Lutheran schools and early childhood services are communities which acknowledge God as creator and join in the ongoing creation and care of the world and all people.

**Six Lutheran ideas that would transform education**

Creation and the stewardship of creation

The universe in all its amazing detail is God’s self – expressive creation, and we are part of it. As Luther put it, ‘How dare we know what can be known?’ Humans do not own the world; it belongs to God. But humans are uniquely called to be appreciators and stewards of it. Wonder, awe, thanksgiving, and stewardship should shape the way we learn about the world. Think how different that is from a learning that aims at possession, consumption, and control – which seem to be the main values of science and technology in the modern age. Christenson, T p 96

- Where do we have opportunities to develop understandings about humans as appreciators and stewards of the universe?

**God created and creates**

Chapter 3 A God who speaks and acts, Bartsch, M p 51-65

Read sections of this chapter (subheadings may provide adequate sized sections for staff devotions and discussion) to explore biblical, Christian and Lutheran perspectives on God as creator.

Discussion questions:

- What information connected to my experience or understandings?
- What new information was presented?

**God creation and climate change spiritual and ethical perspectives**

Lutheran world federation studies p11

https://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/DTS-Studies-God_creation-2009_0.pdf

Use the discussion questions on p11 to explore understandings about God, creation and conservation.

**Goodness grows – Our planet, our people, our purpose**

ALWS provides a range of resources to explore the impact of climate change on the developing world.

Videos to stimulate discussion

A Good Day” With Brother David Steindl-Rast
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Zl9puhwiyw

Six mysteries six challenges

Songs for worship/devotion

Creation calls – are you listening Music by Brian Doerksen
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CBNE25rtnE

Indescribable Chris Tomlin
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-zJHqaoVa4

God of wonders Third day
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CBNE25rtnE