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66TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

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A Season of Blessings

- Called workers and employees worked remotely for 15 months
 - Encouraged flexibility and taught new skills
 - Deepened our commitment to serving
 - Inspired a greater reliance on the providence of God
- Provided an opportunity to listen and respond to the needs of our churches and schools
 - Challenges were obvious
 - Taught us how quickly we could respond

Ongoing Listening

- Hosting Focus Groups
 - Started with pastors then staff ministers, teachers, and laypeople
- Listening for current challenges
 - *When you go home on Sunday, what occupies your thoughts?*
 - *What occupies the greatest amount of your prayer time?*
- Listening for how NPH can support
 - *In what ways could you envision NPH supporting you, your ministry, and those you shepherd?*

What we are hearing

The challenges...

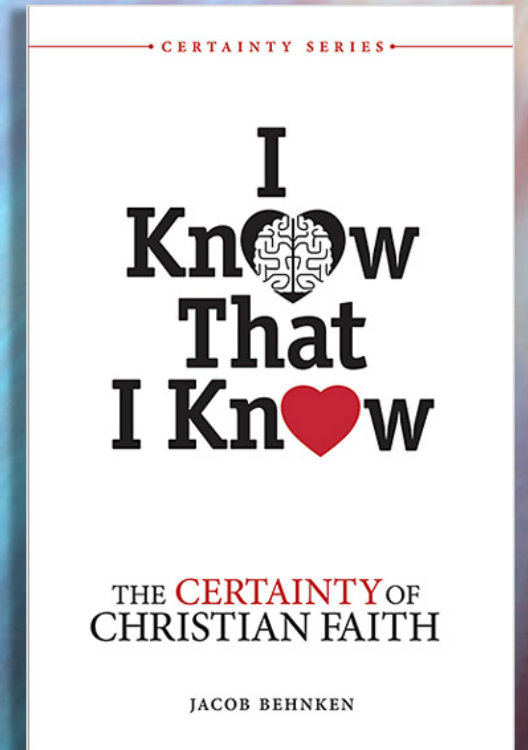
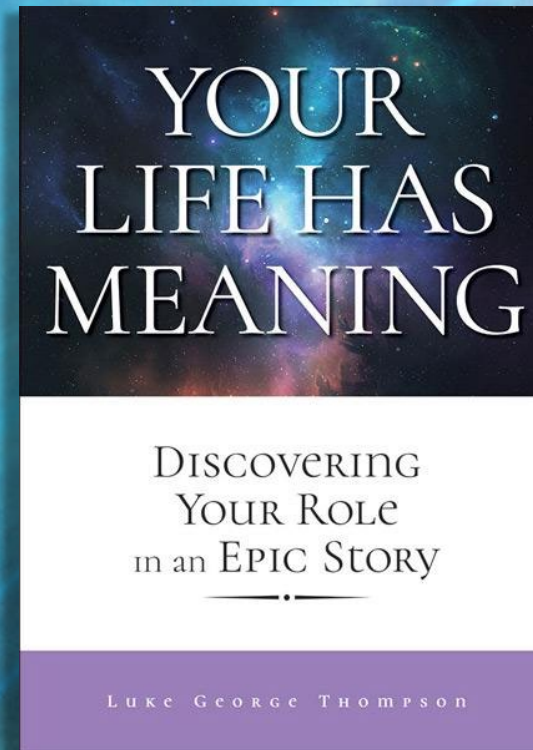
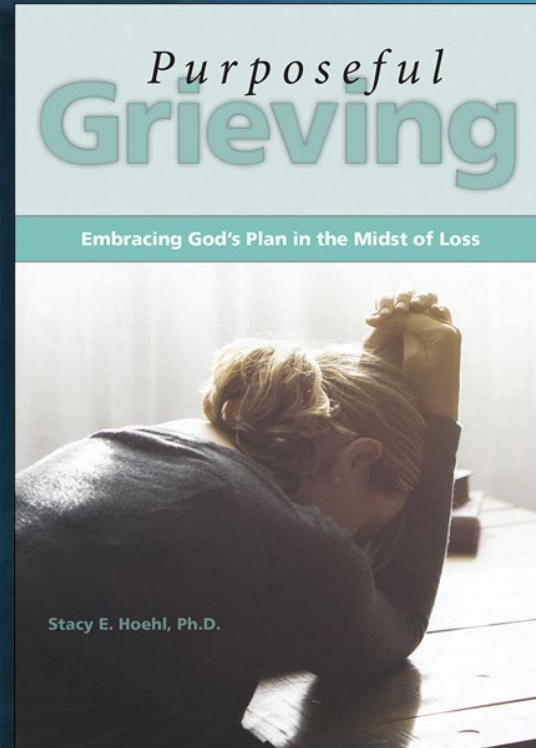
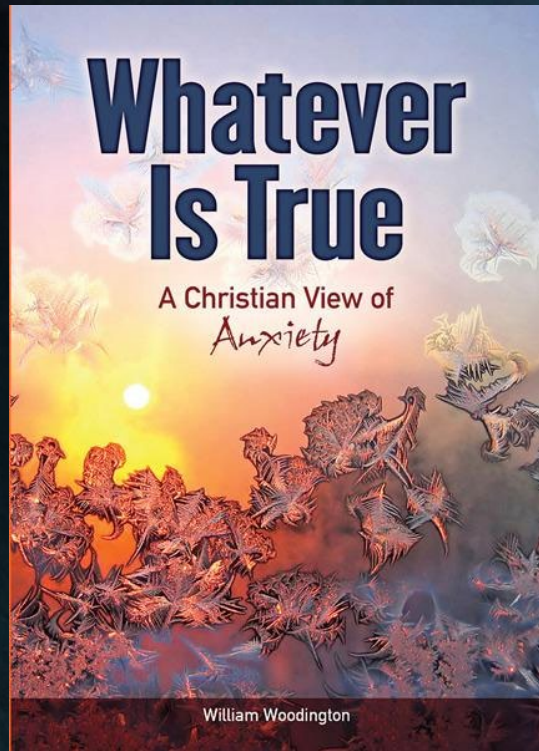
- Getting members consistently back to in-person worship
- Cultivating a life of faith among members between Sundays
- Equipping members in apologetics to defend their faith:
 - in a world of sinful pressures and temptations
 - when faced with worldview social agendas
 - in an increasingly hostile anti-Christian culture

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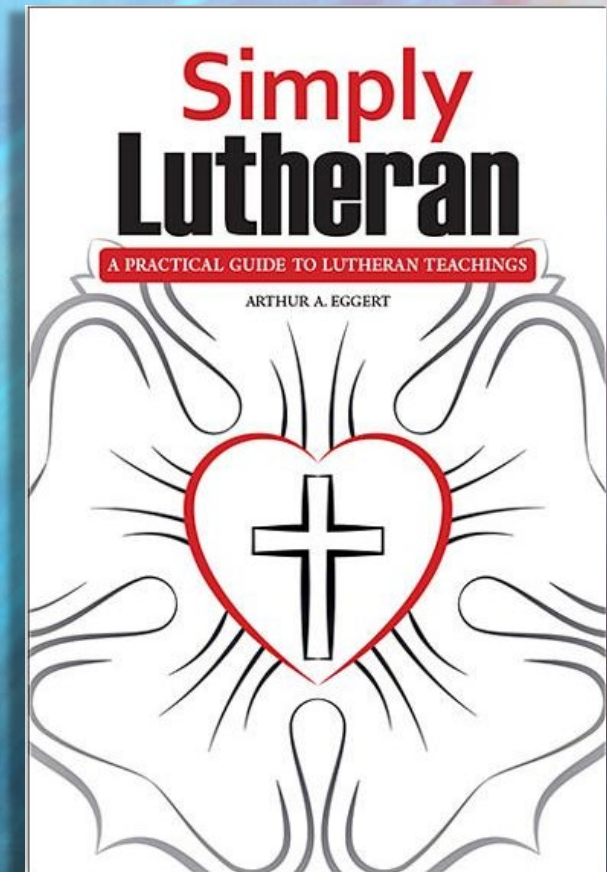
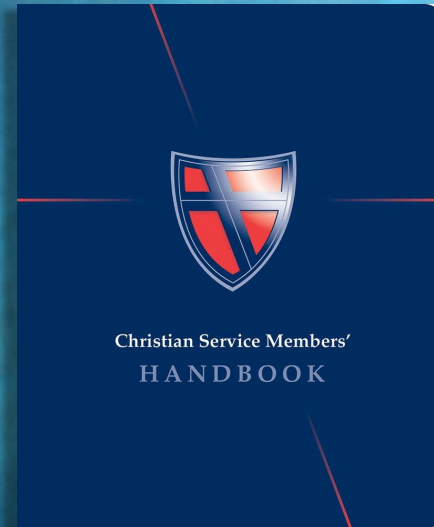
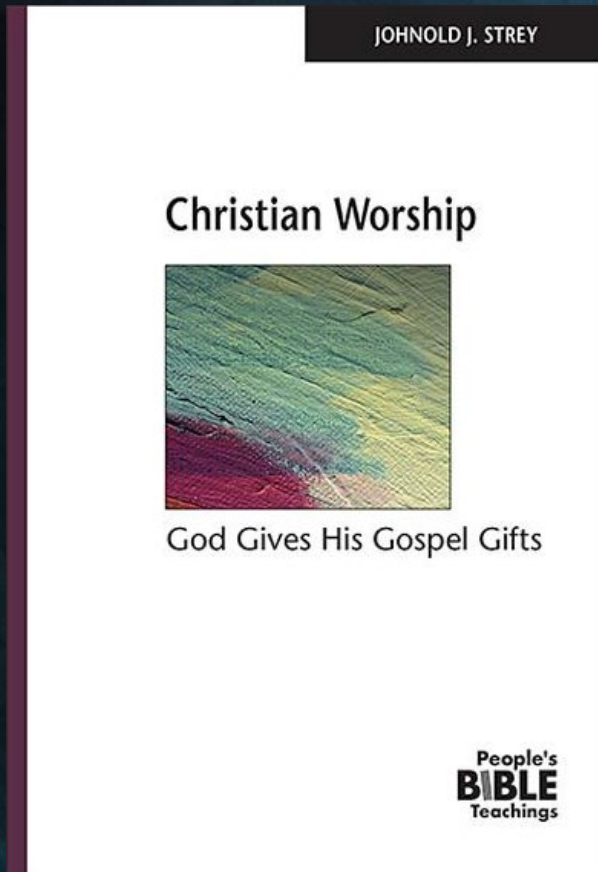
How NPH can support...

- Continue providing materials that are reliable, confessional, trustworthy, and Christ-centered.
- Provide resources that pastors can recommend to their members that are relevant to their lives, deepen their biblical understanding, and empower them to defend their faith.
- Provide teaching tools for adults that are customizable for their situation and context.
- Provide curriculum for children that is relevant today and prepares them for the future.

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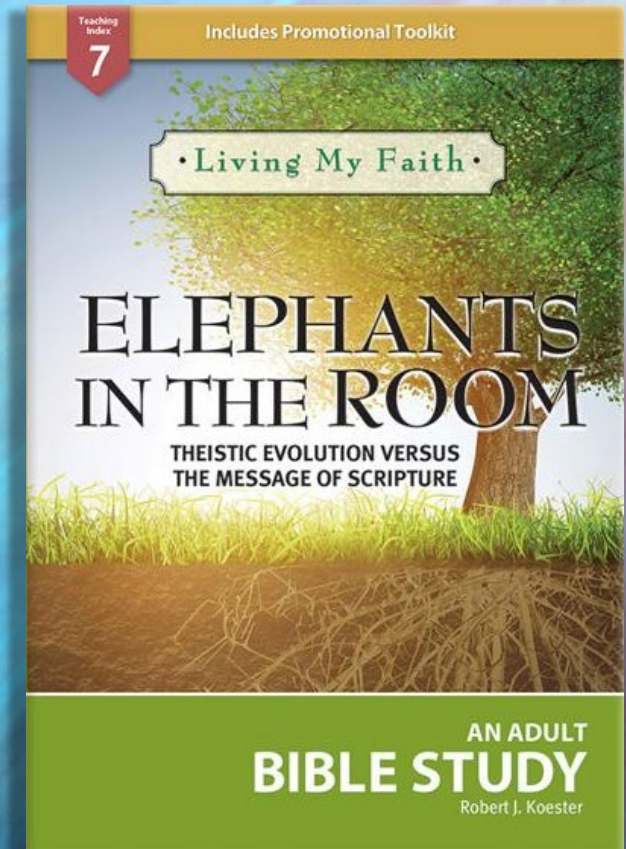
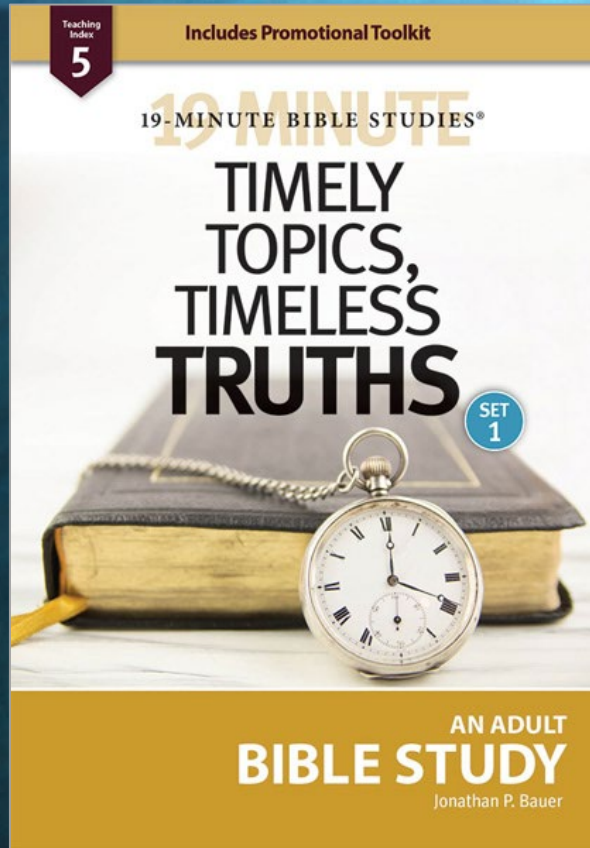
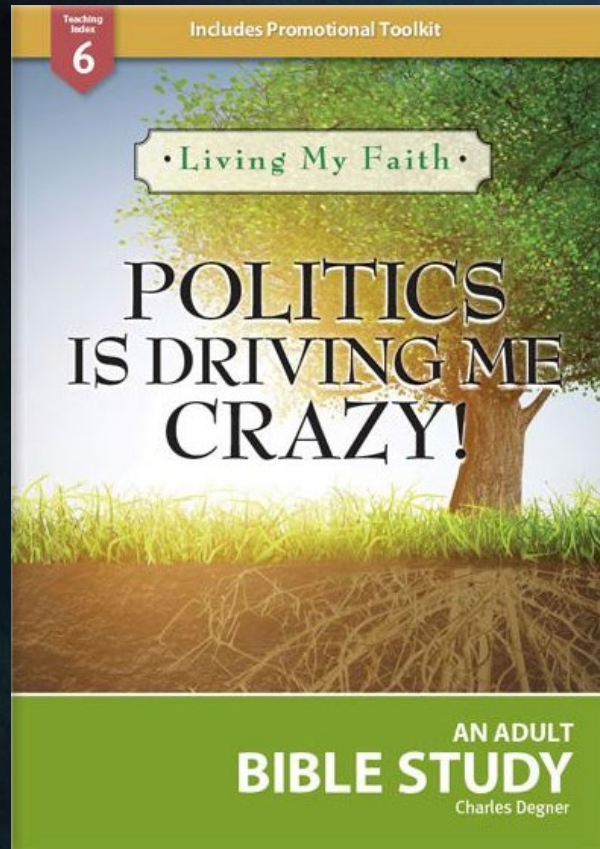
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- Redesigned to support pastors' efforts
- Free reader access to additional content
- *Share What's Inside* to pastors each month
- Bulk discounts to minimize cost per member copy
- **FREE** digital August and September *Forward in Christ*

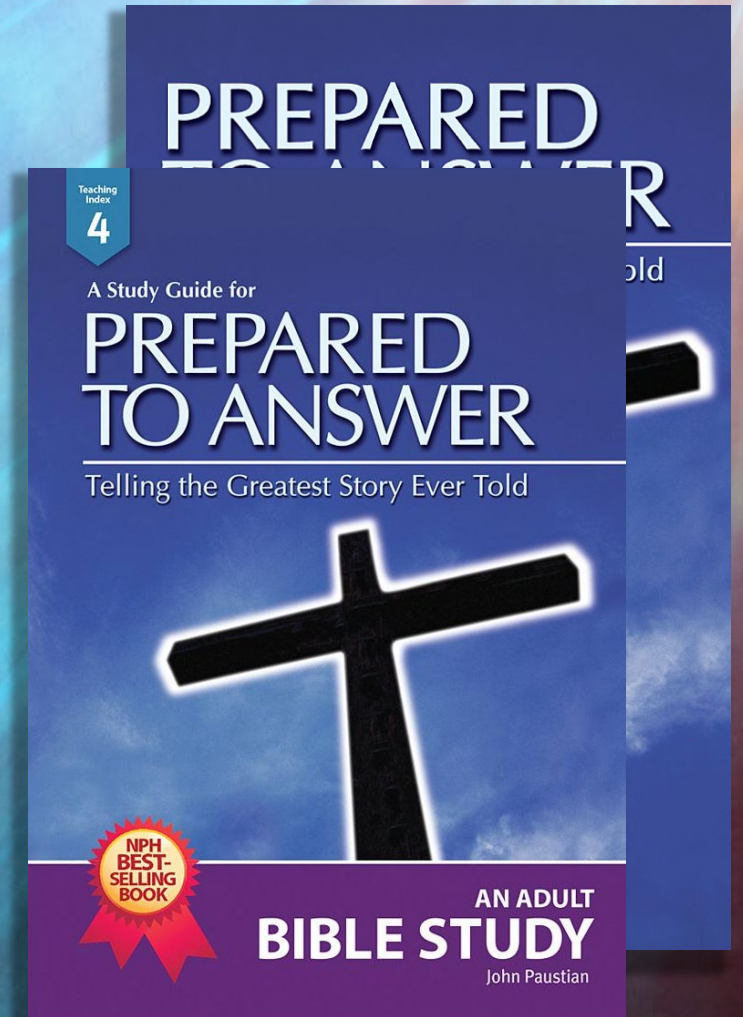
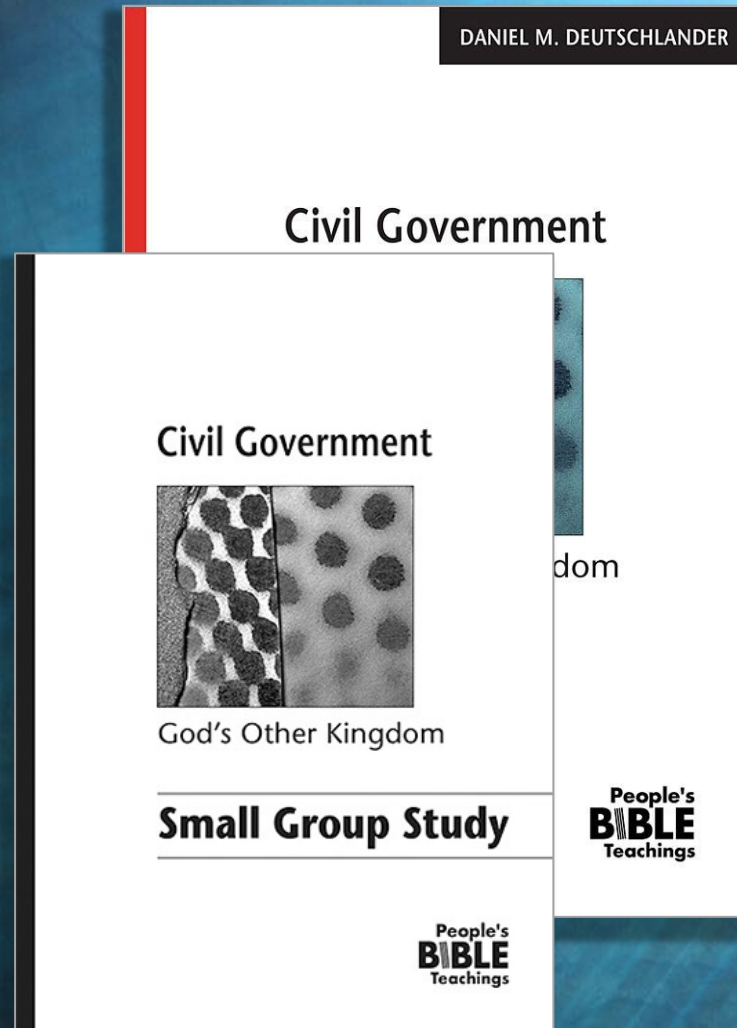
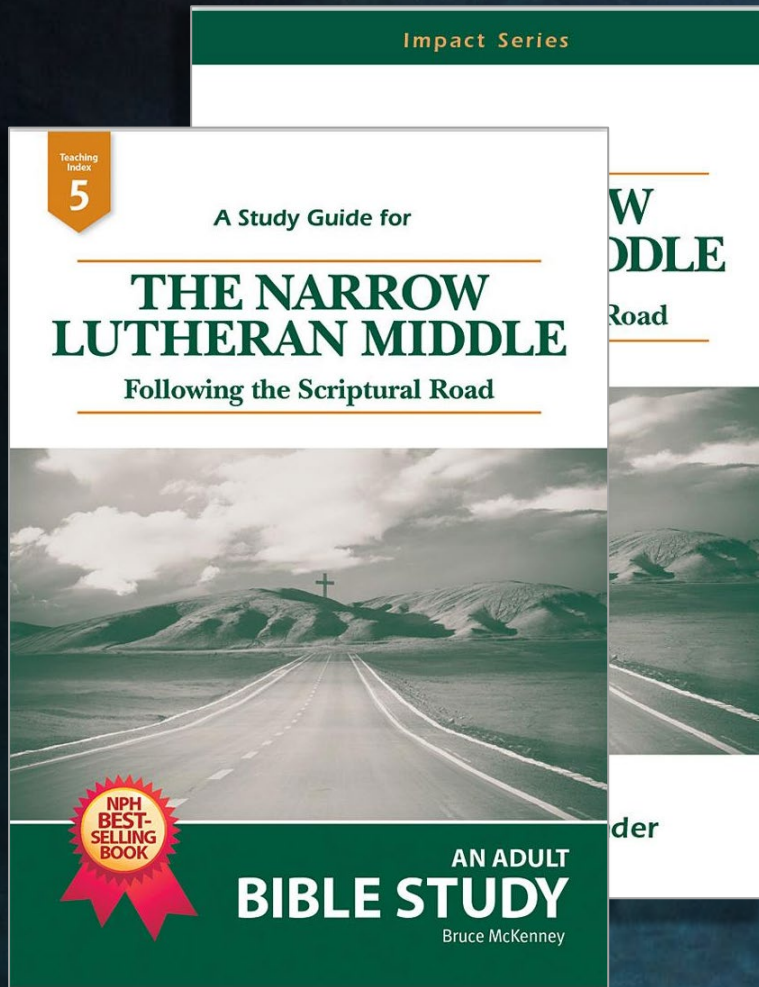
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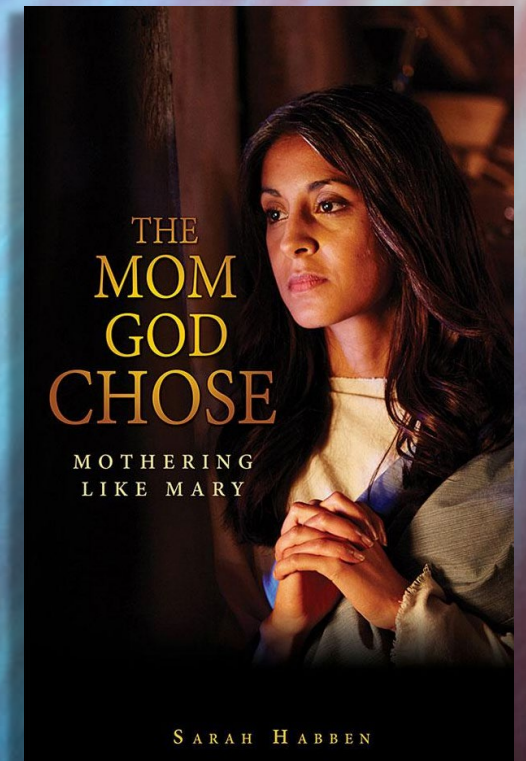
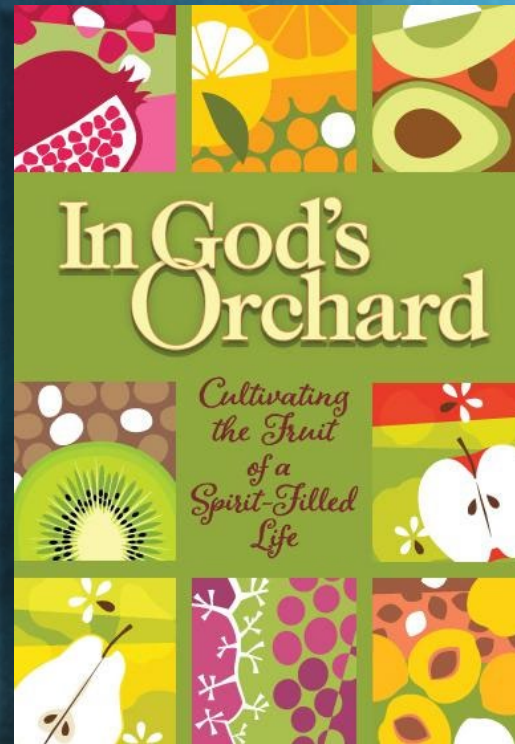
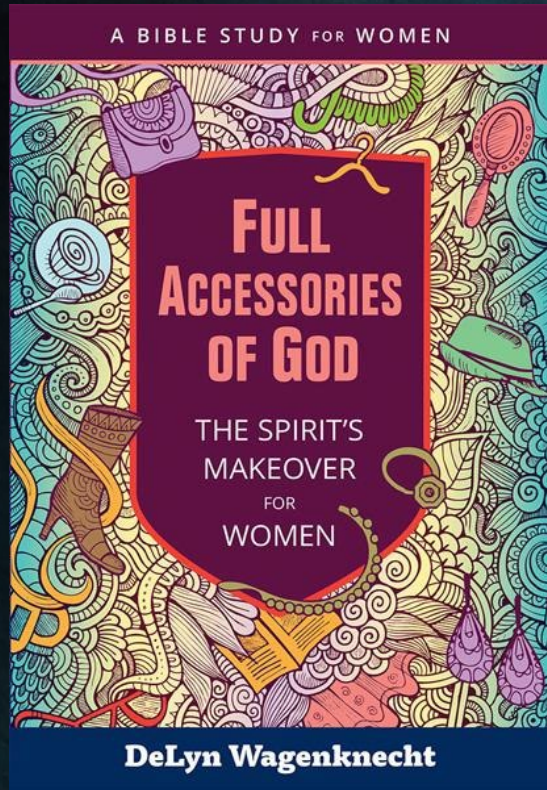
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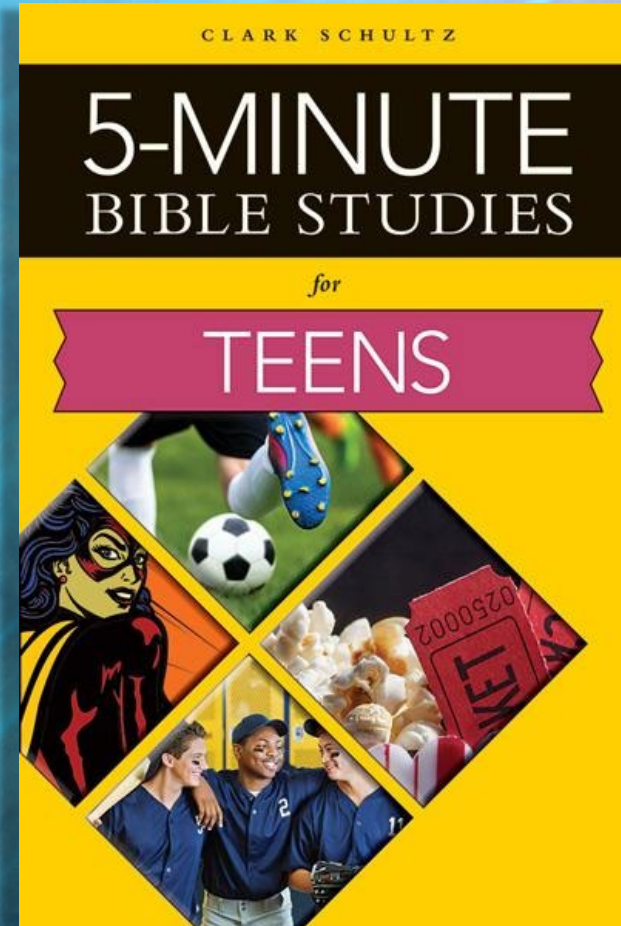
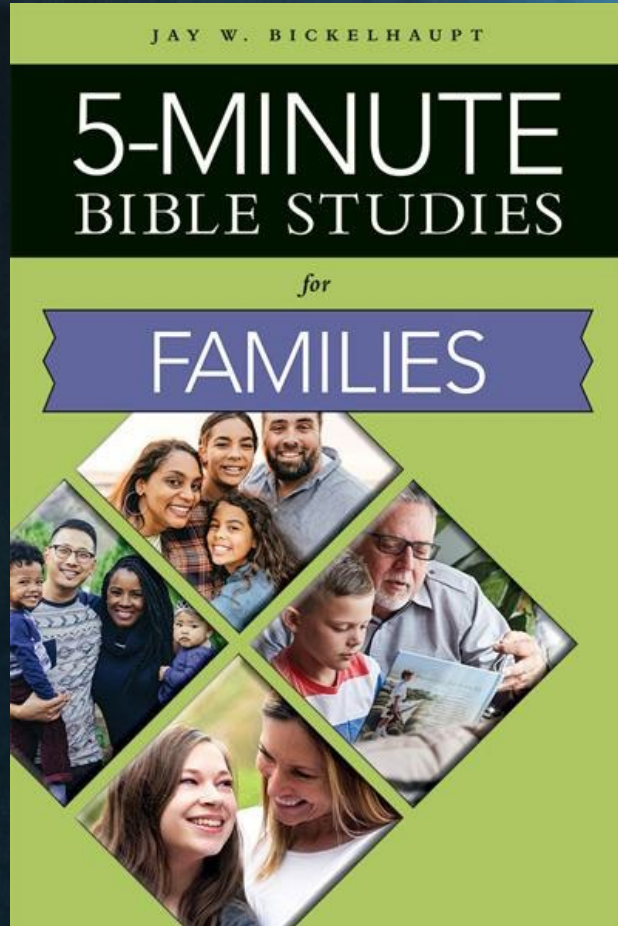
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Bible Studies – For Women



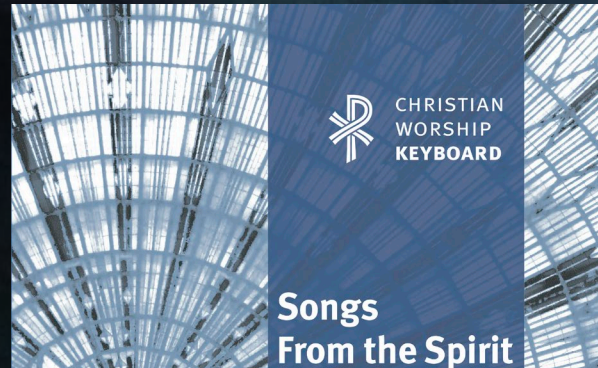
Bible Studies – For Individual Study



Christian Worship

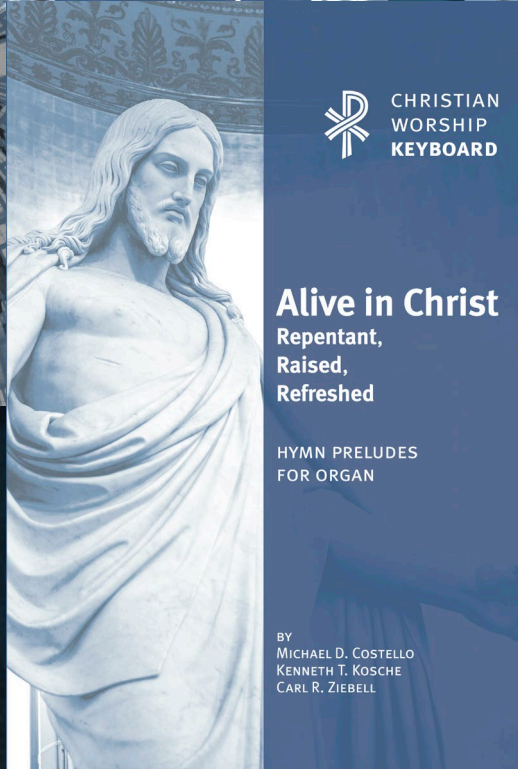
- A gift package from NPH and WELS Commission on Worship including two *Christian Worship: Hymnals* and a *Christian Worship: Psalter* will arrive in every church in early September.
- *Christian Worship: Hymnal* and *Christian Worship: Psalter* pre-orders will begin arriving in churches mid-September.
- National Hymnal Week will take place September 19-26.
- Accompaniment books will arrive in mid-October.
- Other CW resources will follow as they are available.

Music – Keyboard and Choral



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**Songs
From the Spirit**

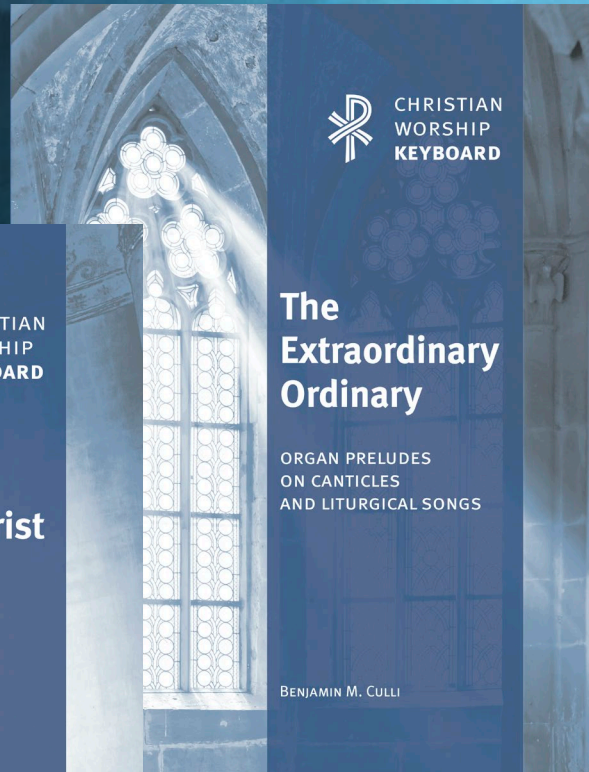


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Alive in Christ
Repentant,
Raised,
Refreshed

HYMN PRELUDES
FOR ORGAN

BY
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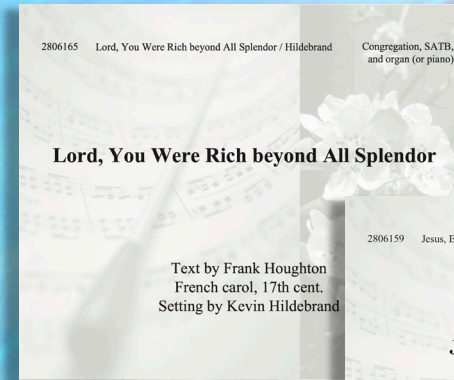


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**The
Extraordinary
Ordinary**

ORGAN PRELUDES
ON CANTICLES
AND LITURGICAL SONGS

BENJAMIN M. CULLI



2806165 Lord, You Were Rich beyond All Splendor / Hildebrand
Congregation, SATB,
and organ (or piano)

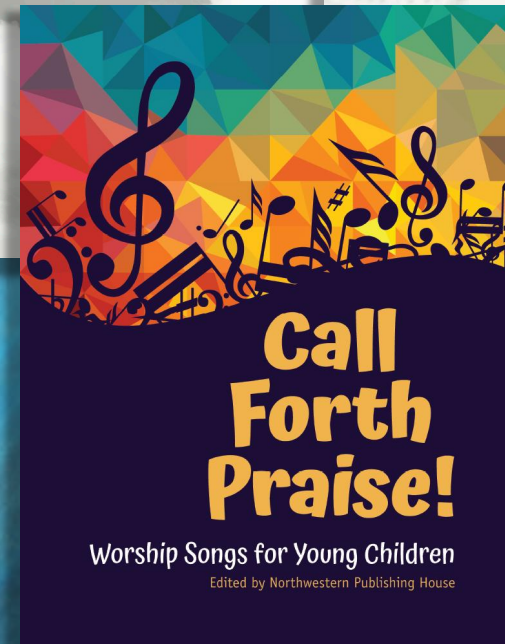
Lord, You Were Rich beyond All Splendor

Text by Frank Houghton
French carol, 17th cent.
Setting by Kevin Hildebrand

2806159 Jesus, Ever-Abiding Friend / arr. Bakken

SATB and Piano

Jesus, Ever-Abiding Friend



**Call
Forth
Praise!**

Worship Songs for Young Children

Edited by Northwestern Publishing House

Lyrics and Music by
Dorothy Petty and Steve Siler
Arranged by
Jeremy S. Bakken

Music Curriculum

The image displays three overlapping book covers for the 'Hymns for Life' curriculum. Each cover has a vertical sidebar on the left with five icons: a Bible, hands raised, a musical note, a question mark, and a heart. The top of each cover indicates the target audience: 'YEAR A PRIMARY' (left), 'YEAR A MIDDLE' (middle), and 'YEAR A UPPER' (right). The main title 'Hymns for Life' is prominently displayed in red and blue. Below the title, the text 'Teaching the Church's Song' is visible. The rightmost cover also features a sidebar with letters 'A', 'B', and 'C' and the text 'Hymn Sheets and Lyrics'.

CURRICULUM 22:6

CURRICULUM 22:6 is a new Early Childhood through High School religion curriculum for WELS school and churches.

CURRICULUM 22:6 is not simply an extension of the current Christ-Light curriculum.

Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it. PROVERBS 22:6

CURRICULUM 22:6

- Forward focused to address needs today and into the future:
 - Changes in classroom setting and composition
 - An expansion of urban and choice schools
 - An increasingly diverse cultural mix
 - An expanding range of biblical knowledge among students
 - Changes in use of technology in the classroom
 - Changes in teaching methodology and learning styles
 - Changes in the world's view of Christianity
- An extensive survey of pastors, teachers, and parents identified these needs and formed the basis of twelve vision statements for CURRICULUM 22:6.

CURRICULUM 22:6

Twelve Vision Statements – *Equipped for Life, Focused on Eternity.*

1. CURRICULUM 22:6 focuses on the Word of God, allowing him to teach his story.
2. CURRICULUM 22:6 focuses on the gospel, with each lesson demonstrating its place in God's plan of salvation.
3. CURRICULUM 22:6 intentionally involves parents in the spiritual training of their children.

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4. CURRICULUM 22:6 intentionally focuses on preparing children to recognize the voices that Satan uses to undermine their faith, and on strengthening children to recognize how God's truth reigns supreme.
5. CURRICULUM 22:6 nurtures a passion for reaching the lost and prepares students so they can joyfully reach others with the message of Jesus.

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6. CURRICULUM 22:6 provides resources that enable the teacher to reach all students, no matter what their background or biblical knowledge may be.
7. CURRICULUM 22:6 is a tool that congregations can use to reach families representative of diverse backgrounds, assuring students that all people stand in front of God as equals, sinners who are the focus of God's love in Christ.

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8. CURRICULUM 22:6 incorporates the teaching methodology recommended by our worker training schools to most effectively reach students.
9. CURRICULUM 22:6 provides resources that allow teachers to incorporate and use technology as they teach God's Word.

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10. CURRICULUM 22:6 incorporates strategies designed to emphasize that the religious education children receive in their Lutheran school is but one step on a path of life-long spiritual growth.
11. CURRICULUM 22:6 incorporates strategies designed to help students recognize the life-changing impact of what they learn, and to encourage the development of skills and attitudes that will help them live their faith.

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12. CURRICULUM 22:6 intentionally focuses on outfitting children with the full armor of God, so they will be prepared to courageously defend their faith, and equipped to work as soldiers of the cross of Christ. It regularly encourages children to evaluate their gifts and consider how they can best serve the Lord of the church, whether as future called workers or as lay men and women, working together to advance his gospel.

CURRICULUM 22:6

- Collaborative development
 - Collaboration with Commission on Lutheran Schools
 - Input from our synod schools and educators in the field
- Development model utilizing educator volunteers willing to share their gifts
- Phase 1 underway
 - ✓ Identify curriculum needs
 - ✓ Articulate Vision
 - ✓ Develop organization structure
 - Establish development timeline
 - Develop project budget
 - Begin recruitment

Thank you!