



The Challenge:

I am printing Luther's preface to the Small Catechism in the place of my usual article **because I believe that it is most important that you read it.** It is a little long, but it is an easy read and the content is as relevant today as when it was written nearly 500

years ago. I urge you to take a few moments and read this as we prepare to take the Faith Lutheran Catechism challenge. I believe you'll be glad you did.

Martin Luther, to all faithful and godly pastors and preachers: Grace, mercy, and peace be yours in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The deplorable, miserable conditions which I recently observed when visiting the parishes have constrained and pressed me to put this catechism of Christian doctrine into this brief, plain, and simple form. How pitiable, so help me God, were the things I saw: the common man, especially in the villages, knows particularly nothing of Christian doctrine, and many of the pastors are almost entirely incompetent and unable to teach. Yet all the people are supposed to be Christians, have been baptized, and receive the Holy Sacrament even though they do not know the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, or the Ten Commandments and live like poor animals of the barnyard and pigpen. What these people have mastered, however, is the fine art of tearing Christian liberty to shreds.

Oh you bishops! How will you ever answer to Christ for letting the people carry on so disgracefully and not attending to the duties of your office even for a moment? One can only hope judgement does not strike you! You command the Sacrament in one kind only, insist on the observance of your human ways, and yet you are unconcerned whether people know the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Ten Commandments, or indeed any of God's Word. Woe, woe to you forever!

Therefore dear brothers, I beg all of you who are pastors and preachers to devote yourselves sincerely to the duties of your office, that you feel compassion for the people entrusted to your care, and that you help us accordingly to inculcate this catechism in the people, especially the young. If you cannot do more, at least take the tables and charts for catechism instruction and drill the people in them word for word, in the following way:

First, the pastor must carefully avoid teaching the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the sacraments, etc., according to various texts and differing forms. Let him adopt one version, stay with it, and from one year to the next keep using it unchanged. Young and inexperienced persons must be taught a single fixed form or they will become easily confused, and the result will be that all previous effort and

labor will be lost. There should be no change, even though one may wish to improve the text.

The honored fathers understood this well, and therefore they all consistently used one form of the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments. We should do as they did by teaching these materials to the young and the common man without altering a single syllable and by never varying their wording when presenting or quoting them year after year.

So adopt whatever form you wish, and then stick with it at all times. If, however, you happen to be preaching to some sophisticated, learned audience, then you certainly may demonstrate your skill with words by turning phrases as colorfully and masterfully as you can. But with young persons, keep to a single, fixed, and permanent form and wording, and teach them first of all the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, etc., according to the text, word for word, so that they can repeat it after you and commit it to memory.

But those who refuse to learn are to be told that they are denying Christ and do not belong to Him. They are not to be admitted to the Sacrament, accepted as sponsors at Baptism, or allowed to exercise Christian liberty in any way. They should instead be simply directed back to the pope and his functionaries, yes, even to Satan himself. Moreover their parents and superiors should refuse them food and drink, telling them that the prince is of a mind to expel such rude persons from his realm, and so on.

Of course we cannot and we should not try to force the Christian faith on anyone. Yet we should steadily keep on urging people toward it and help them know what is considered right and wrong in which they want to live and earn their living. A person who wants to live in a certain city and enjoy its privileges should know and observe its laws, no matter whether he believes in them or is at heart a rogue or a scoundrel.

Second, after they have well memorized the text (of the Catechism), then explain the meaning so that they know what they are saying. Do so with these charts, or some other brief method of your choosing; adhere to it and do not change a single syllable, as said above concerning the text, taking your time with it. For it is not necessary to teach everything at once, but one thing after the other. After they understand well the meaning of the First Commandment, proceed to the Second, and so on, otherwise they will be too overwhelmed to the point of remembering nothing.

Third, after you have so taught this short Catechism, take up the Large Catechism and use it to give them a broader and richer understanding. Here enlarge on every individual commandment, petition, segment, explaining in each case the various words, uses, benefits, dangers, and hurts involved, as you will find them amply described in many a book dealing with these topics. Stress especially that commandment or any other specific part of the catechism doctrine which your people neglect

most. For example, among craftsmen and merchants, farmers and employees, you must powerfully stress the Seventh Commandment, which forbids stealing, because among such people thievery and dishonesty occur. Also for young persons and the common man you must stress the Fourth Commandment, urging them to be orderly, faithful, obedient and peaceable, always bringing in many Bible examples of how God punishes or blessed such people.

Finally, now that the pope's tyranny is over, people no longer want to go to the Sacrament but despise it. Here again urging is necessary, however, with the understanding that we are not to force anyone into the faith or to the Sacrament nor set any law, time, or place for it. Our preaching should instead be such that of their own accord and without our command, people feel constrained themselves and press us pastors to serve the Sacrament. The way to go about this is to tell them that if anyone does not seek or desire the Lord's Supper at the very least four times a year, it is to be feared that he despises the Sacrament and is not a Christian, just as no one is a Christian who does not believe or hear the Gospel. For Christ did not say "Omit this" or "despise this," but "this do as often as you drink it" etc. He most certainly wants it done and does not want it undone and despised. "This do," He says.

So look to it, you pastors and preachers. Our ministry today is something other than it was under the pope. It has become a serious and saving responsibility. Consequently, it now involves much more trouble and labor, danger and trial, and in addition it brings you little of the world's gratitude and rewards. But Christ Himself will be our reward if we labor faithfully. The Father of all grace help us to do just that. To Him be praise and thanks forever through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Killian

***Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Christ Alone, Scripture Alone,
and to God Alone be the Glory!"***

New: Pastor's office hours: Tuesday & Thursday
9:00-2:00

Voters Meeting, October 11, 7:00 p.m.

Worship Schedule: *Sundays @ 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.*
Holy Communion is served every Sunday except when we have a guest pastor.

Bible Study Schedule

You are encouraged to join us for Bible study on:

Sundays 9:15 a.m.: Beginning in October we will start a new Sunday morning Bible study on the life of Martin Luther.

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.: New Class on Isaiah starts this week

Office hours:

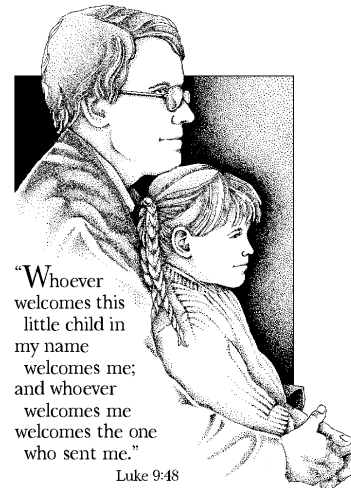
Monday- Friday

9:00 a.m. to noon

Pastor's hours Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Web site: www.faithupontherock.com Check it out. If you have ideas of things you would like to see on it, send them to Kie.



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We know children can be a handful in a worship service. We believe God wants your children to be part of the worship time and so do we.

You can begin training them as soon as they can sit by themselves. To help you, here are some suggestions. First - Worship with them, teaching them the pattern of worship. Folding hands during prayers is a good place to begin and standing when the congregation does. As they get older teach them

to follow the service in the hymnal or with a large print bulletin. Teach them the hymns so they can sing with you. During the sermon, let them color or play quietly.

And finally – they are children and will not be perfect. We expect an occasional "melt down" so hang in there. There is a cry room where you can sit and listen to the service till your child calms down. You can take your bulletin with you and follow along and you can even see the service through the large window looking in to the sanctuary.

NO OFFICIAL ACTS in September

HOSPITAL STAY- Pastor Killian does make it a priority to visit the hospitals. However, the hospital will not call us to let us know when one of our members is admitted. If you know ahead of time that you are going to be hospitalized, please indicate that on your record of fellowship or speak with Pastor Killian. If you are admitted suddenly, call or have a friend or relative call the church office for you.

Remember Our Shut-Ins:

Floyd Burroughs, Windsor Care Center, 2305 Crescent Dr., CF
Steve Boyken and Kathy Boyken,
Sunset Nursing, 235 N Mill St., P.O Box 383, Denver, IA
50622, Kathy: 984-5092
Shirley Clement, 1442 Prospect Blvd, Waterloo 50701
Rande Galle, 3261 Ansborough Ave. Waterloo 50701
Leona Jeanne Perkins, 203 Lake St., Cedar Falls 50613
Geneva Wardius, 707 5th St, PO Box 26, Dike IA 50624

NEW Address:

Correction: Christian & Lisa Preus family, **3902** Willshire Ct.,
(House number was wrong last month)
PLEASE ADD TO YOUR PINK SUMMER DIRECTORY

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER for the BLIND

Ministry to the Blind & vision impaired September 19 was a nice event for a beautiful end of summer and step into "fall" kind of day. We had guests along with 5 members from Faith. We enjoyed a devotion from Pastor Killian, delicious food with delightful company.

Next month on the 17th, we will serve a goulash recipe sent to us from Hunter's mom, bread, and salad. Vickey Smith promised to make pumpkin bars for our dessert!

Please join us from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. for good food along with conversations with old and new friends of Faith.

Please contact Kie Maas, 231-5711, Jill Killian, 610-4148, or Noreen Purcell, 230-8786, if you would like to be a part of this outreach ministry.



CHURCH LIBRARY and Cry Room

All the magazines that used to be on the table in the hallway are now on the shelves in the library. There are also many pamphlets written by the late Dr. A.L. Barry. These pamphlets cover many topics that you may have questions about. Please stop in and browse. You can take the pamphlets for yourself and also to share with friends that may have questions.



WOMEN OF FAITH

met September 8th for a time of socializing. We shared memories of Sunday School when we were young. In October we will meet on the 13th. Harriet DeBolt and Gerri Mahnke are hostesses, and Becky Dalluge will lead a Bible study: "Where are You?"

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Let us please join together to show our thanks to Pastor Killian for serving our congregation faithfully preaching and teaching the Word among us. Also the many other ways he serves us as a congregation and family of believers at Faith. Drop a card, give a call, send a text or email, write a poem, song, draw a picture, to show your thanks for God's servant.



ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 18, 2015 starting at 4:00 p.m.

Plans for celebrating the one year milestone in our new sanctuary are continuing.

It's a time to give thanks for the many blessings we have enjoyed. Invitations were sent inviting you to a short worship service of thanksgiving and dinner to follow. Please RSVP for the meal so we can plan for food. Drinks, meat and dessert will be provided. We are asking members to bring a side. If you are willing to help set-up, serve, or clean-up, we can accomplish this together as a team. Come join in the celebration and fun as we mark this milestone together. Please contact Mike and Vickey Smith or the church office. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

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LWML FALL RALLY - WHY CAMPUS MINISTRY

1 Peter 1:24-25 For, *“All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of the Lord stands forever.” And this was the Word that was preached to you.*

Please join us for the FALL RALLY

On October 10, 2015

College Hill Lutheran Church'

2322 Olive St., Cedar Falls

Breakfast/Registration at 8:15

Bible Study at 9:00 by Rev. John H. Wegener

Please encourage your LWML sisters to attend a fantastic topic about the important ministry directed at college students. Listen to Pastor Wegener's enthusiasm as he explains this ministry against a world that questions Christianity and promotes decision theology.

The ingathering will help support LCMS U. Items needed for the Community Chest include: cereal, granola bars, pop tarts, crackers, chips, mac-n-cheese, fruit snacks, instant oatmeal, popcorn, pretzels, mixed nuts, salsa, pudding/brownie/cake mixes, pop, hot cocoa, paper products (plates, bowls, cups) and plastic utensils.

REFORMATION AND CHILI SUPPER

All of us will become students of Martin Luther during October. We will be learning together; old and younger generations about the importance he made in the faith we confess and believe. Sunday School students will focus the time on October 25 through music and lessons. Adults will begin a Sunday morning Bible study entitled *“A Man Named Martin: Part I – The Man”*, a video Bible study.

We will celebrate Reformation on Sunday, **October 25** in morning worship, a Chili Supper, and Luther comedy beginning at 4:00 p.m. We need a few chili chefs and everyone else to bring a side, Please sign up on the announcement poster and join the faith and fun together.

A Reformation display table will be set up during the month of October. If you are willing to loan items (books, photos, educational material, etc.) concerning Martin Luther or the Reformation, please contact Vickey Smith or the office. Be sure your name is on the item so it may be returned to you. Thanks for your help!

YOUTH GROUP All youth are welcome to join the fun in playing games, eating treats, laughing in fellowship, helping others, and reading/discuss from the Word of God on issues that matter most to young adults. Join Paul, at church, on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. We will be making donuts for the congregation on Sunday October 18.

CONFIRMATION AND WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Classes are underway and we welcome students as they meet weekly to learn the faith we confess and believe. Pastor Killian has the confirmation class, Paul Collins the pre confirmation and Vickey Smith the younger class: Pre-K through 4th grade. Deb Smith and Becky Wagner teach through music. Rebecca Stitchman has also volunteered to help as needed on Wednesdays. Thank you to families, students and staff for joining together in an effort to teach and share the faith; learning across all generations. Students are learning Old and New Testament events, Catechism, the Lord's Prayer and also memorization. Support and encourage one another in prayer and study. This is a great opportunity to learn with your student and help them to understand the faith we share. This is the Faith Catechism Challenge! See Pastor Killian's article, page 1.

“I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make Your faithfulness known through all generations.” Psalm 89:1

SUNDAY SCHOOL

3 in 1: Out Triune God is our Sunday school theme for the fall quarter; September, October and November. The past month was focused on God the Father. October we will turn to Jesus Christ, the Son. We will review and remember how He came to be our Savior, overcame sin, death and the devil, prepares a heavenly home for us, and promises to return. These lessons will come from the New Testament.

Reformation is also celebrated in October. We will devote October 25, Reformation Sunday, to learning about Martin Luther and how he influenced the faith we believe and confess. Please join the students at Faith as they continue to grow in their faith through the study of God's Word.

Attention high school youth! Join the regular Sunday morning Bible study as you explore Revelation: What does this mean.org.

Thank you for your prayers and support for our staff, students and families. A BIG THANKS to those donating snacks or drinks for the students each Sunday. We love our snacks!

Thinking ahead: Christmas practice, Advent and the Children's Service is not too far away. Watch for further details to come in November.

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23



Rev. David Preus and his family are our new missionary family. Thank you for your generous support through words, donations and prayers. We will be sending them our contribution of \$1277.22. They continue to prepare for their service in the Dominican Republic. We also will continue to correspond and encourage them in the year to come as they work to spread the Gospel to all people.

The Sunday school children have chosen to support two missionary families we have met in the past : David and Valerie Federwitz and family of 4 children in Ghana; also Rev. Micah and Robin Wildauer and family of 3 children in Togo (www.lcms.org/wildauer). The Sunday School offerings have been split between these two missionaries. We will continue to support them in their work in Africa spreading God's Word. See note below from Federwitz with new email.

Also check out these Websites: lcms.org/Wildauer, lcms.org/Preus, and lbt.org. Also fun missionary activities and

learning for children and family activities:
lcms.org/missionfriends

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" Matthew 28:19-20

Do you have information that you would like to share with the congregation? Please bring it or e-mail it **Faithluth@aol.com** to the office by **September 18** to be included in the October Newsletter.

So many people do so much

around our church that may go unnoticed. Here are some things that have been noticed:

- **ARDIE HOLMES AND FAMILY** wish to thank Pastor and the congregation for their thoughts, prayers and cards during Dale's illness, and the Ladies of Faith for serving the funeral luncheon
- Thanks to Diane High for preparing lunch for the *Making Abortion Unthinkable* class. You went above and beyond!
- Many Thanks to Lutherans For Life, Deb Smith, Diane High, Kie Maas, Noreen Purcell, Ann Wiechert, Pam Woolery and Jill Killian for providing the treats and lunch for our workshop "*Making Abortion Unthinkable*" and for the Pastor's Panel featuring Linda Bartlett.
- Many Thanks to Pastor Killian for leading the workshop and being on the Pastor's Panel.
- Thank you to Julie Frey and Carey Frost for donating the carpet cleaner and cleaning the carpet in the Sunday school rooms.



If you have noticed something or someone that should be recognized, please notify Kie in the office, faithluth@aol.com

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR AUGUST

Giving back as we've been blessed!

Total undesignated income	\$15,410.40
Required to meet budget	\$17,344.60
Status (offerings compared to budget)	-\$ 1,934.20
Year To Date	+\$8,513.55

40 Days for Life started September 23 Pray to end abortion in the Cedar Valley

Abortion is the leading cause of death in the world, ending more lives than cardiovascular disease, cancer, AIDS, war, hunger. . . or any other cause. We are in our 5th 40 Days for Life Campaign, praying to end abortion.

We pray for:

- Women who are at risk of having an abortion
- Innocent children who are at risk of perishing
- Men and women who carry the pain of a past abortion experience
- Workers at Planned Parenthood facilities and abortion centers
- Local, regional, and national leaders
- Revival and renewal in our churches
- Repentance and healing throughout our nation

We Pray at:

- Planned Parenthood, 2520 Melrose Dr., Cedar Falls
- 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- 40 days straight from September 23-November 1.

You are invited to join with others from many churches in the Cedar Valley for 40 Days of prayer. 40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history, helping people in local communities end the injustice of abortion. Call Kie if you want more information, 231-5711 or go to 40daysforlife.com and read about it.

40 Days for Life Mid-point Rally October 11

at 4:00 p.m. We'll all meet at the Planned Parenthood vigil site for prayer, a hymn sing, and a chance to meet and greet each other and share our experiences. It is good to see all the others that are out there praying when we are not there. The pro-life community is a bunch of wonderful people and it's good that we are getting to know each other.

After the Rally

A Memorial Service for the Victims of Abortion on October 11, 5:00 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

The Life Memorial Service is an annual remembrance of the 55 million babies that have been lost to abortion in our country and prayer for all involved in this tragedy.

The service is a service of prayer and repentance. We pray for our nation, the Church and those struggling with a crisis pregnancy. We pray for mothers and fathers suffering the aftermath of an abortion, and we pray for those who are deceived to see abortion as a solution to difficult problems of life.

The FAITH LIFE TEAM had a super busy September.

We hosted the "Making Abortion Unthinkable" workshop on **September 12** and had people from 9 different churches attend. We served a nice lunch of sloppy joes prepared by Diane High and salads prepared by Life Team members. It was very well received.

On **September 13** we hosted Linda Bartlett and a panel of Pastors discussing Linda's Book, *The Failure of Sex Education in the Church: Mistaken Identity, Compromised Purity*. We had a full house for this also. We have a couple of books available for purchase if you would like. Contact Kie in the office.

From **September 17-20** we manned a booth at the Cattle Congress and gave out 400 fetal models to people so they could see that a 10 week old baby in the womb is a real person worthy of protection. We made some good contacts and were encouraged by the support shown for the cause by people that walked by.

On **September 21** we had a wonderful kickoff rally for the 40 Days for Life Prayer vigil. It was the most people that we have ever had because outrage at Planned Parenthood is at an all-time high. Record numbers have turned to peaceful prayer and healthy alternatives as a result of the Planned Parenthood scandal. Planned Parenthood has been harvesting and selling body parts from aborted babies. Planned Parenthood has changed abortion methods to get intact parts so they can sell them. Clinics providing comprehensive health care for women outnumber Planned Parenthood locations 20-to-1. We don't need Planned Parenthood, abortion is a barbaric business and women deserve better. Planned Parenthood is the largest abortion chain in America (and has helped export abortion around the world).

National Lutherans For Life is having their annual fall conference at the Creation Museum October 30-31.

With all the “bad news” there has been in the press lately regarding “Planned Parenthood” etc. it is time we stood up and took a stand for LIFE. I have been to the Creation Museum many times. This is what I would like to do. I would like to combine seeing the Creation Museum and attending the conference. I want to leave on Wednesday morning October 28th. That would be our travel day. We would stay at the Country Inn and Suites because I can get a better rate AND they serve a very nice free breakfast. It is only two hotels from the Marriot. We would have all day the 29th and 30th until 5:00 when the banquet is held. Ken Ham, the founder of the Creation Museum will be the speaker. (That alone is worth the trip.) Then all day Saturday there will be speakers and workshops in Legacy Hall in the Creation Museum.

Anyone that wants to go would have to go the Lutherans For Life website, lutheransforlife.org, and register. It is \$100 per person, but this gets you into the Creation Museum with a two day pass and covers all your meals from the Friday evening banquet and all day Saturday.

Lutherans For Life have scheduled outstanding speakers etc. for this conference. You really don't want to miss this opportunity. By going a day early, we would have one extra night of motel. However, I would be able to arrange to get us out to the site of the Ark and you could see the size of this project etc. This of course, would be optional. Let me know if you are interested in something like this so we can determine how many or what type of vehicles we would need. In Christ's service, Ellen Bauer, 319-352-5435

Alternatives Pregnancy Center

1006 Decathlon Dr. Waterloo, 50701

Offering Christian Compassion, Counsel and Care

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Allan and Sylvia Nordbrock have both gone to be with their Lord. There will be a Memorial Service for them both on Saturday, November 7 at 11:00 a.m., First Lutheran Church, Papillion NE. Cards may be sent to their son: Keith, 707 Taylor Circle, Papillion NE 68046

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PUTTING CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTIAN RADIO... You can listen to teachings for laypeople on topics like: Eastern Orthodoxy, Defending the Truth Claims of Christianity, The Birth of Moses, St. Michael & All Angels, Translator of Scripture Jerome and more. **Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the new Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO VISIT WITH REV. MICHAEL REDEKER ADMISSIONS OFFICER CONCORDIA SEMINARY ST. LOUIS

Have you ever considered becoming a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Michael Redeker from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at Valley Lutheran School on Thursday, November 12 between 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Rev. Redeker is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages – elementary school through adults. Appointments are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome to come with you. Appointments are not necessary but encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific time, please contact Rev. Redeker at 314-505-7225 or redekerm@csl.edu.



Valley Lutheran School

Eastern Iowa Lutheran High School Association delegate assembly meeting is at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 25. Delegate's attendance is crucial to our Lord's ministry. All other interested people are invited to attend to learn more about our Lutheran School. 4520 Rownd St., Cedar Falls.