About My Congregation

Preface

Church Stuff

- How to Get to Know Your Pastor
- How to Survive for One Hour in an Un-Air-Conditioned Church
- How to Respond When Someone Sits in Your Pew
- How to Use a Worship Bulletin
- How to Sing a Hymn
- How to Sing a Praise Song
- How to Listen to a Sermon
- How to Respond to a Disruption during Worship
- The Anatomy of a Baptism
- How to Receive Communion
- How to Pass the Plate
- How to Share the Peace in Church
- How to Stay Alert in Church
- What to Bring to a Church Potluck (by Region)
- Five Important Things the Lutheran Reformers Wrote (or Translated) and Why They’re Still Important Today
- Seven Important Things Luther Said (and One Funny One) and What They Meant
- Five Things You Should Know about the Lutheran Reformation
- Five Facts about Life in Medieval Times
- History’s Six Most Notorious Heretics
- How to Avoid Getting Burned at the Stake

Charts and Diagrams

- World Religions
- Comparative Religions
- Family Tree of Christianity
- U.S. Christian Denominations
- Comparative Denominations: Liturgical Churches
- Comparative Denominations: Non-Liturgical Churches
- The Seasons of the Church Year and What They Mean
- The Seasons of the Church Year (diagram)
- Martin Luther (portrait)
- Luther’s Germany (map)
- Luther’s Seal

Everyday Stuff
• How to Tell the Difference Between the Law and the Gospel
• How to Share Your Faith with Someone
• How to Pray
• How to Work for Peace and Justice on Behalf of People Who Are Poor and Oppressed
• How to Identify a Genuine Miracle
• Three Essential Personal Spiritual Rituals
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• How to Confess Your Sins and Receive Forgiveness
• How to Make the Sign of the Cross (diagram)
• How to Defend Your Faith against Attack
• How to Resist Temptation
• How to Care for the Sick
• How to Identify and Avoid Evil
• How to Avoid Gossip
• How to Bless Someone
• How to Resolve Interpersonal Conflict
• How to Console Someone
• How to Cope with Loss and Grief
• The Top 10 Attributes to Look for in a Spouse
• How to Banish the Devil from Your Presence
• How to Be Saved (by Grace through Faith and Not by Your Good Works)
• How to Reform the Church When It Strays from the Gospel
• How to Tell a Sinner from a Saint (diagram)
• How to Encounter the Holy Trinity as One God in Three Persons
• How to Become a Theologian of the Cross (and Avoid Being a Theologian of Glory)

**Bible Stuff**

• Common Translations of the Bible
• 60 Essential Bible Stories
• How to Read the Bible
• How to Memorize a Bible Verse
• The Top 10 Bible Villains
• The Top 10 Bible Heroes
• The Three Most Rebellious Things Jesus Did
• The Seven Funniest Bible Stories
• The Five Grossest Bible Stories
• Five Facts about Life in Old Testament Times
• Ten Important Things that Happened between the Old and New Testaments
• Five Facts about Life in New Testament Times
• The Five Biggest Misconceptions about the Bible
• Jesus’ Twelve Apostles (Plus Judas and Paul)
• The Five Weirdest Laws in the Old Testament
• The Top 10 Bible Miracles and What They Mean

Maps and Diagrams
• The Exodus
• The Holy Land-Old Testament Times
• The Holy Land-New Testament Times
• Paul’s Journeys
• Jerusalem in Jesus’ Time
• Noah’s Ark
• The Ark of the Covenant
• Solomon’s Temple
• The Armor of God
• The Passion and Crucifixion

Luther’s Small Catechism
• The Ten Commandments
• The Apostles’ Creed
• The Lord’s Prayer
• The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
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Notes & Stuff