

Resource Update

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Highlighting Resources for Worship Planners...

Lent 2003: The Pursuit of Love

Worship Service outlines from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday.

They include:

- Call to Worship
- Drama
- Children's Time
- Prayers
- Sermon Notes

These outlines feature a series of short, humorous monologues providing a lighthearted interpretation around the theme. To order call the Resource Centre. Cost \$3.25 plus GST and handling.



God's Love is Always Following You

(2003 At-Home Lent Resource) by Elsie Rempel. A sample copy of this Lent resource will arrive in the next *Equipping*. Further copies are \$1.75 each plus GST and handling. (see over for details)

Recommendations for your Worship Resource Shelf:

Hymnal Subscription Service.

Provides the congregation with choral arrangements, hymn accompaniments, dramas, worship resources, new tunes, new texts and visual suggestions to be used with *Hymnal: A Worship Book*. Packets arrive twice a year, summer and winter, with more than 30 pages of material. Order from Faith and Life Resources at 1-800-743-2484. To preview packets call the Resource Centre.

Songs and Prayers from Taize.

This booklet introduces us to the form and songs used in Taize worship. Published by GIA Publications. To preview call the Resource Centre.

New This Year

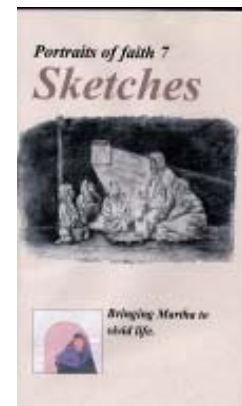
Easter To Pentecost 2003

This series of worship outlines will feature the theme "See What Love Can Do and Dare." The theme includes an Easter worship service suggestion and includes a dramatic appearance of a Risen Christ figure each Sunday. Published in the February 2003 *Builder*. To order call the Resource Centre. Cost. \$3.25 plus GST and handling.

Sketches Video

This is a one-act, one-woman play that tells the story of Jesus' friendship with Mary and Martha. The producers describe it this way: "This video is a fictional account of Martha's journey- imagining that she wasn't always in the kitchen.

We assume that she also learned to sit at the Teacher's feet in order to internalize his profound understanding. The growth of her relationship and realization that Jesus is the Son of God is chronicled in *Sketches*." This video can be used in a variety of contexts: Bible study group, women's meeting, and church drama group. Cost: \$31.00 plus GST and handling.



To receive any of the above resources:

Call 1-800-665-1954

(direct toll-free line to the Resource Centre)

Email: resources@mennonitechurch.ca

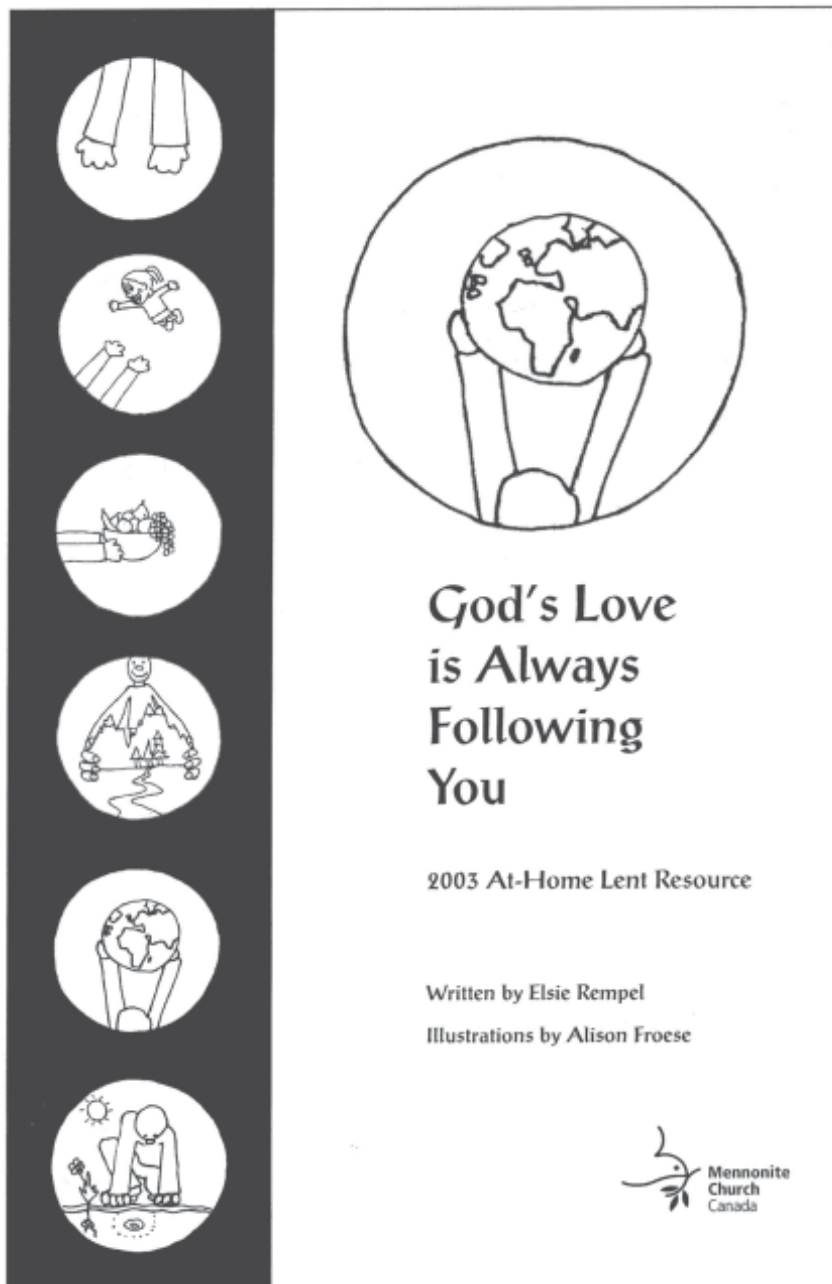
Phone: 204-888-6781 Fax: 204-831-5675

If you are in the area, please drop in at
600 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg

We're here for you!

Kathy Giesbrecht / Connie Loepky

Coming in the next *Equipping...*



This At-Home Lent Resource is written by Elsie Rempel, MC Canada Director of Christian Education and Nurture, and illustrated by Alison Froese.

This year, our Lent materials remind us of the way God continues to pursue us with outstretched arms. We are encouraged to persist in stretching out our arms to God and to others whom God would have us love.

*This resource for the home is adapted from the congregational resource for Lent, which is available in the Mennonite Church resource: **Builder** – an educational magazine for church leaders.*

*Use the resource whenever and however it fits into your home's routines and life stage realities, and help healthy connections grow between the home and the congregation.–
Elsie Rempel*

Cost: \$1.75 + GST and handling

Encourage families in your congregation to use this Resource as a teaching tool and a worship guide.

Make a holy space in your home and your hearts for God during this season of Lent!

Remember to pass this resource on to someone else!