

Thank you for showing an interest in Church Matters - Solutions, a site that demonstrates that indeed church does matter and how the church is nurtured through sound Scriptural teaching and good Christian practices also matters. How this site came about is all about the path our gracious God leads us through life doing His will, sometimes when we don't even know it. Such has been my life. As St. Peter charges us, "That we should take good heed to God's Word, as a light that shineth in darkness."

When we sold our two consulting businesses and retired in 1997 there was the question of what will I do now? In those early years of retirement I continued to teach adult Bible classes in our new church home and started putting together a booklet on Saxony after our 1998 trip there. This booklet became known as *Your Reformation Walk* and has been added onto over the years. I also had an interest in doing administrative consulting for churches, but it became immediately obvious that such an undertaking required me to be known and trusted over a wider area than one church. Here I was in a brand new state and church home. It wasn't going to happen! So, during the intervening six years I kept up what I was doing and continued to study and grow. In about 2006 I developed a Bible study on the *Epitome*, based on work originally put together by Rev. Klemet Preus and then taught it in my church. I also led a small group to redo the Constitution and Bylaws, which were ancient to say the least. This was about the fourth time for such an activity. In the fall of 2007 an opportunity arose which allowed me to use my organizational skills to form, then lead, the Task Force that created a new confessional Lutheran organization called Confessional Lutherans for Christ's Commission, or CLCC for short. This led to numerous opportunities to teach, as well as develop and produce seminars and other confessional teaching resources in conjunction with pastors involved with the organization. God had prepared me for this work during the time of our consulting business as one of our business lines was teaching technical seminars nationally and internationally, as well as managing the course-ware and the other instructors. It all fit together nicely with CLCC, just like God planned it.

In mid-2015 it was time has come to separate from CLCC and by virtue of those 8+ years of experience and exposure I am ready to start back where I wanted to be when I retired. This Website and the products and services offered are the culmination of my prior experiences and now it is time to step back a bit from all the prior travel and excitement, and share what I have learned and experienced with anyone who wishes to partake. Two of the products offered on the Educational Tab are recent additions to my personal library, namely *The Lay Person's Guide to Good Church Government* and *How Art Teaches Theology*. Just now in 2016 the companion *Instructors Manual* for the *Epitome* is available. The "Good Government" book now has five supporting PowerPoint presentations covering the major topics, all for free down load.

You will find links to other studies and papers contributed by other authors. Check out the **Educational Products Tab** for more.

I am still thinking about what my next offering will be and when it is completed you will see it on the **Educational Products Tab**, or on a new tab. The most recent addition, with its own tab was pages of new materials on Outreach. The latest new tab is **Congregational**

Renewal containing very useful information for congregations. Except for a few items on the **Educational Products Tab** everything else can be downloaded for free. More info was added over 2016 and that continues each month. I am also actively seeking contributions from pastors for well documented Bible studies that can be shared with other Christians visiting the site. Reply to churchmatters@frontier.com with your contributions.

A new area of interest is development of catechism materials that use visual means to teach our basic doctrines to young adults and youth. *How Art Teaches Theology* (see [http://churchmatterssolutions.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/The-Triptych-Flyer3.pdf/](http://churchmatterssolutions.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/The-Triptych-Flyer3.pdf) for details.) is my first product. More along that line may be added in the future. Check it out!

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In His Service,

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