

Interim Ministry Resources

Chapter 4 Preaching

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Reflections and Resources

1) Worker like in preparation and presentation

At the time I was studying at Luther Seminary (1975-79), there were certain preachers known as pulpit orators.

Five Difficult Pastors to Succeed - ThomRainer.com

5. **The oratorical pastor.** The previous pastor could preach with seemingly unmatched excellence. His sermons were legendary. He had more downloads to his podcasts than the current pastor has hairs on his head. Comparisons are frequent and not flattering for the new guy. And downloads are lower by 97 percent.

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Orator - Wikipedia

The term pulpit orator denotes Christian authors, often **clergymen, renowned for their ability to write and/or deliver (from the pulpit in church, hence the word)** rhetorically skilled religious **sermons**.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orator>

[Images for pulpit orator](#)

Professor Sheldon Tostengard advised students not so much to aspire to be a pulpit orator as to be worker like in preparation and presentation. I now consult **Working Preacher** from my alma mater for help in sermon preparation.

Working Preacher

Working Preacher is a ministry provided by the Center for Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary.

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/>

[Images for Working Preacher](#)

2) Planning ahead

Different preachers employ different time frames in sermon preparation. Much like my approach to planning for services of worship, I prefer to plan ahead for texts and themes. That way, when I think of ideas or come across resources for a text or theme, I can file them. In other words, don't count me among those who cram for the sermon on Saturday night.

Resources

Long-Range Sermon Planning | Ministry Matters™

Those who practice long-range sermon planning have discovered a number of benefits.

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1. Determine your comfort level with **planning in advance**

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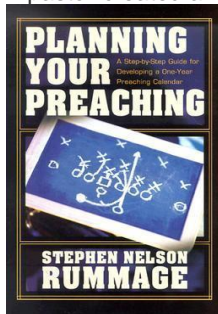
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Planning Your Preaching: A Step-by-Step Guide for Developing a One-Year Preaching Calendar by Stephen Nelson Rummage (Author)

A pastor-created and field-tested, easily adaptable method for planning a comprehensive preaching ministry.



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3) Percolate

Even though I've never used a large coffee pot to percolate coffee, I've heard my share of large coffee pots in churches over the years. Sermon preparation at its best, for me, is a process of percolation. Many times, especially with special emphasis services of worship, the thought process begins weeks ahead of time and allows the sermon to work itself out. Then on Sunday morning, I hand write a sparse outline. I want to figure out how to start and end the sermon and between those two points I want to make the sermon move and flow so that by the power of the Spirit the message will percolate in the hearts and minds of the people throughout the week.

Resources

From Time to Time...: Percolation

More than ever, I realize just how important the percolation phase is in sermon preparation (and paper writing). I have a sermon brewing in me, that is being informed by other life experiences.

<http://donnaolivia.blogspot.com/2009/05/percolation.html>

Images for percolation phase in sermon preparation

Harder Work – Craig Groeshel on preparing a Sermon

I'm of the sort of person where I need to let things percolate in me for a while before I'm ready to assemble my sermon.

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Preaching to Myself: And Other Hints on How to Preach Great Sermons 52 Weeks of the Year by Barbara G. Schmitz

1. Percolating

I think the best sermons are sermons that percolate over the course of the week.

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[Images for Preaching to Myself: And Other Hints on How to Preach Great Sermons 52 Weeks of the Year by Barbara G. Schmitz 1. Percolating](#)

A compelling preacher shares her unique method for creating memorable sermons in this practical, down-to-earth manual that's chock-full of excellent ideas for homiletical preparation. It's an engaging look at what characterizes outstanding preaching as well as a humorous catalog of the hazards facing those who enter the pulpit. Schmitz relates numerous amusing and instructive anecdotes from her own preaching experience and offers valuable advice on how to write and deliver messages with maximum impact. For example, Schmitz notes that compelling stories which resonate with hearers are a crucial ingredient of great sermons -- and "Preaching To Myself" illustrates how to tap into this endlessly renewable resource. Simple, funny, field-tested in the trenches with real people -- if you want to enjoy a chuckle while learning what makes top-notch sermons that change lives, then this is the book for you.

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[Images for A compelling preacher shares her unique method for creating memorable sermons](#)

Sermon Preparation - The Good Book Blog

Many pastors will then let the message **percolate** for a week of prayerful reflection.

<http://www.thegoodbookblog.com/2012/may/01/sermon-preparation/>

[Images for Sermon Preparation - The Good Book Blog](#)

The Anatomy of a Sermon – Preparing to Write

The earlier in the week I can reach this point the better. I like to have a few days in this condition before I start writing. Whether consciously or not – sometimes I am purposefully thinking about it, often not – I am **percolating** on the information and turning the sermon text over in my mind again and again.

<http://jasondohm.com/tag/sermon-preparation/>

[Images for Many pastors will then let the message percolate for a week of prayerful reflection.](#)

The Art and Craft of Biblical Preaching: A Comprehensive Resource for Today by Haddon Robinson (Editor), Craig Brian Larson (Editor)

During my first four years at the church, I preached every Sunday except for my vacations. That meant that, no matter where I went or what I did, next week's sermon was always **percolating** in the back of my mind.

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=0310296404>

[Images for next week's sermon was always percolating in the back of my mind](#)

This extensive encyclopedia is the most complete and practical work ever published on the art and craft of biblical preaching. The 11 major sections contain almost 200 articles, which cover every possible preaching topic, including changing lives, sermon structure, "the big idea," introductions, outlining, transitions, conclusions, passionate delivery, application, leveraging illustrations, telling stories, preaching narrative texts, topical preaching, expository preaching, evangelistic preaching, preaching to postmoderns, using humor, speaking with authority, and many others. Entries are characterized by intensely practical and vivid writing designed to help preachers deepen their understanding and sharpen their communication skills. The contributors include a virtual Who's Who of preaching from a cross section of denominations and traditions, such as John Ortberg, Rick Warren, Warren Wiersbe, Alice Mathews, John Piper, Andy Stanley, and many others. Haddon Robinson and Craig Brian Larson—two of today's most respected voices in preaching—provide editorial oversight.

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4) Daydreaming

When I was growing up, I was told that daydreaming was regarded as a waste of time. A student needed to stay on task. Upon growing up, I now realize daydreaming can make for some of my most creative learning times.

Resources

Creativity, Happiness and Daydreaming | Psychology Today

Daydreaming enhances wellness, happiness and creativity in our hyper-technological world.

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Daydream - Wikipedia

Daydreaming is a short-term detachment from one's immediate surroundings, during which a person's contact with reality is blurred and partially substituted by a visionary fantasy, especially one of happy, pleasant thoughts, hopes or ambitions, imagined as coming to pass, and experienced while awake.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daydream>

[Images for daydream](#)

Five Surprising Facts About Daydreaming – National Geographic

Daydreaming makes you more creative.

Many times, the "dialogue" that occurs when the daydreaming mind cycles through different parts of the brain accesses information that was dormant or out of reach, notes [Eugenio M. Rothe](#), a psychiatrist at Florida International University.

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How Daydreaming Can Actually Make You Smarter | HuffPost

Daydreaming is a way to "dip into [your] inner stream of consciousness," and personally reflect on the world and visualize the future, Kaufman says. This sort of impromptu introspection can even help us to **find the answers to life's big questions.**

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The Benefits of Daydreaming | Science | Smithsonian

A new study indicates that daydreamers are better at remembering information in the face of distraction

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The Secret Power of Daydreaming - Business Insider

While daydreaming may seem like an idle **waste of time**, research shows that some kinds of daydreams can be useful. They help people to **explore ideas, envision situations, and get a better sense of their future selves** — all of which contribute to success.

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Why daydreaming is good for you | Best Health Magazine Canada

Letting your mind drift has many benefits. Find out how you can make daydreaming work for you.

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You are Creative & Smarter, if You're Daydreaming at Work

Frequent daydreaming scores higher intellectual and creative level with the brain says researchers.

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5) Chewing Cud

I served 3 open country congregations in a parish where the parsonage was located across from a pasture where the cattle grazed. Even as much as cattle graze, they still take time to chew their cud.

Why Do Cattle Chew Their Cud? | Animal & Food Sciences

Dairy cows spend almost 8 hrs a day chewing their cuds for a total of almost 30,000 chews daily. It can be said that a **content cow is one who is seen chewing her cud**. In reality, there is quite a bit of truth in this statement. When cows chew their cuds, they secrete saliva. This saliva contains a natural antacid which helps to buffer the rumen or first compartment of the stomach. Proper buffering of the rumen allows a cow to digest forages better and to eat more feed which helps her produce more milk.

https://afs.ca.uky.edu/files/why_do_cattle_chew_their_cud.pdf
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To chew the cud is to properly digest what is taken in.

[Chew the cud | Define Chew the cud at Dictionary.com](#)

[chew the cud to reflect or think over something](#)

Word Origin for cud

Old English *cudu*, from *cwidu* what has been chewed; related to Old Norse *kvātha* resin (for chewing), Old High German *quiti* glue, Sanskrit *jatu* rubber

<https://www.dictionary.com/browse/chew--the--cud>

[Images for Chew the cud | Define](#)

[Images for chew the cud to reflect or think over something](#)

6) Putting the puzzle together

Throughout the week, pieces of the puzzle come to me so that by the end of the week, I put the pieces in place.

Resources

[Sermon as a Jigsaw Puzzle | Soul Preaching](#)

The next pattern found in Allen's book *Preaching Patterns* is the jigsaw sermon. Here the sermon is split up into small pieces that are related to each other but the congregation can't see the connections till much later in the sermon.

<http://www.soulpreaching.com/sermon-as-puzzle>

[Images for Sermon as a Jigsaw Puzzle | Soul Preaching](#)

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=0827229933> Chapter 19 Sermon as Jigsaw Puzzle Page 131

<https://www.amazon.com/Patterns-Preaching-Dr-Ronald-Allen/dp/0827229534>

https://books.google.com/books/about/Patterns_of_Preaching.html?id=yJOfbvYkOYC

<https://www.christianbook.com/patterns-of-preaching-sermon-sampler-ebook/ronald-allen/9780827229938/pd/29639EB>

[Images for patterns-of-preaching-sermon-sampler-ebook/ronald-allen](#)

[Three Church Lessons from a Jigsaw Puzzle - Pastors.com](#)

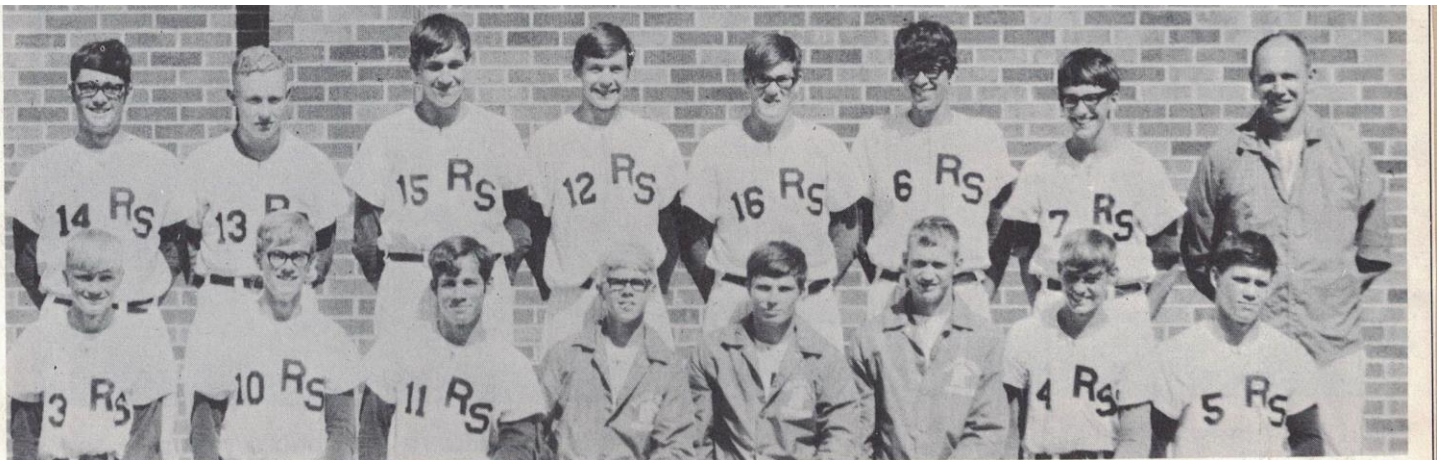
My wife loves to put together jigsaw puzzles. I'm not patient enough to always help, but I do try as much as I can stand it. A couple of Sundays we were on the back porch and I was watching Georgie put a puzzle together.

<http://pastors.com/three-church-lessons-from-a-jigsaw-puzzle/>

[Images for Three Church Lessons from a Jigsaw Puzzle - Pastors.com](#)

7) Give 'em my best stuff and let 'em hit it!

One advantage of serving interim assignments is that a preacher does not have to worry about saying something new over the course of several years. Like a middle reliever or a closer on the baseball team, I can give 'em my best stuff and let 'em hit it.



1970 ROLAND-STORY NORSEMEN BASEBALL TEAM... Front row, (left to right) Jim Finnegan, Loren Tungesvik, Stuart Voga, Doug Doolittle, Claude Hovick, Harold Hovick, Mike Chelsvig, and Doak Doolittle. Second row, 1. to r., Virgil Tungesvik, Lowell Bolstad, Joe Peter, Paul Jacobson, Dan Cockerham, Cal Peter, Wayne Posegate, and Coach Dal Kray.

[Luther and ministry "in crisis" - Living Lutheran](#)

Despite excellent seminary preparation and quality continuing education, in accepting each of my calls over the past four decades I felt inadequate and unprepared for the task. But my attitude has always been that of an earnest baseball

player: "If you're standing at the plate and they hand you a bat, take your best swing!" Here's hoping the lineup grows quickly of those who are willing to give their best and who trust God will help them round the bases. Now that I've run the circuit, I'll have to figure out the nature of this new calling we refer to as "retirement."

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2017/06/23712/>

8) What can preachers learn from comics, debaters, singers, and actors?

Susan Sparks spoke 3X at the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin 2018 Fall Ministry Retreat: Laugh Your Way to Grace, The 10 Commandments of Stand Up Comedy, and Humor and Self Care.

Laugh Your Way to Grace: Reclaiming the Spiritual Power of Humor [Rev. Susan Sparks]

Laughter was honored by the ancients as a spiritual healing tool and celebrated by the world's great religions. So why aren't we laughing along the spiritual path today? What would happen if we did? In this personal and funny look at humor as a spiritual practice, Rev. Susan Sparks - an ex-lawyer turned comedian and Baptist minister - presents a convincing case that the power of humor radiates far beyond punch lines. Laughter can help you: Remove the fearful mask of a God who doesn't laugh, Debunk the myth that you don't deserve joy, Find perspective when faced with adversity, Exercise forgiveness for yourself and others, Reclaim play as a spiritual practice, Heal - emotionally, physically and spiritually, Keep your faith when God is silent, Live with elegance, beauty and generosity of spirit. Whatever your faith tradition - or if you have none at all - join this veteran of the punch line and the pulpit in reclaiming the forgotten humor legacy found in thousands of years of human spiritual history.



<http://www.amazon.com/Laugh-Your-Way-Grace-Reclaiming/dp/1594732809>

<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/7919896-laugh-your-way-to-grace>

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/laugh-your-way-to-grace-susan-sparks/1100074612>

<http://www.skylightpaths.com/page/product/978-1-59473-280-5>

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<http://www.readthespirit.com/explore/735-interview-with-comedian-preacher-susan-sparks/>

<http://mabcnyc.org/>

<https://sojo.net/biography/susan-sparks>

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<http://www.oprah.com/money/career-changer-susan-sparks-lawyer-turned-minister>

<https://www.facebook.com/revsusansparks/>

<http://www.speakwellbeing.com/tag/susan-sparks/>

<https://twitter.com/revsusansparks>

<http://susansparks.com/>

<http://susansparks.com/preaching/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/revsuegrace> Susan Sparks - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpWYfg1uiT4> Greetings from Rev. Susan Sparks - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kl3EEYP3sVWw> Sacred Laughter - Susan Sparks - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGis85Mqggg> ...and God struck them with hemorrhoids - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_mfZ7n97mU Susan Sparks - America's Only Female Comedian with a Pulpit - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-RwaCJ4aZ8> Images for Susan Sparks - America's Only Female Comedian with a Pulpit - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-RwaCJ4aZ8> "The Walking Dead" Sermon by Rev. Susan Sparks - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jz7V0c3HY_U The Rev. Susan Sparks (Part 1) - Day1 Conversations with Peter Wallace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79p8qtoLZi0> The Universe is Singing - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hosGK25LqTI> 60 Second Sermon - YouTube

<http://mabcnyc.org/worship/sermon-videos/>

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/mabc-worship>

<https://www.amazon.com/Susan-Sparks/e/B003H5WV66>

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Images for Rev. Susan Sparks, author

[Images for Laugh Your Way to Grace: Reclaiming the Spiritual Power of Humor \[Rev. Susan Sparks\]](#)

In moving beyond the 3-points-and-a-poem propositional approach, what can preachers learn from comics, debaters, singers, actors?

Resources - Comics

A Priest, a Rabbi, and a Pastor Walk into the Pulpit: What preachers can learn from stand-up comedians (Part 1 of 2) – Working Preacher

Preaching and stand-up have this in common: the challenge of standing in front of a bunch of folks -- many of them strangers - and trying to reach them, touch them, move them, never knowing what you will get from them in response.³

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&post=4707>

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&post=4711> (Part 2 of 2)

[Images for A Priest, a Rabbi, and a Pastor Walk into the Pulpit: What preachers can learn from stand-up comedians – Working Preacher](#)

Comedy and Preaching by Joseph M. Webb (Author)

Webb gives a theologically and energetically grounded how-to on the celebration of comedy within preaching.

<http://www.amazon.com/Comedy-Preaching-Joseph-M-Webb/dp/0827204752>

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<https://humorandpreachingbook.wordpress.com/>

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https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/291102.Joseph_M_Webb

[Images for Joseph M. Webb \(Author\) comedy and preaching](#)

[Images for Comedy and Preaching by Joseph M. Webb \(Author\)](#)

Free: Preaching and Comedy - chapter 1 - Baptist Jim

What the preacher can learn from the comedian, a guide to preaching and comedy.

http://baptistjim.com/?page_id=85

[Images for Preaching and Comedy](#)

How Preachers Can (and Should) Learn from Standup Comedians

When it comes to preaching, this comparison with standup comedians is not about needing to be funny. Like I said before, it's about connecting with a group of people using only your voice. Preachers (and all public speakers, for that matter) have the power to evoke some kind of mental/emotional response from their listeners—laughter is one of those possible responses, but it isn't the only one. We also can make people feel things like wonder, curiosity, hope, joy, relief, or catharsis. But we must be willing to do the work and to employ some of the same tools that comedians naturally know how to use.

Here are three things preachers can do to think like standup comedians:

<http://www.robcarmackwords.com/blog-1/2014/10/6/how-preachers-can-and-should-learn-from-standup-comedians>

[Images for How Preachers Can \(and Should\) Learn from Standup Comedians](#)

The Preacher as Last Comic Standing? - Patheos

Preachers can learn some positive lessons, as well as some cautionary tales, from stand-up comedians.

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/faithforward/2010/07/the-preacher-as-last-comic-standing/>

[Images for Preacher as Last Comic Standing? - Patheos](#)

What Leaders and Communicators Can Learn from Improv – Andrew Bright on the Rules of Improv – Carey Nieuwhof

Improv has always fascinated me, so when I had a chance to sit down with Andrew Bright, I jumped at it. What shocked me is not only what the rules of improv can teach you about **comedy**, but what they can teach you about leadership.

<http://careynieuwhof.com/2016/08/episode102/>

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[Images for rules of improv can teach you about comedy](#)

<https://careynieuwhof.com/tag/what-improv-teaches-you-about-leadership/>

[Images for what-improv-teaches-you-about-leadership](#)

<https://careynieuwhof.com/5-lessons-improv-can-build-team/>

Resources – Debaters

How to Be a Good Debater: 13 Steps (with Pictures) - wikiHow

It doesn't matter whether you're debating from a podium or you're just fighting with your mom at home: a few simple rules apply to arguing like a pro. When you use effective communication, a well-placed argument, and really pay attention to what your opponent is saying, you can make just about any opinion sound like the right one.

<https://www.wikihow.com/Be-a-Good-Debater>

[Images for How to Be a Good Debater](#)

<https://www.wikihow.com/Perform-Well-in-a-Debate>

[Images for Perform-Well-in-a-Debate](#)

The Great Debaters - Learning the Art - YouTube

Watch the young cast of THE GREAT DEBATERS learn how to debate at "Debate Camp", and an exclusive interview with Dr. Thomas Freeman who provides insight into what makes a great debater.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGyyPLVM3lg>

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<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0427309/> The Great Debaters (2007)

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<http://www.augsburg.edu/urbandebateleague/2017/08/14/the-great-debate-movie-watch-list/>

What skills do you learn from debate? Here's a HUGE list – Ethos Publications

Light-side debate is a lifelong discipline of mastery of self, loving of audience and enemy, dedication to research and truth, a commitment to move others towards good, and a foundational in classical rhetoric.

http://www.ethosdebate.com/what-skills-do-you-learn-from-debate-here_s-a-huge-list/

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<https://sites.google.com/a/baliis.net/approaches-to-learning/home/communication/debating-skills>

<https://www.theodysseyonline.com/5-life-skills-learned-from-debate>

Images for life-skills-learned-from-debate

<https://www.utne.com/mind-and-body/debate-skills-zm0z12mjzros>

Images for debate skills

Resources – Singers

From Preacher To Grass Cutter To Earth-Shaking Soul Singer : NPR

Janeway wasn't raised to be a soul singer. He grew up in rural Alabama in a strict religious household.

"I could only listen to, like, gospel Christian music," Janeway says. "And a little dash of [Sam Cooke](#) and [Marvin Gaye](#)."

And he got most of his musical chops from church. He even trained to be a preacher.

<http://www.npr.org/2014/03/20/289607137/from-preacher-to-grass-cutter-to-earth-shaking-soul-singer>

<http://www.apr.org/post/preacher-grass-cutter-earth-shaking-soul-singer#stream/0>

Images for From Preacher to Grass Cutter to Earth-Shaking Soul Singer : MPR

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Paul_and_The_Broken_Bones

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhJaASQ19X0> St. Paul & The Broken Bones - All I Ever Wonder (Official Video) - YouTube

Images for St. Paul & The Broken Bones - YouTube

How to care for your voice - Ministry Magazine

I just signed up for voice lessons. No, I am not planning to stop preaching and become a professional **singer**! Rather, I want to learn how to care for my voice in order to maximize and preserve my impact as a preacher for years to come. Most of us received little or no instruction in voice care during our college or seminary training. Many of our preaching professors assumed we all knew how to take care of our voices. They were wrong. That is why I have dialogued with several voice professionals in order to discover some practical suggestions about voice care for preachers.¹

<https://www.ministrymagazine.org/archive/2010/07-august/how-to-care-for-your-voice>

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<http://www.singwise.com/cgi-bin/main.pl?section=articles&doc=CareForVoice>

<http://your-personal-singing-guide.com/voice-care.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPHvGZafPLQ> How to Take Care of Your Voice | Singing Lessons - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTOMc_IzBFM Voice Lessons - How To Take Care Of Your Voice – Episode #3 - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYXnXXnly0s> How To Take Care Of Your Voice - How To Look After Your Voice for Singing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-tmQa6XBxA> How to Take Care of Your Vocal Cords - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K826Om8esAc> How to Take Care of Your Voice - Vocal Health Tips - YouTube

Images for How to Take Care of Your Voice - Vocal Health Tips - YouTube

What Church Leaders Can Learn from an Opera Star - Margaret Marcuson

Church leaders can find it hard to experiment with new ways of worshiping and preaching, or even to appreciate what others are doing. The world of classical music, like traditional church, is struggling to find its way in this new world. Experiments in new ways of doing music, like church, aren't always successful – but we are called to take some chances. We can create new relationships – and even have some fun while we're doing it.

http://margaretmarcuson.com/what-church-leaders-can-learn-from-an-opera-star/#.VYIR_flVhBc

Images for What Church Leaders Can Learn from an Opera Star - Margaret Marcuson

Resources – Actors

Actors and Preachers by Fleming Rutledge - The Living Church

The actors became the best readers we had — not for the reasons you might think, not because they read dramatically or gestured theatrically, but because even when they learned not to act, they knew how to use their voices — and their posture — to communicate.

<http://www.livingchurch.org/actors-and-preachers>

[Images for Actors and Preachers by Fleming Rutledge - The Living Church](http://www.generousorthodoxy.org/)
<http://www.generousorthodoxy.org/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fleming_Rutledge
<https://www.amazon.com/Fleming-Rutledge/e/B001JS8HRA>
https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/9543.Fleming_Rutledge

Advice for Actors . . . and Preachers | Christian Standard

Years ago, I saw an old interview with legendary actor James Cagney. He was asked his best advice for aspiring young actors. His answer really stuck with me. He said, "Learn your lines . . . plant your feet . . . look the other actor in the eye . . . say the words . . . mean them."

Cagney's advice for actors is actually good advice for preachers, too!

<http://christianstandard.com/2015/12/advice-for-actors-and-preachers/>
[Images for Advice for Actors . . . and Preachers | Christian Standard](http://christianstandard.com/2015/12/advice-for-actors-and-preachers/)

What Actors Can Teach Us About Worship Leadership by Craig Johnson – Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

Sundays and Seasons Year B 2015

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<http://sundaysandseasons.com/>

[Images for What Actors Can Teach Us About Worship Leadership](http://sundaysandseasons.com/)

From *Leading Worship Matters: A Sourcebook for Preparing Worship Leaders*. © 2013 Augsburg Fortress

<https://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/18836/Leading-Worship-Matters-A-Sourcebook-for-Preparing-Worship-Leaders>

What Can Preachers Learn from Actors? - SMU Blog

My brief moment on the stage reminded me of a few things that preachers can learn from actors.

<https://blog.smu.edu/pcpe/what-can-preachers-learn-from-actors/?ref=1150>

[Images for What Can Preachers Learn from Actors? - SMU Blog](https://blog.smu.edu/pcpe/what-can-preachers-learn-from-actors/?ref=1150)

<https://www.turnaroundpastor.com/hollywood-actor-taught-preaching/>

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/2015/05/17/dfp-catholic-priests-preaching-boot-camp/27494807/>

<https://carm.org/christianity/testimonies/hollywood-actor-preacher>

<http://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/entertainment/2016/october/almost-pastor-turned-a-list-actor-denzel-washington-on-career-and-christian-roots>

9) Deliver the news

I delivered **The Des Moines Register** newspaper every morning grades 6-12. I learned various lessons from that job.



OUT EARLY ON HIS ROUNDS: Des Moines paper carrier Lowell Bolstad is pictured as he delivers his papers early Saturday morning. He is the 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bolstad. Lowell starts on his route at 5:15 a. m. and is usually finished by 6:30 a. m.

Deliver	It was up to me to take the paper from the drop point to the front door.
News	Especially back then, people depended upon papers for news much more so than now with electronic media.
Entrepreneurialism	I doubled my customers over six years, and my younger brother helped me in later years.
Relations	Especially when I showed up to collect, it was important to show consideration.
Discipline	I got up early each morning and rode my bike in all kinds of weather the year around.
Excellence	My senior year I was awarded a \$400 scholarship and a tour of the headquarters. I remember the plaque: "In the history of journalism, only one other newspaper has won more Pulitzer Prizes for national reporting than the Des Moines Register. Our congratulations to the New York Times."
	The Only Dance in Iowa: A History of Six-player Girls' Basketball https://books.google.com/books?isbn=0803232365

The Des Moines Register

The Des Moines Register is the number one source for Des Moines and Iowa breaking news, jobs, real estate, photos, videos and blogs.

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/news/>

[Images for The Des Moines Register](#)

The Des Moines Register from Des Moines, Iowa ... - Newspapers.com

Members include boys who **deliver newspapers** to homes in more than 900 STORY CITY «*» **Lowell Bolstad**

RED NECKTIE CLUB of Carrier Salesmen

December 27, 1964 **A Publisher Extra Newspaper** The Des Moines Register from Des Moines, Iowa · Page 13

<https://www.newspapers.com/newspage/1101468/>

[Images for The Des Moines Register boys who deliver newspapers to homes STORY CITY «*» Lowell Bolstad](#)

These lessons served me well as a pastor. One difference, though, is that a preacher is expected to be a herald of good news. In the news business, oftentimes bad news is the news that sells. One exception was an older couple who told me one collection day that they were dropping the paper because it seemed like so much bad news. The gospel is the good news in the midst all the bad news of this world.

Resources

Customer Relation Skills | eHow

A key part of developing and maintaining a successful business is the possession and implementation of customer relation skills. These involve how you deal with customers on an interpersonal basis and the policies that the business has in place that demonstrate to the customer that you are empathetic to their needs. This will help ensure that the customer will be more than just a one-time user of your product or service.

http://www.ehow.com/about_5376803_customer-relation-skills.html

[Images for Customer Relation Skills](#)

Deliver - Merriam-Webster Online

de·liv·er

verb \di-'li-vər, dē-\

: to take (something) to a person or place

: to say (something) officially or publicly: to present (a speech, statement, etc.) to a group of people

: to do what you say you will do or what people expect you to do: to produce the promised, wanted, or expected results

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/deliver>

[Images for Deliver - definition](#)

Discipline - Wikipedia

Discipline is the assertion of willpower over more base desires, and is usually understood to be synonymous with [self-control](#).

Self-discipline is to some extent a substitute for [motivation](#), when one uses reason to determine the best course of action that opposes one's desires. [Virtuous](#) behavior is when one's motivations are aligned with one's reasoned aims: to do what one knows is best and to do it gladly. Continent behavior, on the other hand, is when one does what one knows is best, but must do it by opposing one's motivations.^[1] Moving from continent to virtuous behavior requires training and some self-discipline.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discipline>

[Images for discipline](#)

Entrepreneurialism - Dictionary.com - Reference.com

Entrepreneurialism definition, a person who organizes and manages any enterprise, especially a business, usually with considerable initiative and risk.

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/entrepreneurialism>

[Images for Entrepreneurialism](#)

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/quillcontent/entrepreneurialism/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/spacetolove/entrepreneurialism/>

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/jamesvanduker/entrepreneurialism/>

read the Bible in one hand, and the newspaper in the other

Perhaps the most clear statement on the record from Barth concerning these matters comes from a Time Magazine piece on Barth published on Friday, May 31, 1963.

"[Barth] recalls that 40 years ago he advised young theologians 'to take your Bible and take your newspaper, and read both. But interpret newspapers from your Bible.'"

http://www.ptsem.edu/Library/index.aspx?menu1_id=6907&menu2_id=6904&id=8450

[Images for read the Bible in one hand, and the newspaper in the other](#)

The gospel - Wikipedia

In [Christianity](#), the gospel ([Greek](#): εὐαγγέλιον *euangélion*; [Old English](#): *gospel*), also known as the Good News may refer to: the good news by [Jesus](#) about the coming of the [Kingdom of God](#) ([Mark 1:14-15](#)) the good news by the followers of Jesus about Jesus: his [death on the cross](#) and [resurrection](#) to [restore people's relationship with God](#), the descent of the [Holy Spirit](#) on believers as [the helper](#), the resulting promise and hope of [being saved](#) and the [second coming](#) for any who believe and follow Jesus.

The Christian message of good news is described in the four [gospels](#). It relates to the saving acts of God due to the work of Jesus on the cross and [resurrection from the dead](#) which bring reconciliation ("[atonement](#)") between people and God.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_gospel

[Images for gospel](#)

10) Poised 4-H county fair livestock judge

I was so impressed by the poise of a female 20-something county fair livestock judge at the [Buffalo County Fair](#) that I found myself watching her more than the 4-H exhibitors and their dairy cattle. I left after the judging of best cow udders only to overhear her present a lesson on dairy cattle showmanship.

Resources

[\[PDF\]Dairy Cattle Showmanship Guide](#)

<http://cemonterey.ucanr.edu/files/197370.pdf>

[Images for Dairy Cattle Showmanship](#)

http://www.holsteinfoundation.org/pdf_doc/workbooks/Showing_Ready_Workbook.pdf

<https://hoards.com/blog-8910-ten-showmanship-tips-for-success.html>

<https://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/activities-programs/docs/Showmanship.pdf>

<https://www.pinterest.com/cheyannrose/showmanship/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LY301IG0eus> Tuning Your Showmanship - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGich0MuRjw> 4-H Dairy Cattle at the Stearns County Fair - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQneiOlBjJw> 4 H Dairy Showmanship - YouTube

[Images for 4 H Dairy Showmanship - YouTube](#)

Dairy Judging

www.dairyjudging.com/

[Images for dairy judging](#)

<https://fyi.uwex.edu/4hdairyjudgingvideos/>

www.holsteinfoundation.org/pdf_doc/workbooks/Dairy_Judging_Workbook.pdf

<https://ansci.osu.edu/undergraduate/teams/dairy-judging-team>

11) What can preachers learn from storytellers, biographers, poets, and journalists?

My involvement in publishing began in 1967 when I reported for The Viking Herald on high school sports for the [Story City Herald](#).



My involvement in publishing began in 1969 when I reported on high school sports for the [Story City Herald](#). I reported for and co-edited the [The Lobbyist | Waldorf Communications](#) at Waldorf Junior College and worked as a photographer for the [Concordia College - Cobber Yearbook](#). While a senior at Luther Seminary, I wrote an article entitled "The Lay Activity Controversy among Norwegian Lutherans in America" included in Chapter 12 Heritage. Appendix - Controversy in the Church, and published by the Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly. Vol. 55, no. 4, winter 1982, page 146. Through the years of pastoral ministry beginning in 1980, I have worked with various congregation newsletters. From 1988 to 1994, I edited the [The Lutheran Supplement](#) (Read our synod's quarterly

insert into **The Lutheran Magazine**). I have reviewed/edited congregation constitutions for the **Northwest Synod of Wisconsin | Evangelical Lutheran Church of America** since 2009. I edited a volunteer-operated monthly community newspaper called the **Hay River Review** (1987-96) using **Macintosh** computers for desk top publishing. After I self-published 5 booklets (1987-92), offered on this website under Rural Ministry Resources, I agreed with Ecclesiastes: The Conclusion of the Matter ¹² And further, my son, by these words be admonished: **of making many books there is no end**, and much study is a weariness to the flesh. **Ecclesiastes 12:12** It occurred to me 20 years later in 2012 that I could pass on reflections and resources electronically. This self-funded, non-commercial website started as an attempt to put as many reflections and resources as possible into digital format in order that I might be more mobile and less dependent on books, magazines, files, and papers. Then, I began to share these reflections and resources with colleagues upon request. When I began to think that these reflections and resources might be helpful to a larger audience, I can only quip, "The project got out of hand." I kept composing reflections and compiling resources, so that, after 8+ years, and Interim Ministry Resources + Rural Ministry Resources = 5,000+ Arial 9pt. narrow margin pages replete with **Images for (subject)** interspersed to let the search engines multiply the resources exponentially, I determined to post the website and go from there. 2017 was the 50th anniversary of my Rite of Confirmation in 1967. With my 65th birthday in 2018, it seems like I am just now hitting my stride. While this website is intended for rostered ministers, one of the inspirations came from various members saying, "I bet you could write a book!" My goal is to put as many reflections and resources as possible at the reader's fingertips. In a term paper, the thesis is spelled out, and the footnotes added at the bottom of the pages and the bibliography at the end of the paper. Here brief reflections, which look more like footnotes, are followed by resources. Then sections listed by topics provide even more resources. One of the reasons for the stacking of internet addresses is that the internet is constantly changing, and an address up today may be gone tomorrow. My journalism background has shaped my preaching. Preachers can learn from storytellers, biographers, poets, and journalists.

Reading for Preaching: The Preacher in Conversation with Storytellers, Biographers, Poets, and Journalists [Cornelius Plantinga Jr.]

In *Reading for Preaching* Cornelius Plantinga makes a striking claim: preachers who read widely will most likely become better preachers. Plantinga - himself a master preacher - shows how a wide reading program can benefit preachers. First, he says, good reading generates delight, and the preacher who enters the world of delight goes with God. Good reading can also help tune the preacher's ear for language - his or her primary tool. General reading can enlarge the preacher's sympathies for people and situations that she or he had previously known nothing about. And, above all, the preacher who reads widely has the chance to become wise. This beautifully written book will benefit not just preachers, but anyone interested in the wisdom to be derived from reading.

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Resources – Storytellers

Preaching as Storytelling: How to rely on stories to carry spiritual freight Fred Craddock | Preaching Today

A story, if it's a good story, is tailored and contoured to the audience. It's never repeated exactly. It's fitted in. A different condition calls for a reshaping of the story that will address appropriately the new condition; you have to put the grease where the squeak is.

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Storytelling in Our Preaching – WELS

Storytelling, whether in personal testimonies or in parabolic tales, is a powerful way to garner the involuntary attention of your people. We've all drifted when listening to a sermon and then felt ourselves drawn back when we could tell the preacher was beginning a story. We just can't help but listen. Stories are memorable too.

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The Storyteller's Secret: From TED Speakers to Business Legends, Why Some Ideas Catch on and Others Don't Audiobook – Unabridged Carmine Gallo (Author, Narrator), Macmillan Audio (Publisher)

How did a Venice Beach T-shirt vendor become television's most successful producer? How did an entrepreneur who started in a garage create the most iconic product launches in business history? How did a timid pastor's son overcome a paralyzing fear of public speaking to captivate sold-out crowds at Yankee Stadium, twice? How did a human rights attorney earn TED's longest standing ovation, and how did a Facebook executive launch a movement to encourage millions of women to "lean in"? They told brilliant stories.

In *The Storyteller's Secret: From TED Speakers to Business Legends, Why Some Ideas Catch on and Others Don't*, keynote speaker, best-selling author, and communication expert Carmine Gallo reveals the keys to telling powerful stories that inspire, motivate, educate, build brands, launch movements, and change lives. *The New York Times* has called a well-told story "a strategic tool with irresistible power". The proof lies in the success stories of 50 icons, leaders, and legends featured in *The Storyteller's Secret*: entrepreneurs like Richard Branson, Sara Blakely, Elon Musk, Steve Jobs, and Sheryl Sandberg; spell-binding speakers like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Bryan Stevenson, and Malala Yousafzai; and business leaders behind famous brands such as Starbucks, Southwest Airlines, Wynn Resorts, Whole Foods, and Pixar. Whether your goal is to educate, fundraise, inspire teams, build an award-winning culture, or to deliver memorable presentations, a story is your most valuable asset and your competitive advantage.

In *The Storyteller's Secret*, Gallo explains why the brain is hardwired to love stories - especially rags-to-riches stories - and how the latest science can help you craft a persuasive narrative that wins hearts and minds. "The art of storytelling can be used to drive change," says billionaire entrepreneur Richard Branson. And since the next decade will see the most change our civilization has ever known, your story will radically transform your business, your life, and the lives of those you touch. Ideas that catch on are wrapped in story. Your story can change the world. Isn't it time you shared yours?

The opinions expressed by Carmine Gallo in *The Storyteller's Secret* are his own. His audiobook is not endorsed, sponsored or authorized by TED Conferences, LLC, or its affiliates.

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Resources – Biographers

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Ten Great Christian Biographies - AlbertMohler.com

In other words, at their best biographies take us into the real lives of real persons as they were really lived.

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Resources – Poets

Editorial: Preaching and Poetry: Learning the Power of Speech

Poetry's place in the Bible should inspire us to give it prominence in the preparation and practice of preaching.

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Finally Comes the Poet: Daring Speech for Proclamation [Walter Brueggemann]

The Christian gospel, says Brueggemann, is too easily preached and heard. Too often technical reason and excessive religious certitude reduce the gospel to coercive, debilitating pietisms that mask the text's meaning and freeze the hearers heart.

With skill and imagination, Brueggemann demonstrates how the preacher can engage in daring speech—differently voiced and therefore differently heard. This speech, as suggested by the Bible itself, is "poetic" speech, enabling the preacher to forge

communion in the midst of alienation, bring healing out of guilt, and empower the hearer for "missional imagination."

As an alternative to theological/homiletical discourse that is moralistic, pietistic or scholastic, Brueggemann proposes preaching that is artistic, poetic, and dramatic. The basis for the 1989 Lyman Beecher Lectures at Yale Divinity School, *Finally Comes the Poet* is a unique and transforming guide for powerful preaching.

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How Much More? by Karoline Lewis - Craft of Preaching – Working Preacher

Read novels, **poetry**, short-stories -- and always have on your desk a book about preaching so as to nurture and encourage your craft.

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The Pastor as Minor Poet: Texts and Subtexts in the Ministerial Life (Calvin Institute of Christian Worship Liturgical Studies) by M. Craig Barnes (Author)

Today's pastors -- often expected to be multitasking marvels who can make their churches "successful" -- are understandably confused about their role. Craig Barnes contends that the true calling of a pastor is to help others become fully alive in Christ, to be a "minor poet," or poet of the soul. As such, pastors are to read the major poets of Scripture and history in light of the dust and grit of daily parish life.

The Pastor as Minor Poet eloquently calls pastors to search for a deeper understanding of what they see -- both in the text of Scripture and in the text of their parishioners' lives. A critical part of this poetic vision involves discerning key subtexts beneath these texts, which allows pastors to preach the heart of the Word and to understand the hearts of their people. Written with a seasoned pastor's depth of understanding and a poet's sensibility and sensitivity, this book will minister to and inspire pastors everywhere.

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Whatever Happened to Delight?: Preaching the Gospel in Poetry and Parables by J. Barrie Shepherd (Author)

Preaching is an art, Barrie Shepherd argues, and the sermon is an art form, an exercise in creativity and imagination. But all too often preaching suffers from a lack of imagination and a loss of the joy, wonder, and delight that attracted the crowds to

Jesus' words two thousand years ago. In this book, based on his 2003 Beecher Lectures at Yale Divinity School, Shepherd hopes to encourage the preacher toward a more creative vision for the sermon. His approach is spontaneous, eclectic, intuitive, and daring. Shepherd's purpose is to encourage the preacher to think of life as filled with God's presence, to search for the presence, and to use images and words to unveil that presence. The end result is a sermon that is full of joy, wonder, astonishment, and delight.

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Preaching That Connects: Using Techniques of Journalists to Add Impact by Mark Galli (Author), Haddon W. Robinson (Foreword)

Master the craft of effective communication that grabs attention and wins hearts.

Like everyone else, preachers long to be understood. Unfortunately, the rules first learned in seminary, if misapplied, can quickly turn homiletic precision into listener boredom.

To capture heart and mind, Mark Galli and Craig Larsen suggest preachers turn to the lessons of journalism. In *Preaching That Connects*, they show how the same keys used to create effective, captivating communication in the media can transform a sermon.

Amplified by some of today's best preachers, *Preaching That Connects* walks through the entire sermon, from the critical introduction to the bridge to illustrations and final application. Key points include the five techniques for generating creative ideas, your six options for illustrations, and the ten rules for great storytelling—and why the transition sentence is the hardest sentence you'll write.

Preaching That Connects is for all who seek to hone their craft to communicate the truth of the gospel effectively.

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12) What can preachers learn from speech writers?

Preachers cannot rely on speech writers, but what can preachers learn from speech writers as to what makes for a good speech?

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How To Give A Great Speech - Forbes

The best speeches include a clear, relevant message and a few great stories to illustrate it.

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How to Give a Speech (with Sample Speeches) - wikiHow

It's time to tackle what people are afraid of more than death: Public speaking. Luckily, this article will help you get through this nerve-racking event.

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13) Bugs Bunny or Daffy Duck?

I caught part of an NPR interview with an analyst who turned off the sound during a political debate and watched the body language.

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Oct 5, 2012 - Walter Dalton's feisty debate performance gave his campaign a spark and got ... yesterday (and my ever-so-accurate prediction): "Bugs Bunny always beats Daffy Duck." That is, the most comfortable person on stage wins.

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The Slate

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14) The Moth Radio Hour

What makes for a good story? That is the question an interviewer asked the founder of The Moth Radio Hour on Wisconsin Public Radio on 4/14/2016. He replied by saying that there are at least two elements: sharing a sense of vulnerability and making a decision. I listened to the interview while driving my car, but unfortunately could not find The Moth Radio Hour scheduled for the next Thursday at 7pm on the radio in the parsonage.

I caught another broadcast of The Moth Radio Hour on Wisconsin Public Radio while driving my car on 6/30/2016. The host invited people to call in with a two-minute capsule of a story for consideration. She recommended that the story be "compelling." Also, she advised, "Don't write it out in formal English. People don't talk that way."

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Program Notes | Wisconsin Public Radio

Thu, 04/14/2016 – 4:00pm

Founder of “The Moth” Shares the Joy of Storytelling in Wisconsin

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The Moth Radio Hour

The Moth Radio Hour features our most beloved tales and the stories behind the stories. The series debuted in 2009 and is now airing on more than 200 stations.

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The Moth Radio Hour | Wisconsin Public Radio

“The Moth Radio Hour” is a highly acclaimed program dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling. It’s a celebration of both the raconteur, who breathes fire into true tales of ordinary life, and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it. “The Moth Radio Hour” can be heard on the Ideas Network Thursdays at 7pm.

<http://www.wpr.org/programs/moth-radio-hour>

[Images for Ideas Network](#)

The Moth - YouTube

The Moth is dedicated to promoting the art & craft of storytelling. The Moth's stories are true, first-person narratives told live, and without notes in front of a live audience.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/mothstories>

[Images for The Moth - YouTube](#)

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15) This American Life

The sun was shining, the temperature 62 degrees, and the wind 5 mph at noon on Sunday, 4/22/2018. Quite a contrast to the previous weekend when a late winter storm dumped 28 inches of snow. I was driving through the countryside and listening to the radio. I had been taking in music on stations on the right side of the dial but then out of curiosity scanned stations on the left side where I stopped at This American Life on NPR.

This American Life creator Ira Glass on the art of storytelling - ABC

He says old-fashioned story-telling is at the heart of the program but that it took him a long time to learn how to tell stories simply.

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This American Life: NPR

This American Life is a weekly public radio show, heard by 2.2 million people on more than 500 stations. Another 2.5 million people download the weekly podcast. It is hosted by Ira Glass, produced in collaboration with Chicago Public Media, delivered to stations by PRX The Public Radio Exchange, and has won all of the major broadcasting awards.

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/381444650/this-american-life>
[Images for This American Life: NPR](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/thislife/>
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<https://www.thisamericanlife.org/about/staff>

The compelling stories jarred me out of my temporary blissfulness and awakened me to the hard times others face.

Abdi and the Golden Ticket - This American Life

A story about someone who's desperately trying – against long odds – to make it to the United States and become an American. Abdi is a Somali refugee living in Kenya and gets the luckiest break of his life: he wins a lottery that puts him on a short list for a U.S. visa. This is his ticket out. But before he can cash in his golden ticket, the police start raiding his neighborhood, targeting refugees.

<https://www.thisamericanlife.org/560/abdi-and-the-golden-ticket>
[Images for Abdi and the Golden Ticket - This American Life](#)

Damned If You Do... - This American Life

It's one thing to weigh pros and cons. But sometimes all you have is con and con. This week, stories of people having to make a choice, when no good options exist.

<https://www.thisamericanlife.org/643/transcript>
[Images for Damned If You Do... - This American Life](#)

Excruciating Choice: Trading Parental Custody For Mental Health Care

One of the worst moments in Eileen's life was the day she called a local Chicago hospital to tell them she refused to pick up her 15-year-old son after he was discharged. He was in the hospital for psychiatric care, one of many visits over his young life.

<http://wqit.org/post/excruciating-choice-trading-parental-custody-mental-health-care#stream/0>
[Images for Excruciating Choice: Trading Parental Custody For Mental Health Care](#)

16) Listening to the radio

Growing up, I sat on the end of the sofa next to the end table where I read a book and listened to the radio. I navigated the dial to land on the spot where I could get the best reception. I remember listening to broadcasts of Iowa Hawkeyes football games on **WHO Radio - Des Moines' news, traffic, and severe weather station!** with sportscaster **Jim Zabel** who served as the play-by-play announcer for 48 years. When I saw some of my first games on TV, I was somewhat disappointed in that it took away the mystery of imagination. I also listened to **CBS Radio Mystery Theater** and recall to this day the creaking hinges of an opening door to start the show. I grew up without TV and to this day forego consumption of commercial television. Today, when I use allotted vacation, I often attend a Roman Catholic Church because, among other things, I know I will not have to look at projection on a screen.

Out on the Wire: The Storytelling Secrets of the New Masters of Radio by Jessica Abel (Author)

Go behind the scenes of seven of today's most popular narrative radio shows and podcasts, including *This American Life* and *RadioLab*, in graphic narrative.

Every week, millions of devoted fans tune in to or download *This American Life*, *The Moth*, *Radiolab*, *Planet Money*, *Snap Judgment*, *Serial*, *Invisibilia* and other narrative radio shows. Using personal stories to breathe life into complex ideas and issues, these beloved programs help us to understand ourselves and our world a little bit better. Each has a distinct style, but every one delivers stories that are brilliantly told and produced. *Out on the Wire* offers an unexpected window into this new kind of storytelling—one that literally illustrates the making of a purely auditory medium.

With the help of *This American Life*'s Ira Glass, Jessica Abel, a cartoonist and devotee of narrative radio, uncovers just how radio producers construct narrative, spilling some juicy insider details. Jad Abumrad of *RadioLab* talks about chasing moments of awe with scientists, while *Planet Money*'s Robert Smith lets us in on his slightly goofy strategy for putting interviewees at ease. And Abel reveals how mad—really mad—Ira Glass becomes when he receives edits from his colleagues. Informative and engaging, *Out on the Wire* demonstrates that narrative radio and podcasts are creating some of the most exciting and innovative storytelling available today.

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17) TED Talk

TED challenges thinkers to give “the speech of their lives.” I include my speech from the 1987 booklet *Who Will Stand Up for the Family Farm?* - Chapter 7 Living Out a Vision for a Just Future 61 - in this website under Rural Ministry Resources. I gave different versions of the speech on various occasions. The occasion I remember most is the one at a Wisconsin Farmers Union State Convention where 2 members from one of the congregations I served at the time who were active in Wisconsin Farmers Union invited me to speak. It just so happened that I received a standing ovation. One long time attendee remarked that it was the first standing ovation he could remember in over 25 years. The next speaker working off notes written on a yellow legal tablet was a Wisconsin State Senator representing the 27th District 1983 to 1993 who went on to be a U.S. senator 1993 to 2011. At the time, I developed the speech more intuitively. Now, TED Talks provide guidance for speakers to be more intentional in giving “the speech of their lives.”

Resources

Deconstructing an Awe-Inspiring TED Talk - HubSpot

Some speeches feel like magic. They grab our attention and carry us through to the point of realization. While enormous credit goes to the skill of these orators, there are a few elements we can isolate in great talks and bring into our own practice.

<https://blog.hubspot.com/marketing/great-ted-talk-deconstructed-ht#sm.00ngj2e6138edep10mg17vfb97na>
[Images for Deconstructing an Awe-Inspiring TED Talk - HubSpot](#)

Do schools kill creativity? | Sir Ken Robinson - YouTube

<http://www.ted.com/> Sir Ken Robinson makes an entertaining and profoundly moving case for creating an education system that nurtures (rather than undermines) creativity.

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How to Deliver a compelling TED Talk | Paul Sohn

As a TED fanatic and speaker, I often find myself analyzing the different presentation styles, techniques, and idiosyncrasies each speaker brings to his/her speech.

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How to Deliver a TED Talk: Secrets of the World's Most Inspiring Presentations by Jeremey Donovan (Author)

DELIVER THE PRESENTATION OF YOUR LIFE--AND LAUNCH YOUR CAREER

A nonprofit dedicated to ideas worth spreading, TED challenges the world's most fascinating thinkers and doers to give "the speech of their lives" in 18 minutes or less. The more than 14,000 talks on TED.com have been viewed over 1 billion times and include those by such luminaries as Tony Robbins, Dan Pink, and Sheryl Sandberg.

Now you can learn how to give a TED-style talk to achieve your personal and business goals.

How to Deliver a TED Talk provides more than 100 invaluable tips--everything from opening with an explicit statement of audience benefits to framing your idea as an action-outcome response to a question worth asking. Whether you're presenting to an audience of 1 or 1,000, this book is an indispensable resource for any public speaker.

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How to Give a Great TED Talk | Inc.com

Advice from entrepreneurs and TED organizers on giving a knockout speech on one of the world's most prestigious stages.
<http://www.inc.com/magazine/201310/burt-helm/how-to-give-a-great-ted-talk.html>
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TED Talks: The Official TED Guide to Public Speaking | Read | TED.com

Written by Chris Anderson, curator of TED, this book is aimed at anyone with a great idea to share. Since taking over TED in the early 2000s, Chris Anderson has shown how carefully crafted short talks can be the key to unlocking empathy, stirring excitement, spreading knowledge, and promoting a shared dream. Done right, a talk can electrify a room and transform an audience's worldview. Done right, a talk is more powerful than anything in written form.

This book explains how the miracle of powerful public speaking is achieved and equips you to give it your best shot. There is no set formula; no two talks should be the same. The goal is for you to give the talk that only you can give. But don't be intimidated. You may find it more natural than you think.

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10 Steps to Create a Standing Ovation Worthy TED Talk - Expert Enough

Speaking at TEDx is the opportunity to share the "talk of your life," get involved in your community and connect with others. Here's how to craft your own standing ovation worthy TED talk.

<http://expertenough.com/3077/10-steps-to-create-a-standing-ovation-worthy-ted-talk>

[Images for 10 Steps to Create a Standing Ovation Worthy TED Talk - Expert Enough](#)

The secret structure of great talks: Nancy Duarte | TED Talk | TED.com

From the "I have a dream" speech to Steve Jobs' iPhone launch, many great talks have a common structure that helps their message resonate with listeners. In this talk, presentation expert Nancy Duarte shares practical lessons on how to make a powerful call-to-action.

https://www.ted.com/talks/nancy_duarte_the_secret_structure_of_great_talks

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18) Why, How, What

Simon O. Sinek gave a TED Talk on "How Great Leaders Inspire Action" that became the third most viewed video on **TED.com**. He pointed to three questions in the Golden Circle – Why, Who, What – and made the case for starting with Why.

Resources

Simon Sinek: How great leaders inspire action | TED Talk | TED.com

Simon Sinek has a simple but powerful model for inspirational leadership — starting with a golden circle and the question "Why?" His examples include Apple, Martin Luther King, and the Wright brothers.

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Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action by Simon Sinek (Author)

In 2009, Simon Sinek started a movement to help people become more inspired at work, and in turn inspire their colleagues and customers. Since then, millions have been touched by the power of his ideas, including more than 28 million who've watched his TED Talk based on START WITH WHY -- the third most popular TED video of all time.

Sinek starts with a fundamental question: Why are some people and organizations more innovative, more influential, and more profitable than others? Why do some command greater loyalty from customers and employees alike? Even among the successful, why are so few able to repeat their success over and over?

People like Martin Luther King Jr., Steve Jobs, and the Wright Brothers had little in common, but they all started with WHY. They realized that people won't truly buy into a product, service, movement, or idea until they understand the WHY behind it.

START WITH WHY shows that the leaders who've had the greatest influence in the world all think, act, and communicate the same way -- and it's the opposite of what everyone else does. Sinek calls this powerful idea The Golden Circle, and it

provides a framework upon which organizations can be built, movements can be led, and people can be inspired. And it all starts with WHY.

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[Images for Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action by Simon Sinek \(Author\)](#)

Speak More Effectively by Asking Three Questions by Adam Hamilton

Perhaps the most important component to giving an effective speech is asking the right questions. There are three very simple questions your talk, speech, or sermon should be built upon: “Why?” “Who?” and “What?”

<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/speak-more-effectively-by-asking-three-questions/>

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<https://www.amazon.com/Speaking-Well-Essential-Speakers-Preachers/dp/1501809938>

[Images for Adam Hamilton, author](#)

[Images for Speak More Effectively by Asking Three Questions by Adam Hamilton](#)

19) Reading the audience

I served a three-point parish at the start of 2020 until 4/15. The assignment I was scheduled to start on 4/16 fell through, so I went on leave from call. Before the lockdown, I tailored the sermon to each of the 3 congregations. Then, during the lockdown, I spoke the message into a smartphone, which was uploaded onto Facebook. I reminded myself that the camera never blinks. At one previous assignment, I went to the radio station to record a message, but other than that I did not have that much experience recording a message without in-person services of worship. I gained new appreciation for how important it is to be able to read the audience.

How to read your audience in 10 seconds | SpeakerHub

The ability to read an audience while you are speaking, and to adjust your content or style of delivery on the fly is generally considered to be a top-level skill for a speaker.

<https://speakerhub.com/skillcamp/how-read-your-audience-10-seconds>

[Images for How to read your audience in 10 seconds | SpeakerHub](#)

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I also studied up on how to preach to a camera in an empty church.

4 Critical Pointers for Preaching to a Camera in an Empty Room

Everything our seminaries taught us about sermon delivery will need to be adapted for an unforeseen number of weeks while we practice “social distancing” in our churches in response to the coronavirus outbreak.

<https://factsand Trends.net/2020/03/18/4-critical-pointers-for-preaching-to-a-camera-in-an-empty-room/>

[Images for Pointers for Preaching to a Camera in an Empty Room](#)

5 Ways to Get Better at Preaching/Speaking Directly Into a Camera – Carey Nieuwhof

I didn’t realize how heavily I relied on my ability to ‘read’ an audience and see how my message is tracking until I spoke straight into the camera in an empty room for the first time.

<https://careynieuwhof.com/5-ways-to-get-better-at-preaching-speaking-directly-into-a-camera/>

[Images for Preaching/Speaking Directly Into a Camera](#)

20) On the importance of *not* being quite so earnest

While studying at the seminary, I heard the Q & A joke:

Q - How can you tell that 80% of Lutheran pastors have hemorrhoids?

A – They have that earnest look.

My adaptation is that some preaching from the pulpit must give people in the pew the impression that the preacher is suffering from constipation and is earnestly desiring an evacuation.

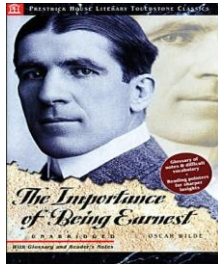
How to Get Rid of Constipation: 10 Methods (with Pictures)

Natural remedies for constipation can help relieve your discomfort and keep you free of strong medications. This article will help you learn how to take care of sluggish bowels in a healthy way.

<http://www.enkivillage.com/how-to-get-rid-of-constipation.html>

[Images for How to Get Rid of Constipation: 10 Methods \(with Pictures\)](#)

Sometimes being so earnest can be counterproductive, and a lighter touch can be more winsome.



The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde

http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/92303.The_Importance_of_Being_Earnest

[Images for Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde](#)

Resources

Church Leaders Need to Be the Grown-ups – The Rev. Margaret Marcuson

1. **Don't take it too seriously.** Edwin Friedman used to say seriousness was a sign of anxiety. If you can lighten up yourself, relationships are likely to go better.

<http://margaretmarcuson.com/church-leaders-need-to-be-the-grown-ups/>

[Images for Don't take it too seriously. Edwin Friedman](#)

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Earnest | Definition of Earnest by Merriam-Webster

Definition of earnest. 1: characterized by or proceeding from an **intense and serious state of mind.**

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/earnest>

[Images for Earnest | Definition of Earnest](#)

5 Reasons You Should Stop Taking Leadership SO Personally – Carey Nieuwhof

As **Tim Keller** has pointed out, if you let success go to your head, failure will go to your heart. And that's exactly what happens when you **over-personalize your leadership.**

<http://careynieuwhof.com/2015/10/5-reasons-you-should-stop-taking-leadership-so-personally/>

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[Images for let success go to your head, failure will go to your heart](#)

21) Scab, not wound

Preaching is for the assembly and not personal therapy. Some of the best advice I have heard about whether to share personal struggles in the pulpit has to do with the metaphor of focusing on the healing of the scab and not the oozing of an open wound.

22) Whine or wine?

Here in Wisconsin, when somebody starts ragging, the question may be asked, "Do you want some cheese to go with your wine?"

Wine and food matching - Wikipedia

Wine and food matching is the process of pairing [food](#) dishes with [wine](#) to enhance the dining experience.



A pairing of [Vin jaune](#) with [walnuts](#) and [Comte cheese](#).

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wine_and_food_matching

[Images for Wine and food matching](#)

Being winsome in the pulpit will get a preacher further.

Resources for whining

Quotes about Complaining on Pinterest

Complaining about a problem without posing a solution is called **whining**.

Teddy Roosevelt

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/quotes-about-complaining/>

[Images for Complaining about a problem without posing a solution is called whining.](#)

[PDF] The Heart of American Black Culture, Black Preaching

One word often used by Whites to describe Black preaching was “sonorous” or tonal. There is good reason to believe that African culture influenced all Black preachers in their use of tonally pleasing voice, with or without intentional “moaning” or chanting. (Three-tone African drums could say anything a person could say. So, tone had deep nostalgic appeal, even without English words.) This aspect is taken for granted by Blacks, but many Whites report being impressed by the pleasing speaking tones of Black preachers as well. The White Separatist Baptists in the South devised their own preaching tone; they called it the “holy **whine**.”

http://www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org/pdf/preaching/ABriefHistory_HenryMitchell.pdf

[Images for Heart of American Black Culture, Black Preaching](#)

whine - definition of whine by The Free Dictionary

whine

(wīn, hwīn)

v. whined, whin-ing, whines

v.intr.

1. To produce a sustained, high-pitched, plaintive sound, as in pain, fear, or complaint.

<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/whine>

[Images for whine - definition](#)

Resources for winsome

Millennials Need a Bigger God, Not a Hipper Pastor

This loss of cultural capital has caused many to shout louder in hopes of regaining influence. But adopting a shrill, combative tone only exacerbates the problem. It's the surest way to alienate outsiders, especially Millennials. Author and historian **John Dickson** urges Christians to move from a posture of “admonition to mission.” Dickson lives in Australia, a decidedly post-Christian country. In our increasingly secular culture, it's a lesson we need to take to heart. Let's stop being shocked when our unbelieving neighbors fail to act like Christians and take a more **winsome** tone when we communicate the gospel.

<http://aspengroup.com/blog/millennials-need-a-bigger-god-not-a-hipper-pastor>


[Images for winsome tone when we communicate the gospel](#)

Transforming Sermons: Winsome preaching

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010

Winsome preaching

Jared Wilson: “. . . gospel-driven churches ought to be attractive. They ought to radiate joy. Their preachers should be self-deprecating, **winsome**, and visibly moved by the power of the gospel.”

POSTED BY MILTON STANLEY AT 6:04 PM 

<http://transformingsermons.blogspot.com/2010/04/on-gospel-driven-preaching.html>

[Images for preachers self-deprecating, winsome, and visibly moved by the power of the gospel](#)

winsome - definition of winsome by The Free Dictionary

win'some-ness *n*.

Word History: The *win* in *winsome* comes from the Indo-European root **wen* meaning “to desire, strive for,” and has a number of descendants in the Germanic languages. One was the prehistoric Germanic noun **wini-* meaning “friend” (literally, “one who desires or loves” someone else) which became **wine** in Old English and is preserved in such names as *Winfred*, “friend of peace,” and *Edwin*, “friend of (family) possessions.” A different form of the root with a different suffix became Old English *wynn*, “pleasure, joy,” preserved in *winsome*. Finally, the verb *win* itself is from this root; its meaning is an extension of the sense “to strive for,” namely “to strive for with success, be victorious.” Outside of the Germanic branch of Indo-European, we see the root, for example in Latin *venus* or *Venus* “love, the goddess of love,” and the verb *venerāre*, “to worship,” the source of English *venerate*.

<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/winsome>

[Images for winsome - definition](#)

23) Forego the nasal whine

It is my contention that condescending complaints of those who presume to know what's best for others may find sympathy from like-minded people but rarely win others over.

Resources

Is This How You Really Talk? - WSJ

A strong, smooth voice can enhance your chances of rising to CEO. And a **nasal whine**, a raspy tone or strident volume can drive colleagues to distraction. "People may be tempted to say, 'Would you shut up?' But they dance around the issue because they don't want to hurt somebody's feelings," says Phyllis Hartman, an Ingomar, Pa., human-resources consultant.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10001424127887323735604578440851083674898>

[Images for Is This How You Really Talk? - WSJ](#)

[Images for nasal whine](#)

whine - WordReference.com Dictionary of English

whine (hwīn, wīn), v., whined, whin. ing, n. to utter a low, usually **nasal**, complaining cry or sound, as from uneasiness, discontent, peevishness, etc.

www.wordreference.com/definition/whine

[Images for nasal, complaining cry or sound](#)

24) Tone and time

I ran across a description of early preachers in the centennial anniversary booklet of an open country congregation I served as an interim pastor.

Two early pastors were Wuornos and Samanen, both of whom were reputed to be **"fire and brimstone" preachers, whose sermons often lasted for nearly an hour.** The services were long and solemn affairs. There was no talking or visiting during the service, and hymns were sung with feeling as the organist led the congregation. One interesting custom of the times dictated that the men all sat on the right side of the church, all the women on the left, perhaps to make it easier for them to concentrate on the message.

I remember when our family moved from Montana to Central Iowa in 1959, we lived with my aunt and uncle Solveig and Sven Heglund for a brief time and attended Salem Lutheran Church of rural Radcliffe where Rev. Nils Klungtvedt regularly preached for 30+ minutes.

Rev Nils Klungtvedt (1890-1972)



<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/49613847/nils-klungtvedt>

I believe in law/gospel preaching but cannot bring myself to deliver "fire and brimstone" sermons, and I preach 10-20 minutes at regular services of worship and less at occasional services of worship.

Resources for Tone of Sermon

Let the Tone of Your Sermon Match the Tone of the Text

Giving these various moods and tempos, styles and emotions will bring to your people a rich sense of the varied nature of how God speaks through human agency. Let the Bible become as variegated to you as you would like it to be to them. God does after all speak in various ways his wonders to perform.

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/trevin-wax/let-the-tone-of-your-sermon-match-the-tone-of-the-text/>

[Images for Let the Tone of Your Sermon Match the Tone of the Text](#)

What Tone Should Preachers Aim At? | Desiring God

This personality factor raises the question of preaching tone. What should a preacher aim at in the tone of his preaching?

By "tone" I mean the *feel* that it has. The *spirit* it emits. The emotional *quality*. The affectional *tenor*. The *mood*.

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/what-tone-should-preachers-aim-at>

[Images for What Tone Should Preachers Aim At? | Desiring God](#)

[Images for tone of preaching](#)

Resources for Time of Sermon

Ministry Matters™ | How Long Should You Preach?

When it comes to sermon length, I've observed three kinds of preachers:

<http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2736/how-long-should-you-preach>

[Images for Ministry Matters™ | How Long Should You Preach?](#)

Preacher's Toolkit: How Long Should My Sermons Be?

How long should a sermon be? As a preaching professor and a pastor, I've asked and been asked that question a hundred times. Today, after 35 years in ministry, I have a definitive answer: *You can preach as long as you hold their attention.*

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/preachers-toolkit-how-long-should-my-sermons-be/>
[Images for Preacher's Toolkit: How Long Should My Sermons Be?](#)

Three Views on How Long a Sermon Should Be - ThomRainer.com

Are church members and church leaders saying sermons should be longer or shorter? The answer is "yes."

<http://thomrainer.com/2014/07/three-views-long-sermon/>
[Images for Three Views on How Long a Sermon Should Be - ThomRainer.com](#)
<http://thomrainer.com/2015/01/three-major-trends-sermon-length/>
<http://thomrainer.com/2013/06/how-long-does-a-pastor-preach/>

25) Problematic use of certain pronouns

In addition to the problematic use of the first-person plural mentioned above, two other pronouns deserve review. I often hear someone relate personal experience with the use of "you feel", not to mention the ubiquitous "you know." A common saying now is, "Right, so, you know..." Taking personal responsibility for one's speech calls for using "I" statements.

While these cases seem so common that calling attention may invite the rhetorical question, "What's the big deal?", the use of *them* in speaking of the other in a certain tone of voice is more commonly agreed as being, not only incorrect, but also disparaging. Using "my" in a possessive manner can also be problematic.

Resources

Pastors and the Word "My" | Adam J. Copeland

Overuse of the pastoral "my" identifies the church as overly pastor-centered. If the pastor owns the committees and sanctuary and other employees, the implicit message to others is one of **arrogance, control and a lack of welcome**. Such language also undercuts the empowerment of the congregation to take ownership of its ministry. If church members hear the pastor referring to things as his or hers, they have less incentive to take responsibility themselves.

<http://www.adamjcopeland.com/2010/11/03/pastors-and-the-word-my/>
[Images for Pastors and the Word "My" | Adam J. Copeland](#)
[Images for pastor arrogance, control and a lack of welcome](#)

The Seven Axioms of Sermon Delivery | Preaching.com

As a young man, I was affected by what Edwin Newman (in *Strictly Speaking*) calls the "y'know" syndrome. During a twenty-minute sermon I would say "**you know**" at least fifty times. I finally managed to subdue the bad habit, but it required the utmost in discipline until I achieved it.

<http://www.preaching.com/sermon-illustrations/11547735/?page=6>
[Images for The Seven Axioms of Sermon Delivery | Preaching.com](#)
<http://www.amazon.com/Preaching-The-Art-Narrative-Exposition/dp/0801072433>
[Images for Preaching-The-Art-Narrative-Exposition](#)

26) Keep 'em awake

The first ten years of my pastoral ministry I served an open country two-point parish. Some of the men got up early to milk cows and, by the time the sermon came around, especially if the furnace was turned up in the winter, a few would nod off. Through the years, despite my best efforts, there have been others who have nodded off even if they didn't get up early to milk cows.

Why Men Sleep During a Sermon: How to Keep Them Awake

Even a mediocre preacher can be good if he shortens and focuses his message.

<http://www.preachitheathe.com/articles/detail/why-men-sleep-during-a-sermon-how-to-keep-them-awake/>
[Images for Why Men Sleep During a Sermon: How to Keep Them Awake](#)

I don't feel too bad, though, when I remember that a young man fell asleep when the Apostle Paul talked on and on and then fell out the window.

Eutychus

On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread, Paul was holding a discussion with them; since he intended to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight. There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we were meeting. A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep sleep while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below and was picked up dead. But Paul went down, and bending over him took him in his arms, and said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." Then Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them until dawn; then he left.

Meanwhile they had taken the boy away alive and were not a little comforted.

[oremus Bible Browser: Acts 20:7-12](#)

<http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=163069481>
[Images for eutychus falling asleep while paul is preaching](#)

As far as I know, no one has gotten hurt nodding off during one of my sermons.

Resources

How to Not Fall Out of a Window and Die - Lessons from Eutychus

Summary: The story of Eutychus from Acts 20 and how it relates to us.

<http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/how-to-not-fall-out-of-a-window-and-die-lessons-from-eutychus-matt-krachunis-sermon-on-action-154211.asp>

[Images for How to Not Fall Out of a Window and Die - Lessons from Eutychus](#)

Saving Eutychus: How to Preach God's Word and Keep People Awake by Gary Miller and Phil Campbell

Poor Eutychus might have tumbled off his perch in Acts 20, but it's humbling to notice that what took Paul many hours of preaching to achieve—near-fatal napping in one of his listeners—takes most preachers only a few minutes on a Sunday. *Saving Eutychus* will help you save your listeners from such a fate. Written by an Aussie and an Irishman with very different styles who share a passion for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. *Saving Eutychus* delivers fresh, honest, faithful and practical insights into preaching the whole word of God, Sunday by Sunday, in an engaging way. This book is a practical distillation of decades of thinking, writing, preaching, failing, humbly praying and seeing God at work, and is an invaluable tool for honing your own gifts to become the best preacher you can be.

Includes sermons and mutual critique from each author, a sermon critique sheet, and practical tips and helpful diagrams.

<https://www.amazon.com/Saving-Eutychus-preach-people-awake-ebook/dp/B00D2Y368E#nav-subnav>

<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/17793432-saving-eutychus>

<https://australia.thegospelcoalition.org/article/saving-eutychus>

<https://www.refugeindy.com/recommended-reading>

<https://redeemer.ch/recommended-reading/>

<https://www.amazon.com/Gary-Millar/e/B00J3FF8Q4>

http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/7046197.J_Gary_Millar

[Images for Gary Miller, author saving eutychus](#)

<https://www.amazon.com/Phil-Campbell/e/B00MCBCL8E>

http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/7050445.Phil_Campbell

[Images for Phil Campbell, author saving eutychus](#)

[Images for Saving Eutychus: How to Preach God's Word and Keep People Awake by Gary Miller and Phil Campbell](#)

27) Singing in the pulpit

When I was studying at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota 1975-79, an Old Testament professor by the name of Dr. Robert Boyd sometimes broke into song while preaching in chapel. For this reason, among others, he was called Bouncing Bobby Boyd. The image stuck with me, and now occasionally I sing in the pulpit, most often strategically, but sometimes spontaneously. Invariably, a member will remark, "Pastor, we like it when you sing to us!"

Praise to God Who Comes in Judgment

- ¹ O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶ Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

oremus Bible Browser: Ps 96: 1-6

<http://bible.oremus.org/?passage=Ps+96:+1-6>

[Images for Praise to God Who Comes in Judgment](#)

Sing to the Lord a new song

28) Lightness as opposed to heaviness

My last sermon came at a mid-week Lenten service of worship at a village church. A retired school teacher came through the line and said to me, "You've lifted our spirits!"

Resources

Heaviness - definition of heaviness by The Free Dictionary

heav'i·ness *n*.

Synonyms: heavy, weighty, hefty, massive, ponderous

These adjectives mean having a relatively great weight. Heavy refers to what has great physical weight (a *heavy boulder*) and figuratively to what is burdensome or oppressive to the spirit (*heavy responsibilities*.)

<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/heaviness>

[Images for emotional heaviness](#)

Lightness - definition of lightness by The Free Dictionary

light·ness²

(līt'nīs)

n.

1. The state or quality of having little weight or force.
2. Ease or quickness of movement; agility.
3. Ease or cheerfulness in manner or style.
4. Freedom from worry or trouble.
5. Lack of appropriate seriousness; levity.
6. Delicacy or subtlety in craft, performance, or effect.

<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/lightness>

[Images for emotional lightness](#)

29) Personality driven

Some preachers possess a certain magnetism, but what happens when the church becomes personality driven?

Warning Signs Of A Personality-Driven Church

Are people coming to—and staying—at your church because you're there? If you left tomorrow or five years from now, would it still thrive? Do you lead a personality-driven church (that personality being you!)?

<https://churchleaders.com/outreach-missions/outreach-missions-articles/148676-personality-driven-church.html>

[Images for Warning Signs Of A Personality-Driven Church](#)

<https://tonymorganlive.com/2009/09/26/5-warning-signs-of-a-personality-driven-church/>

<https://www.charismanews.com/opinion/the-pulse/64570-11-obvious-signs-of-a-personality-driven-church>

<https://www.charismanews.com/opinion/the-pulse/64576-11-obvious-signs-of-a-personality-driven-church-mdash-part-2>

30) Vainglory in the pulpit

I went to a workshop on I've Worked My Spirit to Death, Religiously, Now What? – *Sam Ramberg Workshop Leaders - Luther Seminary* at the Mid-Winter Convocation 2015 Religious but Not Spiritual Jan. 28-30 Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN 2015 Mid-Winter Convocation - *Luther Seminary*. He introduced a term I had not considered for quite some time: **vainglory = doing the right things for the wrong reasons**. It made me more reflective about my preaching so that I preach Jesus and do not preach to hear the sound of my own voice and/or to attempt to impress the listeners with my cleverness.

Resources

Vain Glory Quotes (2 quotes) - Goodreads

"Hereby we may understand that God, of His special grace, maketh the teachers of the gospel subject to the Cross, and to all kinds of afflictions, for the salvation of themselves and of the people; for otherwise they could by no means beat down this beast which is called **vain-glory**."

— Martin Luther, *Commentary on Galatians*

<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/vain-glory>

<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/vainglory>

<https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/40733295-vainglory-the-forgotten-vice>

[Images for vainglory quotes](#)

<http://quotes.yourdictionary.com/vainglory>

<http://thinkexist.com/quotes/with/keyword/vainglory/>

vainglory - Wiktionary

vainglory (*countable* and *uncountable*, plural *vainglories*)

1. Excessive **vanity**.
2. **Boastful**, unwarranted **pride** in one's accomplishments or qualities.
3. **Vain**, **ostentatious** display. quotations ▼
4. A regarding of oneself with undue **favor**.

<https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/vainglory>

[Images for regarding of oneself with undue favor](#)

31) Pontificate/bloviate

The pontiff can pontificate,

pontificate - definition of pontificate by The Free Dictionary

pon·tif-i·cate

(pŏn-tif'ī-kīt, -kāt')

n.

The office or term of office of a pontiff.
intr.v. (-kāt') pon-tif-i-cat-ed, pon-tif-i-cat-ing, pon-tif-i-cates
1. To express opinions or judgments in a dogmatic way.
2. To administer the office of a pontiff.

<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/pontificate>
[Images for pontificate - definition](#)

but a preacher is advised not to bloviate.

bloviate - definition of bloviate by The Free Dictionary

blo-vi-ate
(blō'vē-āt')

intr.v. blo-vi-at-ed, blo-vi-at-ing, blo-vi-ates *Slang*
To discourse at length in a pompous or boastful manner:

<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/bloviate>
[Images for bloviate - definition](#)

32) No time extensions

Students at the seminary may appeal to their professors for time extensions due to extenuating circumstances. Preachers in the pulpit cannot do the same. Services of worship come at designated times ready or not. I recall one Saturday evening going to the emergency room at the local hospital because the left side of my face was swelling. I preached the next morning. The next week I had a root canal done. One Friday night, I came down with a case of viral gastroenteritis, and I did not take any solid food until Sunday afternoon to make sure I could make it through the Saturday 5pm worship service and the Sunday services at 8:15 and 10:45am. On 2 other weekends, kidney stones created intense pain, but I preached anyway. Later, I had the kidney stones removed when they did not pass. Another Saturday late afternoon, I fainted because of overexertion when I underestimated the heat index but showed up for the Sunday services of worship at 2 churches the next morning. Another Sunday morning, I experienced a sudden attack of painful urination but somehow made it through services at 3 churches.

Resources

Don't Feel Like Preaching Sometimes? You're Not Alone.

How do you preach when you don't feel like it? In short, the answer is to just preach.

<http://www.churchleaders.com/pastors/preaching-teaching/246165-dont-feel-like-preaching-sometimes-youre-not-alone.html>
[Images for How do you preach when you don't feel like it? In short, the answer is to just preach.](#)

5 Rarely Talked About Tips for Every Communicator and Writer – Carey Nieuwhof

If you communicate within the context of the local church, like I do, you quickly discover that Sundays come around whether you're ready or not.

<http://careynieuwhof.com/2015/08/5-rarely-talked-about-tips-for-every-communicator-and-writer/>
[Images for 5 Rarely Talked About Tips for Every Communicator and Writer – Carey Nieuwhof](#)
[Images for Sundays come around \(for preacher\) ready or not.](#)

33) Show and tell isn't just for grade school

I used With Awe and Love: A Midweek Lenten Series Based on Luther's Small Catechism in 2017 as a part of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the 95 theses. In the messages, I held up photos and sayings from *The Wisdom of Martin Luther: The 2004 Thrivent Financial Calendar* based on the movie *Luther*. I also held up photos from *Martin Luther: Treasures from the Reformation* that I purchased at **Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation — Minneapolis Institute of Art**

Resources

Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation — Minneapolis Institute of Art

Exhibition Overview

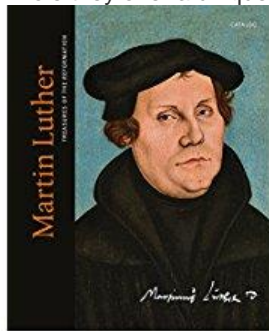
Five hundred years ago, one man took a stand that shook Europe and changed the world. Now you can see the story of Martin Luther and the Reformation brought to life through astonishing artworks and historical objects, traveling outside Germany for the first time ever. Luther used art and the newly invented printing press to challenge Europe's leaders and spread a revolution of religious, cultural, and societal change. This exhibition includes paintings, sculpture, gold, textiles, and works on paper—as well as Luther's personal possessions and recent archaeological finds—that shed new light on an explosive era and the man who ignited it.

<http://new.artsmia.org/luther/>
[Images for Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation — Minneapolis Institute of Art](#)
<http://www.twincities.com/2016/10/28/see-martin-luthers-pulpit-yep-the-whole-thing-at-new-mia-exhibit/>
<http://www.startribune.com/life-of-martin-luther-on-display-in-rare-mia-exhibit/399168641/#1>
<http://www.startribune.com/review-martin-luther-comes-alive-in-a-powerful-show-at-minneapolis-institute-of-art/399483961/#1>
<http://www.elca500.org/events/2016/10/30/exhibition-martin-luther-art-and-the-reformation>
<http://www.visit-luther.com/explore-luther-country/lutherexhibition-usa/minneapolis/>
<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/10/27/martin-luther-mia-artifacts-exhibit>
<http://www.jsonline.com/story/entertainment/arts/2016/12/09/minneapolis-hosts-remarkable-exhibit-martin-luther-artifacts/94227104/>

<http://www.here-i-stand.com/en/places>
<http://www.citypages.com/arts/mias-martin-luther-exhibit-explores-a-revolutionary-moment-in-time/399027151>
<http://www.classicalmpr.org/story/2016/10/30/martin-luther-mia-exhibit>
<http://www.minneapolisnorthwest.com/events/martin-luther-art-and-the-reformation/>
http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/30/arts/design/long-before-twitter-martin-luther-was-a-media-pioneer.html?_r=0
https://www.theoaklandpress.com/lifestyles/reformation-exhibit-highlights-art-as-teaching-tool-and-propaganda/article_72426865-16c7-54be-9632-1201bcbb5122.html
[http://magazine.thrivent.com/publication/index.php?i=329485&m=&l=&p=16&pre=&ver=html5#{"page":16,"issue_id":329485}](http://magazine.thrivent.com/publication/index.php?i=329485&m=&l=&p=16&pre=&ver=html5#{)
 Images for thrivent publication on martin Luther: art and reformation - minneapolis institute of art
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CoWmur8WLRQ> Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation - YouTube
 Images for Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation - YouTube

Martin Luther/Treasures of the Reformation by Minneapolis Museum of Art (Author), Morgan Library and Museum (Author)

In the framework of the Here I Stand project, exhibitions will be shown in Minneapolis, New York, and Atlanta in Fall 2016. Focusing on unique exhibits from authentic places of Luther's life and the history of the Reformation, these exhibitions present a comprehensive picture of the life and work of Martin Luther, his Reformation, its cultural-historical context and lasting impact. This catalogue brings together a thematically structured description of the various exhibits, most of which are being shown abroad for the first time. Original Luther objects and autographs as well as archaeological finds from the Luther sites in Eisleben, Mansfeld, and Wittenberg illuminate the personality of the Reformer and his environment. They are supplemented by a spectacular collection of artistic and graphic masterpieces, sculptures, objets d'art and important printed works. Seen as a whole they offer a unique overview of the important cultural treasures of the birthplace of the Reformation.



<https://www.amazon.com/Martin-Luther-Reformation-Treasures/dp/3954982323>
 Images for Martin Luther/Treasures of the Reformation by Minneapolis Museum of Art
https://books.google.com/books/about/Martin_Luther_Treasures_of_the_Reformati.html?id=m7hGvgAACAAJ
https://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/30/arts/design/long-before-twitter-martin-luther-was-a-media-pioneer.html?_r=0
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minneapolis_Institute_of_Art
<http://www.themorgan.org/>

Luther (2003 film)

Luther is a 2003 biopic about the life of Martin Luther (1483–1546) starring Joseph Fiennes. It was an independent film partially funded by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The film covers Luther's life from his becoming a monk in 1505 to the Diet of Augsburg in 1530.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jilpbQaHpY>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jilpbQaHpY> Luther (2003 Movie) - YouTube
<http://beggarsallreformation.blogspot.com/2011/10/luther-2003-full-movie-on-youtube.html>
<http://www.amazon.com/Luther-Joseph-Fiennes/dp/B0002C9D9U>
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0309820/> Luther (2003)
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luther_\(2003_film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luther_(2003_film))
 Images for Luther (2003 film)
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0309820/plotsummary>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luther_%282003_film%29

34) What about video projection?

I recall a time in a restaurant noticing two people sitting on each side of the table, neither of them talking to each other. One spent the better part of the meal texting on the phone, the other reading the newspaper. On the other hand, I recall another time when the counselors from Luther Park Bible Camp led Vacation Bible School at a congregation I was serving. The leader pointed to her eyes and said to the children, "Eyes right here." Although I respect the practices of the congregations I serve and go along with projection when it is used, I am relieved that most of the congregations I've served did not use projection. Screens may aid education, but I hold reservations about projection in services of worship and preaching. Just as texting takes away the eye contact for a couple at a restaurant, projection takes away the eye contact of leader and assembly in worship. At one mid-size congregation where projection was used, I gradually worked to simplify the amount of material on the screen, so as to make attention to the screen less consuming.

Resources

Craig Mueller- Why worship matters in the digital age

The distinctions between work and rest – central to Jewish and Christian understandings of worship – are breaking down. And studies are showing that this hyper-connectivity is bringing stress to our lives. Should we consider worship on the Lord's Day as the primary "spiritual practice" for Christians? A fast from technology? If people are losing the ability to unplug and reflect on their lives, can worship teach new spiritual patters and forum us in alternate ways? Can the gospel be a countercultural message in our time, reminding us that our identity is who we *are*, not in what we *do* to fill up every spare moment.

<http://www.lstc.edu/lifelong-learners/resources/craig-mueller-presentation.php>

[Images for Craig Mueller- Why worship matters in the digital age](#)

PowerPointless: Video screens in worship | The Christian Century

In recent years, PowerPoint has become a dominant force in worshipping communities across the theological and liturgical spectrum. In churches smitten with the Microsoft wonder, its power to affect the sensibilities of worshipers and thus to shape congregational identity is almost never discussed.

A tacit assumption is that PowerPoint computer presentations are merely a means to an end, a value-neutral tool used for innocent, perhaps even noble purposes: enlarging text for the hard of seeing; reducing the demand for and thus the production of printed materials; and bringing younger people, who spend much of their lives in front of screens—TV, computer, cell phone, PDA—into worship. But PowerPoint is not value-neutral. As information design analyst Edward Tufte has argued, PowerPoint promotes a kind of cognitive style that routinely disrupts, dominates, and trivializes content.

<http://www.christiancentury.org/article/2006-07/powerpointless>

[Images for PowerPointless: Video screens in worship | The Christian Century](#)

Shhh! Don't tell anyone we're here...

We are different. **We don't use screens.** We believe that with all of the technology in our lives – everything from computers and laptops to tablets and smart phones – people are hungry for something that is different from their everyday experience. People are hungering for a sense of something "other." We encourage people to "unplug" for a while so they can sense the Spirit moving in and around people in community.

We are different. We use a hymnal. Hymnals aid the assembly's ability to sing. It allows you to see more than just the words. It allows you to sing parts. Hymnals allow parents to move their finger along with the words so that their child can learn to read music. With a hymnal, you are free to explore; read the psalms, discover the prayers, learn more about the church year and the assigned lectionary readings. Hymnals are tools to help us grow in our faith.

We are different. We don't categorize our music as 'contemporary' or 'traditional'. Music is done well with a variety of instruments: pipe organ, timpani, clarinet, trumpet, bassoon, violin, flute, bass, trombone, piano, and more. We use the instruments the music calls for which aid the assembly in singing.

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

[lcrelca.org](http://www.lcrelca.org) - Home

<http://www.lcrelca.org/>

[Images for lutheran church of the resurrection roseville mn](#)

Worship Quote

I'm not against screens, or new songs, or innovation. **I just don't like gimmicks.** I want to know when worship is over that the leader's sole purpose was to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

Charles R. Swindoll

[Worship Quotes Page 3 - BrainyQuote](#)

http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/keywords/worship_3.html

[Images for I just don't like gimmicks. Charles R. Swindoll](#)

35) Virtual preachers

Many congregations are getting smaller and finding it increasingly difficult to call a seminary educated rostered minister to deliver the message. One resource is A Sermon for Every Sunday originally developed "as a way to help churches that didn't have, or couldn't afford, a regular preacher."

A Sermon for Every Sunday: Home

A Sermon for Every Sunday hosts lectionary-based video sermons by America's best preachers for every Sunday of the Christian Year.

<https://asermonforeversunday.com/>

<https://asermonforeversunday.com/about-us/>

Video sermons from America's best preachers for every Sunday of the Christian Year.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtcZoGSE5Tef8I7sEGH_uiv A Sermon for Every Sunday – YouTube

[Images for A Sermon for Every Sunday](#)

36) Eye Contact

Through the years I have stood in numerous pulpits and preached in many churches – installed pastorate, interim ministry, pulpit exchanges, community services, round robin Lenten services, and supply preaching. At one worship facility, there were five different sections for people to sit – a main section facing the pulpit and altar, two side sections, a balcony, and a choir loft behind the altar. If I read a manuscript, I would not have had to worry about eye contact, but because I didn't, I felt like my head was on a swivel.

Resources

A Complete Guide to Sermon Delivery - Google Books Result

Eye. Contact. Make **eye contact** immediately. This is an excellent way for the speaker to ... Maintain eye contact during 75 to 90 percent of the sermon or lesson.

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1433674998>

Images for A Complete Guide to Sermon Delivery - make eye contact

<https://www.amazon.com/Complete-Guide-Sermon-Delivery/dp/0805412409>

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<http://www2.bhpublshinggroup.com/books/products.asp?p=9780805412406>

<http://www.lifeway.com/Product/a-complete-guide-to-sermon-delivery-P001125359>

<https://www.logos.com/product/7423/a-complete-guide-to-sermon-delivery>

https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/564511.Al_Fasol

Images for al fasol, author

Encountering God through Expository Preaching: Connecting God's People to God's Presence through God's Word

Ryan Fullerton, Jim Orrick, Brian Payne - 2017 - Religion

The preacher who has good **eye contact** comes across as trustworthy. ... In conversation, while the listener is to maintain constant eye contact with the speaker, ...

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1433684136>

Images for The preacher who has good eye contact comes across as trustworthy

https://books.google.com/books/about/Encountering_God_through_Expository_Prea.html?id=cm8kDwAAQBAJ

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Images for ryan fullerton, author

<https://www.amazon.com/Jim-Scott-Orrick/e/B00IZFORFQ>

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Images for Encountering God through Expository Preaching: Connecting God's People to God's Presence through God's Word

Ryan Fullerton, Jim Orrick, Brian Payne

Eye Contact Update For Public Speakers - Forbes

The clichéd advice about public speaking that everyone knows is “make eye contact.” But that’s usually where the knowledge ends and the real questions start. How long should you look at your audience? How much is too much eye contact? Who should you look at? What if you can’t see anyone – what should you do then? What else should you be thinking about?

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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/susanadams/2013/10/02/the-power-of-eye-contact-its-a-myth/#6c810c206ff3>

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/daviddisalvo/2013/10/21/study-making-direct-eye-contact-is-not-an-effective-way-to-persuade/#37822bd2751c>

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https://www.forbes.com/2010/08/16/public-speaking-speeches-communication-leadership-careers-advice_slide/

Eye contact - Wikipedia

Eye contact occurs when two people look at each other's eyes at the same time. In human beings, eye contact is a form of nonverbal communication and is thought to have a large influence on social behavior.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eye_contact

Images for eye contact

<https://www.wikihow.com/Look-People-in-the-Eye>

<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-Eye-Contact>

Eye, Eye, Preacher! - Sermons & Articles - Preaching.com

Make concerted efforts to **make eye contact** with your congregants when preaching.

<https://www.preaching.com/articles/eye-eye-preacher/>

Images for make eye contact

www.ministrypass.com/preaching-tips-make-eye-contact-with-everyone-in-the-room/

<https://biblicalpreaching.net/tag/eye-contact/>
<https://engagethepews.wordpress.com/2013/09/03/sermon-presentation-tip-8-eye-contact/>
[Images for sermon-presentation-tip-8-eye-contact](#)

37) Eye Test

When I sit in a pew (or chair) rather than stand in the pulpit, my eyes indicate my response. The **Northwest Synod of Wisconsin | Synod Assembly 2018** provided an opportunity to reflect on the eye test as 8 candidates spoke as a part of the election of a bishop, 4 speakers gave TED Talks on the synod theme of Growing Younger, other speakers spoke on behalf of partner agencies, 3 speakers "roasted" the bishop live as part of the farewell, while others delivered their message via video. Most speakers commanded my attention so that I focused my eyes intently. A few speakers evoked a moist eye response, and I reached into my back pocket for my red farmers handkerchief. I rolled my eyes upward for a few and I put my head in my hands and pointed my eyes to the floor for others.

38) Speech habits prominent in common culture

There are some speech habits prominent in common culture that can be distracting to the proclamation when used in the pulpit.

Resources

How to avoid vocal fry in public speaking - YouTube

<http://www.allisonshapira.com> Public speaking expert Allison Shapira of Global Public Speaking LLC explains the phenomenon of vocal fry:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNXA27zczqg>

[Images for How to avoid vocal fry in public speaking - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DbkETbHpyF4> The Buzz: Vocal Fry trend - YouTube

<https://www.today.com/video/new-speech-pattern-of-young-women-vocal-fry-44540995528> New speech pattern of young women: 'Vocal fry' - TODAY.com

Stop Up-talking Now? And 6 Confidence Rules - Rocks Are Hard

Ladies & Gentlemen: Up-talking — the moronic, high rising terminal, interrogative, up-speak, rising inflection, unnecessary inflection, or high rising intonation — as described by Wikipedia, and common among teens and surfers, as pointed out by urban dictionary, needs to stop in the workplace. It needs to stop now.

<http://www.rocksarehard.com/stop-uptalking-now-and-6-other-confidence-rules/>

[Images for Stop Up-talking Now](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQWej-hMiZI> How to reduce uptalk in public speaking - YouTube

[Images for How to reduce uptalk in public speaking - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdhJxAmUu3Y> Uptalk and Public Speaking: Does Uptalk Make You Upchuck? - YouTube

[Images for Uptalk and Public Speaking - YouTube](#)

The Gifted Speaker: Why Are You Growling at Me?

This currently trendy vocal choice can be difficult to listen to and damaging to your vocal chords. It definitely does not belong in your presentation. Growling can make you sound young and inexperienced even if you are the expert in your field. Besides that, it hurts and it's only going to hurt more the longer you do it. So how do we stop?

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/michelle-hakalawolf/the-gifted-speaker-why-ar_b_4920104.html

[Images for The Gifted Speaker: Why Are You Growling at Me?](#)

3 Speech Habits That Are Worse Than Vocal Fry in Job Interviews

But vocal fry is just one of many popular speech habits that have been the target of speech traditionalists' disdain. Here are a few more that drive people crazy.

<http://time.com/2820087/3-speech-habits-that-are-worse-than-vocal-fry-in-job-interviews/>

[Images for Speech Habits That Are Worse Than Vocal Fry](#)

Vocal Fry - HuffPost

<https://www.huffingtonpost.com/topic/vocal-fry>

[Images for Vocal Fry - HuffPost](#)

39) Delete filler words

A choir member related that he sat in the choir loft and counted how many times the previous pastor said, "Ummm..." during the sermons. Sometimes, the count exceeded 50.

Resources

Don't Be That Guy: Conversation Edition - YouTube

Did we miss anyone?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kb22Dcrizp0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXPI6C68MhQ> Don't Be That Guy - Conversation Edition ft. Tripp & Tyler – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byycDshantw> Late Night Snack - Don't Be That Guy: Conversation Trap – YouTube

[Images for Don't Be That Guy: Conversation Edition](#)

<http://www.tastefullyoffensive.com/2017/09/dont-be-that-guy-conversation-edition.html?amp=1>

https://www.reddit.com/r/thatguy/comments/705lub/dont_be_that_guy_conversation_edition/

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/398920479487470779/> Don't Be That Guy: Conversation Edition

Four Ways to Stop Saying "Um" And Other Filler Words - Forbes

The good news is that you can steer [your speech habits](#) away from "Um" and "Uh" to more surefooted language. Try experimenting with the following strategies to reduce these words in your speech:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/work-in-progress/2014/12/17/four-ways-to-stop-saying-um-and-other-filler-words/#798fe3832515>

Images for Four Ways to Stop Saying "Um" And Other Filler Words - Forbes

<https://www.forbes.com/pictures/lmj45klif/fillers-and-qualifiers-and-jargon-oh-my/#280dd1ad251e>

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/carminegallo/2015/01/30/how-bob-costas-can-help-you-eliminate-pesky-filler-words/#8b48c3e58a4e>

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/averyblank/2017/02/07/7-common-words-powerful-people-dont-use-that-you-shouldnt-use-either/#3b4e39583c7a>

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/ashiraprossack1/2018/04/23/3-ways-to-build-credibility-at-work/#50a5775f49fe> Remove filler words and stop saying, "sorry."

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/entrepreneursorganization/2018/04/16/the-7-worst-words-to-use-in-sales/#18d4ef50daef>

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45 Ways to Avoid Using the Word 'Very' - Writers Write

Writers Write is your one-stop resource for writers. Use these 45 ways to avoid using the word 'very' to improve your writing.

<https://writerswrite.co.za/45-ways-to-avoid-using-the-word-very/>

Images for 45 Ways to Avoid Using the Word 'Very' - Writers Write

So, Um, How Do You, Like, Stop Using Filler Words? - The New York Times

Verbal fillers such as "like," "so" and "you know" are common but can become problematic when overused to the point of distraction.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/24/us/verbal-ticks-like-um.html>

Images for So, Um, How Do You, Like, Stop Using Filler Words? - The New York Times

<https://bigthink.com/strange-maps/home-of-the-um-land-of-the-uh-the-filler-words-dividing-america>

<https://www.smarthustle.com/filler-words-are-killer-words-how-to-not-ruin-your-next-presentation/>

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<https://www.themuse.com/advice/5-ways-to-erase-like-from-your-work-vocabulary>

Top Ten Annoying Phrases – Will Mancini

Have you ever noticed how certain phrases become part of a culture's conversation style?

<http://www.willmancini.com/2008/11/top-ten-annoying-phrases.html>

Images for Top Ten Annoying Phrases – Will Mancini

Um, Uh, and You Know: Killer Fillers in Public Speaking – ThomRainer.com

I listened in person and via podcast to about 25 speakers the past three weeks. I was intentionally listening for these killer fillers. When it was all said and done, six fillers emerged as the most common. They are, in order:

<http://thomrainer.com/2013/04/um-uh-and-you-know-killer-fillers-in-public-speaking/>

Images for Um, Uh, and You Know: Killer Fillers in Public Speaking – ThomRainer.com

<https://thomrainer.com/2013/03/seven-mistakes-in-public-speaking/>

40) Care for the voice

If I ever keel over in the pulpit, people will probably find Ricola Lemon Mint Herb Throat Drops in my pocket I use to keep my throat lubricated. I keep a glass of water in the pulpit, one at the lectern, and another on the altar. I find water especially important in the winter when the air gets dry. The last thing I want is to get a catch in my throat and not be able to continue. In addition, a handkerchief comes in handy especially if I have a runny nose. If necessary, I may resort to antihistamines to keep my nose from running.

Resources

How to Protect your Voice for Preaching | H.B. Charles Jr.

I drink a lot of water before I preach. I even keep a glass of water on the pulpit at my home church, just in case. If I need it, I will pause to drink it. But it must be room temperature water for me.

<https://www.hbcharlesjr.com/2012/02/28/how-to-protect-your-voice-for-preaching/>

[Images for How to Protect your Voice for Preaching | H.B. Charles Jr.](#)

The preacher's vocal hygiene - Reformation21 Blog

Aim to drink 3-4 pints of water (a little more than 2 litres) daily, more if you do a lot of vocal or other exercise. If you can, sip rather than gulp. If you take water into the pulpit, keep it at room temperature.

www.reformation21.org/blog/2013/04/the-preachers-vocal-hygiene.php

[Images for The preacher's vocal hygiene - Reformation21 Blog](#)

41) On doing one's own work

I attended a conference gathering early in my pastoral ministry where attendees went up to the preacher after the service of worship and complimented him on the message. He smirked, "Oh, I lifted a sermon by Al Rogness."

Sometimes, the thought occurs to me that to save on work I could ask the worship committee to pick the hymns and obtain my sermons from the internet. But, then, I remember two items: 1) Do the right thing. 2) Consider the consequences.

Preaching without a manuscript reduces the temptation to lift a sermon or copy and paste parts of other sermons.

Resources

A Pastor Who Plagiarized Finds a Congregation Willing to Forgive

The Bible does not discuss plagiarism. But it does say that thou shalt not bear false witness and thou shalt not steal.

So, what to do in the case of a disgraced former preacher who violated both commandments several years ago when he borrowed sermons, often whole-cloth, from other ministers and passed them off as his own

www.nytimes.com/2006/07/28/nyregion/28pastor.html

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=0310574684>

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1426756143>

[Images for A Pastor Who Plagiarized Finds a Congregation Willing to Forgive](#)

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Clergyman Is Accused of Plagiarism - The New York Times

The rector of Christ Church Cranbrook, a prominent church in this wealthy town near Detroit, has been suspended for 90 days while the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan investigates accusations that some of his sermons, as well as his writings in a church newsletter, were copied from Internet subscription services for clergymen and other sources on the Web.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2002/03/13/us/clergyman-is-accused-of-plagiarism.html>

[Images for Clergyman Is Accused of Plagiarism - The New York Times](#)

<https://www.sermoncentral.com/content/five-leaders-examine-plagiarism-in-preaching>

<https://www.sermoncentral.com/content/Ron-Forseth-Just-What-Pulpit-Plagiarism?Page=3&ac=true&csplit=9297>

Pastor Fired For Plagerizing Sermons | Baptist Christian Forums

Well, what a mess this is! I've never done it, but I know that the practice of either stealing sermons wholesale or buying them from a sermon service "ready to go" is pretty common. I know this, because there are several businesses in the US who make a profit providing this service--I've gotten their junkmail from time to time.

<https://www.baptistboard.com/threads/pastor-fired-for-plagerizing-sermons.5829/>

[Images for Fired For Plagiarizing](#)

Pastors, Sermons And Plagiarism In The Internet Age | HuffPost

Recent cases of high-profile pastors who have been accused of lifting others' material are raising questions about whether pulpit plagiarism is on the rise — and whether it has become a more forgivable sin.

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/sermon-plagiarism_n_5459855

[Images for Pastors, Sermons And Plagiarism In The Internet Age | HuffPost](#)

Plagiarism Principles for Pastors after the Mark Driscoll controversy - Patheos

I would define plagiarism as "deliberately passing off as your own work something that is not your own work." As such it is fraud and lying. Note that there is a deliberate nature to this, rather than a small honest error.

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/adrianwarnock/2013/12/plagiarism-principles-for-pastors-after-the-mark-driscoll-controversy/>

[Images for Plagiarism Principles for Pastors after the Mark Driscoll controversy - Patheos](#)

Should We Use Someone Else's Sermon?: Preaching in a Cut-and-Paste World by Scott M. Gibson (Author)

With easy access to sermons on the Internet, plus pressure to deliver the next sermon with little time to prepare, no wonder some pastors have resorted to plagiarizing other people's sermons, passing them off as their own. This growing epidemic has received coverage in the Wall Street Journal, on National Public Radio, and elsewhere. Some pastors have been caught in the act and dismissed from their churches. Is this fair? Is this stealing? How can you recognize it? How can it be prevented? This book not only helps explain the problem, but it also explores the ethical implications and gives advice on how to avoid it or deal with it if the problem surfaces in your church. It includes study questions at the end of chapters and a concluding case study.

<https://www.amazon.com/Should-Someone-Elser-Sermon-Paste/dp/0310286735>

<https://www.zondervan.com/should-we-use-someone-else-s-sermon>
<https://zondervanacademic.com/products/should-we-use-someone-elses-sermon>
<http://browseinside.harpercollins.ca/index.aspx?isbn13=9780310286738>
<http://www.lifeway.com/Product/should-we-use-someone-elses-sermon-P005598044>
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https://books.google.com/books/about/Should_We_Use_Someone_Else_s_Sermon.html?id=nFL3Kx0nY8QC
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https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/351147.Scott_M_Gibson
 Images for Scott M. Gibson (Author) preaching
 Images for Should We Use Someone Else's Sermon?: Preaching in a Cut-and-Paste World by Scott M. Gibson (Author)

The Four Most Common Acts of Stupidity That Get Pastors Fired - Thom Rainer

2. **Plagiarism.** Don't ever copy that first sermon. You might get away with it, but it becomes a pattern. If you found cool sermons by Alistair Begg and Andy Stanley, so will those who are listening to you. If you discovered some incredible sermon sites with fully prepared messages, so will those in your congregation. I get messages on social media where members and staff share with me that their pastors are plagiarizing. They know. Don't do it.

<http://thomrainer.com/2017/09/four-common-acts-stupidity-gets-pastors-fired/>
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<https://www.sermoncentral.com/authors/thom-rainer-articles-498>
 Images for Thom Rainer on plagiarism

The Six Deadly Sins of Preaching by Robert Stephen Reid (Author), Lucy Lind Hogan (Author)

2. The Pretender

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1426756143>
 Images for The Six Deadly Sins of Preaching by Robert Stephen Reid (Author), Lucy Lind Hogan (Author) 2. The Pretender
 This ethics of preaching text identifies vices of irresponsible preaching practices. Preachers who fail to develop deep respect for their listeners or drift into a lack of faithfulness to the Gospel can end up becoming:

- The Pretender (The Problem of In-authenticity)
- The Egoist (The Problem of Self-absorption)
- The Manipulator (The Problem of Greediness)
- The Panderer (The Problem of Trendiness)
- The Crusader (The Problem of Exploitation)
- The Demagogue (The Problem of Self-righteousness)

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Six-Deadly-Sins-Preaching/dp/1426735391>
<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/14322819-the-six-deadly-sins-of-preaching>
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<http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2675/review-the-six-deadly-sins-of-preaching>
<https://www.ministrymagazine.org/archive/2013/06/the-six-deadly-sins-of-preaching>
<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/faculty/facultydirectory/lucylindhogan>
https://www.workingpreacher.org/profile/default.aspx?uid=2-hogan_lucy

Your pastor is plagiarizing his sermons; What to do. - Joe McKeever

The pastor is being dishonest, of course. I've known of pastors being fired for such. And he has lost the respect of his staff member who reported it to me.

<http://joemckeeper.com/wp/your-pastor-is-plagiarizing-his-sermons-what-to-do/>
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42) Serve and strive

When I was growing up in the early to mid-1960s the preacher of my home congregation pounded the pulpit and expounded on the dangers of Communism. I remember my mother, especially, being uncomfortable with this kind of preaching. My parents did not raise a public objection to this kind of preaching in the congregation, though, because the parsonage was located only a few blocks from the home of my Aunt Solveig and Uncle Sven, and the pastor and his wife often stopped in on their evening walks for coffee and conversation. This pastor was much beloved in the congregation. My mother breathed a sigh of relief, though, when the next preacher Rev. Clement Gisselquist stuck closer to biblical exposition.

Rev. Clement Algernon Gisselquist (1918-1979) - IAGenWeb

Pastor Gisselquist was ordained June 4, 1944. He served pastorates at Bottineau, North Dakota (1944-47), Jasper, Minnesota (1947-53), Sioux City, Iowa (1958-88), and Story City, Iowa (1968-79).

He often spoke of his ministry in terms of being a servant of the congregation and, in this spirit, he lived and worked among us. He had wide interests as evidenced by hobbies, books, music, travels, contacts and his children's activities, and involvement in community and church activities beyond the congregation.

For fifteen years he was chairman of the board of the World Mission Prayer League. These interests helped him stay in touch with people and the world in which he bore his witness to the Gospel.

He often spoke of his love and high regard for the people of Immanuel congregation. Though his service was shortened by his death, it was where he wanted to end his ministry. He died at his home on June 6, 1979.

<http://iagenweb.org/boards/story/obituaries/index.cgi?read=451239>

[Images for Pastor Clement Gisselquist](#)

Today, don't count me among those who believe I can use the pulpit as a platform to propagate my own views on hot-button political and social issues on various points of the political spectrum or that I must comment on headline events each week in the name of preaching the gospel. Jesus called Simon the Zealot to be his disciple as opposed to being just another resister to the Roman Empire.

Resources

Advice in the Trump Era: Preachers, Don't Be Prophetic | Jason Micheli

Back to Hauerwas (and I suppose Karl Barth): in a world that knows not God, the most prophetic thing we can do as Christians is to gather together in worship of God, to hear the Word read and proclaimed, and to be sent out in loyalty to a homeless, dead Jew we proclaim as raised from the dead. Our Risen Lord who resides on neither Penn Ave nor Wall Street.

In confusing 'being prophetic' for simply being political, we preachers forget that our confession of the Lordship of Christ is already and ultimately a political act more interesting than anything followed by a #resist hashtag. And because Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father, it's a more impactful political act as well.

<http://tamedcynic.org/advice-in-the-trump-era-preachers-dont-be-prophetic/>

[Images for Advice in the Trump Era: Preachers, Don't Be Prophetic | Jason Micheli](#)

[Images for confession of the Lordship of Christ](#)

<https://www.christiancentury.org/contributor/jason-micheli>

<https://www.facebook.com/jason.micheli.3>

Belichick declines comment on Kaepernick situation – ProFootballTalk

Posted by Mike Florio on August 29, 2016, 1:58 PM EDT

Several coaches have chosen to talk about the Colin Kaepernick situation in San Francisco. Patriots coach Bill Belichick has chosen not to.

"We're really focused on what we do and getting ready for the Giants, improving our football team," Belichick told reporters on Monday. "We're not here to talk about political commentary or ideology and all of that."

<http://profootballtalk.nbcsports.com/2016/08/29/belichick-declines-comment-on-kaepernick-situation/>

[Images for not here to talk about political commentary - Bill Belichick](#)

<https://boston.cbslocal.com/2016/08/29/bill-belichick-colin-kaepernick-national-anthem/>

5 Stupid Things the Church Needs to Stop Doing to Make Progress – Carey Nieuwhof

2. Commenting on Politics

Your job is to share the Gospel, not to change the government.

<http://careynieuwhof.com/2015/07/5-stupid-things-the-church-needs-to-stop-doing-to-make-progress/>

[Images for 5 Stupid Things the Church Needs to Stop Doing to Make Progress – Carey Nieuwhof 2. Commenting on Politics](#)

<https://careynieuwhof.com/4-suggestions-after-the-us-presidential-election/>

<https://careynieuwhof.com/the-current-american-tension-and-4-opportunities-for-the-church/>

Related Resources

[Free Video Study: Moving Faith Communities to Fruitful Conversations about Race](#) featuring Wesley Seminary faculty Dr. F.

Douglass Powe and Michael McCurry

[Next Sunday is Not a Presidential Primary](#) by Lovett H. Weems, Jr.

[Starbucks, Communion, and Race Conversations](#) by Doug Powe

[Ten Ways to Build the Beloved Community](#) by Tony Hunt

<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/4-opportunities-for-the-church-in-the-current-political-tension/>

[Images for carey nieuwhof \(author\)](#)

Philadelphia Eagles Owner: It's Time for Washington to Act Like an NFL Team by Jeffrey Lurie

What I have learned from football can be applied to society at large. Just as we intensely game-plan against an opponent in sports, we need to game plan for the reality and consequences of polarization. Extreme polarization is the opponent — not each other. A football team is made up of players from a wide variety of backgrounds, experiences and political viewpoints.

What unites them is grit, determination, and the desire to win. They join in a common goal and do what is necessary to transcend their differences for the greater good of their team.

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/philadelphia-eagles-owner-time-washington-221803538.html>

<http://time.com/4712737/jeff-lurie-eagles-politics/>

<http://profootballtalk.nbcsports.com/2017/03/24/eagles-owner-speaks-out-against-polarized-political-system/>

[Images for extreme polarization is the opponent](#)

[Images for join in a common goal and do what is necessary to transcend their differences for the greater good of their team](#)

[PDF] Preaching Politics from the Pulpit - Pew Research Center

During every election cycle, many religious congregations find themselves wondering what role, if any, they can play in the political process. Can a minister, rabbi, imam or other member of the clergy endorse a candidate from the pulpit or speak on political issues of interest to voters? Is a church or other house of worship legally permitted to register voters or distribute voter guides? Answers to these and many other questions are contained in this guide.

Rob Voyle of Appreciative Way made a confession after the 2016 presidential election.

Confessions and Repentance for Election Failure!

Posted: November 11, 2016 by Rob Voyle

My first failing is that for the past year I have focused totally on why Mr. Trump was unfit to be president, and he regularly gave us evidence to confirm my perception, so I kept paying attention to why he was wrong and delighted in the new evidence I could add to my list.

As a leading practitioner in the field of Appreciative Inquiry where we say "what we focus on will become our reality," I really should have known better.

My second failing was my utter arrogance in looking down on those who supported Mr. Trump, without considering for an instance what their pain was that would make them want to vote for him. I gave them the tag idiots and then could dismiss their pain, their concerns, their fears.

As the founder of the Appreciative Way, with its foundation in compassion I really should have done better to listen to and understand those who differ from me and to find a common ground of core values rather than argue about strategies to achieve a very temporal solution to perceived problems.

One of my core values is the baptismal promise "to respect the dignity of every human being." I violated that value by despising and rejecting Mr. Trump and more importantly his supporters rather respecting their dignity and seeking to understand what motivated their actions.

<https://www.appreciativeway.com/blog/blog.cfm>

[Images for Confessions and Repentance for Election Failure! Posted by Rob Voyle](#)

Richelle Thompson, deputy director and managing editor of Forward Movement - a Christian nonprofit publishing house in Cincinnati, made a confession after the 2016 presidential election.

'I planned to be a gracious winner today' - Cincinnati Enquirer

But here is my confession: I thought I would be doing this reunification work from the perspective as winner. It was a lot easier to promise to be humble when I privately thought my side would win.

Today is a new world, where I have the opportunity to try and live out what I have professed with my mouth and pen. I am called to be in community with people who have different political beliefs and experiences. Maybe now that the election is decided, the temperature will drop, and these conversations can happen in ways that are helpful and enlightening, that build and not tear down.

I wanted, really wanted, to be a gracious winner, but maybe there's greater opportunity for change if I can learn how to be a gracious loser.

<http://www.cincinnati.com/story/opinion/contributors/2016/11/09/planned-gracious-winner-today/93538536/>

[Images for called to be in community with people who have different political beliefs](#)

I included the following under one of the areas in pastoral ministry in a monthly interim ministry report filed to the synod office:

Preaching

To strive for justice and peace in all the earth. First, I distinguish between first order and second order. **Chapter 2. CONFESSION OF FAITH** of the model constitution is first order and the basis for unity. Social statements are second order. Uniformity in this area is not necessary for the unity of the church. The first is matters of faith. The second is matters of faith active in love. Second, preaching in this area only comes after building up trust. This takes time. As an interim pastor, I cannot hit and run in this area. My approach is to invite moral deliberation and action in the spirit of accompaniment. I remember the sage advice of a sem prof who said, "Do not claim to have all the right answers, but try to ask the right questions." I do not use the approach of strident carping from a distinct perspective claiming to know the right solutions on hot button issues under the guise of claiming to be prophetic. I followed a pastor at *(name)* who came from out East with a bumper sticker extolling the senator from Vermont. Almost from the start, this pastor stated personal opinions in sermons, in person, and on social media, while at the same time, this pastor had a hard time remembering the names of the churches or showing up on time. Needless to say, the pastorate was conflicted and short term. People do not like to be patronized by someone who claims to bring them enlightenment on social issues, especially by clergy who take advantage of their position to use a bully pulpit. I am guessing there will be more such short-term pastorates in the future by clergy who leave with a martyr complex claiming to being misunderstood. Big picture, I suggest there is a correlation between the decline of the eschatological (universalism) and the incline of the political (correctness) as many seek to project their own vision of bringing the kingdom here on earth.

The Interim Ministry Network September 7, 2018 E-Letter offered an article through Constant Contact on Wisdom for Interim Pastors by Rev. Bud Brown who gave 5 reasons to "shut the door on political activism during the interim period."

Wisdom for Interim Pastors – XPastor®

1. Political causes drain energy from the transition.
2. Political causes divert focus from God's mission.

3. Political causes divide congregants.
4. Political causes isolate the church.
5. Political causes use law to carry out a gospel mission.

<https://www.xpastor.org/strategy/pastoral-care/5-reasons-why-its-better-for-interim-pastors-to-juggle-hand-grenades-than-politics/>

Images for Wisdom for Interim Pastors – XPastor@

<http://files.constantcontact.com/fbaed027be/e5cbeb29-a15e-4646-a66e-c8dd18a1e4d1.pdf>

<https://www.turnaroundpastor.com/5-reasons-why-its-easier-for-interim-pastors-to-juggle-hand-grenades-than-politics/>

<https://www.turnaroundpastor.com/tag/interim-ministry/>

<https://www.turnaroundpastor.com/author/bud-brown/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/budbrown>

As I look out over the gathered assembly, I realize that people stand at various points on the political spectrum. When I walk through the parking lot, the bumper stickers on the vehicles also cross the spectrum. Unity comes in making a common confession of faith, “Jesus is Lord,” and not a uniformity in agreeing on issues or positions. I remember the words of seminary professor Dr. Bill Hulme during my time at Luther Seminary (1975-79) that what a preacher can do is “try to ask the right questions without claiming to have all the right answers.” Also, I recall seminary professor Dr. Loren Halverson as describing Lutherans as “muddling in the middle.”

Truthtelling in Watershed Moments by Patricia K. Tull - WorkingPreacher.org

Or, with courageous voices we can name the crises, their emotional impacts, and our hopes beyond them, honestly articulating the world with which our members struggle. Not necessarily to suggest solutions to crises far too complex for our problem-solving. But rather to lead our people into authentic contemplation of, and prayer for, the matters that are rocking our world.

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=4703>

Images for Truthtelling in Watershed Moments by Patricia K. Tull

<https://www.amazon.com/Patricia-K.-Tull/e/B0011XRT1G>

http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/6941999.Patricia_K_Tull

Images for Patricia K. Tull, author

<https://www.christiancentury.org/contributor/patricia-k-tull>

<http://collegevilleinstitute.org/author/trisha-tull/>

<http://www.lpts.edu/news/2010/06/03/old-testament-professor-patricia-k.-tull-announces-retirement>

I listened by live stream to the following workshop to gain perspective.

The Letter to Titus: Christian Character in Contentious Times for Interim Ministry

This workshop will look to Titus to inform the practice of interim ministry in the recent heightened political climate of America.

Goals of the workshop are:

- Looking to scripture to inform interim ministry.
- Reclaiming Christian character as anchor for civil discourse.
- Discussion the role of law and grace in highly politicized society.

Schedule

9:30-10:00 Gathering and Introductions

10:00-11:00 The Letter to Titus and Interim Tasks

How does Titus inform the 5 developmental tasks of interim ministry?

11:00-Noon The Character of the Leader

What is the functional and missional difference between elder and leader in the church?

What is the effect of Christian behavior on moderating political discussion?

Noon-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:00 Law and Gospel in Political Discussion

Where do we begin? What are some fundamentals for discussion?

What is the role of church in politicized society?

2:00-3:00 Principles of Difficult Conversations

How to honor and discuss political differences.

What are the key principles for listening and speaking for mutual understanding?

<https://swmnelca.org/event/letter-titus-christian-character-contentious-times-interim-ministry/>

Images for The Letter to Titus: Christian Character in Contentious Times for Interim Ministry

Led by Rev. Dr. Christopher E. Hagen

M.Div., M.S. Nonprofit Management, D.Min. Congregational Mission and Leadership is experienced and skilled in parish and interim ministry, having served over 18 congregations in Minnesota, Chicago, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland. His specialty is collaborative leadership and collective discernment of God's purposes for congregations. More information about Christopher at <http://www.christopherhagenconsulting.com/>



<http://www.christopherhagenconsulting.com/difficult-conversations.html>
http://digitalcommons.luthersem.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1000&context=dmin_theses

A few congregations may reach general agreement on a justice and peace stance.

Doing Justice and Mercy – Timothy Keller [Sermon] - YouTube

This sermon, from Tim Keller, is the fourth from Redeemer Presbyterian Church's current series "Where We Are Going: The City and the Mission". It's a series focused on Redeemer's gospel based core values and is part of a special season at Redeemer called "Rise". During this season, we'll be making these sermons widely and freely available. Please visit <http://rise.redeemer.com> for more information, including daily devotionals.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u8Fn4vTTXHM>

Images for Doing Justice and Mercy – Timothy Keller [Sermon] - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzkspSXg2tM> Public Faith – Timothy Keller [Sermon] - YouTube

Images for Public Faith – Timothy Keller [Sermon] - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SD5LYJ3us0U> Dr. Timothy Keller @HKU - Hope Beyond the Walls of the World - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ofwzpwE9lZQ> Jesus Vindicated - Tim Keller (TGC13) - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBP5OyzqYGM> Getting Out (TGC 2011) by Tim Keller - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMLp2mYN_D8 Postmodernism Tim Keller at Desiring God - YouTube

The broader view is the Affirmation of Baptism.

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to **serve** all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to **strive** for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7583/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Pew-Edition>

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A preacher, in my view, can lead by encouraging and challenging the gathered assembly to **serve and strive** using texts that come up in the lectionary.

Justification and Justice (Winter 1987) - Word and World

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1438 Justification and Justice. Arland J. Hultgren

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=79 Dependence, Liberation, and Justification. Elizabeth Bettenhausen

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=16 Interpreting the Doctrine of the Two Kingdoms: God's Kingship in the Church and in Politics. Walter Altmann

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=32 Liberation in a Pastoral Perspective. Phyllis Anderson

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=708 Recent Books on Preaching. Richard Lischer

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=95 The Biblical Roots of Justice. Jose Miguez Bonino

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=270 The Viability of Luther Today: A North American Perspective. Gerhard O. Forde

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=479 The Viability of Luther Today: A Perspective from Latin America. Robert T. Hoferkamp

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=538 We Sing Mary's Song. Bonnie Jensen

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1276 Luke 4 and the Justice of God. David L. Tiede

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1263 On Relating Justification and Justice. Mark Thomsen

Reviews

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=3370 *Anthropology in Theological Perspective*, by Pannenberg, Wolfhart. Timothy H. H. Thoresen

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=3440 *Cross-Currents: Interactions between Science and Faith*, by Russell, Colin A. Dennis H. Ormseth

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=2868 *Ezekiel 1-19*, by Brownlee, William H. Mark Hillmer

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=3434 *How the West Grew Rich*, by Rosenberg, Nathan, and L. E. Birdzell. David M. Carlson

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=3480 *Rebecca's Children*, by Segal, Alan. Donald H. Juel

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=3333 *The Politics of Compassion*, by Nelson-Pallmeyer, Jack. Randolph A. Nelson

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=3384 *Toward a Christian Economic Ethic: Stewardship & Social Power*, by Pemberton, Prentiss L., and Daniel Rush Finn. Vernon H. Holmes

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?issue_id=25
[Images for Justification and Justice \(Winter 1987\) – Word and World](#)

[DOC]Model Constitution for Congregations 2019 - ELCA Resource Repository

Chapter 9.

ROSTERED MINISTER

***C9.23.** Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, every minister of Word and Service shall:

- a. Be rooted in the Word of God, for proclamation and service;
- b. Advocate a prophetic diakonia that commits itself to risk-taking and innovative service on the frontiers of the Church's outreach, giving particular attention to the suffering places in God's world;
- c. **Speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world, witnessing to the realm of God in the community, the nation, and abroad;**
- d. Equip the baptized for ministry in God's world that affirms the gifts of all people;
- e. Encourage mutual relationships that invite participation and accompaniment of others in God's mission;
- f. Practice stewardship that respects God's gift of time, talents, and resources;
- g. Be grounded in a gathered community for ongoing diaconal formation;
- h. Share knowledge of the ELCA and its wider ministry of the gospel and advocate for the work of all expressions of this church; and
- i. Identify and encourage qualified persons to prepare for ministry of the gospel.

<https://www.elca.org/constitution> 2019 Model Constitution for Congregations

<https://download.elca.org> > ELCA Resource Repository > Model Constitution

<http://www.elca.org/Resources/Office-of-the-Secretary>

[Images for Speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed](#)

Three Reasons Not to Preach Politics in the Pulpit by Daniel Darling

3) We Must Never Dilute the Message of the Gospel.

The Church should be counter-cultural and should engage the issues of the day. But this engagement should be an outgrowth of the gospel's sanctifying work in each believer. In other words, the political issues shouldn't be the main thing that characterizes a church.

<https://www.christianity.com/church/pastors/three-reasons-not-to-preach-politics-in-the-pulpit.html>

[Images for Three Reasons Not to Preach Politics in the Pulpit by Daniel Darling 3\) We Must Never Dilute the Message of the Gospel.](#)

Truthtelling in Watershed Moments by Patricia K. Tull - WorkingPreacher.org

Scripture itself instructs us for responding out loud to our collective troubles, and the parallels between ancient and modern chaos are peculiarly strong. Specifically, September's and October's readings from the Old Testament offer a series of dramas and scenic poetry from Jeremiah, Lamentations, and other prophetic books that all gaze unblinkingly on Jerusalem's darkest days. Their imagery is dramatic, intense, extreme, recreating not only the social aspects of the turmoil, but also their barely speakable personal impacts. When Jerusalem endured unprecedented crisis, only candid words of deepest emotional honesty had a chance at relevance.

Along with November's readings leading up to Advent, these passages offer signposts in a rugged, uneven path from denial through despair to hope. The late preaching genius Fred Craddock used to commend being guided by the genres that Scripture itself offers. A psalm of praise should not be preached as prophetic exhortation, but as worship. A story should not be reduced to three points and a poem -- rather, its drama and suspense can be recreated for listeners.

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=4703>

[Images for Truthtelling in Watershed Moments by Patricia K. Tull](#)

Resources

What Does the Bible Say About Justice? - OpenBible.info

<https://www.openbible.info/topics/justice>

[Images for Bible and Justice](#)

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/topical-verses/bible-verses-about-justice/>

<https://newspring.cc/articles/what-the-bible-says-about-justice>

<https://www.bibleportal.com/articles/20-bible-verses-on-justice.html>

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/pastors/2010/summer/biblicaljustice.html>

What Does the Bible Say About Peace? - OpenBible.info

<https://www.openbible.info/topics/peace>

[Images for Bible and Peace](#)

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/topical-verses/peace-bible-verses/>

<https://lifehopeandtruth.com/bible/bible-study/encouraging-bible-verses/encouraging-bible-verses-about-peace/>
<https://www.ibelieve.com/faith/20-encouraging-bible-verses-about-the-peace-of-god.html>
<https://drericz.com/30-bible-verses-peace/>
<https://dailyverses.net/peace>
<https://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/bible-verses-about-peace-20-great-scripture-quotes/>
<https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-peace.html>
<https://www.christianity.com/bible/bible-verses-about-peace-21>
<https://www.unitedbiblesocieties.org/10-bible-verses-peace/>
<http://www.faithgateway.com/bible-verses-about-peace/#.WxWg2J9KiUk>

What Does the Bible Say About Serving Others? - OpenBible.info

https://www.openbible.info/topics/serving_others

Images for Bible and Serving Others

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/topical-verses/serving-bible-verses/>

<https://bible.org/article/loving-serving>

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/christiancrier/2014/07/05/top-7-bible-verses-about-serving-others/>

<https://smartchurchmanagement.com/25-bible-verses-serving-volunteering/>

<https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Bible-Verses-About-Serving-Others/>

www.godvine.com/read/bible-verses-about-serving-others-1052.html

<https://www.christianquotes.info/top-quotes/16-best-bible-verses-about-serving-others/>

What does the Lord require?

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

oremus Bible Browser: Micah 6:8

<http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=222077733>

Images for do justice, and to love kindness

Following the admonition of scripture to pray for those in positions of leadership in the public sphere, at the very least, a preacher can include such petitions in the prayers of intercession. **Sundays & Seasons — A rich and reliable resource for worship planning** regularly includes such petitions in its resources. **Evangelical Lutheran Worship - Augsburg Fortress** provides petitions on Civic Life, Government, Nations (page 76).

Resources

[PDF] **A Short Guide to Preparing and Leading the Intercessions**

Content

The Lectionary readings will provide an insight into the themes that are likely to be explored in the sermon and hymns. Think about the week's news and other ongoing world problems, when planning, and also check the news headlines on the day.

<http://www.fossedeaneary.distin.co.uk/faith/intercessions3.pdf>

Images for Preparing and Leading the Intercessions of the Church

What Does the Bible Say About Praying for Government? - OpenBible.info

https://www.openbible.info/topics/praying_for_government

Images for Bible and Praying for Government

<https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Bible-Verses-About-Praying-For-Government/>

<https://www.crosswalk.com/blogs/jason-soroski/10-scriptures-to-pray-for-our-nation-and-our-leaders.html>

Having said the above, I acknowledge that others feel compelled to be much more pointed in their preaching from their platforms.

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5 Spiritual Survival Strategies in the Trump Era | Sojourners

In this unexpected era of Donald Trump's presidency, threatening to catapult us from one discordant act to another in a swirl of anxious reactivity, we need to find places and persons who will become our anchor-hold. We must examine where we will go, what we will do, and whose company we will seek, to provide a steadfast, trustworthy experience that connects our lives indissolubly to God's love. Let us create and name our anchor-hold. From there, we can embrace the qualities of memory, truth, community, suffering, and solidarity that will be so needed in the days ahead.

<https://sojo.net/articles/5-spiritual-survival-strategies-trump-era>

Images for 5 Spiritual Survival Strategies in the Trump Era | Sojourners

<https://sojo.net/magazine/january-2017/keeping-faith-trumps-america>

Kingfield pastor rallies evangelicals to vote against Trump

In early January, Doug Pagitt stepped down as pastor of **Solomon's Porch** — the Kingfield church he founded two decades ago — and set off on a planned 10-month-long road trip aboard a bright orange tour bus previously used by Guns N' Roses and "Weird Al" Yankovic.

Pagitt's goal is to travel to all 50 states before Election Day, and his nonprofit, [Vote Common Good](#), is hosting boisterous rallies in hundreds of cities across the country in an effort to motivate politically progressive and moderate Christians to turn out on Nov. 3 and vote against President Donald Trump.

<https://www.southwestjournal.com/news/2020-election/2020/02/kingfield-pastor-rallies-christians-to-vote-against-trump/>

Preaching in the Era of Trump: Dr. O. Wesley Allen Jr.

The election of Donald Trump left countless faith leaders across the country speechless. Now that he is president, silence must give way to prophetic preaching.

Christians have long debated whether politics should be addressed from the pulpit. Following Donald Trump's controversial, divisive rise to power and the sweeping changes his fledgling administration has already proposed, that's no longer a question political preaching will be the order of the day, even for pastors who try to steer clear of controversy. It's up to preachers to make the church great again by leading it to embrace and embody God's concern for those whose lives are at stake in a Trump administration. Veteran teacher, preacher, and author Wes Allen offers a blueprint for addressing current events through a Gospel lens, persuasively and pastorally without engaging in divisive, antagonistic rhetoric.

<https://www.amazon.com/Preaching-Era-Trump-Wesley-Allen/dp/0827231482>

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/34625902-preaching-in-the-era-of-trump>

<http://www.chalicepress.com/Author.aspx?AuthorID=169>

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/faithforward/2017/02/preaching-era-trump/>

<http://ecopreacher.blogspot.com/2017/01/ten-books-for-preachers-in-age-of-trump.html>

http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/author/o_wesley_allen_jr

https://www.smu.edu/Perkins/News/News_Archives/Archives_2015/Allen-Announcement

<https://www.lextheo.edu/allen/>

https://www.workingpreacher.org/profile/default.aspx?uid=2-allen_wes

<http://www.chalicepress.com/Author.aspx?AuthorID=169>

<https://www.amazon.com/O.-Wesley-Allen/e/B001JSBLGO>

http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/109608.Ronald_J_Allen

Images for Dr. O. Wesley Allen Jr., author preaching

Images for Preaching in the Era of Trump: Dr. O. Wesley Allen Jr.

Reader's View: Our light can overcome dark cloud of Trump

A dark cloud hung over our community in the form of a visitor who is consistently cruel, bigoted, utterly selfish, divisive, and destructive toward practically everyone and everything he touches. He betrays our nation's most important values. He insults our closest allies and embraces the world's worst dictators. Personally, professionally, and politically, he has achieved little without cheating, lying, and damaging people, institutions, and now, our nation and world.

It was disgusting that he would use his visit to our strong and good community to advance his cruel, crude, and shameful agenda. Our community and our nation are so much better than this visitor.

Written By: The Rev. Will Mowchan, Superior – June 25th 2018 – 4pm

<https://www.duluthnewtribune.com/opinion/4464762-readers-view-our-light-can-overcome-dark-cloud-trump>

<https://www.duluthnewtribune.com/opinion/letters/4476089-readers-view-letter-disrespectful-trump-voters>

'Religious left' emerging as U.S. political force in Trump era | Reuters

Although not as powerful as the religious right, which has been credited with helping elect Republican presidents and boasts well-known leaders such as Christian Broadcasting Network founder Pat Robertson, the "religious left" is now slowly coming together as a force in U.S. politics.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-religion-idUSKBN16Y114>

Images for 'Religious left' emerging as U.S. political force in Trump era | Reuters

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/mar/27/religious-left-pressing-god-take-trump/>

<https://thinkprogress.org/2017-is-the-year-trump-and-the-religious-right-made-the-religious-left-unavoidable-3e89528104b6/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/491736853057926785/> 'Religious left' emerging as U.S. political force in Trump era

The Church in the Trump Era | The Clockwork Pastor

What does it mean to be church in the era of President Trump? What does this mean for Mainline/Progressive Christians?

<https://questorpastor.wordpress.com/2017/02/01/the-church-in-the-trump-era/>

Images for Church in the Trump Era

Trump Should Be Removed from Office | Christianity Today

Whether Mr. Trump should be removed from office by the Senate or by popular vote next election—that is a matter of prudential judgment. That he should be removed, we believe, is not a matter of partisan loyalties but loyalty to the Creator of the Ten Commandments.

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2019/december-web-only/trump-should-be-removed-from-office.html>

What Will Pastors Preach after the Election of Donald Trump? | CT Pastors

After a bitter, divisive election, what will the nation's ministers say?

Brandon Washington, John Ortberg, Aaron Cho, Samuel Rodriguez, and more

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/pastors/2016/november-web-exclusives/what-are-your-post-election-sermon-plans.html>

Looking at the broad strokes of history, I suggest reflection on the following spectrum: Democracy – Oligarchy – Demagoguery.

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Democracy - Wikipedia

Democracy ([Greek](#): δημοκρατία, *Dēmokratía* literally "rule of the commoners"), in modern usage, is a system of government in which the citizens exercise power directly or elect representatives from among themselves to form a governing body, such as a [parliament](#).^[1] Democracy is sometimes referred to as "rule of the majority".^[2] Democracy was originally conceived in [Classical Greece](#), where political representatives were chosen by a jury from amongst the male citizens: rich and poor.^[citation needed] The English word dates to the 16th century, from the older [Middle French](#) and [Middle Latin](#) equivalents.

According to political scientist [Larry Diamond](#), democracy consists of four key elements: (a) A political system for choosing and replacing the government through free and fair [elections](#); (b) The active participation of the people, as citizens, in politics and civic life; (c) Protection of the [human rights](#) of all citizens, and (d) A [rule of law](#), in which the laws and procedures apply equally to all citizens.^[3]

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democracy>

<https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democracy>

[Images for democracy](#)

Oligarchy - Wikipedia

Oligarchy (from [Greek](#) ὀλιγαρχία (*oligarkhía*); from ὀλίγος (*olígos*), meaning 'few', and ἄρχω (*arkho*), meaning 'to rule or to command')^{[1][2][3]} is a form of [power structure](#) in which [power](#) rests with a small number of people. These people might be distinguished by [nobility](#), wealth, family ties, education or corporate, religious or military control. Such states are often controlled by a few prominent families who typically pass their influence from one generation to the next, but inheritance is not a [necessary condition](#) for the application of this term.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oligarchy>

<https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oligarchy>

[Images for oligarchy](#)

demagoguery - Wiktionary

1. The actions of a [demagogue](#).
2. [Rhetoric](#) that appeals to the [prejudices](#) of the people.

<https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/demagoguery>

<https://www.shutterstock.com/search/demagogue>

If those who denounce demagoguery would also object to oligarchy, I might give such speakers more credence.

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America is an oligarchy, not a democracy or republic, university study finds

By [Cheryl K. Chumley](#) - *The Washington Times* - Monday, April 21, 2014

America is no longer a democracy — never mind the democratic republic envisioned by Founding Fathers.

Rather, it has taken a turn down elitist lane and become a country led by a small dominant class comprised of powerful members who exert total control over the general population — an oligarchy, said [a new study](#) jointly conducted by Princeton and Northwestern universities.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/apr/21/americas-oligarchy-not-democracy-or-republic-unive/>

[Images for America is an oligarchy, not a democracy or republic](#)

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/perspectives-on-politics/article/div-classtitletesting-theories-of-american-politics-elites-interest-groups-and-average-citizensdiv/62327F513959D0A304D4893B382B992B>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-echochambers-27074746>

Reinhold Niebuhr - Wikiquote

The [stupidity](#) of the average man will permit the [oligarch](#), whether economic or political, to hide his real purposes from the scrutiny of his fellows and to withdraw his activities from effective control. Since it is impossible to count on enough moral goodwill among those who possess irresponsible power to sacrifice it for the good of the whole, it must be destroyed by coercive methods and these will always run the peril of introducing new forms of injustice in place of those abolished.

https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Reinhold_Niebuhr

[Images for Reinhold Niebuhr - Wikiquote The stupidity of the average man will permit the oligarch](#)

The Revolt of the Elites and the Betrayal of Democracy by Christopher Lasch (Author)

Controversy has raged around Lasch's targeted attack on the elites, their loss of moral values, and their abandonment of the middle class and poor, for he sets up the media and educational institutions as a large source of the problem. In this spirited work, Lasch calls out for a return to community, schools that teach history not self-esteem, and a return to morality and even the teachings of religion. He does this in a nonpartisan manner, looking to the lessons of American history, and castigating those in power for the ever-widening gap between the economic classes, which has created a crisis in American society. *The Revolt of the Elites and the Betrayal of Democracy* is riveting social commentary.

http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/586994.The_Revolt_of_the_Elites_and_the_Betrayal_of_Democracy
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<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/revolt-of-the-elites-and-the-betrayal-of-democracy-christopher-lasch/1101388499>
<http://books.wwnorton.com/books/The-Revolt-of-the-Elites-and-the-Betrayal-of-Democracy/>
<http://www.scottlondon.com/reviews/lasch.html>
https://books.google.com/books/about/The_revolt_of_the_elites.html?id=HG6xWenYZXwC
<https://www.commentarymagazine.com/articles/the-revolt-of-the-elites-and-the-betrayal-of-democracy-by-christopher-lasch/>
<https://www.lrb.co.uk/v17/n10/alan-ryan/the-middling-sort>
<https://www.google.com/search?tbo=p&tbm=bks&q=inauthor:%22Christopher+Lasch%22>
http://www.thesocialcontract.com/artman2/publish/tsc1202/article_1064.shtml
<http://www.newcriterion.com/articles.cfm/Christopher-Lasch-vs--the-elites-5131>
<https://www.publishersweekly.com/978-0-393-03699-2>
<https://bonald.wordpress.com/book-reviews-politics/the-revolt-of-the-elites/>
<https://books.google.com/books?id=6uQCAAAMBAJ>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christopher_Lasch
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Christopher-Lasch>
<https://www.amazon.com/Christopher-Lasch/e/B000APM2QU>
https://www.goodreads.com/author/list/87816.Christopher_Lasch
[Images for Christopher Lasch \(Author\)](#)
[Images for The Revolt of the Elites and the Betrayal of Democracy by Christopher Lasch \(Author\)](#)

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I voted in the 11/8/2016 election but could not bring myself to vote for either of the 2 major candidates in the presidential race.

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A Psychologist Analyzes Donald Trump's Personality: Narcissism, disagreeableness, grandiosity – a psychologist investigates how Trump's extraordinary personality might shape his possible presidency. By Dan P. McAdams - The Atlantic

Who, really, is Donald Trump? What's behind the actor's mask? I can discern little more than narcissistic motivations and a complementary personal narrative about winning at any cost. It is as if Trump has invested so much of himself in developing and refining his socially dominant role that he has nothing left over to create a meaningful story for his life, or for the nation. *It is always Donald Trump playing Donald Trump, fighting to win, but never knowing why.*

<http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2016/06/the-mind-of-donald-trump/480771/>
[Images for Donald Trump's Personality](#)
[Images for Narcissism, disagreeableness, grandiosity](#)

Trump, Clinton: Two Narcissists | Opinion | thepilot.com

So, before I cast my ballot, I choose the candidate who best embodies both humility and irony. I vote for Nemesis and against Narcissus. I vote against candidates who fill their speeches with conceit. Most notably I campaign against both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

http://www.thepilot.com/opinion/trump-clinton-two-narcissists/article_30f73c54-aa5b-11e5-b77b-c719aa3b2fb4.html
[Images for Trump, Clinton: Two Narcissists](#)
[Images for humility and irony](#)
[Images for Nemesis](#)
[Images for Narcissistic Personality images](#)
<http://fortune.com/2016/11/05/president-baby-boomer-narcissistic-trump-clinton/> Clinton vs Trump: Self-Promoting Narcissist Baby Boomers | Fortune
<https://www.cnn.com/2016/10/28/opinions/trump-campaign-narcissism-lipman/index.html>
<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/nov/2/tammy-bruce-hillary-clinton-case-study-narcissism/>

Why Narcissists Become President, with Jeffrey Kluger | Big Think

Kluger begins by listing the three behavioral traits commonly associated with narcissism. First, there's grandiosity: "a deeply felt belief that you are better than other people, that you're more skilled than other people, more gifted than other people." Those who are grandiose believe that they offer much to a world incapable of receiving their gifts and knowledge. As we're soon to delve into the topic of narcissism and politics, you can definitely see how grandiosity would feel at home in Washington.

<http://bigthink.com/think-tank/why-narcissists-get-elected-president-with-jeffrey-kluger>
[Images for Why Narcissists Become President, with Jeffrey Kluger | Big Think](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1syUip7hHY> Jeffrey Kluger: Are you a narcissist? Run for President - YouTube
<https://www.amazon.com/The-Narcissist-Next-Door-Understanding/dp/1594486360>

Images for Narcissist-Next-Door-Understanding

It seems that when a Democratic president occupied the office 2009-2017, the Republican Party took the stance of being the party of opposition and obstruction. When a Republican became president in 2017, it seems as if the Democratic Party has become the party of opposition and obstruction.

Obstruction, Opposition, and Partisan Conflict: Implications of Minority Party Electoral Incentives for the House of Representatives by Egar, William T., Ph.D., THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON, 2015, 131 pages; 3713744.
Abstract

Existing research on political parties in Congress focuses almost exclusively on the majority party. I argue that this inattention to the minority party hampers our understanding of Congress, particularly with regard to the sources of partisan conflict in the House of Representatives. In the series of essays that follow, I show that patterns of legislative obstruction, requests for roll-call votes, and party voting are affected by minority party electoral incentives. The minority's electoral incentive to oppose the majority party, to obstruct majority-party initiatives, to place vulnerable members of the opposing party on the record on difficult votes, among other things, makes the minority party a significant source of partisan conflict in the House. Results from this project suggest that understanding variation in the likelihood that the minority party will retake majority control of the chamber can help explain patterns in obstruction and conflict over time. Minority parties in the nineteenth century that expected favorable election results were more likely to engage in obstructionist efforts; minority parties expecting electoral success in the contemporary House are more likely to vote with their party and place themselves on the losing side of roll-call votes. Results also suggest that the roll-call record, on which measures of legislator ideology and partisan voting behavior are based, is itself partially a product of strategic manipulation by the minority party. Minority party roll-call requesting behavior has the effect of making the House appear more partisan and more ideologically polarized and making electorally vulnerable members of the majority party appear more partisan and ideological. Implications of these results suggest that, while competitive elections are typically considered to be desirable, competitive party systems provide incentives for partisanship, obstruction, and conflict - the type of legislative behavior that Americans profess to dislike about Congress.

https://books.google.com/books/about/Obstruction_Opposition_and_Partisan_Conf.html?id=FJBOjwEACAAJ
<http://gradworks.umi.com/37/13/3713744.html>

Images for Obstruction, Opposition, and Partisan Conflict

Opinion | What Motivates Voters More Than Loyalty? Loathing – The New York Times

Hostility to the opposition party and its candidates has now reached a level where loathing motivates voters more than loyalty.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/01/opinion/negative-partisanship-democrats-republicans.html>
Images for Opinion | What Motivates Voters More Than Loyalty? Loathing – The New York Times
Images for hostility to the opposition party and its candidates

The political discourse of recent years stands in stark contrast to the Farewell Address by President Dwight Eisenhower on 1/17/1961.

Eisenhower's farewell address (reading copy) - Wikisource, the free online library

THREE DAYS from now, after half a century in the service of our country, I shall lay down the responsibilities of office as, in traditional and solemn ceremony, the authority of the Presidency is vested in my successor.
THIS EVENING I come to you with a message of leave-taking and farewell, and to share a few final thoughts with you, my countrymen.
LIKE EVERY OTHER CITIZEN, I wish the new President, and all who will labor with him, Godspeed.
I pray that the coming years will be blessed with peace and prosperity for all.

OUR PEOPLE expect their President and the Congress to find essential agreement on issues of great moment, the wise resolution of which will better shape the future of the Nation.
MY OWN RELATIONS with the Congress, which began on a remote and tenuous basis when, long ago, a member of the Senate appointed me to West Point, have since ranged to the intimate during the war and immediate post-war period, and, finally, to the mutually interdependent during these past eight years.
IN THIS FINAL RELATIONSHIP, the Congress and the Administration have, on most vital issues, cooperated well to serve the national good rather than mere partisanship, and so have assured that the business of the Nation should go forward. So, my official relationship with the Congress ends in a feeling, on my part, of gratitude that we have been able to do so much together.



[https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Eisenhower%27s_farewell_address_\(reading_copy\)](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Eisenhower%27s_farewell_address_(reading_copy))
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[Images for President Dwight Eisenhower farewell address](#)

The political discourse of recent years stands in stark contrast to the Inaugural Address by President John F. Kennedy on 1/20/1961.

John F. Kennedy Quotes - BrainyQuote

Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.

My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.

https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/john_f_kennedy

[Images for John F. Kennedy quotes](#)

President John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address - YouTube

On January 20, 1961, President John F. Kennedy was sworn into office and delivered one of the most famous inaugural addresses in U.S. history.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEC1C4p0k3E>

[Images for President John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address - YouTube](#)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:John_F._Kennedy_Inauguration_Speech.ogv

<https://www.jfklibrary.org/Asset-Viewer/BqXIEM9F4024ntFI7SVAjA.aspx>

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?5796-1/president-kennedy-1961-inauguration>

<http://time.com/3875353/jfk-inauguration-life-photos-january-1961/>

I contend that the church can do some of its best work by modeling cooperation and constructive behavior.

Resources

Four Levels of Christian Cooperation | Theological Matters

Jesus said the litmus test for a believer is love. He said people will know we are his followers by the way we love one another (John 13:35). Love is an action verb. One of the ways we show our love is when we work together for the gospel—when we cooperate. There is no greater cause for which to cooperate than the advancement of the gospel.

<https://theologicalmatters.com/2014/06/03/four-levels-of-christian-cooperation/>

[Images for Four Levels of Christian Cooperation | Theological Matters](#)

<https://theologicalmatters.com/2014/06/09/3-areas-of-agreement-necessary-for-christian-cooperation/>

[Images for areas-of-agreement-necessary-for-christian-cooperation](#)

<http://www.bpnews.net/20294/cooperation-among-churches-called-biblical-and-effective>

[Images for cooperation-among-churches-called-biblical-and-effective](#)

What Does the Bible Say About Cooperation? - OpenBible.info

<https://www.openbible.info/topics/cooperation>

https://www.openbible.info/topics/cooperation_and_compromise

[Images for bible and cooperation](#)

<https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Cooperation>

<https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Bible-Verses-About-Cooperation/>

[Images for bible verses about cooperation](#)

www.bible-glory.com/bible-topics/cooperation.html

<http://www.scripturessay.com/how-may-churches-cooperate/>

[Images for churches cooperate](#)

<http://everydayservant.com/top-13-bible-verses-unity-cooperation/>

[Images for bible verses unity cooperation](#)

<http://www.bible-glory.com/bible-topics/cooperation.html>

What Does the Bible Say About Constructive? - OpenBible.info

<https://www.openbible.info/topics/constructive>

[Images for Bible and Constructive](#)

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/nlt/proverbs/15-31.html>

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/nlt/proverbs/passage/?q=proverbs+15:31-33>

I attended a workshop on ELCA Social Teaching and Overlooked Dimensions of the Reformation by Roger Willer at the Mid-Winter Convocation 2017. Translating the Reformation: Table Talks Today. Feb. 1-3. Luther Seminary. I gained an appreciation for the nature of moral deliberation using the Reformation principle of “mutual conversation and consolation of brothers and sisters” and

suggest that preaching can be an invitation into such deliberation.

ELCA Social Teaching and Overlooked Dimensions of the Reformation

Roger Willer

This workshop explores the often overlooked social and economic dimensions of Reformation thought in relation to ELCA social teaching. As the fundamental principle of the Reformation justification “preserves and guides *all* churchly teaching” (Luther, but emphasis added). Its influence was evident in major shifts of more and social thinking at the time. Where today does that preservation and guidance appear in relation to ethics and how the ELCA addresses social issues? The Reformers identified “mutual conversation and consolation of brothers and sisters” as a mark of the church. How today does that get translated? Would Luther put ELCA social statements into the mix of topics for his table talk? How do we? In this workshop, we will unpack the development, role, and purpose of ELCA social teaching and policy documents with an eye toward uncovering these Reformation connections.

Mid-Winter Convocation - Luther Seminary

<https://www.luthersem.edu/convo/workshops.aspx?m=6134>

Images for ELCA Social Teaching and Overlooked Dimensions of the Reformation

https://www.luthersem.edu/convo/workshop_leaders.aspx?m=6135

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/roger-willer-34081326>

<https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements>

http://elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Church-in-Society?_ga=1.188371820.537152160.1467910353

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Darrell Jodock taught at Luther Seminary while I studied there and more recently wrote a thoughtful piece in Word and World.

The Journey from 1968 to 2018 by Darrell Jodock

The proposal made above does not depend on the stature enjoyed pre-1968 nor does it expect to win this status back.

The proposal to help the larger community overcome polarization suggests that the church begins (or continues) to serve the community more like a midwife than an authority.

Issues - Word & World

<https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx>

Images for Journey from 1968 to 2018 by Darrell Jodock

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?issue_id=152

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=4048

1968 (Vol. 38, No 2, Spring, 2018)

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The comedian George Carlin makes a point that pertains to preachers who insist on being political from the pulpit.

George Carlin On What Should Be Done With Churches – Democratic Underground

I don't know how you feel, but I'm pretty sick of church people. You know what they ought to do with churches? Tax them!

If holy people are so concerned with politics, government and public policy, let them pay the price of admission like everyone else.

<https://www.democraticunderground.com/1002517509>

Images for George Carlin On What Should Be Done With Churches

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1450200230>

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<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1468595199>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gPOfurmrjxo> George Carlin on Religion and God – YouTube

Images for George Carlin on Religion and God - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8r-e2NDSTuE&> George Carlin --- Religion is Bullshit – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ni9vJPY-1AQ> What Am I Doing in New Jersey? - Reagan's Gang, Church People and American Values - George Carlin - YouTube

Those who denounce a leader by using the same tactics lose credibility.

Maggie Haberman on Twitter @maggieNYT

“When you answer name-calling with name-calling and tantrums with tantrums, you’re not resisting him. You’re mirroring him. You’re not diminishing him. You’re demeaning yourselves. Many voters don’t hear your arguments or the facts, which are on your side.”

<https://mobile.twitter.com/maggienyt/status/1007093190380474368>

Images for answer name-calling with name-calling

An article on 5 Steps to Creating a More Welcoming Church advocated 5. Focus on the Gospel, Not Politics.

5 Steps to Creating a More Welcoming Church - Crosswalk.com

5. Focus on the Gospel, Not Politics

Politics have become a dangerous idol in the Church today. In some cases, congregations have even allowed their partisan affiliations to get tangled up in their spiritual identities. By segregating people down political lines, we deny ourselves the unity believers are given through Christ. The gospel welcomes *all* people to the table of God: Republican, Democrat, and Third Party together. We cannot allow ourselves to become separated by earthly things. When a church stays true to

the gospel, diverse ideas can find mutual respect and common ground. Without that, we're just another angry voice adding to the noise.

<https://www.crosswalk.com/church/pastors-or-leadership/5-steps-to-creating-a-more-welcoming-church.html>
[Images for Focus on the Gospel, Not Politics](#)

The Pew Forum provides a publication on "Preaching Politics From the Pulpit" that "sets out in plain English the rules governing political activity that apply to nonprofit organizations (including churches and other religious groups) that are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code."

Preaching Politics From the Pulpit | Pew Research Center

During every election cycle, many religious congregations find themselves wondering what role, if any, they can play in the political process. Can a minister, rabbi, imam or other member of the clergy endorse a candidate from the pulpit or speak on political issues of interest to voters? Is a church or other house of worship legally permitted to register voters or distribute voter guides? Answers to these and many other questions are contained in this guide.

<http://www.pewforum.org/2012/10/02/preaching-politics-from-the-pulpit-2012/>
[Images for Preaching Politics From the Pulpit | Pew Research Center](#)
http://assets.pewresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2012/10/PF_politics-and-the-pulpit-2012.pdf
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Other voices make the arguments against promoting political candidates in the pulpit and allowing politicians in the pulpit.

5 Reasons to Keep Politicians Out of Your Pulpit - The Gospel Coalition

Here are five common reasons churches choose to hear political candidates from the "sacred desk," and why I believe each fails the sniff test.

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/5-reasons-to-keep-politicians-out-of-your-pulpit/>
[Images for Reasons to Keep Politicians Out of Your Pulpit – The Gospel Coalition](#)

I received an invitation from Luther Seminary to the 26th Festival of Homiletics of Preaching and Politics but did not make the trip.

Luther Seminary <communic@luthersem.edu>

4/11/2018

Pastor Bolstad,

There's still time to register for the 26th [Festival of Homiletics](#). You'll be challenged and refreshed during this week of worship, lectures, and workshops.

Theme: Preaching and Politics

When: May 21-25, 2018

Where: Washington, D.C.

This year's festival provides many opportunities to connect with old colleagues and new friends. Cultivate your imagination with the storytelling of Geraldine Buckley. Hear moving lectures and sermons by many great speakers, including [Cory Booker](#), [Walter Brueggemann](#), [Cynthia Hale](#), and [Richard Rohr](#). Be inspired by liturgists Brad Froslee and Dawn Hand. Arrive early to experience Evensong worship with the National Cathedral Men's Choir beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 21, at the Washington National Cathedral. Hear the word of God come alive through music, liturgy, and preaching.

Festival of Homiletics 2018

<http://www.festivalofhomiletics.com/>
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<http://www.festivalofhomiletics.com/recordings.aspx?m=4350>
<http://homiletics.peachnewmedia.com/store/provider/provider09.php> Past Festival Recording Packages
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egdY1uWeNoA> 2018 Festival of Homiletics in D.C. - Register today! – YouTube
<https://www.facebook.com/events/606680309456131/> 2018 Festival of Homiletics - Facebook

When outspoken religious leaders define themselves over against other religious people, the cause of Christian unity may suffer.

Has church branding progressed too far? | The Christian Century

It's easy enough to define the Christian church today by drawing lines in the sand, but a more faithful way forward calls on us to cross these ridiculous boundaries so that Christians, left and right, progressive and other, **work together in Christian unity**. Certainly, we must make clear claims. Certainly, we will disagree. But that's the point: clearly, with boldness, by citing specific mission and ministry, we can discern what we're called to do together.

<https://www.christiancentury.org/blogs/archive/2015-01/has-church-branding-progressed-too-far>
<http://www.adamjcopeland.com/2015/01/05/has-church-branding-progressed-too-far/>

When religious leaders cater to the preference of members, the cause of reaching the unchurched may suffer.

7 Things Christians Should Give Up To Reach Unchurched People – CareyNieuwhof.com

2. **POLITICS**

I'm not sure politics has been this divisive in a generation or two. But I promise you; it's divisive. Just check your social media feed.

I know many people who say they have stopped following people on social channels and avoid the news because they're so upset by the divisiveness.

By definition, your church needs to include people who are different than you.

God is not a Republican, a Democrat, a conservative, a liberal or a socialist. He transcends all our political categories, however important they might be to us.

Politics matters, but it will never change the world the way the Gospel can (or has).

Should Christians vote? Of course. Should Christians run for office? Absolutely. We need more women and men of character and conviction in government.

But the church doesn't exist to elect or defeat politicians. It exists to glorify Christ and grow his Kingdom (which is an alt Kingdom) in the world. (Here are a [few more thoughts on being the church in the present political climate.](#))

Just know this: if God has all the same opinions your political party does, you're probably not worshipping God.

<https://careynieuwhof.com/8-things-christians-should-give-up-to-reach-unchurched-people/>

[Images for 7 Things Christians Should Give Up To Reach Unchurched People – CareyNieuwhof.com 2. POLITICS](#)

[Images for your church needs to include people who are different than you](#)

One pastor prided herself on raising her children to be good Democrats and to drink craft beer as if the pastor could take satisfaction on this job having been done to be on par for having raised them in the faith.

God is not a Republican or a Democrat - BJC

People of faith — proceeding in good faith and for essentially religious reasons — can come to different conclusions about for whom to vote and what policies to support. As the great evangelical theologian Carl F. H. Henry once said, “There is no one direct line from the Bible to the ballot box.”

<https://bjconline.org/god-is-not-a-republican-or-a-democrat/>

[Images for God is not a Republican or a Democrat](#)

It is said that the one constant in life is change.

If Phyllis Tickle is right in her “observation that massive transitions in the church happen about every 500 years”;

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The Great Emergence: How Christianity Is Changing and Why [Phyllis Tickle]

Rooted in the observation that massive transitions in the church happen about every 500 years, Phyllis Tickle shows readers that we live in such a time right now. She compares the Great Emergence to other “Greats” in the history of Christianity, including the Great Transformation (when God walked among us), the time of Gregory the Great, the Great Schism, and the Great Reformation.

Combining history, a look at the causes of social upheaval, and current events, *The Great Emergence* shows readers what the Great Emergence in church and culture is, how it came to be, and where it is going. Anyone who is interested in the future of the church in America, no matter what their personal affiliation, will find this book a fascinating exploration.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LY83MF2HZcU> "The Great Emergence" by Phyllis Tickle - YouTube
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNq_d5ObMg Images for The Great Emergence: How Christianity Is Changing and Why [Phyllis Tickle]

discern some instructive patterns and enable us to live more faithfully in our own day. Note the pattern:

- c. 2000 BC: The Patriarchal Era begins when God calls Abram.
- c. 1500 BC: The Exodus of Israel out of Egypt
- c. 1000 BC: King David rules over Israel
- c. 500 BC: Israel resettled in the Land after the Babylonian Exile
- c. 0 AD: The life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the beginnings of the apostolic Church
- c. 500 AD: Schism splitting Oriental Christianity from the eastern and western Church, the Fall of Rome, the "Dark Ages," the rule of Pope Gregory I
- c. 1000 AD: The Great Schism between eastern and western Churches
- c. 1500 AD: The Protestant Reformation

Key to understanding the contemporary significance of this observation is to note that we are at such a five-hundred year mark at the beginning of the 21st century. Thus, the subtitle of Tickle's book: "How Christianity is Changing and Why."

IM Book Review: The Great Emergence | internetmonk.com

<http://www.internetmonk.com/archive/im-book-review-the-great-emergence>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNq_d5ObMg Images for IM Book Review: The Great Emergence | internetmonk.com

and if Straus and Howe - in their description of cycles, turnings, and wars - are right to "locate America in the middle of an unraveling period, on the brink of a crisis....";

Generations; The History of America's Future, 1584 to 2069 [William Strauss & Neil Howe]

Hailed by national leaders as politically diverse as former Vice President Al Gore and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, *Generations* has been heralded by reviewers as a brilliant, if somewhat unsettling, reassessment of where America is heading. William Strauss and Neil Howe posit the history of America as a succession of generational biographies, beginning in 1584 and encompassing every-one through the children of today. Their bold theory is that each generation belongs to one of four types, and that these types repeat sequentially in a fixed pattern. The vision of *Generations* allows us to plot a recurring cycle in American history - a cycle of spiritual awakenings and secular crises - from the founding colonists through the present day and well into this millenium. *Generations* is at once a refreshing historical narrative and a thrilling intuitive leap that reorders not only our history books but also our expectations for the twenty-first century.

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<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/17548-1> The authors discussed their book, *Generations: The History of America's Future, 1584 to 2069*.
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[Images for William Strauss & Neil Howe](#)
[Images for Generations: The History of America's Future, 1584 to 2069 \[William Strauss & Neil Howe\]](#)

The Fourth Turning: An American Prophecy - What the Cycles of History Tell Us About America's Next Rendezvous with Destiny by William Strauss (Author), Neil Howe (Author)

First came the postwar High, then the Awakening of the '60s and '70s, and now the Unraveling. This audacious and provocative book tells us what to expect just beyond the start of the next century. Are you ready for the Fourth Turning? Strauss and Howe will change the way you see the world--and your place in it. In *The Fourth Turning*, they apply their generational theories to the cycles of history and locate America in the middle of an unraveling period, on the brink of a crisis. How you prepare for this crisis--the Fourth Turning--is intimately connected to the mood and attitude of your particular generation. Are you one of the can-do "GI generation," who triumphed in the last crisis? Do you belong to the mediating "Silent Majority," who enjoyed the 1950s High? Do you fall into the "awakened" Boomer category of the 1970s and 1980s, or are you a Gen-Xer struggling to adapt to our splintering world? Whatever your stage of life, *The Fourth Turning* offers bold predictions about how all of us can prepare, individually and collectively, for America's next rendezvous with destiny.

<https://www.amazon.com/Fourth-Turning-American-Prophecy-Rendezvous/dp/0767900464>
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Below is a description of each of the four turnings, including which [generational archetype](#) fills each phase of life during that type of era. We also note which generation came of age during the most recent example of each turning, and how it contributed to that era's mood. The descriptions refer to a four-phase model of social change devised by the famous sociologist Talcott Parsons, who hypothesized that society moves into a new phase every time the availability or demand for social order rises or falls.

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[Images for The Fourth Turning: An American Prophecy - What the Cycles of History Tell Us About America's Next Rendezvous with Destiny by William Strauss \(Author\), Neil Howe \(Author\)](#)

and if Sir John Bagot Glubb is right to say, "Thus, a period of 250 years would represent about ten generations of people. A closer examination of the characteristics of the rise and fall of great nations may emphasize the possible significance of the sequence of generations";

[PDF] The Fate of Empires and Search for Survival by Sir John Bagot Glubb

XXI Civil dissensions

Another remarkable and unexpected symptom of national decline is the intensification of internal political hatreds. One would have expected that, when the survival of the nation became precarious, political factions would drop their rivalry and stand shoulder-to-shoulder to save their country.

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Decadence is a moral and spiritual disease, resulting from too long a period of wealth and power, producing cynicism, decline of religion, pessimism and frivolity. The citizens of such a nation will no longer make an effort to save themselves, because they are not convinced that anything in life is worth saving.

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<http://people.uncw.edu/kozloffm/glubb.pdf>

Images for The Fate of Empires and Search for Survival by Sir John Bagot Glubb

<http://www.rexresearch.com/glubb/glubb-empire.pdf>

http://www.friendsofsabbath.org/Further_Research/e-books/TheFateofEmpiresbySirJohnGlubb.pdf

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Bagot_Glubb

then, both the church and the state can expect seismic change.

Law/Gospel preachers can see the big picture and take the long view to guide congregations through these turbulent times, while, at the same time, to seek the common good by:

to **serve** all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to **strive** for justice and peace in all the earth?

as set forth in the Affirmation of Baptism of the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* page 236.

43) Addressing presenting situations from a law/gospel perspective

Situation	Accusation	Resolution
Our Lady of Guadalupe	National Privilege	Equity
#BlackLivesMatter	White Privilege	Equity
#MeToo	Male Privilege	Equity

Our Lady of Guadalupe National Privilege Equity

When I hear the risks that immigrants take to cross into this country and risks they take if sent back, I ask myself, "What are the conditions in their home countries, which compel people to take such action?" I remind myself that the wealthy populations in the north experience social advantage.

Our Lady of Guadalupe serves as a unifying symbol in Mexican culture.

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Wikipedia

Mexican culture

Harrington argues that:

The Aztecs ... had an elaborate, coherent symbolic system for making sense of their lives. When this was destroyed by the Spaniards, something new was needed to fill the void and make sense of New Spain ... the image of Guadalupe served that purpose.^[81]

Hernán Cortés, the Conquistador who overthrew the Aztec empire in 1521, was a native of Extremadura, home to Our Lady of Guadalupe. By the 16th century the Extremadura Guadalupe, a statue of the Virgin said to be carved by Saint Luke the Evangelist, was already a national icon. It was found at the beginning of the 14th century when the Virgin appeared to a humble shepherd and ordered him to dig at the site of the apparition. The recovered Virgin then miraculously helped to expel the Moors from Spain, and her small shrine evolved into the great Guadalupe monastery. According to the traditional account, the name of Guadalupe was chosen by the Virgin herself when she appeared on the hill outside Mexico City in 1531, ten years after the Conquest.^[82]

Guadalupe continues to be a mixture of the cultures which blended to form Mexico, both racially and religiously,^[83] "the first mestiza",^[84] or "the first Mexican".^[85] "bringing together people of distinct cultural heritages, while at the same time affirming their distinctness."^[86] As Jacques Lafaye wrote in *Quetzalcoatl and Guadalupe*, "as the Christians built their first churches with the rubble and the columns of the ancient pagan temples, so they often borrowed pagan customs for their own cult purposes."^[87] The author Judy King asserts that Guadalupe is a "common denominator" uniting Mexicans.

Writing that Mexico is composed of a vast patchwork of differences – linguistic, ethnic, and class-based – King says "The Virgin of Guadalupe is the rubber band that binds this disparate nation into a whole."^[85] The Mexican novelist Carlos Fuentes once said that "you cannot truly be considered a Mexican unless you believe in the Virgin of Guadalupe."^[88] Nobel Literature laureate Octavio Paz wrote in 1974 that "the Mexican people, after more than two centuries of experiments, have faith only in the Virgin of Guadalupe and the National Lottery".^[89]



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our_Lady_of_Guadalupe
https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our_Lady_of_Guadalupe
[Images for our lady of guadalupe](#)

I wrote about the cheap food policy, which makes a connection between third world countries and rural America that forces people off the land and into the cities, in the chapters on Rural America Is Becoming Like a Third World Country in my Rural Ministry Resources. In the case of the southern hemisphere, people migrate not only to the cities but also to the northern hemisphere. I took a travel seminar to Mexico, El Salvador, and Nicaragua with the Augsburg Center for Global Education in 1985, as well as a travel seminar to the Philippines with the same agency in 1988 and shared my learning experiences in the booklets in Rural Ministry Resources. I visited the Faith and Hope Refugee Camp in El Salvador operated by Lutheran World Relief (LWR) together with Lutherans in that country and wrote about it in *Strengthening Our Rural Communities*, page 55.

I took a travel seminar to Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and Senegal in West Africa with LWR in January and February of 1988 and to Peru and Bolivia in South America with LWR in April and May of 1989 and shared my learning experiences in the booklets in Rural Ministry Resources. If conditions worsen in the southern hemisphere, no combination of fences and walls, guards and patrols will be able to stem the tide of immigrants crossing the border into this country. **LWR is resolved to accompany people in these countries in development efforts to make it possible for people to stay on the land and not to migrate to the cities and to the north.** LWR established Fair Trade efforts so that farmers can receive a fair price for their products. I contribute to LWR each year and drafted my will in such a way that the bulk of my estate goes to LWR. As far as personal living, I recall 2 quotes: "There is enough for everyone's need, but not for everyone's greed" and "Live simply so that others might simply live."

Diploma Program Offers Promising Future for Young Father in El Salvador

Your generosity means that Williams Saravia can now stay in his home country of El Salvador. He is able to feed his family of four and has even started saving money to build a house.

His life was much different just a year ago. Unable to afford completing a college education, he took a job as a farm laborer. Working from sunup to sundown, the 30-year-old father earned only \$6 a day. He farmed his own small plot of land as much as he could.

With no other opportunities to work near his home outside San Miguel – El Salvador's second largest city, after the capital San Salvador – Williams says his only option was to migrate to the United States.

El Salvador has some of the highest rates of violence in the world, largely because of the widespread gang activity. This violence, coupled with unemployment exceeding 50 percent among youth, are the main drivers of migration to the U.S.

The entire trajectory of Williams' life changed when he enrolled in a diploma program designed to prepare young farmers to be the next generation of entrepreneurs in El Salvador's burgeoning cocoa industry. The program integrates training in cocoa cultivation, business management and life skills, like decision making, problem solving and critical thinking.

Williams' tuition was covered entirely by the generosity of people like you. Today Williams is running a small business making and selling tablets for hot chocolate. He buys fermented cocoa beans, toasts them, grinds them and mixes them with sugar and spices to make a delicious product. His wife, Margarita, and children 11-year-old Williams and 6-year-old Merci, help to package the chocolate tablets. The tablets have been so popular that Williams produces a fresh batch almost daily to meet demand.

"This has gotten this migrating idea out of my head since I know there's opportunity here in the country," he says.

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Lutheran World Relief is a ministry of U.S. Lutherans, serving communities living in poverty overseas.

I just came back from El Salvador, and I saw hope. | Lutheran World Relief

No matter what you believe about the border crisis, **we can all agree that Salvadorans should have a real chance to thrive in their home country.** And that the youth of El Salvador, with their hope and desire to grow old at home, are worth investing in.

<https://lwr.org/blog/2019/i-just-came-back-el-salvador-and-i-saw-hope>

[Images for I just came back from El Salvador, and I saw hope. | Lutheran World Relief](#)

<https://lwr.org/country/el-salvador>

[Images for lwr/country/el-salvador](#)

Norway has developed a tough-love approach to the refugee crisis.

Norway's tough-love approach to the refugee crisis | The Spectator

The case for limiting economic migration is clear. But about half of the registered asylum seekers in the EU last year were from countries that were struck by conflict. Can Norway justify taking so few? Ms Listhaug is a practising Christian (albeit sceptical of the 'thoroughly socialist' Church of Norway) and says her government's immigration policy, when combined with its aid policy, is not just a moral response, but the most effective moral response.

She's referring to the refugee camps in Jordan, where both Norway and the UK send aid to help those displaced by war. Norway gave £23 million to its Jordanian mission last year, almost twice as much, per capita, as Britain. The cost of helping refugees at home is taken from its foreign aid budget, so as its influx subsides and costs fall, all savings are used to help refugees abroad. Some £370 million has been transferred so far, with more expected next year.

'For me it's a moral issue as well. You can't just help the ones you see. You have to think about the millions you don't see and that have a very difficult life in the world.'

So, to Ms Listhaug, it's not a question of whether to help refugees, but how best to do so. We meet after she visited Brandon Lewis, her British counterpart, who gave her a striking statistic: 'The immigration minister here in Britain said that for the price of helping 3,000 young people here, he could help 100,000 children in other parts of the world.'

<https://www.spectator.co.uk/2017/11/norway-is-hard-on-migrants-but-tough-love-works/>

[Images for Norway's tough-love approach to the refugee crisis | The Spectator](#)

[Images for norway-is-hard-on-migrants-but-tough-love-works](#)

[Images for Scandinavian response to immigration crisis](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGtGRRCc1i0&v=en> Report About No Go Zones In Sweden From Norwegian Media

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0_vV3OMvU Swedish Documentary On Failed Immigration – YouTube

[Images for Swedish Documentary On Failed Immigration – YouTube](#)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/16/world/europe/nordic-countries-overwhelmed-by-migrants-retreat-from-generous-traditions.html>

[Images for nordic-countries-overwhelmed-by-migrants-retreat-from-generous-traditions](#)

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services and Lutheran Social Services have carried out comprehensive refugee resettlement through the years.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service | LIRS

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service is a non-profit organization that welcomes and supports refugees and migrants entering the United States.

<https://www.lirs.org/>

[Images for Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services](#)

<https://www.lsswis.org/LSS/Outreach/Refugee-Immigrant-Services>

<https://www.lirs.org/refugee-resettlement-partners>

<http://www.lsswis.org/Locations/Refugee-Resettlement-Milwaukee.htm>

<https://www.lsswis.org/LSS/OffNav/Refugee--Immigrant-Services>

The Parish Paper asks the question in its July 2017 publication: "How Can We Help Immigrants?"

How Can We Help Immigrants? - The Parish Paper

An African proverb says: "If you want to go fast, walk alone. If you want to go far, walk together." Responding to the complexity of immigrants' needs requires many, many caring partners and a long-term commitment.

<https://www.ctucc.org/blogdetail/8715798>

<http://www.wcucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/2017-07-How-Can-We-Help-Immigrants.pdf>

<https://www.glpby.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/PP-7-2017-How-Can-We-Help-Immigrants.pdf>

<http://www.blackhawkpresbytery.org/clientimages/48665/parishpaper/p%20p%20--7-2017%20how%20can%20we%20help%20immigrants.pdf>

[Images for How Can We Help Immigrants? – The Parish Paper](#)

The 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly "voted to approve a memorial that declares the ELCA a sanctuary church."

ELCA Churchwide Assembly declares ELCA sanctuary church – Living Lutheran

In a key action taken Aug. 7, the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted to approve a memorial that declares the ELCA a sanctuary church. The ELCA is the first North American denomination to declare itself a sanctuary church body. As a sanctuary church the ELCA is committed to serving and supporting migrant children and families in communities across the country.

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2019/08/elca-churchwide-assembly-declares-elca-sanctuary-church/>

[Images for ELCA Churchwide Assembly declares ELCA sanctuary church – Living Lutheran](#)

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/issues/>

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/contact-us/>

#BlackLivesMatter White Privilege Equity

My home town of Story City, Iowa in the 1960s resembled Mayberry in *The Andy Griffith Show* (TV Series 1960–1968), the Story City police officers Homer Larsen and Eastace "Junior" Lake resembled Andy Griffin and Barney Fife in the show, and the Ford Galaxie police cruiser resembled the cruiser driven by police in the show. My thought, at the time, was that the officers could not catch the boys

in their hot rods even if they wanted to. In looking back, it was as if I was sheltered in place from many of the social ills in other parts of the country. I heard about the race riots in Washington D.C., Baltimore, Chicago, and Kansas City following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4, 1968, but the civil disturbances seemed far away. I belonged to a Norwegian Lutheran congregation of the American Lutheran Church (ALC) headquartered in Minneapolis, MN. The ALC joined other Lutheran church bodies to form the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in 1987 headquartered in Chicago, Ill. The ELCA is 95.3% white according to the [Religious Landscape Survey](#), collected by Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life.

I encountered Americans of African descent when I studied at Waldorf Junior College in Forest City, Iowa (1971-73) and Concordia College in Moorhead, MN (1973-1975) both ALC schools established by Norwegian immigrants. While studying at Waldorf, I wrote an editorial as co-editor of the school newspaper raising questions about the mission of the school when a seemingly disproportionate amount of resources was committed to football and men's basketball for such a small liberal arts college and whether it is was responsible to import such a sizable number of black athletes relative to the student body from urban Ohio to rural Iowa especially when there was not commensurate supportive services to assist them to achieve academically and adjust culturally. On the other hand, the college was only able to interest a few female black women to enroll. I was asked to serve as a student representative on the Waldorf College Goals Committee afterwards and at the end of my time there was presented the following: "In recognition of outstanding contributions to the life and work of Waldorf College, the 1973 Deans Award is presented to Lowell Bolstad this 7th day of May 1973." The head of the religion department said that I had done more than any other student in his memory to raise questions about the direction of the school. While studying at Concordia, a racial incident happened between black and white students that prompted the president to address the incident and the aftermath at a morning chapel service. I submitted a paper on Rhetorical Responses to Racial Tension for a class on Rhetorical Criticism on 12/13/1973. See [4Preaching6RhetoricalResponsestoRacialTension](#). For my contextual education during my first year at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN (1975-79), I asked to be assigned to a context more diverse than the Norwegian-American community in which I had grown up. I was placed in Prince of Glory in North Minneapolis with its changing neighborhood increasingly African-American where the supervising pastor was Mark Hanson fresh from Union Theological Seminary in New York City who went on to serve Edina Community Lutheran Church, University Lutheran Church of Hope, bishop of the Saint Paul Area Synod, and the third presiding bishop of the ELCA, as well as the 11th president of the Lutheran World Federation. In the above-mentioned travel seminar to West Africa, I learned about the slave trade from an African perspective and wrote about my learning experiences in *Strengthening Our Rural Communities*, page 13. I also wrote about my learning experiences from visiting Tchula, Mississippi in the piece on Black Farmers Stand Up for Human Rights in the same publication, page 59. I understand the focus of #BlackLivesMatter is to denounce police brutality and killings as well as systemic racism.

Black Lives Matter - Wikipedia

Black Lives Matter (BLM) is an international [activist](#) movement, originating in the [African-American](#) community, that campaigns against violence and [systemic racism](#) towards [black people](#). BLM regularly holds [protests](#) speaking out against [police killings](#) of black people, and broader issues such as [racial profiling](#), [police brutality](#), and [racial inequality in the United States criminal justice system](#).^[1]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Lives_Matter

https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Lives_Matter

<https://www.gettyimages.com/photos/black-lives-matter>

#BlackLivesMatter also seeks to expose white privilege.

White privilege - Wikipedia

White privilege (or white skin privilege) is the [societal privilege](#) that benefits people whom society identifies as [white](#) in some countries, beyond what is commonly experienced by [non-white](#) people under the same social, political, or economic circumstances. Academic perspectives such as [critical race theory](#) and [whiteness studies](#) use the concept to analyze how [racism](#) and [racialized societies](#) affect the lives of white or white-skinned people.

According to [Peggy McIntosh](#), whites in Western societies enjoy advantages that non-whites do not experience, as "an invisible package of unearned assets".^[1] White privilege denotes both obvious and less obvious passive advantages that white people may not recognize they have, which distinguishes it from overt bias or prejudice. These include cultural affirmations of one's own worth; presumed greater social status; and [freedom to move](#), buy, work, play, and [speak freely](#). The effects can be seen in professional, educational, and personal contexts. The concept of white privilege also implies the right to assume the universality of one's own experiences, marking others as different or exceptional while perceiving oneself as [normal](#).^{[2][3]}

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_privilege

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:White_privilege

<https://www.gettyimages.com/photos/white-privilege>

As part of the creative tension, I suggest that Martin Luther in a first use of the law on the orders of creation lists certain necessities in his response to *What then does "daily bread" mean?* on The Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer – Give us today our daily bread.

Small Catechism of Martin Luther

Everything included in the necessities and nourishment for our bodies, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, farm, fields, livestock, money, property, an upright spouse, upright children, upright members of the household, [upright and faithful rulers, good government](#), good weather, peace, health, decency, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7583/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Pew-Edition> Page 1164

The retired police chief of my home town is living in the house my father built in 1961 and where I grew up during the 1960s. I inherited the duplex my father built in 1975 and which I helped to build next to the home in which I grew up. My father also built another house across the street in 1993, and after his death, the house was sold to a man who serves as a police officer in Ames 12mi south. Both are decent men. My brother inherited the duplex my father built in 1987 diagonally from the home place and manages the 2 properties. Law enforcement potentially enter into harms way each and every day they put on the uniform.

Wis. Man Found Guilty Of Murder In 2016 Shooting Of Deputy - WCCO

Dan Nitek [was charged with 31 crimes](#) following the October 2016 shooting of officer Dan Glaze in Rusk County, Wisconsin. On Tuesday, a jury found Nitek guilty of six of those crimes including first-degree intentional homicide, possession of methamphetamine and paraphernalia, and two counts of criminal damage to property. Nitek shot Glaze after the deputy flagged Nitek's vehicle as suspicious and drove his squad car onto the man's property.



Deputy Dan Glaze Inmate Doug Nitek

<https://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2018/09/26/dan-nitek-found-guilty-of-murder-police-shooting/>
[Images for Dan Nitek shooting of officer Dan Glaze](#)

Because of ongoing investigations, the Eau Claire County sheriff's office requested that his name not be publicized. The man, who was previously in the same prison as Nitek, said they talked in his bunk area.

When the man told Nitek he was from Milwaukee, **Nitek replied that they shouldn't be killing each other, they should be killing police officers.**

<http://www.leadertelegram.com/News/Front-Page/2018/09/21/lt-div-class-libPageBodyLinebreak-gt-Inmate-Nitek-admitted-to-shooting-cop-lt-div-gt.html>

<https://www.weau.com/content/news/NEW-Information-Man-charged-in-death-of-Rusk-Co-deputy-411342925.html>

<http://wqow.com/news/top-stories/2018/09/25/jury-selected-for-doug-nitek-man-accused-of-killing-rusk-co-deputy/>

Here in rural Wisconsin, one commonly posted statement is Thank a Cop, while another is Back the Badge. I acknowledge that this attitude reflects a position of social advantage in the current cultural divide.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day 2018: How to thank a cop - AJC.com

5 ways to support law enforcement dedicated to protect and serve

<https://www.ajc.com/news/local/ways-support-law-enforcement-dedicated-protect-and-serve/BtshJS9XyCWitgHocvHqL/>

[Images for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day 2018: How to thank a cop - AJC.com](#)

The 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly approved a memorial on A Declaration to People of African Descent.

[PDF]Declaration of the ELCA to people of African Descent

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) apologizes to people of African descent for its historical complicity in slavery and its enduring legacy of racism in the United States and globally. We lament the white church's failure to work for the abolition of slavery and the perpetuation of racism in this church. We confess, repent and repudiate the times when this church has been silent in the face of racial injustice.

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Slavery_Apology_Explanation.pdf

[Images for Declaration to People of African Descent - ELCA](#)

<https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7999> Key moments for day two of 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly - ELCA

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Ethnic-Specific-and-Multicultural-Ministries/African-Descent>

Democratic Senator Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota canceled what would be the last rally of her presidential candidacy on the evening of 3/01/2020 when Black Lives Matter protesters took over the event.

Amy Klobuchar: Black Lives Matter protesters shut down rally

Amy Klobuchar cancels rally after Black Lives Matter protesters seize stage at Minnesota event

Klobuchar was scheduled to speak at St. Louis Park High School in suburban Minneapolis ahead of Tuesday's Minnesota primary, which she is fighting to win and notch her first victory. But dozens of protesters entered the gymnasium and took over the stage, shouting for Klobuchar to drop out of the presidential race over the former prosecutor's handling of a 2002 case. The demonstration prompted her campaign to cancel the event.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2020/03/01/myon-burrell-protestors-shut-down-amy-klobuchar-event-before-super-tuesday/4926779002/>

[Images for Amy Klobuchar: Black Lives Matter protesters shut down rally](#)

Also, during the Christmas shopping rush on 12/23/2015 **Black Lives Matter protest shuts down Mall of America and airport terminal**

On the late afternoon of 3/1/2020, my car parked in a South Minneapolis lot was vandalized. It was the 3rd time in 10 years this had happened to a black Ford Focus in that lot. The volunteer chair of the board of trustees for this charitable, non-profit organization retrieved pictures on the security camera of the man coming into the establishment and talking with people and then waving before walking out the door. The camera showed how he drove his car around the lot, stopped at mine, smashed the window on the driver's side, and rifled through the vehicle looking for valuables. He took my clothes bag and my book bag. I was told that the police in the **3rd Precinct - City of Minneapolis** .7 mile away no longer responded to reports of vandalism because of their case load unless they could catch the vandal in the act so that vandals increasingly acted with impunity. I was also told by him in a phone conversation that on 3/03 thieves opened cars in that lot by radio frequency with the plan to start and steal those vehicles that used a remote start key fob knowing full well that police lacked the capacity to answer every such call. The back of his truck was opened 4X in one day, but his vehicle took a key instead of a fob so that the thieves could not steal it. I was told the vandals also look for electronic equipment to pawn. This veteran admitted that, if he was younger and in better health, he would obtain a permit to carry a concealed gun. I filed a report at his urging on 3/08. Squad Number 300. Case Control Number 20-062769. Precinct/Division 3rd. Official Badge Number(s) and Name(s) Perry/5550. I noticed the wall of honor with pictures of 9 officers who were killed in the line of duty seeking to protect the residents of the 3rd Precinct. I came to better realize how the police have their hands full dealing with violent crime when I read how **Victims were in vehicles in at least a quarter of Minneapolis shootings | Star Tribune**

Just when I thought the number of publicized incidents of unarmed blacks dying while in police custody was subsiding, I heard how an unarmed black man George Floyd died while a white police officer named Derek Chauvin pressed his knee on Floyd's neck for 7 minutes and 46 seconds while detaining him on Memorial Day 5/25/2020 as 3 other officers looked on. Floyd was accused of passing a counterfeit \$20 bill at a grocery store. Chauvin was eventually charged with unintentional second-degree murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter. The other 3 were charged with aiding and abetting unintentional second-degree murder and aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter. I was angered and saddened when I picked up a copy of the 5/29 Star Tribune to read A STATE OF AGONY: National Guard Activated as Protests Spread. Federal, state officials pledge 'robust' investigation of officers. Another article read Back in spotlight: Klobuchar's record questioned in light of Floyd's death. B1. The rioting centered around the very precinct station I visited on 3/08, **Rioters set Minneapolis police precinct on fire as protests reignite over George Floyd's death and Protests over George Floyd's death spread across the nation**

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz asserted that, when the peaceful protests escalated to rioting, vandalism, arson, looting, and other destruction, **Gov. Walz calls for full mobilization of the Minnesota National Guard**

Jewish mayor **Jacob Frey** moved to Minneapolis in 2009 after graduating from Villanova University Law School and practiced employment and civil rights law. He campaigned for the office on a platform for improving police-community relations. He was criticized **As Minneapolis burns, mayor takes heat for the response - MPR News** and booed **Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey booed by protesters after refusing to defund and abolish police - CNN**

As for the other police, **Minneapolis police officers write open letter condemning Chauvin, embracing change - Kare 11**, while **Seven Minneapolis police officers quit after George Floyd protests, cite lack of support from city leaders**, and "Deputy Chief Henry Halvorson said in an email to supervisors earlier this month that some officers have simply walked off the job without filing the proper paperwork, creating confusion about who is still working and who isn't." A little over a month after the incident on 7/2 **Minneapolis attorney says about 20% of police force filing disability claims due to PTSD**

In the midst of all the reports of the actual events, a more in-depth piece explained **The Minnesota paradox: how race divides prosperous Minneapolis**. Then on 7/9, Betsy Hodges former mayor of Minneapolis 2014-18 wrote an Op-Ed in the New York Times, which admitted that **The 'Dirty Work' Of White Liberal Leaders Is Done By Police**.

Violent crime increased dramatically in Minneapolis during the weeks following the riots so that **'A public health crisis': Minneapolis police chief asks community to help fight recent gun violence**. I read the argument against #BlackLivesMatter about black-on-black murders **The Deadly Shootings That Black Lives Matter Ignores** and read a rebuttal **Stop using 'black-on-black' crime to deflect away from police brutality**. As people sought to protect themselves, **Gun Stocks Soar Amid Nationwide Rioting**.

A contention by #BlackLivesMatter to defund the police became a rally cry after the 5/26 death of a black man while in police custody.

Black Lives Matter co-founder explains "Defund the police" slogan

Black Lives Matter co-founder Alicia Garza told NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday that growing calls to "defund the police" are not about eliminating police departments, but about reinvesting funds toward "the resources that our communities need."

<https://www.axios.com/defund-police-black-lives-matter-7007efac-0b24-44e2-a45c-c7f180c17b2e.html>
Images for #BlackLivesMatter defund the police

Part of the pushback against this proposal argues that such a move would create a vacuum for unwelcome behavior to increase.

Worried Residents Sue Minneapolis Leaders Over Crime Spike

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — The state's largest city faces a lawsuit for a crime spike amid calls to replace the police department.

Two separate shootings Tuesday morning pushed the number of killings in Minneapolis to 49.

That's one more death than in all of last year.

"Every single night on any block on this neighborhood you can hear gunshots every single freaking night," Cathy Spann said.

A crime wave has hit the streets of Minneapolis and people who call the north side home, say it is disproportionately affecting their neighborhoods.

"We are a community that is riddled with crime we are under siege," Spann said.

Minneapolis is 20 homicides ahead of where it was this time last year.

"We knew that this was going to be a disaster when we heard the un-consulted announcement made," Don Samuels said. **Northsiders believe the city council's plan to defund Minneapolis police is the root cause of the spike in crime.** <https://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2020/08/18/worried-residents-sue-minneapolis-leaders-over-crime-spike/>
[Images for Worried Residents Sue Minneapolis Leaders Over Crime Spike](#)

Under the rubric of "Be careful what you ask for," one possible unintended consequence of the movement to defund the police may be that governments turn to the use of robots, drones, and nanotechnology to use in law enforcement and to dispel crowds during civil unrest. Such developments would no longer be the stuff of science fiction but could become reality TV.

11 Police Robots Patrolling Around the World | WIRED

Law enforcement across the globe use semi-autonomous technology to do what humans find too dangerous, boring, or just can't. This week, the Cleveland Police had a few nonlethal ones on hand at the Republican National Convention. But even those can be outfitted to kill, as we saw in Dallas earlier this month when police strapped a bomb to an explosive-detonation robot, and boom: a non-lethal robot became a killer. **If that thought scares you, you're not alone. Human rights activists worry these robots lack social awareness crucial to decision-making.** "For example, during mass protests in Egypt in January 2011 the army refused to fire on protesters, an action that required innate human compassion and respect for the rule of law," said Rasha Abdul Rahim of Amnesty International in a statement last year arguing that the UN should ban killer robots. More than a thousand robotics experts, including Elon Musk and Stephen Hawking, signed a letter last summer warning against machines that can select targets without human control. We wanted to find out just how many of these things are in use around the world. But law enforcement isn't exactly forthcoming about the topic, so this list is not exhaustive. Here's what we found.
<https://www.wired.com/2016/07/11-police-robots-patrolling-around-world/>
[Images for 11 Police Robots Patrolling Around the World | WIRED](#)

The Interim Ministry Network sent a short message on a background image on 6/5:

Today we pause and join the world in a moment of silence for the pain and struggles we are experiencing.

Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson sent the following email on 6/5.

Dear Pastors, Deacons and SAMs,

You are invited to a one-hour ZOOM conversation with Judith Roberts, ELCA Director for Racial Justice on Wednesday, June 10 at 11:00 am.

In light of the racial tension around George Floyd's death in Minneapolis, the protests against police brutality, the recent surge of white supremacy sentiments, and our synod's intention on deepening our awareness about our own White Privilege. I strongly encourage you to participate in this conversation. Together we are learning how to better equip and lead as we meet these challenges each day. In baptism we are bound together in Christ and are called to work together for justice.

I also encourage you to plan a special service to commemorate the Emmanuel 9. June 17 is set aside as a day for this remembrance, but if you can't do that day, pick another time that works for you. Please don't be silent. Silence in the face of racism, like any injustice, is sin.

Below is the link to the resources for the commemoration of the 9 people who were killed while attending a Bible Study at the Mother Emmanuel Church in Charleston, SC in 2015.

I hope to see you on Wednesday, June 8 at 11 am.

Bishop Laurie

<https://www.elca.org/emanuelnine>

Emanuel Nine, martyrs, 2015

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged to reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton Sermon recorded a sermon for 6/7/2020 and adapted it to the civil unrest.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton Sermon for June 7, 2020 – The Holy Trinity

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCxlyckuam4&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CTL7QdaGXZg>

<https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Transcript-bishop-eaton-sermon-060720.pdf>

<https://blogs.elca.org/worship/2379/>
https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Service_of_the_Word_060720.pdf

The Wisconsin Council of Churches sent an email on 6/12 offering a webinar on Wrestling with Whiteness.

The Wisconsin Council of Churches is committed to providing you with resources to engage this moment in ministry and our common life with faithfulness and courage. We have three digital events coming up in June which are especially relevant to the intersecting crises of mass responses to racism, violence, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We urge you to take the time to educate yourself in community that you may learn, grow, and be sustained for the work ahead.

We invite you to review policy statements that elected delegates to the Wisconsin Council of Churches have passed as an ecumenical body. Use these resources to ground yourselves and your ministry in this time.

[WCC's Statement on Institutional Racism and Racial Justice](#)
[WCC's Statement on Nonviolence](#)

Anchored in the Biblical story of Jacob and Esau, we'll explore themes of injustice, alienation, repentance and forgiveness, reparations, and how that impacts the intersections of antiracism and the work of the Christian church today.

Our presenter is Rev. Dr. Zachary Moon, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Care at Chicago Theological Seminary. He has served as a military chaplain with Marines and sailors, as a chaplain resident in the VA hospital system, and as a chaplain with combat veterans in residential treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder. Moon was raised in the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) and is currently ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The ELCA sent an email on 6/18 on Confronting injustice in church and society.

ELCA reaffirms commitment to combat racism and white supremacy

The ELCA has reaffirmed its commitment to combating racism and white supremacy “following the recent murders of Black Americans,” the Conference of Bishops said in a statement. The ELCA’s social policy [resolution](#), “Condemnation of White Supremacy and Racist Rhetoric,” was adopted by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

“We grieve with, pray for and stand in solidarity with the families and friends of all whose loved ones have been and continue to be victims of injustices run amok, racist violence and the insidious venom of white supremacy,” the statement read. [Read the full statement](#) and find additional resources for education and participation in [ELCA Racial Justice Ministries](#).

My alma mater Concordia College of Moorhead, Minnesota hosted a Zoom event Standing Together as One: United through Heart and Hope on 6/24.

Confronting Racism

The racially motivated killing of George Floyd and so many others have left many of us bewildered, angry, frustrated, fearful, confused, in pain, and resolved to fight for justice. We invite you to come to learn, listen, and lean in as we commit together to rid our country of racial injustice.

Hosted by Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Edward Antonio, join together as Concordia students and alumni/ae for an open conversation to acknowledge the racism happening in our lives and across our country. This will be a time for us to embrace each other with empathy, vulnerability, compassion, and strength. Please join in solidarity with those seeking resources, support, and spaces to share your experiences, emotions and thoughts on the events of these past weeks.

The office of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin sent a Letter from Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson on 6/24/2020

Dear Pastors, Deacons, and SAMs,

After George Floyd’s death, the resulting protests and Black Lives Matter gatherings, many have asked questions like, “How can I help work toward racial justice? How can we as Lutheran Christians live out the greatest commandment to love our black and brown neighbors? How can I help the members of my congregation get involved and make a difference in the world for Jesus’ sake?

I know you care and want to do something. I also know that you have many demands on your time right now. This might very well be the most important work you can do this summer. Here are some suggestions as you prioritize your time.

1. Sign the ELCA Racial Justice Pledge

https://elca.org/racialjusticepledge?_ga=2.29746679.936521879.1592838739-102939920.1525131987

By signing the pledge you are committing to study, pray and take action to work to end racism. The pledge includes suggestions for several actions steps for you and your congregation.

2. **Participate in the synod’s Justice Team.** The next Zoom meeting is Tuesday, July 14 at 10 a.m. There are six actions groups currently working on racial justice, environmental justice/care of creation, gender justice, voter registration, gun violence, and world hunger. The link to that zoom meeting will be coming out soon.

3. Join **Waking Up White**, a Zoom book discussion group on Monday, June 29 at 11 am lead by Deacon David Behling.

Here's the link. Northwest Synod is inviting you <https://zoom.us/j/96111266144?pwd=MDJ2TGE4NXRVbFREvXpZZOh3YmIFZz09>

4. Register for the **Fall Ministry Retreat September 28-29**. This Zoom event will be held on Monday and Tuesday mornings and feature two speakers, Dr. Jaqueline Bussie, author of **Love Without Limits**, professor at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN and Judith Roberts, ELCA's Director for Racial Justice. Registration information will be on the synod website calendar.

5. Listen to Matthew West's song, Do Something

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=matthew+west+if+not+now+lyrics&docid=608005805101942047&mid=1EBB79E019D1BC03A3DA1EBB79E019D1BC03A3DA&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

Friends, I know you have many things on your mind right now. Please know that I pray for you and ask that God will give you the wisdom, courage and strength to lead faithfully in these days.

Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:17).

Rev. Jeff Thiemann, President and CEO of Portico Benefits Services – A Ministry of the ELCA, sent a message on 7/3/2020.

Promoting Diversity, Creating Inclusion

Interested in creating a community of equity and justice? Whether you're looking to understand your own blind spots, foster conversation in your congregation, or build a culture where all can belong, a new Being Academy course Promoting Diversity, Creating Inclusion, featuring educator Aparna Rae, offers practical exercises and thought-provoking questions that can help. Though some of the course is directed at developing a diverse workplace, Portico believes the tools and topics are of value for church leaders in this important time.

For those preachers who feel compelled to push the envelope on white privilege, white priority, and white supremacy, the question can be asked how such preachers are prepared to respond to the demand for **Reparations for slavery** - In 1999, African-American lawyer and activist [Randall Robinson](#), founder of the [TransAfrica](#) advocacy organization, wrote that America's history of race riots, lynching, and institutional discrimination have "resulted in \$1.4 trillion in losses for African Americans".^[14] Economist Robert Browne stated the ultimate goal of reparations should be to "restore the black community to the economic position it would have if it had not been subjected to slavery and discrimination".^[15] He estimates a fair reparation value anywhere between \$1.4 to \$4.7 [trillion](#), or roughly \$142,000 (equivalent to \$153,000 in 2019) for every black American living today.^[15] Other estimates range from \$5.7 to \$14.2^[16] and \$17.1 trillion.^[17] Rapper T.I. supports reparations that give every African American \$1,000,000 and that slavery caused mass incarcerations, poverty and other ills^[18]

Also, the question can be asked how such preachers are prepared to address the elephant in the room of the church's tax-exempt privilege **Charities, Churches and Politics | Internal Revenue Service**. Are such preachers willing to argue that the church should forfeit this privilege? The federal government is already drowning in red ink and will be looking for additional sources of revenue. Could it be in this time of post-Christianity that eventually the church will be forced to forfeit this privilege?

#MeToo Male Privilege Equity

I do not claim special insight into the dynamics of sexual assault and harassment by men against women. I do suggest that the **second use of the law** exposes **male privilege** employed in unhealthy ways. What I can express is a desire for the development of the mature masculine and the mature feminine. What I can offer is my post in 11Collegiality1IntroReflections Chapter - 20) Changing Gender Roles: Herr Pastor/Church Basement Ladies – Soft Males/Hard Females – Four Archetypes.

I understand the focus of #MeToo is to demand that allegations of sexual assault and harassment by men against women be taken seriously and that those found guilty be made to suffer the consequences.

Me Too - Wikipedia

[Me Too movement](#), an international campaign to denounce sexual assault, rape, and harassment.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Me_Too

Images for #MeToo

https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Me_Too_movement

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Me_Too_movement

King David abused his power by taking Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite, for himself. He was confronted by the prophet Nathan and punished by God for his sin.

Bathsheba - Wikipedia

Bathsheba^[a] was the wife of [Uriah the Hittite](#) and later of [David](#), according to the [Hebrew Bible](#). She is most known for the biblical narrative in which she was summoned by King David, who had seen her bathing and lusted after her.

David's action was displeasing to the Lord, who sent [Nathan the prophet](#) to reprove the king. After relating the parable of the rich man who took away the one little ewe lamb of his poor neighbor ([2 Samuel 12:1–6](#)), and exciting the king's anger against the unrighteous act, the prophet applied the case directly to David's action with regard to Bathsheba. The king at once confessed his sin and expressed sincere repentance. **Bathsheba's first child by David was struck with a severe**

illness and died, unnamed, a few days after birth, which the king accepted as his punishment. Nathan also noted that David's house would be punished for Uriah's murder.



Bathsheba holding David's letter by [Willem Drost](#), 1654, [Louvre Museum](#)
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bathsheba>
[Images for Bathsheba](#)

At the same time, I recall Martin Luther's response to *What does this mean?* regarding The Eighth Commandment – You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor

Small Catechism of Martin Luther

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or **destroy** their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7583/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Pew-Edition> Page 116

[Images for you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor](#)

Even as allegations are to be taken seriously, I suggest that the accused be accorded the presumption of innocence under the rule of law. A rush to judgment is to be avoided so that the accused not be considered guilty in the court of public opinion until the accused can establish innocence. Joseph was wrongfully accused by Potiphar's wife and thrown into prison only to be later vindicated.

Potiphar and his wife - Wikipedia

Potiphar makes Joseph the head of his household, but **Potiphar's wife, who is not named in the Bible or in Christian tradition, is furious at Joseph for resisting her attempts to seduce him, and falsely accuses him of attempted rape. Potiphar casts Joseph into prison,** from where he later comes to the notice of [Pharaoh](#) through his ability to [interpret the dreams](#) of other prisoners. (Genesis 39-40)



José y la mujer de Putifar, oil on canvas, by [Antonio María Esquivel](#), 1854
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Potiphar_and_his_wife
[Images for Potiphar and his wife](#)
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_and_Potiphar%27s_Wife_\(etching\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_and_Potiphar%27s_Wife_(etching))
[Images for Joseph and Potiphar's Wife](#)

A simple accusation without corroborating evidence can destroy a reputation. The number of wrongful convictions serves as a cautionary tale during this volatile time in gender relations.

Wrongfully Convicted of Rape, a New Jersey Man Finds More Punishment After Prison – The New York Times

Aug 2, 2016 - **Exonerations of wrongfully convicted people have become so routine in recent years that their stories are almost commonplace.**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/03/nyregion/wrongfully-convicted-of-rape-a-new-jersey-man-finds-more-punishment-after-prison.html>

[Images for exonerations of wrongfully convicted people](#)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/07/nyregion/innocence-project-manhattan-rape.html>

<https://www.innocenceproject.org/wrongful-conviction-media/>

[Images for Innocence Project](#)

<https://abcnews.go.com/Primetime/story?id=132262&page=1> PrimeTime: Compensating the Wrongly Convicted - ABC News

<http://time.com/wrongly-convicted/>

<https://www.davidyannetti.com/Practice-Areas/Sex-Offenses-Overview/What-To-Do-If-Falsely-Accused-Of-Sexual->

The 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly approved the social statement – titled “Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action” – which focuses on issues related to justice for women and girls.

Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

II. Analysis of the Problem:

87 Sin subverts human flourishing in many ways. 88

89 9) Though God desires fullness of life and equity for everyone, as a church we recognize

90 that women and girls in particular suffer a range of harm and injustice due to sex (biological),

91 gender, or both.

<https://www.elca.org/womenandjustice>

[Images for Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action - ELCA](#)

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/FSJ_LnCall-ProposedStmntlRs-March-7.pdf

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.guidebook.com/upload/151152/sRQpAmUbA6luf2rk8IRamCpoXLxMQ5plbOcO.pdf>

Can preachers address presenting situations from the creative tension of a law/gospel perspective without lapsing into a smug white liberalism pandering to the latest cause that comes along?

For some time, I experienced misgivings about strenuous arguments for particular solutions on social issues that appealed to sensitivity and empathy but did not know how to articulate such misgivings until I ran across a quote in *A Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix* by Edwin H. Friedman (Author) in 4 Survival in a Hostile Environment: The Fallacy of Empathy 132, which warns against those who “have perverted these humanitarian words into power tools to get others to adapt to them” and recommends “focusing upon responsibility over empathy.”

Resources

Edwin H. Friedman Quotes (Author of A Failure of Nerve)

“It has been my impression that at any gathering, whether it be public or private, those who are quickest to inject words like sensitivity, empathy, consensus, trust, confidentiality, and togetherness into their arguments **have perverted these humanitarian words into power tools to get others to adapt to them.**”

— Edwin H. Friedman, *A Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix*

http://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/12448.Edwin_H_Friedman

[Images for Edwin H. Friedman Quotes \(Author of A Failure of Nerve\)](#)

Summary of Edwin Friedman's 'A Failure of Nerve': Part 4

Empathy is a concept that seems laudable and desirable. However, Friedman believes that it commonly serves as ‘a disguise for anxiety, a rationalization for the failure to define a position, and a power tool in the hands of the “sensitive.” Those who are most inclined to use the concept of empathy are people who feel powerless and want to ‘use the togetherness force of a regressed society to get those whom they perceive to have power to adapt to them.’ Much of the power of this approach results from the failure of nerve among leaders. However, the focus on ‘understanding’ or feeling with other people can be no less invasive than more coercive approaches. **We should rather be focusing upon responsibility over empathy.**

<https://alastairadversaria.wordpress.com/2012/01/14/summary-of-edwin-friedmans-a-failure-of-nerve-part-4/>

[Images for Summary of Edwin Friedman's 'A Failure of Nerve' We should rather be focusing upon responsibility over empathy.](#)

I traveled to Nicaragua as well as Mexico and El Salvador in 1985 with the **Center for Global Education and Experience | Augsburg University** and wrote about what I learned in *Who Will Stand Up for the Family Farm?* as a part of Rural Ministry Resources. Then **Daniel Ortega** was regarded as the darling of the progressives for leading the **Sandinista National Liberation Front** (FSLN) in the **Nicaraguan Revolution**, but now “In Nicaragua, reviews of Ortega's presidency have not always been glowing, with many considering him a dictator.”^[147] Many Nicaraguans, including prominent former Sandinista leaders, such as Daniel Ortega's own brother **Humberto Ortega**, have accused him of forgetting where he came from and catering to his own capitalist interests, calling his government monopolistic and authoritarian and denouncing him as a “Bloody Dictator.”^[148] The **2018 protests** are symbolic of these tensions.^{[8][149]} As of 2018, **the New York Times** reports that the “many Ortega adult children manage everything from gasoline distribution to television stations” in Nicaragua.^[173]

I visited Cuba 2X on my own in the late 1990s. **Fidel Castro** led the Marxist-Leninist and Cuban nationalist revolution in 1959.

“The longest-serving non-royal head of state in the 20th and 21st centuries, Castro polarized opinion throughout the world. His supporters view him as a champion of socialism and anti-imperialism whose revolutionary regime advanced economic and social justice while securing Cuba's independence from **US hegemony**. Critics view him as a tyrannical dictator whose administration oversaw **human-rights abuses**, **the exodus of many Cubans**, and the impoverishment of the country's economy.”

People I visited dared not speak against him for fear or retribution.

44) Earth Stewardship and the Mission of God

I received an email on 2/12/2020 announcing the upcoming conference gathering for rostered ministers on 2/20. One of the four announcements spoke of resolutions to be presented at the synod assembly on 5/16.

2. I encourage you to familiarize yourselves with the attached proposed resolutions that will be presented at the upcoming Synod Assembly. We will spend part of our February meeting gathering input from our conference in order to report back to the synod.

One of the resolutions was Resolution to Divest from Fossil Fuels submitted by the Northwest Synod Environmental Justice Group.

Resolution to Divest from Fossil Fuels

Whereas Psalm 148 declares: “³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! ⁴Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! ⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created,” and calls humans to stand together with all created things to praise the one who formed us; and

Whereas God has created us and all that exists, given and preserves our bodies and all the necessities for life [The First Article: On Creation, Luther’s Small Catechism]; and

Whereas the 1993 ELCA Social Statement Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice affirms that “we are called to care for the earth as God cares for the earth;” and

Whereas climate research is clear that there has been a rapid rise in the levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, with current levels (400 ppm) the highest in the past probably 2,000,000 years. This increase has occurred most rapidly in the past 200 years during the worldwide Industrial Revolution¹; and

Whereas climate research is clear that burning fossil fuels is the major source of rising levels of carbon dioxide, negatively impacting our climate.² Consequently, the use of fossil fuels must be dramatically reduced; and

Whereas in Caring for Creation, the ELCA declares that we will seek to incorporate the principles of sufficiency and sustainability in our life. Consequently: “We will, in our budgeting and investment of church funds, demonstrate our care for creation;” and

Whereas by divesting from fossil fuels, the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin joins with faith partners like the United Church of Christ³ and the World Council of Churches⁴ as well as large institutional investors such as the Norway’s \$850 billion Government Pension Fund Global⁵ in a global divestment movement; therefore, be it

Resolved that the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin shall

- A) Cease any new investments in companies whose primary business is the exploration, extraction, production, or refining of coal, oil, or natural gas, and urge all congregations within the Synod to do the same; and
- B) Ensure that, within three years, directly held or commingled assets in companies whose primary business is the exploration, extraction, production, or refining of coal, oil, or natural gas are removed from its portfolio, and urge all congregations within the Synod to do the same; and
- C) Release yearly updates, available to the public, detailing progress towards such divestment, and urge all congregations within the Synod to do the same.

Submitted by the Northwest Synod Environmental Justice Group

1 Website documenting the scientific evidence for climate change: <https://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/>

2 NRC (2011). Climate Stabilization Targets: Emissions, Concentrations, and Impacts over Decades to Millennia. Research Council. The National Academies Press, Washington, DC, USA. “Emissions of carbon dioxide from the burning of fossil fuels have ushered in a new epoch where human activities will largely determine the evolution of Earth’s climate.” NASA: Global Climate Change: Vital Signs of the Planet. “Humans have increased CO2 concentration by a third since the Industrial Revolution began. This is the most important long-lived “forcing” of climate change.” “Over the last century the burning of fossil fuels like coal and oil has increased the concentration of atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO2).” See <http://climate.nasa.gov/causes>.

3 United Church of Christ: <http://www.ucc.org/gs2013-fossil-fuel-divestment-vote>.

4 World Council of Churches: http://oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/central-committee/geneva-2014/report-of-the-finance-policy-committee/@download/file/GEN_FINO6_APPROVED_Report_Finance_Policy_Committee.pdf

5 Article regarding Norway’s Government Pension Fund Global:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/feb/05/world’s-biggest-sovereign-wealth-fund-dumps-dozens-of-coal-companies>

As it turned, no time was allowed for gathering input in conversation, but rostered ministers were informed that responses could be sent to the synod office. I submitted the following asking that it be forwarded to the Environmental Justice Group.

Response by Pastor Lowell Bolstad to “Resolution to Divest from Fossil Fuels” [Trinity Peace – Taylor] 2/18/2020
I appreciate the synod staff focusing on conflict transformation at the 2019 fall ministry retreat and the 2020 winter theological event.

I especially appreciate the speaker Richard Blackburn from the Mennonite Peace Center at the winter event who gave an extensive biblical background on being agents of reconciliation and speak the truth in love and then gave five models aligned with animal symbols: Shark (confrontation), turtle (avoid), fox (compromise), teddy bear (harmonize), and wise owl (collaborate). He urged collaboration and spoke against confrontation. I argue for the same.

Basically, this resolution seems to be a single-issue referendum on a specific diagnosis and strategy. Having served 54 congregations during the last 40 years, I can say from my experience that people are not of one mind in NW WI. They may be in the UCC and WCC, but not in this synod and area. To compel people into compliance in the name of care of the earth is to do a disservice. If I were to push congregations into divesting in fossil fuels particularly in areas where many of the workers work in the sand mines, it would be a prescription for political suicide. Unity comes from acknowledging God as the creator, Jesus as Lord, and the Holy Spirit as the one who calls, and then respecting the diversity of opinions and looking for common ground. As an interim pastor, I recommend that a congregation refrain from bringing a proposal to a vote if it is going to divide the congregation.

I would like to know if the members of this group are willing to personally divest and disclose their finances and if this group is prepared to take the next logical step the following year and bring a resolution to divest from lithium-ion batteries or is it willing to

overlook the undeniable high human and environmental cost in the name of alternative energies such as solar power and electric vehicles not to mention the prevalent use in a plethora of other electronic devices.

The spiralling environmental cost of our lithium battery addiction

As the world scrambles to replace fossil fuels with clean energy, the environmental impact of finding all the lithium required could become a major issue in its own right.

<https://www.wired.co.uk/article/lithium-batteries-environment-impact>

Instead of being collaborative, this resolution is confrontive.

Instead of conflict transformation, this resolution is conflict creation.

Instead of win-win, this resolution is win-lose. Winners are vindicated, losers are alienated.

Instead of an adaptive challenge, this resolution argues for a technical solution.

Instead of encouraging people and congregations to act creatively in their own contexts, this resolution prescribes a single solution.

Instead of the church setting a new model for how to address controversial issues, this resolution simply adopts an adversarial stance.

Instead of respecting this gathering as a synod assembly, this resolution treats this gathering like some sort of shareholders meeting where one action bloc makes a move to push their agenda using a strident political activist strategy.

When all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail.

I tested this resolution out with various people. The result was the same - debate on the issue, not commonality on care for the earth and respect for the diversity of viewpoints on how to go about it.

This church body is in a free fall as far as attendance, membership, and participation goes, and projections are that the ELCA as it is presently known will cease to exist by 2050. Could this be one more divisive approach that unwittingly hastens the splinter, demise?

Will the ELCA Be Gone in 30 years? - Faith+Lead

According to projections from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) Office of Research and Evaluation, the whole denomination will have fewer than 67,000 members in 2050, with fewer than 16,000 in worship on an average Sunday by 2041. That's right: according to current trends, the church will basically cease to exist within the next generation.

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/decline/>

During the so-called Farm Crisis of the 1980s I was involved in the farm movement to seek unity among people of faith and people of good will on areas of common agreement. I self-published 5 booklets on the family farm, rural communities, and care of the earth, including Who Will Stand Up for the Family Farm? I offered ways to address family farm, rural communities, care of the earth.

I suggest that this group do a restart and find a more common agreement approach in equipping people to care for the earth.

I offer the following resolution as more encompassing and inviting. This establishes a baseline to move forward. The first three whereas statements are kept from the proposed resolution, and the title and resolved statements are taken from:

Earth Stewardship and the Missio Dei – Northeastern Minnesota Synod Page 245

http://www.nemnsynod.org/uploads/2/5/8/8/25887261/earth_stewardship_and_the_missio_dei_participating_in_the_care_a.pdf

Earth Stewardship and the Mission of God: Participating in the Care and Redemption of All God Has Made

Whereas Psalm 148 declares: "Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created," and calls humans to stand together with all created things to praise the one who formed us; and

Whereas God has created us and all that exists, given and preserves our bodies and all the necessities for life [The First Article: On Creation, Luther's Small Catechism]; and

Whereas the 1993 ELCA Social Statement Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice affirms that "we are called to care for the earth as God cares for the earth;"

Resolved that the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, meeting in assembly, reaffirm our calling and responsibility to be stewards of the earth, and be it further

Resolved that the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, meeting in assembly, recognize Creation Care as integral to each faith practice, lived out in worship, service, study, and witness as a vital component of the church's identity and vocation today, and be it further

Resolved that the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, meeting in assembly, renew its commitment to earth stewardship by encouraging congregations to engage this calling to Creation Care boldly and creatively in their local communities, trusting and participating in God's creative, redemptive, and sustaining love for the world.

45) Preaching during the Pandemic

I finished one assignment on 4/15/2020 and the assignment I was scheduled to start 4/16 fell through, so I was not able to practice the craft of preaching then. It would have been interesting to wrestle with the gospel text for the Day of Pentecost 5/31

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and **the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews**, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

John 20: 19-23 - oremus Bible Browser

<http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=264137150>

Images for Jesus appears to the disciples

when congregants were being locked out of their churches for fear of the COVID-19 threat first by safer-at-home orders from governors and afterwards by directives of church executives.

My alma mater Luther Seminary of St. Paul, MN offered resources unique to the time as well as ongoing resources for preaching.

Coronavirus - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary

How Christian communities are being church in the midst of a global pandemic.

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/coronavirus/>

Images for Coronavirus - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary

Images for How Christian communities are being church in the midst of a global pandemic.

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/resources/podcasts/wilderness-time-podcast/>

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/>

<https://www.festivalofhomiletics.com/>

Resources

Communicating and ministering during a pandemic - SGAUMC

Preaching, teaching, and meeting online

Stream worship, preaching, and teaching through social media and/or your church website. Encourage people to engage with your services this way. Have someone dedicated to monitoring the live chat to encourage further connection.

<https://www.sgaumc.org/newsdetail/communicating-and-ministering-during-a-pandemic-13441888>

Images for Communicating and ministering during a pandemic - SGAUMC Preaching, teaching, and meeting online

Pandemic Preaching - Center for Healthy Churches

6 Biblical themes to preach the during the Coronavirus pandemic to help ease the anxiety and suffering of the times.

<http://chchurches.org/pandemic-preaching/>

Images for Pandemic Preaching - Center for Healthy Churches

Pandemic Preaching | The University of Chicago Divinity School

Exploring homiletical adaptation and invention in the midst of the global pandemic.

<https://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings/articles/pandemic-preaching>

Images for Pandemic Preaching | The University of Chicago Divinity School

<https://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings/articles/all/cynthia-g.-lindner>

Preachers' Talk — Episode 4: Preaching in a Pandemic : 9Marks

In this episode of Preachers' Talk, Jeremy Meeks chats with David Helm and Ed Copeland about preaching in a pandemic. He asks the following questions and more: Are you still preaching right now? Did you change your preaching schedule? How should we seek to apply the Bible to our people during this season?

<https://www.9marks.org/interview/preachers-talk-episode-4-preaching-in-a-pandemic/>

Images for Preaching in a Pandemic : 9Marks

Preaching During a Pandemic | WBFF

FOX45 News spent part of Holy Week with the Pastor Melissa and Pastor John for an up close look at what preaching during a pandemic looks like.

<https://foxbaltimore.com/news/coronavirus/a-holy-week-without-human-touch>

Preaching during a pandemic - YouTube

During these unprecedented times, a local bishop says it's important to keep the faith now than ever.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1mPz3Z0tbM>

Images for important to keep the faith now than ever

<https://news.yahoo.com/preaching-during-pandemic-032741109.html>

Preaching in the Midst of a Global Pandemic – United Theological Seminary

What can we say in the midst of this current unfolding trauma, when even experts are scrambling? Churches can support healing when they step into the space where others retreat. The incarnate Christ who continually casts his lot with broken humanity draws us toward each other by creating spaces where we can show ourselves, wounds and all.

The following are suggestions for trauma-aware preaching that can build resilience in our congregations and communities:

<https://united.edu/preaching-in-the-midst-of-a-global-pandemic/>

Images for Preaching in the Midst of a Global Pandemic – United Theological Seminary

Preaching in the Wake of COVID-19 | Preaching Today

Sermon prep resources for this season of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

<https://www.preachingtoday.com/skills/2020/preaching-in-wake-of-covid-19.html>

Images for Sermon prep resources for this season of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

<https://www.preachingtoday.com/media/podcast/preaching-on-faith-during-pandemic.html>

Sermons about Pandemic - SermonCentral.com

Find Pandemic Sermons and Illustrations. Free Access to Sermons on Pandemic, Church Sermons, Illustrations on Pandemic, and PowerPoints for Preaching on Pandemic.

<https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/sermons-about-pandemic>

[Images for Sermons about Pandemic - SermonCentral.com](#)

The coronavirus pandemic feels like an unending Holy Saturday | The Christian Century

Holy Saturday is no one's favorite religious holiday. It lacks the darkness and the drama of a dying Savior. Nor is it bathed in light to celebrate a risen Lord. Its color is a liminal gray.

But it's where we are, all of us. It's the season that we are in.

<https://www.christiancentury.org/article/critical-essay/coronavirus-pandemic-feels-unending-holy-saturday>

[Images for coronavirus pandemic Holy Saturday | The Christian Century](#)

<https://www.christiancentury.org/contributor/richard-lischer>

<https://www.christiancentury.org/archive/91457/202003> The Century's latest on the coronavirus pandemic | The Christian Century

<https://divinity.duke.edu/initiatives/covid-19>

The Practice of Preaching in a Pandemic - Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership

COVID-19 has forced people into isolation and lockdown with little notice. Suddenly the nature of Christian ministry has changed. Much of what is usually done face-to-face, such as pastoral care and preaching, now needs to be conducted at a distance. What is the impact on the preacher and preaching at a time like this?

<https://knoxcentre.ac.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/The-Practice-of-Preaching-in-a-Pandemic-Geoff-New.pdf>

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<https://knoxcentre.ac.nz/ministry-resources>

Your Guide to Preaching Resources During the Pandemic

Roughly organized into four categories, these resources will help you and your listeners walk around the idols of scarcity and fear to remember that Jesus's resurrection always means every story—even our story of this pandemic—contains hope.

<https://www.backstorypreaching.com/blog/preaching-resource-round-up-during-the-pandemic>

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46) "If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."

Part of what it means to live in the covenant of baptism according to the Service of Affirmation of Baptism in the **Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress** Page 227 is to "strive for justice and peace in all the earth." Here in 2020 at the beginning of a new decade, life seems increasingly frazzled and fragmented. Many church leaders argue for different visions of what it means to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. As the cultural climate is becoming increasingly polarized, I have found that the life of faith is difficult to live peaceably with all. The Apostle Paul recognizes that in this divided world it may be enough to say, "If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." (Romans 12:8 NRSV)

He speaks from personal experience as evidenced by an incident in which

Paul Rebukes Peter at Antioch

¹¹But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; ¹²for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. ¹³And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

Galatians 2:11–2:14 - oremus Bible Browser

<https://bible.oremus.org/?passage=Galatians+2:11%E2%80%932:14&version=nrsv>

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and a disagreement so sharp that

Paul and Barnabas Separate

After some days Paul said to Barnabas, 'Come, let us return and visit the believers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.' Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. **The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company;** Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. But Paul chose Silas and set out, the believers commending him to the grace of the Lord. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Acts 15:36-41 - oremus Bible Browser

<http://bible.oremus.org/?q1=382093732>

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