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For Participants in LEA's Retired Ministries Network

It's common knowledge that talking to teens isn't easy. They tend to push back, shut down, or give a one-word answer to every question. But parents often expect that when their kids become adults, all that will change. Unfortunately, that's not always the case. Learn [How to Communicate Better with Your Grown Child](#). (Newport Institute)

Holiday Ideas for October 2026

October 11th—Clergy Appreciation Day: October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and October 11th is specifically Pastor Appreciation Day. Need some simple ideas to show the pastor(s) of your congregation what their work means to you? Check out [Five Ways to Celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month](#). (Missouri District—The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



October 31st—Reformation: As former educators, you know about the Reformation. However, it's always good to review information, and the LCMS Synodical offices have great resources. Using pieces from "Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation", the Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, president of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, teaches interesting and important facts about the Reformation through videos. The resources provide an excellent opportunity to recall and learn the importance of Luther's teachings on the truth of God's love for people by grace alone, by faith alone, by Scripture alone, through Christ alone. Find the videos at [Treasure of the Reformation](#). (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

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