational helps.
  - Category F has Bible teaching games.
2. When placing your order, include both the catalog item number as well as the title of the materials you desire. The item number consists of the capital letter (designating the category in which the item is listed), plus the number. Ex: A-1 "A Christmas Trilogy"
3. Include your name, mailing address, phone number and email address. Mail or Email your request to the Materials Resource Coordinator.
4. All items in the catalog are free except Category D, the annual Bible studies. Please see current order form for prices and availability of study books and/or leader guides.
5. Some items may need editing to delete reference to specific dates, places, or circumstances that no longer apply. Some materials can be revised to better fit your circumstances of cast, settings, use, etc.
6. Your order will be filled with one copy of each item requested from which you are free to make as many copies as needed.

## CATALOG OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

**NOTE:** Materials are listed under categories denoted by capital letters. Each item also has a number. The letter and the number constitute the order number for that item. Thus, the order number for “A Christmas Trilogy” would be A-1. The title of the item should also be included on the order blank.

<b>A. LONGER PROGRAMS</b>	<b>THEME</b>
<p><b>A-1 “A Christmas Trilogy”</b>                      Monologues by Ruth of the Old Testament, the Bethlehem innkeeper’s wife, and Katie Luther on the meaning of Christ’s coming. Audience sings. Simple props and costumes.</p>	<b>Christmas</b>
<p><b>A-2 “The Challenge of the Cross”</b>                      An evangel comes calling for disciples of the King; the first five to offer have wrong motives, but a 6<sup>th</sup> is sincere. Audience singing. Props: a variety of crosses. Evangel part (longer) could be read; disciples’ parts (shorter) would be much more effective memorized.</p>	<b>Cross/Discipleship</b>
<p><b>A-3 “The Sign of the Ages”</b>                      Characters: Seeker, Christianity, 4 Heralds, 3 Cross Bearers, Mary Magdalene, 5 early Christians, Martyr, Legend Bearer, World Missions, Modern Christian.                      Props: lighted cross, (if possible)</p>	<b>Easter</b>
<p><b>A-4 “Martin Luther”</b>                      Facts about Martin Luther; skit: “The Man with the Word” 4 characters. Ascension Lutheran Church, Waterloo IA</p>	<b>Reformation</b>
<p><b>A-5 “Back to School”</b>                      Good for September meeting. Classroom setting. Monologues by Prof. Circle, Colleen College, Sally Socialite, Fran Fretting. Leads to small group sharing of pertinent selected Bible passages.</p>	<b>Back to School</b>
<p><b>A-6 Baptism Celebration</b>                      Celebration of the baptism of the babies of Ascension Lutheran Church, Waterloo IA since its beginning in The AALC. Hymns, Scripture, Catechism on Baptism, Baptism candle and prayer, introduction of children, gift presentation. Could be good for getting young mothers interested in WOL.</p>	<b>Baptism</b>
<p><b>A-7 “Building Together in Love”</b>                      Ascension Lutheran Church, Waterloo IA. Dinner program featuring hymns and their stories and Scripture about the church</p>	<b>Building Program/Hymns</b>
<p><b>A-8 Church Year Hymn Sing</b>                      Summary of our Christian faith using one hymn for each season of the church year in order. Uses a Scripture Reader and a Hymn Leader. Hymns are from SBH.</p>	<b>Faith/Church Year/Hymns</b>
<p><b>A-9 “Lord, Teach Us To Pray”</b>                      By Leah Spenn. Uses a leader and a panel of five. Audience sings hymns and reads Scripture and unison prayers. Discusses purpose, pattern, promises, problems, and progress in prayer. All parts can be read.</p>	<b>Prayer</b>
<p><b>A-10 “Vacations”</b>                      “Young in Spirit” meeting of Ascension Lutheran Church, Waterloo IA. Thoughts on Psalm 23, sharing of vacation experiences, poems, jokes.</p>	<b>Refreshing &amp; Renewing</b>
<p><b>A-11 Valentine program for Nursing Home</b>                      A program of hymns about God’s love, Bible verses on love (on hearts attached to straws and given to each resident), stories, games</p>	<b>Shut-in Ministry/Valentine’s Day</b>

- A-12 “The Journey Home”** **Fashion Show**  
A Christian Fashion Show written by Kathy Peterson, Chippewa Falls, WI. Clever dialogue and a fine message.
- A-13 “Lo, He Comes”** **Advent/Christmas**  
A program to enrich the symbolism of the Advent wreath and Advent Branch, using 3 “voices” (or a speech choir) and a narrator. Includes group singing of Christmas carols. Needs Advent wreath and branch, plus symbols of: rose, tau cross, sun, scepter and crown, cross, dove, lyre – made from paper, felt, or Styrofoam. Could be divided into 2 shorter programs.
- A-14 “Christmas Program”** **Christmas**  
Explores meaning of Christmas customs and traditions: gifts, tree, lights, carols, cards and seals. Uses a leader and readers (or could be groups) for the Scripture, carols sung by the audience.
- A-15 “The Light of Christmas”** **Christmas**  
Short Christmas program that points out the responsibility that the Christmas Gospel gives believers. Uses 4 readers (could be only 2 alternating), a flannelgraph with figures of a star and rays.
- A-16 “Carols to the Christ Child”** **Christmas**  
Bible carols: Isaiah, Mary, Zacharias, Angels, Shepherds, Simeon, then our own carol. Each segment has a Bible reading, responsive reading, and the singing of the carol. Words and music of carols are included.
- A-17 “Light a Candle for the Savior”** **Christmas**  
Christmas program in 3 parts: Candle Foregleams (prophecies), Candle Gleams (Christmas story), Candle Aftergleams (blessings of grace, love, peace and joy that come from Christ), plus a personal candle lighting conclusion. Uses a reader and the audience reads Scripture and sings carols. Provides full copy for reader and musician (also showing candle arrangement), and a copy for audience participation. Uses 19 candles of various sizes.
- A-18 “The Structure of Neighborliness”** **Evangelism**  
Program on evangelism and witnessing; uses a modern parable based on the Good Samaritan parable of Jesus to provide opportunity for good basic discussion about sharing Christ with people in our everyday life. Uses a moderator, parable reader, 3 panel members.
- A-19 “Hats Off to Mom”** **Mother-Daughter Event**  
The program features hats as decorations to symbolize the many “hats” a mother wears. It calls for a narrator, and the following Moms: Dr. Mom, Rhetorical Mom, Philosopher Mom, Comedian Mom, Mrs. Mom, Sympathetic Mom, Dear Mom, Sergeant Mom, and 4-Start General Mom
- A-20 “Basket Style Show”** **Fashion Show**  
The script is carried entirely by an MC or narrator, who describes and explains the basket that each of 13 women bring on stage, one at a time. Each comment includes an appropriate Scripture verse or citation. Baskets needed are: baby, bushel, bread, laundry, fruit, cleaning, offering, flowers, sewing, waste, picnic, gift, and basket case.
- A-21 “A Place for Youth in the Church”** **Youth**  
The program is for youth and about youth rather than for women to produce. It has 5 Bible characters, 2 modern youth and the voice of God. It encourages youth to realize that there are ways they can serve God as young people and not have to wait until they are adults. You may want to suggest it to your youth group to do.
- A-22 “Looking for the Child of Bethlehem”** **Christmas**  
This calls for men as well as women and 1 child, and a small group of carolers. There are 9 speaking parts and 6 or more non-speaking. The son of the innkeeper at Bethlehem is trying to find out whether that Baby born in the stable really was the Messiah.

- A-23 “Day 39 and Counting...”** **Opportunities for Growth**  
 From Ascension, Waterloo IA. A contemporary conversation between Mrs. Noah (Martha) and God on day 39 of the flood. In a humorous vein, it presents change as a challenge and opportunity for growth if we meet it constructively. The skit is accompanied by unique devotions to make a full-scale program.
- A-24 “The Message of the Candles”** **Christmas**  
 A short worship program using a leader and 7 readers. It needs 7 candles and holders, 7 cardboard signs, a table, and a good-sized picture of Christ. The candle is a reminder of some Christian characteristics we need to cultivate with God’s help.
- A-25 “Food For Thought”** **Nursing Home or Senior Group Program**  
 Designed for 1 leader, additional readers helpful. Audience participation in singing and riddles. Uses stories, poems, riddles, devotional readings, and singing, all included in the script. Can easily be shortened to fit time frame available.
- A-26 “Christmas Candle Light”** **Advent Tea**  
 Ascension Lutheran Church, Waterloo IA. Carols and readings. Copies of readings are included.
- A-27 “The Three Mary’s”** **Monologues**  
 Reverent, moving, first-person accounts of three women who were very close to Jesus, depicting the great effect He had on their lives. Simple costuming, no props. Each character speaks alone. Memorizing more effective.  
     Mary, mother of Jesus, written by Carol Sherman, Chippewa Falls WI  
     Mary of Bethany, by Joy Wolfe (suggest singing at start and finish)  
     Mary of Magdala, by Marge Thorson
- A-28 “Twelve Gifts of Grace”** **Blessings/Fashion Show**  
 A narrator reads poetry that recalls special blessings of God for **each month of the year** such as: new beginnings, love, saints, new birth, growth, family, freedom, God’s Word, wisdom, faith, God’s Word, wisdom, faith, God’s goodness, Jesus. Each blessing is portrayed in a decorated hat that is modeled for each month (perhaps other items could be substituted for hats). Each month also has an appropriate song that can be used solo or by the group. Narrator; 12 hats
- A-29 “Stir Up”** **Advent**  
 An unusual, rather short, Advent program based on the “Stir Up prayers” (collects) for the four Sundays in Advent. It calls for actually mixing up a fruit cake, each ingredient representing things that help us get ready for Christmas, recipe included. Leader, 4 readers, audience participation.
- A-30 “Shoes of Life for the Road of Life”** **Baby Shower**  
 By Orrine Kirchof, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Yuba City, CA. A program designed to welcome a new baby (or a group of them) to the fellowship of faith, and give a bit of a preview of the road ahead. Uses a narrator and 8 people to represent stages of growth symbolized by shoes. Could be adapted for other happy occasions.
- A-31 “Friends Are Flowers in the Garden of Life”** **Friendship Tea**  
 From Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Yuba City CA. Program for a friendship tea which presupposes a speaker or other main program item. Supplementary materials are provided, such as Scripture promise garden, Bible plants puzzle, and poems.
- A-32 “The Lord’s Prayer”** **Christmas**  
 A Christmas candlelight service using a reader and 11 candles of prescribed colors (white, blue, green, purple, brown, yellow, silver, red, black, and orange). Audience sings a Christmas carol or other hymn at the lighting of each candle.

- A-33 “Fruit of the Spirit”** **Fruit of the Spirit**  
 A program based on John 15 and Galatians 5:22-23. It uses a narrator and 9 speakers, each of whom explains a specific fruit of the Spirit and attaches a grape cluster to a vine intertwined on a trellis or on a flannel graph. Each is interspersed with group singing of a hymn.
- A-34 “Always Open, Especially on Sunday”** **Commitment**  
 A woman’s conversation with her alter ego on the subject of commitment. It is probably most understandably portrayed by 2 people, one “Poz” (positive), the other “Neg” (negative). 2 other characters are needed: a Scripture reader and a TV or radio announcer. By Elaine Benson
- A-35 “Can You Hear Me?”** **Listening Effectively**  
 By Laura Long Stellhorn, Sandusky OH The author describes its purpose: “To help us listen understandingly to what a person is saying, regardless of the words used (or lack of them).” It is a situation-and-discussion format using a leader. It can be used for large or small groups, regular meetings, retreats, etc.
- A-36 “Peace”** **Litany for Peace**  
 By Virginia Thoreson This program gives us help to claim the peace of Christ for ourselves and to let it operate in our daily relationships. The dialogue is handled by 3 women. It culminates in a litany for peace.
- A-37 “Facing the Future with Faith”** **Senior Members**  
 Discussion program for senior citizens still living at home on topics important to over-50s: health, finances, living alone, anticipation of becoming less useful/burden to family, loss of memory and/or decision-making power, death, etc. Needs a well-prepared empathetic leader.
- A-38 “The Friendly Visitors”** **Sick & Shut-in Visitation Ministry**  
 Four characters demonstrate some do’s and do not’s of visiting sick and shut-ins. It concludes with an opportunity for the audience to share ideas and experiences and add to the profile a good “friendly visitor.”
- A-39 “Prayer, Puzzles, and Progress”** **Prayer**  
 By Leah Spenn A group discussion program designed to augment progress in prayer by facing some of the puzzling problems and questions that often slow us down.
- A-40 “Angels We Have Heard on High”** **Christmas**  
 Ascension Lutheran Church, Waterloo IA, by Mardell Lindberg – includes script on Angels; Angels named in the Bible, and Angels of Christmas – interspersed with appropriate carol.
- A-41 “Who Am I?”** **Women of the Bible**  
 Includes short stories of 32 Women of the Bible, and was presented as a program at Women of LIFE, Chippewa Falls WI. Listing of the women is include on the last page.
- A-42 Fashion Show** **Fashion Show**  
 A crazy fashion show which was used for a Ladies’ Spring Banquet program at Community Lutheran Church, McAllister WI. Narrator part can be read. Uses 10 models. Costumes make the show but are made from easy-to-find items. The extra page was used for a serious note before the fun took over.
- A-43 “Psalms in Song”** **Praise/Hymns**  
 Three familiar hymns: Praises to the Lord, the Almighty, Jesus Shall Reign; and a Mighty Fortress is our God, together with Psalms 150, 72, and 46, make for a very inspirational program for WOL.
- A-44 “Faith...Hope...Love”** **Senior Member Appreciation**  
 These three topics using a narrator, & vocal soloists were combined to present a program of appreciation for the faithfulness and service of persons 65 years or older. Hymns could be sung by everybody.

- A-45 “Christmas Program”** **Christmas**  
 Program using Scriptures, Christmas carols & special musical numbers, plus a devotional from “God’s Song in My Heart” (Ruth Youngdahl Nelson)
- A-46 “Thanksgiving Spelling Devotional”** **Thanksgiving**  
 Uses each of the letters in Thanksgiving for special Scriptures plus old, favorite hymns relating to each of the Bible verses to express thanks to God for all His blessings in a unique way.
- A-47 “The Word became Flesh”** **Christmas**  
 This program involves a narrator, the congregation, and Sunday School or Christian Day Classes in recitations & songs to present this Christmas message. Prepared by Christ Lutheran, Chippewa Falls WI
- A-48 “Meditation on the Savior of the World”** **Lent/Easter**  
 Meditation and Scriptures carrying one through the Lenten season to the Resurrection on Easter Sunday via special musical numbers (vocal & instrumental).
- A-49 “Advent Festival”** {Order with A-50} **Advent**  
 Christ Lutheran, Chippewa Falls WI. This event involves families. Children make decorations for a tree in fellowship hall. Others help decorate the sanctuary, putting scrolls on trees. Scrolls contain the Words of Jesus from the Gospels. Each time a person enters the church, they are to take a scroll. Several thousand scrolls are used. Women bake and pack cookies for shut-ins and service people. An Advent worship service and coffee time concludes the afternoon. Worship program included.
- A-50 “Advent Festival Worship”** {Order with A-49} **Advent**  
 This Festival Worship includes a liturgist and congregation. Program includes readings and music relating to Christmas items, such as the Advent wreath, candles, greens, trees, the crèche, poinsettias, cards, gifts, etc.
- A-51 Sample of Actual Advent Program** **Advent**  
 Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Yuba City CA. Includes “Ten Commandments for Christmas” which could be printed on any Christmas program (if desired)
- A-52 Sample of Actual Mother-Daughter Program** **Mother Daughter Program**  
 This Mother-Daughter Salad Supper includes a poem M-O-T-H-E-R (sometimes difficult to locate), as well as words for a song “Mother’s Love” (using the melody “Sweet Hour of Prayer”)
- A-53 Advent Carol Service of Worship** **Advent**  
 This service involves liturgist and congregation & includes 6 Scriptures from the Gospel of John as well as the familiar Luke 2 references. Many of the lovely Christmas carols are used to present the wonderful Christmas message.
- A-54 “Friendship Gladdens the Heart”** **Friendship**  
 Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Yuba City CA by Orrine Kirchhof. The invitation suggests that those planning to attend bring a cap/hat (in a bag) to be used in a parade which will be part of the activities. As refreshments, everyone brings finger food! Instrumental solos are part of the program.
- A-55 “Praying the Psalms”** **Prayer**  
 A collection of prayers in the words of the Psalms, several categories, can pick & choose as many passages as desired.
- A-56 A Thanksgiving Celebration** **Thanksgiving**  
 This program was presented through Scriptures and musical testimonies and given by grades 5-8 in the Christian Day School of Chippewa Falls WI, as the WOL Thanksgiving celebration.
- A-57 “Katharine” (Von Bora)** **Martin Luther’s Life**  
 Written by Mardell Lindberg as part of a presentation for the WOL Convention program.



- A-58 “Panorama of Prayer’s Power”** **Prayer**  
 Prepared for the 1999 WOL Prayer Breakfast by Marilyn Brace, Author & Presenter from Christ Lutheran, Chippewa Falls WI & Edna Eidum, Pianist. Complete with Bible verses for P-R-A-Y-E-R-S.
- A-59 “From Palm Sunday to Good Friday”** **Holy Week**  
 WOL, Pilot Knob Lutheran, Forest City IA, elected to use a tape by Max Lucado to present this thought-provoking program
- A-60 “The Gift of Life”** **All Life Has Value**  
 Dialogue between daughter & mother who thinks she’s no longer worth anything to anybody.
- A-61 “The Story of the Church Pew”** **Life in the Church**  
 A church pew talks about its life from a tree through the lives of the family who sat there each week – wedding, funeral, other milestones. Uses narrator (can be read) & three female and three male parts (just to walk to and from pew from rear of church).
- A-62 “Biblical Pairs of Inspiration”** **Valentine’s Day**  
 Written by Gloria Doyel from St. Peter’s Lutheran in Elk Grove CA. Eight couples from the congregation represented 8 Biblical pairs, modeling and improvising, in Biblical attire, as their stories were read. Good for all ages. May be an idea for Valentine’s Day
- A-63 “A Woman’s Flight Through Life”** **Mother’s Day**  
 Performed for a Mother’s Day Tea at Zion Lutheran Church in Manistique MI. Requires 2 narrators and 11 females of various ages from infant (doll) to great-grandmother. Suggested music for each scene.
- B. SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAM MATERIAL**
- B-1 “The Good Samaritan” – a copy-cat Bible Story** **The Good Samaritan**  
 Also called “Devotions in Motion” Audience repeats words and motions of leader, line by line.
- B-2 “Our Doxology”** **Doxology**  
 By Orrine Kirchhof, Yuba City CA Responsive devotional on the Doxology, using a leader.
- B-3 Items on Faith** **Faith**  
 Poem “Faith” by Sandra Spores, Clam Falls WI  
 Two short articles contributed by Alta Hedlund, Omaha NE
- B-4 Discussion Sheet on Prayer** **Prayer**  
 Statements on prayer to agree/disagree, re-word; 3 situations to respond to, discussion question on God’s “No.”
- B-5 “Happy Birthday, Women of LIFE”**  
 Birthday message to WOL from Orrine Kirchhof, Yuba City CA
- B-6 “The Lord’s Prayer”** **Prayer**  
 Characters in the skit are a man and God, but with minor reworking could be adapted for a woman
- B-7 “Reach Out and Touch”** **Evangelism**  
 Song (or poem) by Leah Spenn, Watseka IL Tune: “Come Into My Heart” Reach into God’s Word for power, then reach out to your fellowmen.
- B-8 “O Rest in the Lord”** **Refreshing & Renewing**  
 Evening devotion for retreat by Leah Spenn, Watseka IL Based on the evening hymn “Sun of my Soul.” All sing and pray in unison, reader reads Scripture

**B-9 “Someone Should of Warned Me”**

By Kathy Peterson, Chippewa Falls WI A humorous reading about joining a circle and finding it good.

**B-10 “A Service of Prayer”**

**Prayer**

Six short segments entitled “A Time to: Adore and Worship, Confess our sins, give thanks, pray for ourselves, Pray for others, Pray a promise, Pray as Jesus taught us.” They each consist of a Scripture, silent prayer, spoken prayer (not provided on the copy), and a hymn response. Needs only a leader and people for the spoken prayers.

**B-11 “Tater Sisters”**

Uses humorous dialogue to help us look at ourselves as members of our women’s group. The 8 women characters (only 1 speech) are: Common-Tator, Mrs. Dick Tater, Ms. Irri Tater, Mrs. Hesi Tater, Miss Agi Tater, Ms. Medi Tater, Ms. Spec Tater, and Ms. Par Tissie Tater.

**B-12 “The Story of a Dozen Hats”**

**Stewardship**

A skit on stewardship of talents that challenges women to use their abilities in service to Christ. Uses 1 leader and 12 hat models, though one person could wear more than one hat with a suitable interval in between. Hats are: red, child’s, black, wide-brimmed, small with large flower, old lady’s, tall, skimmer, veiled, old, cowboy, flowered.

**B-13 “New Life”**

**Faith**

A telephone monologue in which the speaker eventually realizes her faith has been a sham, remembers some Bible verses and advice her mother taught her, and resolves to turn to Jesus whole-heartedly.

**B-14 “Take Time”**

**Daily Devotions**

Short skit urging us to take time for personal devotions every day. Characters; narrator, God’s Spirit, Evil Spirit.

**B-15 “Lamps to My Feet”**

**Christian Life**

Eight different types of lights are used to demonstrate how Christ and the Word are the essential light for our Christian life. Props needed: tall candle, kerosene lamp, electric table lamp, flashlight, floor lamp, night-light, study lamp, lantern.

**B-16 “Vesper of Lights”**

**Vespers Service**

Inspirational candlelight service suitable as a closing service for evening session of a retreat. Calls for a leader, 6 readers, 3 pray-ers, but could be combined.

**B-17 Easter Projects**

**Holy Week/Easter**

“Easter Basket” provides for putting a different item in an Easter basket each day as the focal point for family devotions from Palm Sunday to Easter. “Make a Butterfly” gives ideas and patterns for making Easter butterflies to be put on a cross at church.

**B-18 Lenten Project and Poetry**

**Lent**

“Take a Journey of Love” is a project that suggests a different activity each week for 6 weeks that can put our Lenten love to work in practical ways. Poems “I Forgive” and “The Nails that Held Him to the Tree”, by Yutha Hoglund, St. Petersburg FL are a poignant accent to Lenten programming.

**B-19 “Fictional Recipe for the Perfect Mother”**

**Mother’s Day**

Mother’s Day monologue by Kathy Peterson, Chippewa Falls WI

**B-20 Poetry and Songs**

**Christmas**

“Twas the Night Before Jesus Came” – a parody of the familiar Christmas poem, but the “coming” in this one is Christ’s second coming. “Hugs” – a poem encouraging the friendly and enthusiastic hug as a great day-brightener. Can be sung to the tune of “Faith of Our Fathers” or “O come, let Us Adore Him.”

- B-21 “Going on a Sinner Hunt”** **Monologue**  
A copycat monologue by Kathy Peterson, Chippewa Falls WI. Leader speaks a line, making appropriate inflections and motions; audience repeats both words and actions, line by line. Guess who the “sinner” turns out to be!
- B-22 “Who’s Important Around Here?”** **Christmas**  
Home preparation for Christmas is the theme of a dialogue between an angel and Santa Claus in which Santa begs to be dethroned and have Christ enthroned.
- B-23 “The Trip”** **Devotions: Heaven**  
A devotional written by Carol Sherman, Chippewa Falls WI Destination is heaven. Needs an exuberant presentation.
- B-24 Two Christmas Poems** **Christmas**  
Written by Yutha Hoglund, St. Petersburg FL “Re-echoing We’ll Hear the Angel’s Message” and “Wise Men Still Adore Him”, expressing poignant insights into the real meaning and impact of Christmas.
- B-25 “Poems by Yutha Hoglund”** **Christian Life**  
This is a collection of a number of Yutha’s poems. Some have general application to the Christian life, some are for specific seasons. Many could serve as discussion starters.
- B-26 “The Eleventh Maiden”**  
Written by Kathy Peterson, Chippewa Falls WI A pantomime whose story uses the Parable of the Ten Virgins as its background. The story is read by a narrator while the pantomime is carried out by the following characters: Christaline, 5 Wise Maidens, 5 Foolish Maidens, Bridegroom, Jenna, Wagon Driver, Marta, Storekeeper, Helen. Its end thought is Mark 8:34-36: “Whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel’s shall save it. For what does it profit to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?”
- B-27 “Body Parts”** **Body of Christ**  
Written by Linnea Farrell, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Davenport IA The eye, ear, right hand, feet, mouth, and left hand, after a little banter, come to the conclusion that each is important and necessary, and sing their thanks for being the body of Christ.
- B-28 “Poems by Cheryl Humphrey”** **Spiritual Growth**  
Cheryl is the secretary at Hope Lutheran Church, Hampton VA. A wide variety of meters and rhyme schemes and a surprising twist of thought spark interest and offer quick nuggets of praise to God and gems of thought for spiritual growth. Many are based on specific Scripture passages. Many could serve as discussion starters.
- B-29 “The Good Samaritan”** **Devotions: The Good Samaritan**  
Devotions based on the Bible parable. A leader reads the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) a few verses at a time. The audience responds with a prayer at each paus that applies the parable to modern life. It closes with the group singing the meaning of the parable to the tune of “Kum Ba Yah.”
- B-30 Resources on Prayer** **Prayer**  
4 short program items on prayer. “The Alphabet of Prayer” by Mrs. Melvin Prestrud; “The Lord’s Prayer for Missions”; “Talking with our Father” – a litany; “Like Leaven” by Elaine Rodning
- B-31 “Crosses in Your Walk of Life”** **Cross**  
Idea and designs for 9 different crosses which could be made and given out, one at each Lenten service, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter, with an explanation of the symbolism of their design.
- B-32 Friendship Tea Suggestions** **Friendship Tea**  
By Orrine Kirchhof, Yuba City CA Several audience-participation activities that could be used with a friendship tea program.

**B-33 Potpourri of short program ideas**

By Orrine Kirchhof, Yuba City CA

1. Christmas religious words set to the tune of “Jingle Bells”
2. “Only One Way to Heaven” – idea that can be developed into a discussion that emphasizes Jesus is the only way to Heaven
3. “We’re NOT Having a Sale Today” – idea for a tract, brochure, or outside church sign, emphasizing that Jesus is God’s free gift of salvation

**B-34 “How to Lead an Activity Night”**

**Activity Night**

A valuable outline and checklist for someone who will be in charge of an activity night for the congregation

**B-35 Potpourri of Program Helps**

**Program Helps**

Includes several Table Graces, litanies, scavenger hunts, etc. which can be helpful in program planning.

**B-36 Love Kit**

There is a good recipe for the use of eight items which could be included in a “baggie”, and used as an excellent banquet favor. Two interesting poems are included: “Love One Another” & “Recipe for Joy”.

**B-37 Skit: “What Happens When We Pray for our Families”**

**Prayer/Families**

Written by Stephanie Kleiner, Ascension Lutheran, Waterloo IA. 5 characters needed to portray the learning received from their study of the book by Evelyn Christenson. A ‘neat’ poem, Love is the Key is part of it.

**B-38 “Keeping Our Hearts on God”**

Written by Joy Staber who has written a series of articles on how we have evolved from a Christian nation to a nation away from God. Thought provoking!!

**B-39 Mixers to Help Get Acquainted**

**Mixers**

Several mixers such as: “Find Someone Who...”

**B-40 Seasonal Activities**

Ascension Lutheran, Waterloo IA Give ideas for four “Special Events” related to the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. Some of our women make it a point to attend these “specials” even though they are not present at the monthly Bible Studies, so extra effort is made to have a spiritual message at these.

**B-41 “Jesus Said” Scriptures**

12 different “Jesus said:” Scriptures are printed out individually, and copies may be made for their use.

**B-42 Potpourri of Sample Programs for Various Seasons**

Samples will give ideas of what other WOL groups have used.

**B-43 A Sample “Blessed Easter Card”**

**Easter**

The Jelly Bean prayer is included.

**B-44 A Sample “Birthday Card”**

**Birthday**

May be reproduced

**B-45 Mother Daughter Devotional**

**Mother-Daughter Event**

Ideas for Mother-Daughter events, including “Pass It On” Poem by Esther Johnson, Chippewa Falls WI

**B-46 Women’s Retreats**

**Retreats**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Norwalk CA Plans are given for Friday night, Saturday morning, afternoon, and night, and Sunday morning. Many good suggestions.

**B-47 “Who is Jesus?”**

Skit involves Father, Mother, two children and a neighbor, and helps to carry out the themes in WOL 1997 Bible Study, “Who Do You Say That I Am? Appropriate Scriptures are used throughout the skit.

- B-48 “When God’s Love Breaks Through, Higher Goes the Cross”** **Cross**  
Poem written by Youth Hogle and presented by her at the commemoration of the Tenth Anniversary of The AALC in June 1997.
- B-49 “The Wrong Solution for the Wrong Reasons”**  
Article written by Joy Staber regarding Goals 2000. We need to speak out at the wrongs we see in our beloved America.
- B-50 “History of the Women of LIFE as Part of The AALC**  
Written by Marilyn Brace and Orrine Kirchof for the tenth birthday of The AALC: 1987-1997.
- B-51 “The Lord’s Prayer Response”** **Prayer**  
Presented by the WOL group of Pilot Knob Lutheran Church, Forest City IA. Uses Leader & response.
- B-52 “The Lord’s Prayer Litany”** **Prayer**  
Presented by the WOL group of Pilot Knob Lutheran Church, Forest City IA. Uses Leader & response.
- B-53 Ascension’s Prayer Walk** **Prayer**  
Because our organization includes a big variety of ages, this program includes material used for both indoor & outdoor prayers. The meeting was closed with a unique candlelight service by all indoors. Copy of Handouts also attached.
- B-54 Lenten WOL Prayer Breakfast** **Lent**  
Program entitled, “And We Call This – Good Friday; Mardell Lindberg, speaker. Handouts given out on previous Sunday to every confirmed woman of Ascension.
- B-55 WOL Appreciation Program and Tea** **Women’s Tea**  
For those women 65 and older. Duplicate of A-44
- B-56 “Memories at Christmastime”** **Christmas**  
Several ideas for a Christmas program, including the story – “Two Babies” and other items.  
By Pilot Knob WOL, Forest City IA
- B-57 “Behold Your God”** **Christmas**  
A Christmas Program including carols, poems, devotionals, etc.
- B-58 “Celebration of Christ’s Birth”** **Christmas**  
This program includes the candles of the Advent Wreath, a Litany of Joyful Service, a schedule of Scripture Readings for Advent, etc.
- B-59 “The Twelve Days of Christmas”** **Christmas**  
Gives the meaning of this song and states reasons to celebrate the true 12 days of Christmas prior to Epiphany; also includes the related Bible verses. The first day of Christmas is December 25<sup>th</sup> and ends 12 days later on January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- B-60 Latin American Lutheran Kits** **SUFM Kits**  
Describes the contents of School Kits, Health Kits, and Layettes. Servant Unique Family Ministries has been responsible to get them to Mexico and deserves our thanks!
- B-61 “Knowing God”**  
Includes item by C.R. Swindoll entitled: The Importance of Knowing God. Also an alphabetic listing of words to describe God, and hymns about God.
- B-62 “You Were There”**  
(A Tribute to Dr. Duane R. Lindberg – written by Yutha Hogle, Associate Member of The AALC)

**C. RETREAT BIBLE STUDIES** (no leader's guide available)

**C-1 "Here Am I, Lord, Send Me"**

Written by Leah Spenn. Based on Isaiah 61:1-9. Raises six questions: What does it say? Who can say it? What does it involve? Who has said it? Who will say it? Will I?

**C-2 "God Speaks to Me"**

Written by Leah Spenn. Two parts: "In My Tensions, Worries, Fears" and "In My Joys, Successes, Prosperity"

**C-3 "Ministry"**

Written by Leah Spenn. Explores four questions: Who me? When? Where? How? And discusses ministry as: work (in/out of home), willing service, worship, walking Christ-like, witness.

**C-4 "The Hidden Life"**

Written by Leah Spenn. Based on Colossians 3. In three parts: The natural heart concealed in Christ, the sanctified heart revealed in Christ-like living; power for progress.

**C-5 "Planting Your Spiritual Garden"**

Written by Orrine Kirchhof, Yuba City CA. Sub-title: "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known" A Bible study starting with I John 2:3-4 but using many other passages of Scripture to discuss the theme under four headings: presence, promptness, purpose, privilege. The visuals may be duplicated and given out, or used as illustrative posters.

**C-6 "The Christian Woman Today"**

Written by Theresa Anderson, Duluth MN. Explores the subject under five questions: Who is she? What does she do? When does she do her mission? Where does she do her work? How does she accomplish her mission? Worksheet and leader's helps are combined. Leader would need to prepare a separate worksheet.

**C-7 "A Plan for Prayer"**

Written by Cathy Twito, Ascension, Waterloo IA. Includes letter: To My Dear Child from Your Heavenly Father. Prayer can follow the acronym ACTS: A-Adoration; C-Confession; T-Thanksgiving; and S-Supplication. Helpful Bible references are given, as well as song sheet, program, and table favor. This was used at a Prayer Breakfast during the Lenten Season.

**D. ANNUAL BIBLE STUDIES** (with Study/Leader Guides)

*Prepared by:*

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| D-1 | 1990 | "Growing Through the Beatitudes" (no study guide)   | <i>Rev. Raymond Klug</i>  |
| D-2 | 1991 | "Building Together in Love" (3) Four-month Studies:<br>I "Christ and His Seven Churches"<br>II "Living To Please God"<br>III "God Bless Our Stress" | <i>Rev. Charles Eidum, Editor<br/>Mrs. Helen Thompson<br/>Mrs. Leah Spenn</i> |
| D-3 | 1992 | "Rad Christians" <i>Ready, Able, Dressed</i><br><i>Marilyn Brace, Orrine Kirchhof, Helen Thompson, Judy Keeney, Sibyl Barnes, Leah Spenn</i>        | <i>Women of L.I.F.E. Officers:</i>  |
| D-4 | 1993 | "A Psalm For Every Situation"   | <i>1992 Women of LIFE Officers</i>  |
| D-5 | 1994 | "Peter and His Epistles, The True Grace of God" - Part I  | <i>Rev. Donald Thorson</i>  |
| D-6 | 1995 | "Peter and His Epistles, The True Grace of God" - Part II   | <i>Rev. Donald Thorson</i>  |
| D-7 | 1996 | "Songspiration"   | <i>Mrs. Leah Spenn</i>  |

D-8	1997	“Who Do You Say That I Am?”	<i>Mrs. Marilyn Brace</i>
D-9	1998	“God’s Encouraging Word”	<i>Mrs. Mardell Lindberg</i>
D-10	1999	“From Generation to Generation, I Am Your God”	<i>Mrs. Orrine Kirchhof</i>
D-11	2000	“The Revelation of Jesus Christ”	<i>Mrs. Sandra Hall</i>
D-12	2001	“The Bread of Life”	<i>Mrs. Diane Peterson</i>
D-13	2002	“Discovering Our Riches in God”	<i>Mrs. Lillian Michelsen</i>
D-14	2003	“The Blessed Beatitudes”	<i>WOL Commission Members</i>
D-15	2004	“Names of God, Unique and Unequaled”	<i>Mrs. Marilyn Brace &amp; Mrs. Edna Eidum</i>
D-16	2005	“But God Also Said...”	<i>WOL Advisor, Rev. Dick Hueter</i>
D-17	2006	“Snapshots from the Book of Hebrews: The Exalted Lord”	<i>Rev. Norman Beighley</i>
D-18	2007	“The Fruit of the Spirit”	<i>Marilyn Brace</i>
D-19	2008	“Philippians”	<i>Mrs. Cathy Twito</i>
D-20	2009	“Finding Jesus in Revelation”	<i>Janice Thue</i>
D-21	2010	“How Did I Get Here?”	<i>WOL Advisor, Rev. Dick Hueter</i>
D-22	2011	“Extreme Makeover: God Edition”	<i>Laurie Dapelo</i>
D-23	2012	“No More Excuses”	<i>Kathy Awtrey, Deaconess</i>
D-24	2013	“His Marvelous Mercy”	<i>Susan Scott, Deaconess</i>
D-25	2014	“The Righteous Shall Live By Faith”	<i>Brigitte Gassman, Deaconess</i>
D-26	2015	“JONAH – A Story of God’s Amazing Grace”	<i>Cathy Twito</i>
D-27	2016-17	Fragrance of Life (based on II Corinthians 2:14-17)	<i>Rev. Gary Rokenbrodt</i>
D-28	2018	In His Image	<i>Laurie Dapelo O’Brien</i>
D-29	2019-20	This is Most Certainly True	<i>Rev. Joe Dapelo</i>
D-30	2021	Beloved Apprentice: Becoming a House of Prayer	<i>Susan DeSha</i>

***See Current Order Form and the Potpourri of Studies Order Form  
for prices and availability of Bible Study Books and/or Leader Guides.  
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## **E. ORGANIZATIONAL HELPS**

### **E-1 Service of Installation for Women of L.I.F.E.**

### **E-2 “Resources for Remodeling”**

### **E-3 Handbooks**

President/Chairman  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
National Women of L.I.F.E.  
Nominating Committees  
Parliamentary Procedure

### **E-4 Prayer Chain Project**

Suggestions for those interested in starting a prayer chain

### **E-5 Women of L.I.F.E. Purpose Statement**

### **E-6 “Cross Beams” & “Manger Gleams”**

Devotional books to be used during Lent and Advent. Written in 1993 by various WOL members.

## **F. BIBLE TEACHING GAMES**

### **F-1 “I Believe” \***

A series of 13 games to make the Apostle’s Creed more meaningful and dynamic for grade school children. Titles of the games are: Walk of Faith, Creation Hunt, Nativity, Good Friday, Jesus, The Empty Tomb, Ascension, The Balance, The Holy Shower, The Vine and the Branches, The Banquet Table, The Airmail Package, and The Narrow Gate. Specific instructions are given and diagrams included as needed.

### **F-2 “The Parable Game” \***

Purpose of the game is to teach with visual aids Jesus’ real meaning in the parables He told. Four rooms or areas are needed: banquet room, game room, demonstrations, and the parable theater. Each player receives a parable book with action instructions, a pencil, necklace, and 3 pieces of candy. Volunteers are necessary to help players as needed, and in some character roles.

### **F-3 “Minister Golf” \***

Intended to help players learn Bible stories, the way of salvation, and Christian virtues. A take-off on miniature golf.

\* Note: The Games: I Believe, The Parable Game, and Minister Golf are inspired creations of Kathy Peterson, Chippewa Falls, WI. The games are clearly and painstakingly illustrated. They involve considerable time and effort from adults to prepare and present, but are a fun way to reinforce previous learning and are well worth the effort.