



Listener Response to **Issues, Etc.**

APRIL 2007

Greetings from an ELCA layman who has great respect for what you do and appreciation for how you do it! I very much enjoy being able to read transcripts from your radio broadcast. Particularly helpful was the June 29, 2004 broadcast of the interview with Dr. Laurence White on "The Secularization of the Church." As my childhood pastor used to say often, it's all about on-going catechesis of the laity.

Jonathan in Rochester, NY

It's really a site full of edifying teachings and Biblical Truths.

Osahon in Nigeria

I want to thank you very much for the series of interviews during Holy Week with Dr. Steven Hein. His ways of explaining things made the sharp distinctions between these two theologies (cross vs. glory) clearer to me than ever before. I'm a new listener and have been downloading the audio from your website. Your program is a blessing and encouragement to many in our community here.

Sarah in Canada

I would just like to thank you for the service you provide. I've learned so much over the two years since I found your site about church history. From the saints to the discussions of theological issues, I've gained a fuller picture of Christianity and what Christ has done for me. Your sermon reviews, while at first seemed harsh, now are part of my sermon listening criteria.

Walter

*Thank you for keeping us informed about things of the world and how we can understand them from the correct Biblical view. **Issues, Etc.** never disappoints.*

Lula in St. Louis

Mr. Wilken, just a quick note to let you know that you have a faithful listener over here in Spain. I've never seen the inside of a Lutheran church, but you're starting to make me think. I heard that they just opened up a Lutheran church in Madrid. I love the show and like I said, you've got me almost at the tipping point.

Vigo in Spain

MAY 2007

Issues, Etc. is certainly one of a kind. I do not know of any other program that sticks so strictly to the true teachings of the Gospel uninfluenced by opinions of the latest fads. As a 16 year old, I hear a lot of Christian programs directed towards my generation and have found that 99% of them are false or only half true. Issues, Etc. is the 1% that I actually have found to be true. Thank you for declaring these truths to a world that believes truth is relative.

Candice in Columbus, IN

I am a 39-year-old black man who regularly listens to the show on the internet. I just want to thank you for helping me. I am an individual who received my salvation experience while attending an evangelical fad-driven church. Nine years later, I have to say that my life, emotions, spirit and self-image are a complete mess. I clearly recognize that you see the flaws in Evangelicalism but imagine receiving the damaging effects of it. Listening to you every day has truly helped me to recover.

Rob in Maryland

Thank you so much for this series on Biblical interpretation. I cannot tell you how much this means to me and how I look forward with eager anticipation to the next broadcast.

Phyllis

*I deeply appreciate you and your program. I am a Protestant "Evangelical" who has been greatly helped by **Issues, Etc.** to more fully understand the Biblical Gospel of Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless you and your listeners as God's Word finds us out.*

Darrin in Lake Forest, CA

JUNE 2007

Thank you very much for your article on Vocation. I'm very thankful for this as it is so vital for young people like me. Your radio program is absolutely fabulous, and everything it promises: Christ-centered and Cross-focused.

Sharon

*I've been listening to **Issues, Etc.** for over a year now and have very much benefited from it...and I'm not even a Lutheran! I consider myself a recovering evangelical and have found **Issues, Etc.** to be very helpful in my spiritual journey toward a more historic Christian faith. I thank God for **Issues, Etc.***

Martha

I love your radio show! It's the best Christian radio show going. I wish you were on Sirius radio!

Eric in Elizabethtown, IL

*I was just recently introduced to your podcasts by my younger brother. I am captivated! I mowed our entire lawn (about a five hour job with a push mower) listening to your program on my i-Pod. I am feeling that for the first time, I am really thinking about issues as they relate to my life and living my life for my Lord, Christ Jesus. I have used your sermon diagnostic at my church (I attend a UCC church in New Hampshire) and am APPAULED at how rarely Christ, our crucified and risen Savior is even mentioned!!! (By the way, **Issues, Etc.** is not just for Lutherans...have you heard that before???) I am also learning that much of what the UCC supports and believes in is not what I can stand behind. I am looking at the two Lutheran churches in my area, and praying that my husband will be open to the possibility of changing denominations. I don't want a spiritual back rub on Sundays...I need to be fed the true Gospel of Christ each and every Sunday. I hope to soon be a "recovering UCC parishioner".*

Loren in New Hampshire

I have disdained the usual religious right broadcasts because I find that though they have the bottom line right, their logic and reasoning is an embarrassment. You, on the other hand, are a breath of fresh air. I appreciate your skill in asking the right questions. I also appreciate your sermon diagnostic.

Ann in Birmingham, AL

JULY 2007

It is reassuring to know that there are still Christians out there somewhere who have not been swallowed up by the "entertainment + it's all about us" mentality that has infected so many churches today. You encourage me greatly.

Sharon in Purgitsville, WV

*Your show is truly a voice in the wilderness. I thank God every day for you and **Issues, Etc.** We have been seriously burned by many false teachings. Life-long Lutherans seem to want to dabble with these things. They seem to be unaware that they are playing on the edge of a cliff. I pray that more people will find the wonderful Gospel that your show clearly presents.*

Barbara

AUGUST 2007

Love the downloads of the radio show. Good to know Lutherans are on the air. Nice to hear an alternative to the Calvinists that seem to dominate the airwaves!

David in Maple Grove, MN

*I don't exaggerate a bit when I say that along with Pastor Curtis, the influence of **Issues, Etc.** was key in my coming to the Lutheran Church. I recall an interview you guys had with Dr. Nagel on baptism as being a pivotal point in my conversion.*

Adam in Worden, IL

*May the Lord richly bless your ministry. It is probably the most vital and important ministry that I can think of for radio in our time. **Issues, Etc.** is dealing with the real issues that people are struggling with and giving them a reason for the hope that lies within us, yet with gentleness and respect.*

Tony in New Jersey

***Issues, Etc.** is great for us pastors who have very limited access to materials for Bible study, preaching and addressing issues in society. VERY, VERY USEFUL. To all of you, don't stop, don't resign, don't retire. It may often be a thankless job, but I really do believe that the benefits are OUT OF THIS WORLD.*

Seth in Philippines

I love your show! I wouldn't be a Lutheran today without it!

Brandon in Valparaiso, IN

*I'm an addict to **Issues, Etc.** You guys do a great show. It sure beats listening to that raunchy sports talk radio I used to fill my driving time with. They make fun of Jesus while you guys glorify and proclaim Him.*

Ben in Plano, TX

SEPTEMBER 2007

***Issues Etc.** is going to net me a promotion. I can't pry myself away from my desk in the evenings until your show is over ... so I'm working an extra hour each day. If I get a promotion, I'll have to join the Reformation Club (...and I'm Catholic).*

Todd in Louisiana

You bring your listeners a broad spectrum of ideas which all serve as grist for the mill, training us to apply theology to the issues of life. You are an invaluable resource I share with as many people as I can.

Dave in West Virginia

Just a quick note of thanks for your excellent program. Your program is changing my thought processes and life. I am indeed hooked. I listen every day during my commute.

Alex in St. Louis

I love your show! I'm hooked and learn so much everyday.

Jim in Avilla, AR

***Issues, Etc.** is a blessing from God above!*

Monica in Springfield, IL

*I have learned so much from you and your program. We have learned **so much** about our Lutheran Faith and have grown in our awareness and understanding of all the unbiblical teachings and stances that are in the Christian community at large as well as within the Lutheran Churches. We see how Evangelicalism has permeated the Lutheran church. We have named our Women's Bible Study, WOW, Women of Wittenberg.*

Claudia in Michigan

*I do truly remember you with thanksgiving in my prayers for all the ways **Issues, Etc.** focuses on Christ. You have helped me to hold my tongue or to speak truthfully to others more appropriately than I would have done without **Issues, Etc.***

Karen in Michigan

Excellent resources clear Law and Gospel message, wonderful comfort from the Word of God. Keep up the good work!

Carl in Livingston, TX

I was having lunch with my sister (a reformed Baptist) and was amazed at how much better I could argue with her about theological issues after I've listened to your show so much. I had all this built up knowledge that I pulled out of my brain that I didn't even know I had. I know that this comes from your show and wanted to thank you and Todd for making me smarter!

Tamara in Topeka, KS

Excellent resources, clear Law and Gospel message, wonderful comfort from the Word of God. Keep up the good work!

Carl in Livingston, TX

OCTOBER 2007

I am a PCA member from Toledo, Ohio who really enjoys your show and have benefited greatly from your emphasis on gospel-centeredness and law-gospel distinctions. Many thanks. Keep up the good work for your neighbors.

Mark in Toledo, OH

I am teaching here in India. I came across your website and have downloaded the talk shows and have thoroughly been inspired. I like the way you pose very naked question before the experts. May the Lord continue to bless you!

Narendra in India

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Mark in Toledo, OH

I can't say enough about the wonderful ministry your program is doing. We have a New Measures group in our LCMS church, and your program has given me great insights into what is going on.

Stan in Wentzville, MO

I listen to your program on KQCV-FM radio in OKC every Sunday evening. Other than going to Mass, it is truly the highlight of my day.

Ray in Oklahoma City, OK

Thanks for all you do to help the average LCMS member!

Mary Ellen in Troy, MI

*I just want to thank you and **Issues, Etc.** for opening my eyes to the real Jesus Christ of the Bible. My wife and I attended a local evangelical church where Jesus was my best friend and coach "Theology of glory", but I didn't find this Jesus in the Bible. After listening to **Issues, Etc.** for the last three years, my wife and I have finished our catechism and are now members of Mount Olive Lutheran Church. It was **Issues, Etc.** that opened my eyes to the truth. The Jesus Christ of the Bible!!!*

Scott in Laurel, MT

I appreciate having the opportunity to listen to sound doctrine whenever I wish. It is very nice to have the programs archived.

Jake in Fort Wayne, IN

NOVEMBER 2007

I've been listening to the archives of the Sunday and weekday shows and find them invaluable to my faith. My pastor is great, but your outreach fills the rest of my week with what my heart and mind needs every day.

Allen in Moore, OK

I love Issues, Etc. It's now my favorite show even though I'm a Presbyterian.

Mark in Toledo, OH

I want you to know how deeply I appreciate you and your work. I have studied Broadcasting and I know how challenging this work can be. You have a quick mind and you respond to your listeners with dignity and grace when they have a differing opinion. You have a wonderful grasp of theological issues and you and your producer keep all of us informed about our world. Your work glorifies Christ and is much appreciated!

Wayne, Watertown, WI

Found your show on WYLL-AM in Chicago. I found it to be refreshingly knowledgeable about the Scriptures, able to cut thru the nonsense usually spewed from televangelists. Keep up the good job!

Cathie in Naperville, IL

DECEMBER 2007

*I must thank you for the great work you do with **Issues, Etc.** I am in my first year of study at Concordia Theological Seminary, and I owe much of my decision to attend this institution to your making available many of the fine men who are now my professors. Hearing their love for Jesus, their desire for the Gospel, and the strength of their convictions was of central importance to my decision to come here -- and I have yet to be disappointed.*

Daniel in Fort Wayne, IN

I wish to extend my praise and thanks for this year of broadcasting. Your programming is enlightening, entertaining and a fine example of Christian vocation in action. I have the pleasure of both the enjoyment found in your broadcast and the strengthening of my faith by your witness to the Gospel.

Dennis in Saint Johns, MI

*Thank you for your service and for **Issues Etc.** I am a missionary in West Africa and try to download the episodes whenever possible.*

James in West Africa

***Issues, Etc.** is the most informed radio show of its kind in the world.*

Gary

Have I ever told you guys about the international letters that I get after being on the show? I was in a long conversation a year or so ago with a guy from the Caribbean. Just this Christmastide I received letters from a 16 year old from England (working out Law and Gospel) and an evangelical pastor from eastern Europe (trying to understand infant baptism). This must be something close to the Lord's command (Matthew 28:19).

Pastor Bryan in Aurora, CO

JANUARY 2008

It's like a lamp in the darkness.

Mary Sue in Colorado Springs, CO

*I enjoy listening to the **Issues, Etc.** archives over the internet. I learn so much from every episode!*

Jonathan in Scottsdale, AZ

Enjoy the solid content for the thinking Christian.

Robert in Bridgeton, MO

Excellent Christ-Centered programming!

Clarence & Mary in Nashville, IL

***Issues, Etc.** boldly proclaims the faith which Christ Himself poured into us in Baptism.*

Joshua in St. Louis, MO