

# *Defenders & Defamers*

## • Lesson Eight •

*The Lutheran Church in North America*  
1800 A.D.– 2000 A.D.

### 1700 A.D. – 1800 A.D.

#### *Developments*

Age of Enlightenment

### 1800 A.D. – 1900 A.D.

#### *Developments*

The Prussian Union (1617-1840 A.D.)

The Election Controversy (1877-1887 A.D.)

#### *Defenders*

Claus Harms (1778-1855 A.D.)

John Grabau (1804-1879 A.D.)

Captain Heinrich von Rohr (1797-1874 A.D.)

C. F. W. Walther (1811-1877 A.D.)

### 1850 A.D. – 2000 A.D.

#### *Developments*

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) 1918-

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) 1850-

Background

Johannes Muehlhaeuser (1804 –1868)

Synod's Founding (May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1850)

Johannes Bading (1824-1913)

Adolf Hoenecke (1835–1908)

Early Relations between the Missouri & Wisconsin Synods

The Federation of 1892

Federation Schools

Early Mission Work – The Deep South

Early Mission Work - Arizona

Early Mission Work - Overseas

Wauwatosa Theology

Synod Expansion

The Split with Missouri

Issues that still Divide Missouri and Wisconsin

The Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC) 1993-

**1600 A.D. – 2000 A.D.**

*Developments*

Lutherans in Canada

WELS Lutherans in Canada

Discussion

1. What lessons can we learn from the “Old” Lutherans who immigrated to new lands in the mid 1800’s?
2. Read Ephesians 1:3-5. What moved God in eternity to elect us to be his children?
3. Who has the “right” to oversee doctrine in the church? How do the following passages help answer this question? (1 Timothy 4:16; 1 Timothy 1:3-7; Revelation 2:1, 2)

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## • Lesson Nine •

*Non-Lutheran Protestant Churches*

1600 A.D. – 2000 A.D.

### **The Anglican “Family”**

Methodist

Revivalism in North America

Charles Grandison Finney (1792-1875 A.D.)

Billy Sunday (1862-1935 A.D.)

Aimee Semple McPherson (1890-1944 A.D.)

Holiness Churches

Pentecostals

### **The Anabaptist “Family”**

Mennonites

Amish

Hutterites

## **The Reformed “Family”**

Reformed (Calvinist) vs. Arminian

Presbyterian

The Alliance Church

Evangelical

Fundamentalist

Restoration Movement

Baptist

### **Discussion**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-5, 12. What does the Apostle Paul say to those who claim that the gift of speaking in tongues is an essential spiritual gift?
2. Agree or disagree? The Wisconsin Synod is a fundamentalist church body.

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## • Lesson Ten •

*Cults & Sects*  
1600 A.D. – 2000 A.D.

The Marks of a *Cult*

*Defamers*

Unitarians

Quakers

Shakers

The Adventists

The Mormons

Christian Science

Jehovah's Witnesses

The Masons

The Unification Church

Scientology

### Discussion

1. Why isn't it a good idea to question the character of Joseph Smith when witnessing to a Mormon? What would be a better approach?
2. Why would a confessional Lutheran object to joining the Freemasons even if it's just to make business contacts or to socialize?