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creating a tapestry of Lutheran schooling
ELECTIVE 2.09
Cherishing Baptism

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“relevant mission strategies which anticipate God’s choice to work in and through the waters of baptism”
SCENARIOS

THE NON CHRISTIAN FAMILY
THE BAPTIST GROUP
OUR NEW PASTOR

What were the key issues?
What were the key ‘baptism’ issues?
It is of the greatest importance that we regard baptism as excellent, glorious, and exalted.
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1. Baptism and the Gospel

In Christ ... for the forgiveness of sin
Thus a Christian life is nothing else than a daily Baptism, once begun and ever continued.
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2. Baptism and spirituality

Look to baptism: back/ahead
we should diligently see to it that we ceaselessly, joyfully, and from the heart thank, praise, and honour God for baptism
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3. Baptism: a necessity!

outward ... then inward
we must boldly and without fear hold fast to our baptism
MAKING A GOOD CONFESSION: “We cherish baptism”

Looking at a School prospectus

Looking at an enrolment form
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1. Christian Staff who cherish their own baptism
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2. New Staff orientation: “we cherish baptism”
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3. Devotion and worship
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4. Christian Studies
In baptism, therefore, every Christian has enough to study and practice all his or her life.

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5. Catechesis and the School
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6. Repentance
Repentance, therefore, is nothing else than a return and approach to baptism, to resume and practice what has earlier been begun but abandoned.
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7. Family Education
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8. Using enrolment data
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9. Celebration
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10. The interview
The alternative to cherishing baptism
Neglecting Baptism

Values and morals
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The pursuit of re-baptism
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Christ becomes Moses
A word from our sponsor:
“It is essential that children learn the beginning of a Christian and blessed life ...”
“Y’know Mom – you just can’t baptize a cat.”
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