

You Ask About Life

You Ask About Life by Tim Pauls
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This book is authored by Tim Pauls who is a conservative, confessional LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod) pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Boise, Idaho. I met Rev. Pauls (and wife Teresa – a Boise High School Math teacher) through my son-in-law John and daughter Cindy. They sent their kids Danielle and David to Good Shepherd's elementary school (Danielle from Kindergarten through the Fifth Grade and David from Kindergarten through third grade) before it was forced to close for lack of funding in 2007. Rev. Pauls, in addition to pastoral duties, was also the principal of this school and his two boys (same age as my grandchildren) also attended there.

It became obvious while visiting with Rev. Pauls that both he and his wife have a love for and interest in young people as well as a love for the Lord so it did not surprise me that he wrote this book. The book is written with teenagers in mind. The style is informal, conversational, and generously laced with humor and self-effacement (“..don't believe everything in this book just because I said so..”). However, I found it interesting and informative as well (full disclosure: I haven't been a teenager or lived with teenagers for more years than I care to remember).

I found it curious that Northwestern Publishing House would offer this Concordia Publishing House (LCMS's publishing arm) book for sale in their catalog. However, the doctrinal positions are in conformity with WELS in every instance so, even though we are not in fellowship with LCMS, we are free to use their publications provided they have been properly vetted.

Here are the chapter headings: 1) Why Should You Spend Part of Your Life Reading this Book?; 2) Witnesses; 3) Creator and Creation; 4) Matters of Life and Death 5) Church and State 6) One Final Answer One More Time.

This is good book for teenagers that adults will also find interesting.

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