

Is The Lutheran Church Lutheran?

In the interest of discussing what makes a Lutheran church Lutheran, I would like to put forth the following questions.

Please send your responses to mdo @ markox DOT net

Each response will remain anonymous.

I am looking for honest, thoughtful answers, thus libelous, uncivil or profane answers will not be read. I am not looking for opinions; I am looking for distinctly "Lutheran" answers.

Many thanks for your contributions.

- ✓ What is it that makes a Lutheran church Lutheran?
- ✓ What role does Christ have within the Lutheran church?
- ✓ What role does the Scripture have within the Lutheran church?
- ✓ Are the Scriptures a matter of anyone's interpretation?
- ✓ What are the Lutheran Confessions?
- ✓ What is the role of the Lutheran Confessions?
- ✓ Who is Dr. Martin Luther?
- ✓ What is the role of Dr. Martin Luther?
- ✓ Are there any Lutherans left in the world, who have the same depth of convictions as Dr. Martin Luther?
- ✓ Is Lutheranism a belief system or a culture?
- ✓ What is the absolute, perfect, ideal Lutheran church?
- ✓ It's been said there is no such thing as a "perfect" church. Should Lutherans give up striving to have a "perfect" church?
- ✓ What is the lowest common denominator to still be considered a Lutheran church?
- ✓ Is it ethical, moral, good, right or proper to ever aim for the lowest common denominator?
- ✓ Should Lutherans be distinct from other churches or denominations?
- ✓ Should Lutherans be distinct from the world?
- ✓ What is a Lutheran Pastor?
- ✓ What does it mean to be ordained?
- ✓ Is ordination important?
- ✓ What does it mean to be called?
- ✓ Is the call important?
- ✓ Is a Pastor an employee or a called and ordained servant of the Word?
- ✓ What is the role of the Pastor?
- ✓ To what extent should a Pastor be respected?
- ✓ Should a Pastor ever be called by their first name?
- ✓ Should a Pastor ever be called "Father"?
- ✓ How old should a Pastor be?
- ✓ What kind of training should a Pastor have?
- ✓ How long should a Pastor's training be?

- ✓ Should a woman be a Lutheran Pastor?
- ✓ Should a homosexual be a Pastor?
- ✓ Should an adulterer be a Pastor?
- ✓ Should a child molester be a Pastor?
- ✓ Should a Pastor ever be obese?
- ✓ Should a Pastor be a sinner?
- ✓ Should a Pastor get paid?
- ✓ If so, what should determine how much the Pastor is paid?
- ✓ Should the Pastor ever receive hand outs or gifts from church members?
- ✓ Should a Pastor ever receive honorariums?
- ✓ Should a Pastor pay taxes?
- ✓ Should a Pastor contribute toward retirement?
- ✓ Should a Pastor tithe?
- ✓ Can a Pastor be married?
- ✓ If so, how old should the Pastor's wife be?
- ✓ If so, should the Pastor's wife ever be obese?
- ✓ If so, how much should the Pastor's wife be involved within the church?
- ✓ If so, what type of personality should the Pastor's wife have?
- ✓ If so, should the Pastor's wife have long hair?
- ✓ If so, is it allowable for the Pastor's wife to wear make-up?
- ✓ If so, is it allowable for the Pastor's wife to wear jewelry?
- ✓ If so, is it allowable for the Pastor's wife to work out of the home?
- ✓ If so, should she be limited to only certain types of employment?
- ✓ Can a Pastor have children?
- ✓ If so, should the Pastor's wife be a stay at home mom?
- ✓ If so, how many children should a Pastor have?
- ✓ If so, how sinless do the Pastor's children have to be?
- ✓ Should the Pastor have a secular job?
- ✓ Should the Pastor have hobbies?
- ✓ Should the Pastor have other outside interests?
- ✓ Which should be most important to the Pastor – God, family or church?
- ✓ What type of clothes should the Pastor wear on a daily basis?
- ✓ Should the Pastor visit all of the members?
- ✓ If so, how often should the Pastor visit all the members?
- ✓ Should the Pastor visit shut-ins?
- ✓ Should the Pastor visit members in the hospital?
- ✓ Should the Pastor visit members in prison?
- ✓ How much time should a Pastor spend counseling others?
- ✓ Should a Pastor remain in the ministry if he needs personal counseling?
- ✓ Should a Pastor remain in the ministry if he needs psychotropic medicine?
- ✓ Should a Pastor remain in the ministry if his family members need counseling?
- ✓ Should a Pastor remain in the ministry if he has a major illness?
- ✓ Should a Pastor ever retire?
- ✓ If so, at what age should a Pastor retire?
- ✓ How much time should a Pastor spend in private devotion and/or meditation?
- ✓ How much time should a Pastor spend in private Bible study?

- ✓ Should a Pastor be fluent in both Greek and Hebrew?
- ✓ Should a Pastor's sermons be memorized?
- ✓ Should the Pastor hold Bible studies?
- ✓ If so, how in-depth should they be?
- ✓ Should the Pastor ever hold pre-made Bible studies or only ones he wrote himself?
- ✓ Should the Pastor spend more time studying or more time socializing?
- ✓ What kind of vehicle should a Pastor drive?
- ✓ What type of home should a Pastor live in?
- ✓ If the Pastor's home is a parsonage, what type of home should it be?
- ✓ If the Pastor's home is a parsonage, should it be well maintained?
- ✓ If the Pastor's home is a parsonage, should the Pastor pay the utilities?
- ✓ If the Pastor's home is a parsonage, should the Pastor do the repairs?
- ✓ If the Pastor's home is a parsonage, should the Pastor do the yard work?
- ✓ How long should the Pastor's hair be?
- ✓ Is it all right for a Pastor to have a beard?
- ✓ Should the Pastor smoke?
- ✓ Should the Pastor drink?
- ✓ Should the Pastor be friends with congregational members?
- ✓ How should one become a member of the Lutheran church?
- ✓ What is the role of the church members?
- ✓ What is repentance?
- ✓ What is the role of repentance in a Christian's life?
- ✓ What does it mean to be perfect, holy and righteous?
- ✓ What is piety?
- ✓ How pious should church members be?
- ✓ Should church members read their Bible everyday?
- ✓ Should church members have daily Bible studies?
- ✓ What is the difference between "reading" the Bible and having a Bible "study"?
- ✓ How should the members of the congregation treat their Pastor?
- ✓ How often should members attend worship services?
- ✓ How often should members receive communion?
- ✓ Should church members have "man-made" daily devotions?
- ✓ Should Lutherans pray with non-Lutherans?
- ✓ Should Lutherans pray for non-Lutherans?
- ✓ How should Lutherans show their love for others?
- ✓ What does it mean "to keep oneself unspotted from the world"?
- ✓ Should Lutherans use foul or vulgar language?
- ✓ Should Lutherans ever curse or swear?
- ✓ Should Lutherans ever tell off color or dirty jokes?
- ✓ Should women work outside the home?
- ✓ Should Lutherans attend public schools?
- ✓ Should Lutherans attend public colleges?
- ✓ Should Lutherans drink?
- ✓ Should Lutherans smoke?
- ✓ Should Lutherans have insurance?
- ✓ Should Lutherans own stocks or bonds?

- ✓ Should Lutherans own televisions?
- ✓ Should Lutherans own radios?
- ✓ Should Lutherans go to movies?
- ✓ Should Lutherans listen to secular music?
- ✓ What type of music should Lutherans listen to?
- ✓ Should Lutherans read secular books?
- ✓ What type of books should Lutherans read?
- ✓ Should Lutherans dance?
- ✓ Should Lutherans celebrate secular holidays?
- ✓ Should Lutherans go trick-or-treating?
- ✓ Should Lutherans believe in Santa Claus or the Easter bunny?
- ✓ Should Lutherans gamble?
- ✓ Should Lutherans play cards?
- ✓ Should Lutherans own computers?
- ✓ Should Lutherans surf the internet?
- ✓ Should Lutherans view pornography?
- ✓ Should Lutherans read romance novels?
- ✓ Should Lutherans be sports fans?
- ✓ Should Lutherans be involved in politics?
- ✓ Should Lutherans join the military?
- ✓ Should men always have short hair?
- ✓ Should women always have long hair?
- ✓ Should Lutherans ever get tattoos?
- ✓ Should Lutherans ever get any kind of body piercing?
- ✓ Should Lutherans ever wear make-up?
- ✓ Should Lutherans ever wear jewelry?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran put bumper stickers on their vehicles?
- ✓ What type of vehicle should a Lutheran drive?
- ✓ What type of home should a Lutheran own?
- ✓ What type of job should a Lutheran have?
- ✓ What type of clothes should Lutherans wear daily?
- ✓ What type of clothes should Lutherans wear to worship?
- ✓ What is church discipline?
- ✓ Why is it done?
- ✓ Should the Lutheran church practice church discipline?
- ✓ What is excommunication?
- ✓ Why is it done?
- ✓ Should the Lutheran church practice excommunication?
- ✓ What is the Third Commandment?
- ✓ Should the church discipline members for breaking the Third Commandment?
- ✓ Should the church discipline members for abusing the Pastor verbally or physically?
- ✓ Should the church discipline members for gossip?
- ✓ Should the church discipline members for committing adultery?
- ✓ Should the church discipline members for drunkenness?
- ✓ Should the church discipline members for anything else?
- ✓ Should anyone remain a church member who is living in any kind of unrepentant sin?

- ✓ Should church members ever hold secret meetings?
- ✓ Should church members visit the shut-ins?
- ✓ Should church members visit members in the hospital?
- ✓ Should church members visit widows?
- ✓ Should church members help orphans?
- ✓ What is an Elder?
- ✓ What type of training should an Elder have?
- ✓ What is the role of an Elder?
- ✓ Is the role of the Elder mostly spiritual or mostly secular?
- ✓ Who should be an Elder?
- ✓ Does the Lutheran church need Elders?
- ✓ What is a church council?
- ✓ Does the Lutheran church need a church council?
- ✓ What type of people should be on the church council?
- ✓ What type of training should a church councilman have?
- ✓ What is the role of the church council?
- ✓ Should any manifest sinner be a Pastor, an Elder or on the church council?
- ✓ What is Lutheran worship?
- ✓ How long should worship be?
- ✓ What day(s) should worship services be held?
- ✓ What day(s) should Bible studies be held?
- ✓ What distinctive Lutheran elements should be included in every worship service?
- ✓ Should women cover their heads while worshipping?
- ✓ Should little children be included in the worship services?
- ✓ Does the Lutheran church require a building in order to worship?
- ✓ What is the role of the building?
- ✓ What should the building be made from?
- ✓ How big should the building be?
- ✓ Should there be a cry room?
- ✓ Should there be a kitchen?
- ✓ Should there be classrooms?
- ✓ Should there be a fellowship hall?
- ✓ Should there be a library?
- ✓ If so, how many books should there be?
- ✓ If so, what type of books should be in the library and who should determine it?
- ✓ What type of lighting should the building have?
- ✓ What type of heat should the building have?
- ✓ Should the church grounds be landscaped?
- ✓ Should the church have a cemetery?
- ✓ If so, should non-members be buried there?
- ✓ If so, who should maintain the cemetery?
- ✓ What is an expository sermon?
- ✓ Should your Pastor preach expository sermons?
- ✓ What is a homily?
- ✓ Should your Pastor make use of homilies?
- ✓ What is a topical sermon?

- ✓ Is it ever proper for a Lutheran Pastor to preach a topical sermon?
- ✓ What is the liturgy?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever have a “high church” service?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever have a “contemporary” service?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever have a “seeker” service?
- ✓ What does it mean to be “conservative”?
- ✓ What does it mean to be “liberal”?
- ✓ What does it mean to be “orthodox”?
- ✓ Should there ever be anything but Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs during a Lutheran worship service?
- ✓ Should Lutheran churches use musical instruments during worship services?
- ✓ If so, which kind?
- ✓ If so, is a piano good enough for worship services?
- ✓ If so, who should play the musical instruments?
- ✓ Should there ever be a choir?
- ✓ If so, who should be in the choir?
- ✓ Should there ever be a soloist?
- ✓ If so, who should be the soloist?
- ✓ Is there a truly Lutheran hymnal?
- ✓ What makes a hymnal Lutheran?
- ✓ Which hymnal does your congregation use?
- ✓ Is there a truly Lutheran Bible?
- ✓ Which version of the Bible does your congregation use?
- ✓ Which version of the Bible should your congregation use?
- ✓ What is the church year calendar?
- ✓ Should the Lutheran church follow a church year calendar?
- ✓ Should your Pastor wear a gown?
- ✓ Does it matter what color or design the Pastoral gown is?
- ✓ What is an altar?
- ✓ What is the role of an altar?
- ✓ What is a pulpit?
- ✓ What is the role of a pulpit?
- ✓ Should a Pastor ever preach outside of the pulpit?
- ✓ What is a lectern?
- ✓ What is the role of a lectern?
- ✓ Should anyone besides the Pastor be allowed to preach, teach or administer the Sacraments?
- ✓ Should worship prayers always be pre-prepared?
- ✓ Should worship prayers always be extemporaneous?
- ✓ Who should be prayed for during a worship service?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever have a clown ministry?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever have a puppet ministry?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever have children sermons?
- ✓ Should parents ever bring crayons or other distractions for children during the worship service?
- ✓ Should a collection be taken?

- ✓ If so, who should take up the collection?
- ✓ Who should count the money?
- ✓ Who should take care of the money?
- ✓ Should the church be a non-profit 501(C)3?
- ✓ Should the church pay taxes?
- ✓ How much money should church members give?
- ✓ Should pews be padded or unpadded?
- ✓ Should Lutherans use bulletins?
- ✓ Should the Lutheran church use candles?
- ✓ What is the role of candles in the Lutheran church?
- ✓ Should the church be decorated differently for various holidays?
- ✓ Should art be displayed in a Lutheran church?
- ✓ What is the role of art in Lutheran worship?
- ✓ Does it matter what type of art is used within a Lutheran church?
- ✓ What type of architecture should be use for a Lutheran worship structure?
- ✓ What is the role of architecture in Lutheran worship?
- ✓ Does it matter what type of architecture is used within a Lutheran church?
- ✓ What is a Bible study?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran congregation offer studies in the Lutheran Confessions?
- ✓ What is confirmation?
- ✓ What is the role of confirmation?
- ✓ What is the catechism?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran congregation use the catechism for instruction?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran congregation use the Lutheran Confessions for instruction?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran congregation use something other than the catechism for instruction?
- ✓ At what age should a child be confirmed?
- ✓ How long should a child go to instruction classes?
- ✓ How long should an adult go to instruction classes?
- ✓ Should weddings be performed in the Lutheran church?
- ✓ If so, who should be married?
- ✓ If so, who should be included in the wedding?
- ✓ If so, should the Pastor attend the wedding reception?
- ✓ If so, should there be pre-marital counseling?
- ✓ If so, how long should the pre-marital counseling be?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran ever marry a non-Lutheran?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran ever marry a divorced person?
- ✓ Should the Lutheran church allow gay marriages?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church have a school?
- ✓ If so, should there ever be women teachers?
- ✓ If so, how much training should a Lutheran teacher have?
- ✓ If so, how pious should a Lutheran teacher be?
- ✓ If so, what grades should they have?
- ✓ If so, what classes should be taught?
- ✓ If so, what curriculum should be used?
- ✓ If so, where should the textbooks come from?
- ✓ If so, what kind of school building should there be?

- ✓ If so, should there be a gymnasium?
- ✓ If so, which is more important, the church or the school?
- ✓ If so, should the school have any different goals or rules than the church?
- ✓ If so, should the school ever have any non-member students?
- ✓ If so, what type of music should be allowed in the classroom?
- ✓ If so, what type of clothes should the students wear?
- ✓ If so, what type of discipline should be used in the classroom?
- ✓ If so, should there be a Principal?
- ✓ If so, should there be a School Board?
- ✓ If so, should the teacher(s) have complete respect for and obedience to the Pastor?
- ✓ What is communion?
- ✓ What is the role of communion?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran confess their sins to the Pastor?
- ✓ At what point should a Lutheran begin to take communion?
- ✓ Is open communion Lutheran?
- ✓ Is close communion Lutheran?
- ✓ Is closed communion Lutheran?
- ✓ What is baptism?
- ✓ What is the role of baptism?
- ✓ Is baptism Lutheran?
- ✓ If so, at what point should a Lutheran become baptized?
- ✓ Is infant baptism Lutheran?
- ✓ Is adult baptism Lutheran?
- ✓ Is immersion baptism Lutheran?
- ✓ Should Lutherans greet each other with a “holy kiss”?
- ✓ Should Lutherans wash each other’s feet?
- ✓ Should Lutherans speak in tongues?
- ✓ What is an Altar Guild?
- ✓ Are they necessary?
- ✓ What is a Ladies Aid Society?
- ✓ Are they necessary?
- ✓ What is a Mission Society?
- ✓ Are they necessary?
- ✓ What is a Youth Group?
- ✓ Are they necessary?
- ✓ What is Sunday school?
- ✓ Is it necessary?
- ✓ What is Vacation Bible School?
- ✓ Is it necessary?
- ✓ What is a potluck?
- ✓ Are they necessary?
- ✓ Is any social gathering necessary?
- ✓ What is the social gospel?
- ✓ Should the Lutheran church ever practice the social gospel?
- ✓ What is the prosperity gospel?
- ✓ Should the Lutheran church ever practice the prosperity gospel?

- ✓ Should a Lutheran church run a soup kitchen?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church run a food bank?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church run a clothing bank?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever support any particular insurance company?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever support any secular group?
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever support any political candidate?
- ✓ Is any extra church group necessary?
- ✓ What is a synod?
- ✓ Is a synod necessary?
- ✓ If so, should there be a synod headquarters?
- ✓ If so, should any synod official not be a full-time Pastor?
- ✓ If so, should the synod be advisory or compulsory?
- ✓ If so, should there be conventions?
- ✓ If so, how often should conventions be held?
- ✓ What is evangelism?
- ✓ How should Lutherans carry out evangelism?
- ✓ What is mission work?
- ✓ How does mission work differ from evangelism?
- ✓ How should Lutherans carry out mission work?
- ✓ What is Law?
- ✓ What is Gospel?
- ✓ How should Lutherans maintain a proper distinction between Law and Gospel?
- ✓ Should Lutherans be ready and willing to fear, love and trust in God above all things?
- ✓ Should Lutherans be ready and willing to renounce the devil and all his wicked ways?
- ✓ Should Lutherans be ready and willing to lead a chaste and decent life in word and deed?
- ✓ Should Lutherans be ready and willing to follow every Word of the Scriptures, even if it means hardship, ridicule, persecution and death?
- ✓ What would you be ready and willing to do to support a truly Lutheran church?

Is anyone looking for the perfect Lutheran church? I know I am. Is there anything wrong with that? Shouldn't all of us be striving for perfection? Why would we want to settle for less?

Unfortunately, that appears to be a very difficult challenge indeed. In fact, these questions pretty much summarize what it is like being a Lutheran Pastor. They represent how insane the world has become. If you have 1000 members, you have 1000 totally different opinions about what it means to be a Lutheran. Pastors are barraged daily, not by a few minor problems, but by a tsunami of sewage, an avalanche of avarice, a cesspool of selfishness, and tongues set on fire by hell. They are not facing simple flesh and blood, but principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this age, spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

They are like righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds). What is it like for a Pastor to minister to those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority? It is constantly

facing people who are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord. But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption, and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children. They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet. These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire." Should it be any surprise when a Pastor cries out, "Father, if it be Thy will, take this cup from me?"

Members and non-members are constantly pressuring Pastors to do things their way. It's a menagerie of mixed-up misfits. There are the loving people, that are terrific to be around and you look forward to seeing them. There are the quiet people, who don't say much. There are the quiet people, who don't say much, but are riled with anger inside about all the things that are "wrong" with the church. There are the vocal people, who make it known what they believe is "wrong" with the church. There are the people who run around saying, "boil that dust speck, boil that dust speck." There are others who demand you make more bricks with less straw. There are the narcissistic, passive aggressive who are just plain evil, mean, contemptible wretches who love to make your life a living hell. Most people fall somewhere in-between, however, the mean people more than make up for it.

Those are the ones who don't care if the Pastor and his family are living in a sub-standard home. They couldn't care less if the Pastor and his family lived in poverty. They don't give a hoot if the tap water is polluted with cow manure. They will spy on the Pastor's home twenty-four hours a day and keep written records of his every move. They will scour the church phone bill to make sure the Pastor didn't call his Mother long distance. They support having children out of wedlock and scream that the Pastor made someone feel guilty for committing adultery. They back church member run websites that are laden with pornography. They have stacks of Playboy magazines in their hunting cabins. They hold secret meetings, are vicious at church meetings and cynical at Bible studies. They gossip, call the Pastor a liar, claim he's got a demon and bad mouth him in front of their own children. They support the most absurd secular programs within the church and call it

contemporary. They attend church meetings to stand up and scream profanity at the Pastor. Finally, just to make sure they are in complete control, they force the Pastor to resign and say good riddance to bad rubbish, only to turn around and abuse the next Pastor.

Wouldn't it be wonderful, to actually have a Lutheran church that was genuinely Christian? Wouldn't it be fabulous to have a group of Christians gather together for worship, who believe in Christ and strive in every way to live a holy, perfect, righteous, God pleasing life? Wouldn't it be the greatest comfort in the world, to be surrounded by God fearing Christians who prayed for you, loved you, treated you kindly and fairly, and you never had to worry about secret meetings or hateful comments or someone looking rudely at you because you sat in "their" pew? Wouldn't it be a relief to have Christians come to you privately to lovingly discuss matters, rather than use public forums to insolently push their favorite agendas?

Does it really matter whether someone plays a fun hand of cards, or doesn't have the money to buy some decent clothes, or drives a really ostentatious vehicle? Or is it more important that everyone in the Lutheran church believes in Christ and strives to live their lives according to His commands, His love, His grace, His mercy? What is our comfort? It is Christ and the fact that the Lord knows how to deliver the Godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the Day of Judgment.

Who of us can answer each and every question above with absolute certainty? Who of us are capable of judging each and every situation correctly? Who of us have yanked the gargantuan log out of our own eye, so that we can lovingly, gently and humbly pluck the small dust speck out of our fellow Christian's eye? Who of us can read the hearts of others? Who of us have the right to unjustly condemn our fellow Christians, much less our Pastor? Is there ever room for bitterness, resentment, hatred, unrighteous anger, selfishness, crudeness, secular agendas, meanness, gossip, immorality, or adultery within the Christian church? Or did God call us to stand apart from worldliness, flee immorality, live a life of compassion and genuinely care for our brothers and sisters in Christ? Quite frankly, Mother Theresa may not have been a Lutheran, but I would much rather worship with a 1000 people who have the same love and compassion as Mother Theresa, than stand in the same room with one mean, nasty, vindictive person who calls himself a Lutheran. While along those lines, I would much prefer to see every Lutheran living a simple life like the Amish, than even one person living a life of bitterness, resentment, hatred, selfishness or meanness.

But you know what's saddest of all? It's the fact that the people who need to hear this message the most won't, and if they do they won't care or change. They will continue on, in their abusive, destructive behavior, patting themselves on the back for doing God a favor. The people who need to hear it the least will feel bad and beat themselves up inside trying to figure out how to tenderly change things. Personally, I'm still looking for the perfect Lutheran church, and if anyone finds it, please let me know. I would love to be a member of that church, no matter how small it is or wherever it is located!!!

Finally, to humor myself, I'm going to answer all of the questions. Quite frankly, I'm not looking for any responses to my personal answers. However, if you happen to agree with

what I say and know of a Lutheran church that corresponds with my odyssey of thought, please feel free to let me know. Thanks!

- ✓ What is it that makes a Lutheran church Lutheran?
- ✓ *A Lutheran church is totally dedicated to and focused on Christ, grace, faith and Scripture. A Lutheran church is wholly dedicated to the Lutheran Confessions, especially the doctrine of justification by faith. All of the members of a Lutheran church take the Bible seriously in every aspect of their lives, especially the doctrine of love.*
- ✓ What role does Christ have within the Lutheran church?
- ✓ *Christ is the Head of His Church. No one is above Christ. Christ is the Savior and Lord. Every Lutheran church and member is completely focused on Christ.*
- ✓ What role does the Scripture have within the Lutheran church?
- ✓ *The Scriptures are Christ.*
- ✓ Are the Scriptures a matter of anyone's interpretation?
- ✓ *No. The Scriptures interpret Scripture. No one has any right to add or subtract from them.*
- ✓ What are the Lutheran Confessions?
- ✓ *The Lutheran Confessions are what Lutherans confess to be true according to the Scripture. In terms of historical documents, they include the three universal creeds, the Augsburg Confession, the Defense of the Augsburg Confession, the Large Catechism, the Small Catechism, the Smalcald Articles, Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, the Epitome of the Formula of Concord and the Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord. Every Lutheran church should be offering studies in the Lutheran Confessions and every Lutheran should be studying the Lutheran Confessions. If there is something you don't agree with in the Lutheran Confessions, than please don't call yourself a Lutheran.*
- ✓ What is the role of the Lutheran Confessions?
- ✓ *The original role, which remains unchanged, is to acknowledge what Lutherans believe, teach and confess about Christ, grace, faith and Scripture.*
- ✓ Who is Dr. Martin Luther?
- ✓ *Dr. Martin Luther is a German theologian who started the Reformation by being focused on Christ, grace, faith and Scripture. He did not write all of the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ What is the role of Dr. Martin Luther?
- ✓ *Luther's deep convictions regarding Christ, grace, faith and Scripture, are the same convictions of every Lutheran church and member. Luther was willing to die for those convictions.*
- ✓ Are there any Lutherans left in the world, who have the same depth of convictions as Dr. Martin Luther?
- ✓ *God told Elijah that there were at least 7000 who had not bowed the knee to Baal.*
- ✓ Is Lutheranism a belief system or a culture?
- ✓ *Lutheranism is neither a belief system, nor a culture and yet it impacts both. Lutheranism is a focus on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, however, those focus lead to actions. Our beliefs are what change our thoughts, emotions, actions and culture.*
- ✓ What is the absolute, perfect, ideal Lutheran church?

- ✓ *One that is focused on Christ, grace, faith and Scripture. One that willingly and openly owns up to all of the Lutheran Confessions, including the belief that the Roman pontiffs, with their adherents, defend and practice godless doctrines and godless services. And the marks [all the vices] of Antichrist plainly agree with the kingdom of the Pope and his adherents.*
- ✓ It's been said there is no such thing as a "perfect" church. Should Lutherans give up striving to have a "perfect" church?
- ✓ *Never. Please note: The answer is to never give up, but to take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—and for your Pastors, that utterance may be given to them, that they may open their mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the Gospel.*
- ✓ What is the lowest common denominator to still be considered a Lutheran church?
- ✓ *This should never be a consideration. Every Lutheran church should always be holy, perfect and righteous, since holiness, perfection and righteousness have freely been given to them in Christ.*
- ✓ Is it ethical, moral, good, right or proper to ever aim for the lowest common denominator?
- ✓ *No. We are one with Christ and should live our lives accordingly, in His holiness, perfection and righteousness.*
- ✓ Should Lutherans be distinct from other churches or denominations?
- ✓ *If the other churches or denominations are not focused on Christ, grace, faith and Scripture and do not believe and teach the Lutheran Confessions, then yes.*
- ✓ Should Lutherans be distinct from the world?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be in the world, but not of the world.*
- ✓ What is a Lutheran Pastor?
- ✓ *A Lutheran Pastor is a man who is focused on Christ, grace, faith and Scripture and who willingly and openly believes and teaches the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ What does it mean to be ordained?
- ✓ *The ceremony of consecration to the office of the ministry.*
- ✓ Is ordination important?
- ✓ *The Lutheran Confessions say, "As the ancient examples of the Church and the Fathers teach us, we ourselves will and ought to ordain suitable persons to this office."*
- ✓ What does it mean to be called?
- ✓ *It means God has called each one of us to a particular estate in life that is pleasing to Him.*
- ✓ Is the call important?
- ✓ *If it is important to God, then it is important.*
- ✓ Is a Pastor an employee or a called and ordained servant of the Word?
- ✓ *It is an insult to the holy calling of the office of the ministry to refer to a called and ordained servant of the Word as an employee.*

- ✓ What is the role of the Pastor?
- ✓ *To focus on Christ, grace, faith and Scripture and believe and teach the Lutheran Confessions. To preach, teach, and administer the Sacraments. Please note: Just for clarification, a Pastor could also be defined as an Overseer, Bishop, Elder or Deacon within a church.*
- ✓ To what extent should a Pastor be respected?
- ✓ *The Bible says, "Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the Word and doctrine."*
- ✓ Should a Pastor ever be called by his first name?
- ✓ *Is it giving him double honor?*
- ✓ Should a Pastor ever be called "Father"?
- ✓ *Is it giving him double honor?*
- ✓ How old should a Pastor be?
- ✓ *Old and young enough to be focused on Christ, grace, faith and Scripture and believe and teach the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ What kind of training should a Pastor have?
- ✓ *Thorough training in Christ, grace, faith, the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ How long should a Pastor's training be?
- ✓ *As long as it takes to be thoroughly trained and focused on Christ, grace, faith, the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ Should a woman be a Lutheran Pastor?
- ✓ *The Scriptures say a Pastor should be "husband of one wife," not the wife of one husband.*
- ✓ Should a homosexual be a Pastor?
- ✓ *The Scriptures condemn any sex outside of the marriage of one man and one woman for life.*
- ✓ Should an adulterer be a Pastor?
- ✓ *No.*
- ✓ Should a child molester be a Pastor?
- ✓ *No.*
- ✓ Should a Pastor ever be obese?
- ✓ *No one should be obese or a glutton, but instead of condemning him, perhaps you should pray for him, lovingly encourage him and help him eat well and exercise on a regular basis, instead of holding potluck dinners laden with caloric desserts?*
- ✓ Should a Pastor be a sinner?
- ✓ *No one should be a sinner. That's why Christ died for us to make us holy. All manifest sinners should be excommunicated or willingly leave the church.*
- ✓ Should a Pastor get paid?
- ✓ *"The laborer is worthy of his wages."*
- ✓ If so, what should determine how much the Pastor is paid?
- ✓ *The Bible says, "Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the Word and doctrine."*
- ✓ Should the Pastor ever receive hand outs or gifts from church members?
- ✓ *All Christians should be willing to give gifts to others out of love for one another, but when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.*

- ✓ Should a Pastor ever receive honorariums?
- ✓ *All Christians should be willing to give gifts to others out of love for one another, but when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.*
- ✓ Should a Pastor pay taxes?
- ✓ *Render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.*
- ✓ Should a Pastor contribute toward retirement?
- ✓ *Should a called and ordained minister of the Word ever consider retirement?*
- ✓ Should a Pastor tithe?
- ✓ *Tithing is not commanded in the Scripture for New Testament believers; however, God does love a cheerful and generous giver.*
- ✓ Can a Pastor be married?
- ✓ *It is better to marry than to burn in lust.*
- ✓ If so, how old should the Pastor's wife be?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, should the Pastor's wife ever be obese?
- ✓ *No one should be obese or a glutton, but instead of condemning her, perhaps you should pray for her, lovingly encourage her and help her eat well and exercise on a regular basis, instead of holding potluck dinners laden with caloric desserts?*
- ✓ If so, how much should the Pastor's wife be involved within the church?
- ✓ *The Pastor's wife should be involved in as much or as little as every other member.*
- ✓ If so, what type of personality should the Pastor's wife have?
- ✓ *She should have the same Godly character as any other Christian woman.*
- ✓ If so, should the Pastor's wife have long hair?
- ✓ *The Bible says, "If a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her."*
- ✓ If so, is it allowable for the Pastor's wife to wear make-up?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, is it allowable for the Pastor's wife to wear jewelry?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, is it allowable for the Pastor's wife to work out of the home?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, should she be limited to only certain types of employment?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be limited to only those types of employment that would give glory to God.*
- ✓ Can a Pastor have children?
- ✓ *Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.*
- ✓ If so, should the Pastor's wife be a stay at home Mom?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, how many children should a Pastor have?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, how sinless do the Pastor's children have to be?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should the Pastor have a secular job?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should the Pastor have hobbies?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*

- ✓ Should the Pastor have other outside interests?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Which should be most important to the Pastor – God, family or church?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What type of clothes should the Pastor wear on a daily basis?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should the Pastor visit all of the members?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, how often should the Pastor visit all the members?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should the Pastor visit shut-ins?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should the Pastor visit members in the hospital?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should the Pastor visit members in prison?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ How much time should a Pastor spend counseling others?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a Pastor remain in the ministry if they need personal counseling?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a Pastor remain in the ministry if they need psychotropic medicine?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a Pastor remain in the ministry if their family members need counseling?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a Pastor remain in the ministry if they have a major illness?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a Pastor ever retire?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, at what age should a Pastor retire?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ How much time should a Pastor spend in private devotion and/or meditation?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ How much time should a Pastor spend in private Bible study?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a Pastor be fluent in both Greek and Hebrew?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a Pastor's sermons be memorized?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should the Pastor hold Bible studies?
- ✓ *Yes.*
- ✓ If so, how in-depth should they be?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should the Pastor ever hold pre-made Bible studies or only ones they write themselves?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should the Pastor spend more time studying or more time socializing?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*

- ✓ What kind of vehicle should a Pastor drive?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What type of home should a Pastor live in?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If the Pastor's home is a parsonage, what type of home should it be?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If the Pastor's home is a parsonage, should it be well maintained?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If the Pastor's home is a parsonage, should the Pastor pay the utilities?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If the Pastor's home is a parsonage, should the Pastor do the repairs?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If the Pastor's home is a parsonage, should the Pastor do the yard work?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ How long should the Pastor's hair be?
- ✓ *The Bible says for every man, "Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him?"*
- ✓ Is it all right for a Pastor to have a beard?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should the Pastor smoke?
- ✓ *Should anyone? What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should the Pastor drink?
- ✓ *No one should be a drunk. What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should the Pastor be friends with congregational members?
- ✓ *What do love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ How should one become a member of the Lutheran church?
- ✓ *By learning to focus on Christ, grace, faith, the Scripture and professing the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ What is the role of the church members?
- ✓ *To focus on Christ, grace, faith, the Scripture and profess the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ What is repentance?
- ✓ *Confessing your sins, being truly sorry for them, and focusing on Christ, grace, faith, the Scripture and professing the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ What is the role of repentance in a Christian's life?
- ✓ *To constantly focus our mind and lives on Christ.*
- ✓ What does it mean to be perfect, holy and righteous?
- ✓ *To be like God in every way.*
- ✓ What is piety?
- ✓ *To be perfect, holy and righteous.*
- ✓ How pious should church members be?
- ✓ *They must be perfect, holy and righteous.*
- ✓ Should church members read their Bible everyday?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain? Please note: Being a Christian is not about doing your own thing, being your own person, saying, doing, and thinking, eating or wearing whatever you want. It's not about freedom to sin. It's not about calling your self-centered, worldly agenda more important than love. It's not*

about getting your own way and fault-finding when you don't. It has nothing to do with selfishness, hatefulness, rudeness, meanness, bitterness, revenge, resentment, being cynical or critical or arrogant or unloving in any way. It's not about programs, social events, entertainment, buildings, landscaping, potlucks or any humanly devised organization or cleverness. It's about living in Christ's holiness, perfection and righteousness.

- ✓ Should church members have daily Bible studies?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness determine?*
- ✓ What is the difference between "reading" the Bible and having a Bible "study"?
- ✓ *Reading the Bible is the act of perusing printed material. Bible study is the pursuit of focusing on Christ, grace, faith and Scripture.*
- ✓ How should the members of the congregation treat their Pastor?
- ✓ *If anyone holds secret meetings, holds their Pastor in contempt or gossips about their Pastor they should be excommunicated. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ How often should members attend worship services?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ How often should members receive communion?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should church members have "man-made" daily devotions?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans pray with non-Lutherans?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain? Please note: Christians should never pray "with" unbelievers, although, I would hope and pray you are praying "for" them.*
- ✓ Should Lutherans pray for non-Lutherans?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ How should Lutherans show their love for others?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What does it mean "to keep oneself unspotted from the world"?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans use foul or vulgar language?
- ✓ *Can you back it up with Scripture? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans ever curse or swear?
- ✓ *What's the point? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans ever tell off color or dirty jokes?
- ✓ *No. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should women work outside the home?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans attend public schools?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain? Wouldn't it be wonderful if every Christian could be home schooled by their parents?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans attend public colleges?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain? Wouldn't it be wonderful if there were Christian homes capable of disseminating higher education?*

- ✓ Should Lutherans drink?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain? Drunkenness is clearly a sin.*
- ✓ Should Lutherans smoke?
- ✓ *Disgusting. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans have insurance?
- ✓ *What a scam. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans own stocks or bonds?
- ✓ *Is it greedy? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans own televisions?
- ✓ *Is there anything worth watching? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans own radios?
- ✓ *For what? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans go to movies?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans listen to secular music?
- ✓ *What would lead you to do this? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What type of music should Lutherans listen to?
- ✓ *Why not Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans read secular books?
- ✓ *What is your reason? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What type of books should Lutherans read?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans dance?
- ✓ *What kind of dancing? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans celebrate secular holidays?
- ✓ *Why not stay home and pass out Bibles? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans go trick-or-treating?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans believe in Santa Claus or the Easter bunny?
- ✓ *What's the point? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans gamble?
- ✓ *Could God make better use of that money? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans play cards?
- ✓ *As long as it is Euchre for fun? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans own computers?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans surf the internet?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans view pornography?

- ✓ *What Christian reason could you ever give? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans read romance novels?
- ✓ *Why would you want to? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans be sports fans?
- ✓ *Let me pause here and ask, "What is your motivation in any of the areas mentioned above or below?" Is anything worldly giving you a greater focus on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture or the Lutheran Confessions? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans be involved in politics?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans join the military?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should men always have short hair?
- ✓ *Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him?*
- ✓ Should women always have long hair?
- ✓ *If a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her.*
- ✓ Should Lutherans ever get tattoos?
- ✓ *Nasty. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans ever get any kind of body piercing?
- ✓ *Ouch! What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans ever wear make-up?
- ✓ *What are you trying to cover up? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain? Please note: What is the first thing a child might say when a parent says, "Don't do that."? They normally ask, "Why not? What's wrong with it?" When the real question should be, "Why? What's right with it?" In fact, it's a matter of both/and – what's wrong with and what's right with it. In every single instance of your life, you should be asking if your action is motivated by love, holiness, perfection and righteousness. Vanity, selfishness, peer pressure, fitting into the crowd, going along with the world or doing your own thing is neither good nor right.*
- ✓ Should Lutherans ever wear jewelry?
- ✓ *A wedding ring is nice. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans put bumper stickers on their vehicles?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain, especially when it comes to being vulgar?*
- ✓ What type of vehicle should a Lutheran drive?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What type of home should a Lutheran own?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What type of job should a Lutheran have?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain? I certainly cannot see the point of any Christian working in any place that does not give glory to God (bars, casinos, tobacco factories...)*
- ✓ What type of clothes should Lutherans wear daily?

- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain? Please note: Walking through a mall these days, is like walking down the corridors of hell. The fashion industry isn't marketing clothes, it is selling styles, sex, vanity and greed. The Bible says, "I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing Godliness, with good works." Is dressing like a slut, a gangster, a grunge, a gothic, a fashion plate, or any other worldly "style" giving glory to Christ? Out of love, please cover your cleavage and sagging underwear and dress like you want people to focus on Christ, not your wardrobe or body.*
- ✓ What type of clothes should Lutherans wear to worship?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain? Is dressing like a slut, a gangster, a grunge, a fashion plate, or any other worldly "style" giving glory to Christ?*
- ✓ What is church discipline?
- ✓ *It is the loving act of leading a fellow Christian to repentance.*
- ✓ Why is it done?
- ✓ *Love.*
- ✓ Should the Lutheran church practice church discipline?
- ✓ *Yes. Every Christian should practice church discipline, by going privately to their brother and sister in Christ 70 times 7 times and lovingly, gently and humbly leading them to repentance and forgiveness, while making sure the Giant Redwood forest in your own eye is not preventing you from removing the electron microscopic speck in their eye.*
- ✓ What is excommunication?
- ✓ *It is the loving act of leading a fellow Christian to repentance by removing them from church fellowship. This should only be done after it becomes completely clear that the individual refuses to repent and refuses admonition.*
- ✓ Why is it done?
- ✓ *Love.*
- ✓ Should the Lutheran church practice excommunication?
- ✓ *Yes.*
- ✓ What is the Third Commandment?
- ✓ *Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.*
- ✓ Should the church discipline members for breaking the Third Commandment?
- ✓ *Yes.*
- ✓ Should the church discipline members for abusing the Pastor verbally or physically?
- ✓ *Yes.*
- ✓ Should the church discipline members for gossip?
- ✓ *Yes.*
- ✓ Should the church discipline members for committing adultery?
- ✓ *Yes.*
- ✓ Should the church discipline members for drunkenness?
- ✓ *Yes.*
- ✓ Should the church discipline members for anything else?
- ✓ *Yes. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should anyone remain a church member who is living in any kind of unrepentant sin?
- ✓ *No.*

- ✓ Should church members ever hold secret meetings?
- ✓ *No.*
- ✓ Should church members visit the shut-ins?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should church members visit members in the hospital?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should church members visit widows?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should church members help orphans?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What is an Elder?
- ✓ *Most Lutheran churches believe an elder is someone who takes care of the spiritual and administrative duties of the church.*
- ✓ What type of training should an Elder have?
- ✓ *The same type of training as any other Christian.*
- ✓ What is the role of an Elder?
- ✓ *The role of the elder is the same as any other Christian.*
- ✓ Is the role of the Elder mostly spiritual or mostly secular?
- ✓ *The role of the elder is the same as any other Christian.*
- ✓ Who should be an Elder?
- ✓ *If the Lutheran church is focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions are elders necessary?*
- ✓ Does the Lutheran church need Elders?
- ✓ *If the Lutheran church is focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions are elders necessary?*
- ✓ What is a church council?
- ✓ *Most Lutheran churches believe a church council is made up of people who take care of the spiritual and administrative duties of the church.*
- ✓ Does the Lutheran church need a church council?
- ✓ *If the Lutheran church is focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions are church councils necessary? If you need more than one Pastor, why not consider having more than one Pastor, instead of becoming top heavy with administrators?*
- ✓ What type of people should be on the church council?
- ✓ *If the Lutheran church is focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions are church councils necessary?*
- ✓ What type of training should a church councilman have?
- ✓ *The same training as any other Christian.*
- ✓ What is the role of the church council?
- ✓ *The same role as any other Christian. Please note: Where do wars and fights come from? Do they not come from our desires for pleasure that war in our members? If every Christian is focusing on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, than other administrative tasks will follow accordingly in love.*
- ✓ Should any manifest sinner be a Pastor, an Elder or on the church council?
- ✓ *No.*
- ✓ What is Lutheran worship?

- ✓ *Focusing on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ How long should worship be?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What day(s) should worship services be held?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What day(s) should Bible studies be held?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What distinctive Lutheran elements should be included in every worship service?
- ✓ *A focus on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ Should women cover their heads while worshipping?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should little children be included in the worship services?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Does the Lutheran church require a building in order to worship?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What is the role of the building?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What should the building be made from?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ How big should the building be?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should there be a cry room?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should there be a kitchen?
- ✓ *Why would you need a kitchen if your focus is on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions?*
- ✓ Should there be classrooms?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should there be a fellowship hall?
- ✓ *What's wrong with using the church?*
- ✓ Should there be a library?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, how many books should there be?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, what type of books should be in the library and who should determine it?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What type of lighting should the building have?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What type of heat should the building have?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should the church grounds be landscaped?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should the church have a cemetery?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, should non-members be buried there?
- ✓ *No.*

- ✓ If so, who should maintain the cemetery?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What is an expository sermon?
- ✓ *It is a Biblical sermon.*
- ✓ Should your Pastor preach expository sermons?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What is a homily?
- ✓ *It is a verse by verse study of the Bible.*
- ✓ Should your Pastor make use of homilies?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What is a topical sermon?
- ✓ *A sermon focused on some particular theme.*
- ✓ Is it ever proper for a Lutheran Pastor to preach a topical sermon?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What is the liturgy?
- ✓ *It is the order of worship that Lutherans follow.*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever have a “high church” service?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever have a “contemporary” service?
- ✓ *If you can find a definition of “contemporary” that is not intent on removing the focus on Christ, grace, faith, Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, what would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever have a “seeker” service?
- ✓ *If you can find a “seeker” service that is not intent on removing the focus on Christ, grace, faith, Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, what would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What does it mean to be “conservative”?
- ✓ *It generally means someone is arrogant enough to say they know what is best for others.*
- ✓ What does it mean to be “liberal”?
- ✓ *It generally means someone is arrogant enough to say they know what is best for others.*
- ✓ What does it mean to be “orthodox”?
- ✓ *It means being focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ Should there ever be anything but Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs during a Lutheran worship service?
- ✓ *Is there any other music that is not intent on removing the focus on Christ, grace, faith, Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, what would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutheran churches use musical instruments during worship services?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, which kind?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, is a piano good enough for worship services?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, who should play the musical instruments?
- ✓ *A member of the church.*
- ✓ Should there ever be a choir?

- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ *If so, who should be in the choir?*
- ✓ *Members of the church.*
- ✓ *Should there ever be a soloist?*
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ *If so, who should be the soloist?*
- ✓ *A member of the church.*
- ✓ *Is there a truly Lutheran hymnal?*
- ✓ *Personally, I prefer "The Lutheran Hymnal" from 1941.*
- ✓ *What makes a hymnal Lutheran?*
- ✓ *Its focus on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ *Is there a truly Lutheran Bible?*
- ✓ *Personally, I prefer the "New King James". There are Bibles that are definitely NOT Lutheran, such as "The Living Bible," "The Jerusalem Bible," "The Catholic Bible," "The New International Version," any paraphrased Bible, most "modern" translations.*
- ✓ *Which version of the Bible should your congregation use?*
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ *What is the church year calendar?*
- ✓ *A calendar of festivals within the Christian church, including Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, etc.*
- ✓ *Should the Lutheran church follow a church year calendar?*
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ *Does your Pastor wear a gown?*
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ *Does it matter what color or design the Pastoral gown is?*
- ✓ *In Revelation the Christians are given a white robe. Does a Pastor really need anything more than that?*
- ✓ *What is an altar?*
- ✓ *Originally, it was a structure used for sacrificing animals, however, within the Christian church it has become a structure used to read the Scriptures and celebrate the Lord's Supper.*
- ✓ *What is the role of an altar?*
- ✓ *To remind us of Christ's greatest sacrifice and a place to focus on His Word and Sacraments.*
- ✓ *What is a pulpit?*
- ✓ *A place to preach from.*
- ✓ *What is the role of a pulpit?*
- ✓ *A place to preach from.*
- ✓ *Should a Pastor ever preach outside of the pulpit?*
- ✓ *Why not try from behind the altar?*
- ✓ *What is a lectern?*
- ✓ *A place to read the Bible from.*
- ✓ *What is the role of a lectern?*
- ✓ *A place to read the Bible from. Why not try from behind the altar?*
- ✓ *Should anyone besides the Pastor be allowed to preach, teach or administer the Sacraments?*

- ✓ *Every Christian must know Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions well enough to teach others, however, in the case of public worship what would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should worship prayers always be pre-prepared?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should worship prayers always be extemporaneous?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Who should be prayed for during a worship service?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever have a clown ministry?
- ✓ *Yuck. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever have a puppet ministry?
- ✓ *Point being? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever have children sermons?
- ✓ *Shouldn't every sermon be for both adults and children? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should parents ever bring crayons or other distractions for children during the worship service?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a collection be taken?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, who should take up the collection?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Who should count the money?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Who should take care of the money?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should the church be a non-profit 501(C)3?
- ✓ *What would be the motivation?*
- ✓ Should the church pay taxes?
- ✓ *Render under Caesar...*
- ✓ How much money should church members give?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should pews be padded or unpadded?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans use bulletins?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should the Lutheran church use candles?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What is the role of candles in the Lutheran church?
- ✓ *To give the altar guild more work to do cleaning up all the wax.*
- ✓ Should the church be decorated differently for various holidays?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should art be displayed in a Lutheran church?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What is the role of art in Lutheran worship?

- ✓ *To focus on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ Does it matter what type of art is used within a Lutheran church?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What type of architecture should be use for a Lutheran worship structure?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What is the role of architecture in Lutheran worship?
- ✓ *To focus on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ Does it matter what type of architecture is used within a Lutheran church?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What is a Bible study?
- ✓ *A focus on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. Please note: The Bible is Christ. A Bible study is not research, or an investigation or search for the facts or truth about things. It is humbly prostrating ourselves before Christ and saying, "Thy will be done."*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran congregation offer studies in the Lutheran Confessions?
- ✓ *Yes.*
- ✓ What is confirmation?
- ✓ *Lovingly and humbly leading others to focus on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ What is the role of confirmation?
- ✓ *To lovingly and humbly lead others to focus on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ What is the catechism?
- ✓ *Most Lutherans believe it is a book of questions and answers. It's not. There are two catechisms – the large and the small. Both were written by Dr. Martin Luther and are in the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran congregation use the catechism for instruction?
- ✓ *Yes, both of Luther's large and small catechisms should be used for instruction.*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran congregation use the Lutheran Confessions for instruction?
- ✓ *Yes.*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran congregation use something other than the catechism for instruction?
- ✓ *Yes, the Bible.*
- ✓ At what age should a child be confirmed?
- ✓ *When they are focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ How long should a child go to instruction classes?
- ✓ *Until they are focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ How long should an adult go to instruction classes?
- ✓ *Until they are focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ Should weddings be performed in the Lutheran church?
- ✓ *Only if they are focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ If so, who should be married?
- ✓ *Only if both are members of the church.*
- ✓ If so, who should be included in the wedding?
- ✓ *Only members of the church.*
- ✓ If so, should the Pastor attend the wedding reception?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*

- ✓ If so, should there be pre-marital counseling?
- ✓ *Every married couple should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ If so, how long should the pre-marital counseling be?
- ✓ *Until the couple is focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran ever marry a non-Lutheran?
- ✓ *No.*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran ever marry a divorced person?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should the Lutheran church allow gay marriages?
- ✓ *No.*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church have a school?
- ✓ *Home school is better, where the parents teach their children to focus on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ If so, should there ever be women teachers?
- ✓ *Every mother should teach their children to focus on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ If so, how much training should a Lutheran teacher have?
- ✓ *As much as every other Christian.*
- ✓ If so, how pious should a Lutheran teacher be?
- ✓ *As pious as every other Christian.*
- ✓ If so, what grades should they have?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, what classes should be taught?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, what curriculum should be used?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, where should the textbooks come from?
- ✓ *How about using the Bible and the Lutheran Confessions? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, what kind of school building should there be?
- ✓ *A pleasant home where there is a focus on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ If so, should there be a gymnasium?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, which is more important, the church or the school?
- ✓ *A focus on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ If so, should the school have any different goals or rules than the church?
- ✓ *No.*
- ✓ If so, should the school ever have any non-member students?
- ✓ *No.*
- ✓ If so, what type of music should be allowed in the classroom?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, what type of clothes should the students wear?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*

- ✓ If so, what type of discipline should be used in the classroom?
- ✓ *What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, should there be a Principal?
- ✓ *A Godly Father and Mother are the God given principals for children.*
- ✓ If so, should there be a School Board?
- ✓ *Where is the focus on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions?*
- ✓ If so, should the teacher(s) have complete respect for and obedience to the Pastor?
- ✓ *Every Christian should have complete respect for and obedience to the Pastor.*
- ✓ What is communion?
- ✓ *It is receiving the true body and blood of Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of all our sins.*
- ✓ What is the role of communion?
- ✓ *It is receiving the true body and blood of Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of all our sins.*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran confess their sins to the Pastor?
- ✓ *Why would you not want to? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ At what point should a Lutheran begin to take communion?
- ✓ *When they are focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ Is open communion Lutheran?
- ✓ *No.*
- ✓ Is close communion Lutheran?
- ✓ *Debatable.*
- ✓ Is closed communion Lutheran?
- ✓ *Yes.*
- ✓ What is baptism?
- ✓ *It is application of water in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*
- ✓ What is the role of baptism?
- ✓ *It is God putting His seal of love on us, calling us His own, washing us clean from all our sins and uniting us with Christ.*
- ✓ Is baptism Lutheran?
- ✓ *Yes.*
- ✓ If so, at what point should a Lutheran become baptized?
- ✓ *As soon after birth as possible.*
- ✓ Is infant baptism Lutheran?
- ✓ *Yes.*
- ✓ Is adult baptism Lutheran?
- ✓ *Yes.*
- ✓ Is immersion baptism Lutheran?
- ✓ *It can be.*
- ✓ Should Lutherans greet each other with a “holy kiss”?
- ✓ *Why not? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans wash each other’s feet?
- ✓ *Why not? What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should Lutherans speak in tongues?
- ✓ *As long as it is focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*

- ✓ What is an Altar Guild?
- ✓ *A guild that takes care of the altar.*
- ✓ Are they necessary?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be taking care of the altar.*
- ✓ What is a Ladies Aid Society?
- ✓ *A society of ladies that aid others.*
- ✓ Are they necessary?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be aiding others.*
- ✓ What is a Mission Society?
- ✓ *A society that does mission work.*
- ✓ Are they necessary?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be doing mission work.*
- ✓ What is a Youth Group?
- ✓ *A group of youth who love to entertain themselves.*
- ✓ Are they necessary?
- ✓ *Every Christian youth should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.*
- ✓ What is Sunday school?
- ✓ *It is a school that meets on Sunday.*
- ✓ Is it necessary?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day.*
- ✓ What is Vacation Bible School?
- ✓ *It is a Bible school while people are on vacation.*
- ✓ Is it necessary?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. Besides, why would you hold Bible school while people are on vacation?*
- ✓ What is a potluck?
- ✓ *A time to share your favorite high caloric recipe and think you're doing others a favor.*
- ✓ Are they necessary?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Is any social gathering necessary?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What is the social gospel?
- ✓ *It is not the gospel at all, but social events.*
- ✓ Should the Lutheran church ever practice the social gospel?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What is the prosperity gospel?
- ✓ *It is not the gospel at all, but people focused on prosperity.*
- ✓ Should the Lutheran church ever practice the prosperity gospel?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*

- ✓ Should a Lutheran church run a soup kitchen?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church run a food bank?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church run a clothing bank?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever support any particular insurance company?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever support any secular group?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Should a Lutheran church ever support any political candidate?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ Is any extra church group necessary?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What is a synod?
- ✓ *A group of people who come together to maintain the administrative and spiritual oversight of the church.*
- ✓ Is a synod necessary?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, should there be a synod headquarters?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, should any synod official not be a full-time Pastor?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, should the synod be advisory or compulsory?
- ✓ *Synod? What synod?*
- ✓ If so, should there be conventions?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ If so, how often should conventions be held?
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ What is evangelism?
- ✓ *Being focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions and sharing that with others.*
- ✓ How should Lutherans carry out evangelism?

- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ *What is mission work?*
- ✓ *Being focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions and sharing that with others.*
- ✓ *How does mission work differ from evangelism?*
- ✓ *It doesn't.*
- ✓ *How should Lutherans carry out mission work?*
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ *What is Law?*
- ✓ *It is what God would have us do and not do.*
- ✓ *What is Gospel?*
- ✓ *It is everything Christ has done to save our souls from sin, satan and hell.*
- ✓ *How should Lutherans maintain a proper distinction between Law and Gospel?*
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ *Should Lutherans be ready and willing to fear, love and trust in God above all things?*
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ *Should Lutherans be ready and willing to renounce the devil and all his wicked ways?*
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ *Should Lutherans be ready and willing to lead a chaste and decent life in word and deed?*
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ *Should Lutherans be ready and willing to follow every Word of the Scriptures, even if it means hardship, ridicule, persecution and death?*
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ *What would you be ready and willing to do to support a truly Lutheran church?*
- ✓ *Every Christian should be focused on Christ, grace, faith, Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, every day. What would love, holiness, perfection and righteousness ordain?*
- ✓ *But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!*
- ✓ *Yes, and all who desire to live Godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. I charge you therefore before God and the*

Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.