

March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Please consider using the following announcements in your bulletin during the weekends in March. If you would like formatted, ready to use copies with artwork, contact Mosaic at 877.366.7242, x1204.

March 2

In the letter to the Ephesians today we hear that all things in us are to be brought into the light of Christ. Sometimes deep within us we still harbor feelings that set others apart as different from us. March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Many people with developmental disabilities feel the hurt of exclusion and rejection. What is in your heart toward people with disabilities? Learn how you can embrace people with disabilities and help them to live full lives. Mosaic is an affiliated social ministry organization of the ELCA. Visit www.mosaicinfo.org to learn more.

March 9

In today's reading from Ezekiel, we hear that wonderful passage of dry bones coming to life through the breath of God. Many times in our life, we have similar life-giving power through our actions toward others. Maybe it is not as dramatic as giving life to dry bones, but our actions can bring new life to someone who feels excluded and lonely. Many people with developmental disabilities feel as though they are invisible because they often are avoided by others. Your welcoming friendship to a person with a disability will bring them new life. Consider it. March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Learn about the abilities and lives of people with developmental disabilities through Mosaic, a social ministry organization of the Church. Visit www.mosaicinfo.org or call 877.366.7242 x1204 for more information.

March 16

Today's letter to the Philippians talks of the humility of Jesus. He served others. We are called to do the same. Mosaic, an affiliated social ministry organization of the ELCA, helps people with developmental disabilities experience the transformation God offers. You can be a part of that mission by becoming a volunteer assisting people with disabilities. All it takes is a desire to help others. Call Mosaic at 877.366.7242 x1204 or visit Mosaic on the Web at www.mosaicinfo.org to find an opportunity to volunteer.

March 23

On this day when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, we hear in the reading from Colossians to set our sights on higher things, things beyond our human understanding. It is a good reminder to each of us to look beyond what we see on the surface when we look at one another. During March, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, we are asked to consider how we view people with disabilities. Do we look beyond the surface and see a child of God? Or do we let our prejudices and bigotries against those who are different stop us from seeing a person with talent and abilities, and the desire to be loved. Learn how you can make a difference for people with disabilities. Visit www.mosaicinfo.org.

March 30

In today's gospel, Jesus' disciples are afraid and are behind locked doors. He brings them peace and empowers them. Many people today are afraid and hide themselves. People with developmental disabilities often have been hurt and rejected by bigotry and prejudice. You can be Jesus to them and help them and help them find peace and empowerment for their lives. Be a friend. Be an advocate. Be Christ to someone who needs you. Mosaic is an affiliated ministry of the ELCA serving people with developmental disabilities. Learn how you can help by calling 877.366.7242 or visiting www.mosaicinfo.org.