

This Book Belongs To  
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
- How to Forgive Someone
- 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
- Confession
- The Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Morning and Evening Prayer
- Blessings at Meals

### **Notes & Stuff**