

**Year A Winter**  
**You are part of a beloved community of faith.**  
*Live among God's faithful people*

December	January	February
<b>Learning Together</b> Early Church History	<b>Learning Together</b> Apostles' Creed I	<b>Learning Together</b> Apostles' Creed II
<b>Reflect</b> Pick a piece of religious art from the list on the next page and do some research on it. Who created it and why? Where is it located now? What are some of the religious or faith themes or symbols within the piece and what do they mean? What does this piece say about what the artist believed and wanted to share? What are your reactions and feelings related to this piece? Write a 1 page report.	<b>Interview</b> Interview at least two family members who attend church regularly. Ask them things like: What do they believe and why? What is their faith background & story? How did they end up being part of the church where they belong & why? If they are Lutheran, why are they Lutheran? If they're not Lutheran, how does their church connect with their beliefs? Write down their answers and summarize their responses.	<b>Read</b> Read a morning or nightly devotion from a book for an entire month. You can choose one on your own, or ask your pastor for suggestions.  Some online options or apps are: <a href="http://www.d365.org">www.d365.org</a> App - Abide App - Centering Prayer App- Our Bible  Write 1-2 paragraphs of a reflection on how it went.
<b>Catechism</b> There are 3 sections in Luther's Small Catechism about the Apostles Creed. Read all 3 sections and write a 1 paragraph summary and reflection for each part of the Apostles Creed. (3 parts)	<b>Attend</b> Attend a non-Lutheran church or a non-Christian worship setting. Afterwards, either write a paragraph or record a 2 minute video sharing at least 3 things that you learned and compare it to your congregation.	<b>Write</b> Write a website article for your congregation about what people can expect when they come to worship? What beliefs will be evident in how your congregation worships, interacts, and speaks?
<b>Memorize</b> Memorize the Apostles Creed. Recite for your parent or an adult in your life.	<b>Write</b> Write your own creed. It can mirror the Trinitarian form of the ones we study or use a different form and your own creativity!  <b>Research</b> Research religious iconography and write a 1 page report about it. What is it and why is it important? What are some common symbols in iconography? What are some famous icons? Maybe pick one and explain it. What are your thoughts and feelings related to religious icons?	<b>Walk</b> Go for a walk around your block and take 3-4 photos of things you see that remind you of words or concepts in the Apostles' Creed. Write a caption for each photo.

## Famous Works of Christian Art

David by Michelangelo

Basilica de la Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, Spain

Book of Kells in Ireland

Pieta by Michelangelo Black Christ by Warner Traynham The Wales Window for Alabama by John Potts Apocalypse Tapestry by Bondol & Bataille

Well of Moses by Claus Sluter

Christ the Redeemer in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

Holy Trinity icon by Andrei Rublev

The Annunciation by Fra Angelico

The Procession of the Magi by Benozzo Gozzoli

St. Wolfgang Altarpiece by Michael Pacher

The Last Supper by Leonardo Da Vinci

The Sistine Chapel ceiling by Michelangelo

Disputation of the Holy Sacrament by Raphael

Christ Crucified by Diego Velazquez

The Head of Christ by Warner Sallman

Ecce Homo by Antonio Ciseri

The Incredulity of St. Thomas by Caravaggio

The Crucifixion by Matthias Grunewald

Altarpiece in the City Church of Wittenberg by Lucas Cranach, the Elder

The Prodigal Son by Rembrandt