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God's Word for My Life

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A Return to Grace DVD

Luther's Life and Legacy

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What Is It?

- A cinematic retelling of Martin Luther's journey with God's Word and his dedication to telling its truth. The film was created to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Shown in theaters across the country throughout the Reformation 500 year, *A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy* is now available on DVD for viewing in homes, schools, and churches.



Features/Benefits

- Teaches people the importance of the gospel truths the Reformation brought back into focus
- Reveals that Luther shared many of our own questions about faith and that answers are all found in God's Word
- Uses the appealing medium of film to share gospel truths and our Lutheran heritage with the world
- Achieves historical accuracy through proper scenery for the 16th century and dialogue taken directly from Luther's writings and sermons
- Features Padraic Delaney as Martin Luther and narration by Hugh Bonneville (*Downton Abbey*)
- Convenient for viewing and screening anywhere a DVD can be played

Specifications

- Approximately 105 min. English and Spanish. Captioned.
- DVD in a standard DVD case.
- Produced by Boettcher+Trinklein.

Related NPH Products

- *A Return to Grace Bible Study* (2201186), by Daniel M. Schroeder
- *Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture: A Video-Based Bible Study* (2201185), by Daniel M. Schroeder
- *Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture: 12 Vignettes From A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy* (3303026)
- *God's Plan for Luther and Me: A Children's Film for Ages 8 and Up* (3303027)
- Other Reformation and Luther titles currently listed in the Reformation 500 category at nph.net

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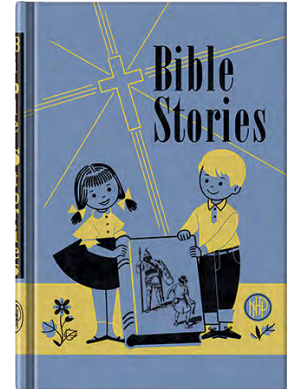
Bible Stories

for School and Home

1601638, 1601638E

What Is It?

- A collection of over 100 Bible stories composed for children from grades one to four. Originally authorized by the WELS Board of Education in 1948, *Bible Stories For School and Home* fulfilled a longtime need for a Bible history written for younger children in Christian day schools. Decades later, it is available for purchase in this second edition.



Features/Benefits

- Contains 102 accurate and easy-to-read versions of accounts from the Bible, from the world's creation in Genesis to Jesus' life in the Gospels and more
- Features classic and rich illustrations to accompany many of the Bible stories and further captivate young readers
- When originally published, it was carefully studied and revised by a committee appointed by the WELS Board of Education
- Emphasizes the eternal truth and relevance of the entire Word of God for children, especially those at a young age
- Designed for use by children at grade levels one to four in both at home and in the classroom

Specifications

- 343 pages. Hardcover, 5.5 x 7.875 inches

Related NPH Products

- *Buttons Complete Set* (161636) by Lynn Groth, includes: *Buttons' Picnic* (161632), *Buttons Visits Grandma* (161633), *Buttons in the Dark* (161634), *Buttons' Bouquet of Flowers* (161635)
- *Simplified Catechism Bible Stories* (070755), by Sandra Greenfield and Ardis Koeller

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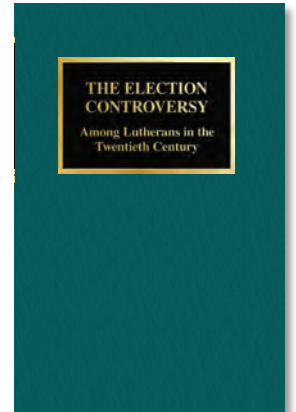
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The Election Controversy

Among Lutherans in the Twentieth Century

By John M. Brenner

1500787



What Is It?

- A historical-theological book analyzing the Election Controversy and its effects on Lutheranism in North America. The controversy concerns whether God chose his people by grace alone or because he foresaw something (faith) in some people and not in others. *The Election Controversy* calls particular attention to twentieth-century efforts to resolve the issue and the resulting end of fellowship between the Wisconsin and Missouri Synods. As Brenner reveals the synods' different approaches to Scripture, the Lutheran Confessions, and church fellowship from the past, current divisions among Lutherans and their roots are also addressed.

Features/Benefits

- Explores the background and origins of the Election Controversy through the writings of Martin Luther, Philipp Melancthon, Martin Chemnitz, and other Lutheran dogmaticians in the Age of Orthodoxy
- Examines major essays, articles, and theses produced by Midwestern Lutherans during both the nineteenth- and twentieth-century Election Controversies
- Provides readers with understanding of the struggle to maintain confessional Lutheranism in America then and now
- Topics include:
 - "Chapter One: The Lutheran Doctrine of Election in the Reformation and Age of Orthodoxy"
 - "Chapter Two: The Election Controversy Among Lutherans in America in the Nineteenth Century, 1879-1900"
 - "Chapter Three: The Free Conferences of the First Decade of the Twentieth Century"
 - "Chapter Four: The Madison Settlement (*Opgjør*) and the Drive to Norwegian Lutheran Union"
 - "Chapter Five: The Intersynodical Movement and the Chicago (Intersynodical) Theses"
 - "Chapter Six: The Controversy Between the Missouri Synod and the Wisconsin and Norwegian Synods"
- Includes appendices of Lutheran federations, Synodical Conference membership, Scandinavian Lutheran synods in America, the election controversies' participants, Lutheran mergers, and various historical theses on election
- Includes a subject index for improved navigation through the text

Specifications

- 373 pages. Softcover, 6 x 9 inches

Related NPH Products

- *The Synodical Conference: Ecumenical Endeavor* (150677), by Armin W. Schuetze
- *The Complete Timotheus Verinus* (150594) by Valentin Ernst Loescher
- *History of Pietism* (150743), by Heinrich Schmid
- *The Spirit of Pietism* (1500775) by Robert J. Koester

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Escaping the Deathtraps

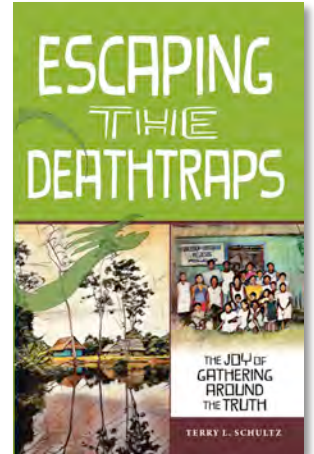
The Joy of Gathering Around the Truth

by Dr. Terry L. Schultz

1500806, 1500806E

What Is It?

- *Escaping the Deathtraps* tells the story of Tashi, Pastor Pedro, and other members of a Lutheran congregation in a Peruvian village. Tashi and the other members of Pastor Pedro's church are having an emotional struggle as they miss spending time with their family and friends in their former congregations. In response, Pastor Pedro uses drawings, stories, and even practical jokes to teach them how best to show love to those who go to churches that have false teachings. The entire book is one long narrative with Bible-based lessons presented throughout. Study questions are included after each chapter.



About the Author

- Dr. Terry L. Schultz (D.Min. in Missions and Evangelism) served fifteen years as a missionary in Peru, including work with the Shawi Tribe of the Peruvian Amazon, and five years living in the Dominican Republic, serving as missionary to Haiti. He is currently the Coordinator for Haiti, Music Coordinator for Latin America Missions, and Fine Arts Consultant for Multi-Language Publications. Terry has written and illustrated eight books.

Features/Benefits

- An exciting and humorous story that presents familiar yet challenging questions about church fellowship through the characters including:
 - Why do there have to be so many different kinds of churches?
 - Is it okay to worship or pray with Christians from other churches?
- Emphasizes church fellowship as an expression of love without sounding exclusive and judgmental
- Provides direction and guidance when reaching out to neighbors to lead them out of false teachings and to the truth
- Includes study questions after each chapter, making the book useful in book clubs and informal Bible studies
- Features illustrations drawn by the author to more clearly depict the messages of the Word used throughout the story
- Four appendices explore additional Bible verses and ask further questions about church fellowship and false teachings, serving as a powerful tool to take a discussion into greater detail

Specifications

- 303 pages. Softcover, 5.5 x 8.5
- eBook, Download

Related NPH Products

- *Church Fellowship: Working Together for the Truth* (150602), by John F. Brug, People's Bible Teachings series

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Space Station Salvation Vacation Bible School

All-inclusive 2-disc Set, Souvenir CD, One-day VBS CD

1001696, 101618, 101621

What Is It?

- This VBS two-disc digital kit (1001696) includes everything teachers need to give their students a fun and rewarding Vacation Bible School program. *Space Station Salvation* features themed crafts, snacks, and games. Most importantly, each lesson focuses on an essential truth from the Word, represented by five different stars.
- An optional souvenir CD (101618) featuring the entire collection of *Space Station Salvation* vocals for children to take home is also available.
- A convenient, one-day VBS variant (101621) is available, teaching students that God created everything in the world and in space



Features/Benefits

- A republished version of the 2011 VBS program in an all-digital, two-disc format
- Disc One contains the Leader/Teacher/Student materials, including planning suggestions and program ideas, advertising pieces, student lessons, teacher guides, Bible story skits, devotional skits, crafts, and registration and permission forms
- Disc Two contains the music materials, including 10 songs with vocal and accompaniment tracks and 5 musical Memory Treasures with simple vocal tracks
- The Souvenir CD allows students to take the songs of *Space Station Salvation* home with them long after VBS is over
- The one-day VBS variant provides a convenient program option that can be a standalone event or incorporated into existing outreach programs such as sports camps or music camps; contains a Leader's Guide for all four levels of study, schedules, a devotional skit, game and snack suggestions, music, craft directions and photos, logo and theme-related art, and recommendations for expanding the program over two days
- The five essential topics from the Word include God created everything, God keeps his promises, Jesus is the Light of the world, Jesus died and rose again for us, and we shine for Jesus by sharing the Word
- Student Lesson CD (101620) is available for those who have saved their materials and only require updated Student Lessons

Specifications

- Two-disc set (1001696):
 - Standard DVD case
 - Two CDs and product insert
- Souvenir CD (101618)
 - Vinyl sleeve with sticker
 - One CD
- One-day VBS program (101621)
 - Vinyl sleeve
 - One CD

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Jesus Christ Is Our Great High Priest

2018 Lenten Resources Kit

by James Janke

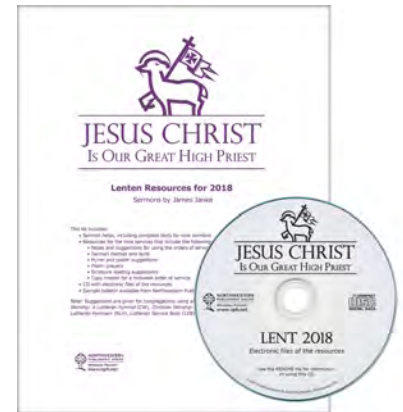
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What Is It?

- *Jesus Christ Is Our Great High Priest* is the theme for the 2018 Lenten Resources Kit, which includes sermons and resources for the upcoming Lenten season.

Features/Benefits

- Helps congregations rediscover the perfect life that Jesus lived for us and invites them to see Christ's role as high priest as assurance of redemption through him alone and motivation for good works in his name
- Includes nine sermons for midweek Lenten services; the sermon and service themes include:
 - Ash Wednesday/Midweek 1: Jesus Is Our Great High Priest
 - Midweek 2: Jesus Is Our Perfect High Priest
 - Midweek 3: Jesus Is Our Compassionate High Priest
 - Midweek 4: Jesus Is Our Self-Sacrificing High Priest
 - Midweek 5: Jesus Our Great High Priest Serves at a Great Altar
 - Midweek 6: Jesus Our Great High Priest Makes Us Priests
 - Maundy Thursday: Jesus Our Great High Priest Is the Mediator of the New Covenant
 - Good Friday: Jesus Our Great High Priest Is Better Than Any Other High Priest
 - Easter Sunday: Jesus Is Our Eternal High Priest
- Saves pastors significant planning time during the Lenten season
- Sermon helps containing full sermon texts and outlines are included and available separately in print and download (1800436, 1800436E)
- Lenten bulletin sample is included and sets of 50 are available separately (1300439)
- Easter bulletin is available in sets of 50 (8.5 x 11, 1300440; 8.5 x 14, 1300441)



Specifications

- *Jesus Is Our Great High Priest* consists of a CD or downloadable files that contain: sermon helps, including complete texts for nine sermons; resources for the nine services including notes and suggestions for using the orders of service; sermon themes and texts; hymn and Psalm suggestions; Psalm prayers; Scripture reading suggestions; a copy master for a midweek order of service; service logo; and a sample bulletin. Sermons are also sold separately.

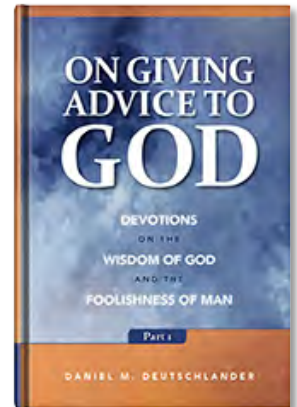


On Giving Advice to God (Part 1)

Devotions on the Wisdom of God and the Foolishness of Man

By Daniel M. Deutschlander

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What Is It?

- A devotional based on familiar Scriptural accounts with rich, surprising, and thought-provoking insights that remind readers of the sheer extent of God's wisdom and the sinful nature of human thoughts and ways.

About the Author

- Daniel M. Deutschlander served in the public ministry for more than 40 years—as a parish pastor, a high school teacher, and finally a college professor. He is the author of *Theology of the Cross: Reflections on His Cross and Ours*, *The Narrow Lutheran Middle: Following the Scriptural Road*, and *Grace Abounds: The Splendor of Christian Doctrine*, among other titles. In retirement, he continues to be a frequent presenter at seminars and conferences for pastors.

Features/Benefits

- Contains 97 devotions based on texts from the gospels that relate to the first half of the Christian church year
- Seasons discussed include:
 - Advent
 - Christmas
 - Epiphany
 - Lent
 - Easter
 - Ascension
- Insights into Scripture are fresh, providing compelling thoughts and analyses to all readers including pastors, teachers, and both new and lifelong Christians
- All the devotions connect to and build on the theme of God's wisdom surpassing human knowledge and actions, encouraging readers to avoid thinking and behaving as if they know better than God
- Assures readers of the perfection of God's promises and plan for salvation
- Includes a Scripture index of the passages treated in the devotions

Specifications

- 231 pages. Hardcover, 6 x 9
- eBook also available

Related NPH Products

- *Theology of the Cross: Reflections on His Cross and Ours*, Impact Series (150746), by Daniel M. Deutschlander
- *Grace Abounds: The Splendor of Christian Doctrine* (1500785), by Daniel M. Deutschlander
- *The Narrow Lutheran Middle: Following the Scriptural Road*, Impact Series (150774), by Daniel M. Deutschlander



WELS Yearbook 2018

4002018

What Is It?

- A reference guide for the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

Features/Benefits

- This useful guidebook includes:
 - The mission and objectives of WELS
 - A listing of church festivals
 - A church year calendar
 - Contact information for synod and district administrations and organizations and WELS Canada
 - A directory of WELS and ELS congregations with address, phone, fax, e-mail, and website information
 - Address, telephone, and e-mail listings for retired and active WELS teachers, staff ministers, and pastors, as well as current campus pastors, hospital and institutional contacts, and military contacts
 - Listings of WELS facilities, schools, and institutions
 - Lay members of WELS Boards, Committees, and Commissions
 - Contact information for charitable and church-related organizations
 - Listings for WELS periodicals and WELS-related web links
 - Worldwide radio and television service times
 - World missions contacts
- In addition to WELS and ELS congregations and schools in the United States, this guidebook also includes listings for:
 - The Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference
 - Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Church of Puerto Rico
 - Confessional Lutheran Church in Latvia
 - Czech Evangelical Lutheran Church
 - Evangelical Lutheran Free Church (Germany)
 - Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Australia
 - Lutheran Confessional Churches in Finland, Norway, and Sweden
 - Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church (Japan)
 - The Ukrainian Lutheran Church
 - Lutheran Church of Portugal



Specifications

- 361 pages. Spiral-bound. Softcover, 6 x 9
- Available for individual purchase or by subscription (subscribers automatically receive the updated version every year)

There's a Prayer for That

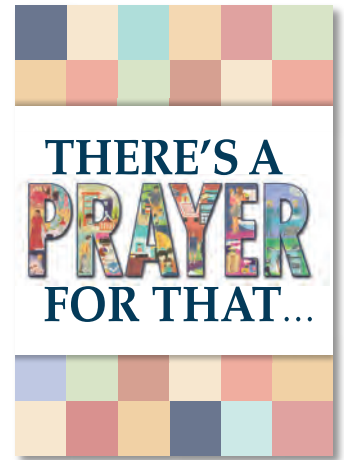
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What Is It?

- A collection of prayers for the diverse occasions and situations of life. For example, *There's a Prayer for That* includes prayers for learning to drive, for thankfulness for eyesight and hearing, for an "empty nest," for musicians and artists, and even for forgetting to pray.

Features/Benefits

- Contains 494 different prayers guiding readers to truly bring everything forward to God
- Encourages readers to pray with openness and regularity, regardless of what may be on their minds
- Prayers are rich with Scripture quotes and allusions, reassuring readers that they are praying according to God's will, that God has anticipated their emotions and situations, and that he will indeed answer for Jesus' sake
- Includes prayers from *Meditations Daily Devotional*®, other NPH products, and WELS pastors
- Prayer occasions include:
 - Prayers for the Church Year
 - Prayers for Other Special Days (e.g. Prayers for Reformation, New Year's Day, Veteran's Day)
 - Prayers for Occasions and Seasons of Life (e.g. Prayers for birthdays, traveling, retirement)
 - Prayers of Thanks and Praise
 - Prayers for the Family
 - Prayers for Comfort (e.g. Prayers for forgiveness, patience, courage)
 - Prayers for the Church and Christian Schools
 - Prayers for the Nation and Society (e.g. Prayers for agriculture, during war, for community)
 - Prayers for God's Blessing Upon Various Professions and Callings (e.g. Prayers for factory workers, musicians, pilots)
 - Prayers for Spiritual Gifts
 - Prayers for Personal Goals (e.g. Prayers for healthy weight, organization, self-expression)
 - Prayers for the Workplace (e.g. Prayers for superiors, deadlines, during termination)
 - Prayers for Those in Athletics (e.g. Prayers for coaches, sportsmanship, safety)
 - Prayers When Facing Temptation
 - Prayers Regarding God's Promises
 - Prayers for Personal Trials (e.g. Prayers for surgery, pets, during loneliness)
 - Prayers for Others Facing Trials



Specifications

- 173 pages. Softcover, 5 x 7
- eBook also available

Related NPH Products

- *A Year of Prayer* (0600745)
- *He Hears My Voice: Prayers From Meditations* (060705)