



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

### Luther on Apologetics

You will find the attached quotations from Martin Luther of interest. They reveal his understanding and use of apologetics. Here is one:

*Paul adduces two kinds of proof (in refutation of their false teaching) in support of his message, or Gospel, which he has preached concerning Christ's resurrection. First, he points out that he took this from Scripture and that he proves this with Scripture. In the second place, he cites his own experience and that of many others who saw the resurrected Christ. For it is the mark of a fair man to prove and attest what he proclaims and says, not only with words but also with deed and example both of himself and others. (Luther's Works, vol. 28; Saint Louis: CPH)*

### Worldview Watch page ([Worldview Watch](#))

I highlight two recent posts:

- [Staying Christian in College](#). This will be of interest to parents and pastors. I also find it important to highly recommend Bethany Lutheran College ([www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)) in Mankato (our ELS college). Bethany is one of the best colleges anywhere. At Bethany the confessional Lutheran worldview will be reinforced, including in those majors where Christianity is undermined in almost every other college or university.
- [The Feminine Mystake](#). If you think you know the history of feminism, this will likely give you some further and fascinating insights.

### “Q and A Leading to Christ” (QALC)

There are two new QALC on our website (ELS pastors should also receive them via email soon). These can be printed off as either as a **bulletin insert** for congregations or as a one page flyer.

- “Why So Many Flood Accounts?” by Pastor Peter Heyn
- “Is Theistic Evolution Compatible with the Christian Faith?” by Prof. Shawn Stafford.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- January 11, 2:00pm, King of Grace in Waukon IA (presentation; this is somewhat tentative at this point; we should know soon)
- January 12, 9am & 10am, King of Grace in Waukon IA (preach, study)
- Jan. 18, 10am, Redeeming Grace, Rogers MN (presentation)
- Jan. 19, 9am & 10am, Redeeming Grace, Rogers MN (preach & study)
- February 1, 10am-noon, Holy Cross, Madison WI and area churches (presentation)
- February, date and time TBD, Our Saviors, Naples FL (preach & presentation)
- April 16, time TBD, Concordia Lutheran Church, Eau Claire WI (presentation)
- April 17, 7:00am, Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau WI (apologetics presentation, discussion)

### **How We Can Help, and How You Can Help**

Throughout the centuries the Christian Church has provided a defense and evidence for the truth of Christianity. Faith in Jesus Christ is not blind. Evidence for Christianity is amazing, overwhelming, and sets it apart from all other religions and worldviews. Apologetics was a key factor and emphasis in the early Christian Church. And it had to be: Christianity was a small fish swimming upstream against a flood of paganism, polytheism, and deceptive philosophies. The case had to be made for its truth, and for its claims about the person and work of Jesus Christ. And at the same time the Church had to show how other religions and ways of thinking and living could never ever satisfy man's true and greatest needs. And so that's what early Christians did.

The Christian Church today is very similar. We live in a post-Christian culture. Some worldviews and ideologies have taken society by storm, despite the fact that they are not only deceptive but so disconnected from reality. And yet we find them promoted and embedded everywhere in culture, pushing true Christianity further and further to the outskirts, and often taking Christians, young Christians, captive in the process. And so the CAW also focuses on worldviews – identifying and explaining in what ways they conflict with the truth of Christianity.

Apologetics and worldviews. That's what we do.

I invite you to see how we might be of assistance to you as an individual, to your family, to your church, to your Christian school, to your homeschool or coop, or to your Christian college. We have a number of resources, a lot of good information, and Christian apologists who can even come to where you are.

I also invite to support us in our efforts. At this time, we are the only biblical and confessional Lutheran church body to have both an apologetics Board and an apologetics Center. Besides your prayers, you can support us in two ways. First, spread the word to others. But also, support us financially. We are self-supporting, dependent on donations from people like you. Your first obligations are to your family and your church. But if you can and the extent to which you can, please support the Center for Apologetics and Worldviews.

Apologetics, when done right and in accord with Scripture and our Confessions, points to Christ – his person, his work, and the salvation he accomplished. If apologetics is not done with this in mind, it is not Christian apologetics. The Center for Apologetics

and Worldviews is set apart from many apologetics organizations, for we understand this. You can donate online ([www.apologeticscenter.org](http://www.apologeticscenter.org)) or by check made out to **CAW** and sent to:

**The Center for Apologetics and Worldviews**

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**Thankyous**

I would like to thank the **members of the Board** on Apologetics for their diligent work and guidance, **Bethany Lutheran College** for providing us with an office and supporting our work, **Job Wosmek**, our faithful webmaster and tech helper, the **congregations** which have invited me to present, and to **our donors** who enable us to continue to do our apologetics and worldview work.

Visit our [website](#). Keep in mind that under Resources we now have a [recommended book list](#). Please also follow us on [Facebook](#). Doing so will bring our work to the attention of others.

If you have questions that you think we should address in our "[Q and A Leading to Christ](#)," email those to us ([apologetics@blc.edu](mailto:apologetics@blc.edu)).

Please give us feedback on our site and our work.

In Christ,

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