

Congregational Resources:

For Study:

-Many Members Yet One Body: Craig L. Nesson, 2004, Augsburg Fortress

Nesson begins this book with a foundational statement that the traditional position and the call for change position when it comes to issues of committed homosexual relationships are mutually exclusive and that there is no way to bridge them. He then lays out both of these views, not from his own perspective, but using the works of theologians from those two stand-points. Nesson then begins to ask the question can we be church together using Paul's arguments from 1 Corinthians.

-Faithful Conversations: Christian Perspectives on Homosexuality: Edited by James M. Childs, 2003, Augsburg Fortress

Individual essays are written by Mark Allen Powell, Jim Nestigen, Martha Ellen Stortz, Richard J. Perry & Jose David Rodriguez and Dan Olson. These essays are written at a more advanced level than Nesson's book but they do provide good background and questions. I have not read all of the essays yet, what I have read so far leads me to believe that not all of these writers come to the same conclusions.

-How Lutherans Interpret the Bible: Mark Allen Powell

Dr. Mark Allen Powell, is a Lutheran pastor and Bible professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. In this seven session video series Powell invites you to explore seven important questions about Lutherans and the Bible. He does not prescribe "the Lutheran way" to read the Bible nor does he dismiss the way you may have come to understand the Bible. Instead Powell presents a variety of Lutheran perspectives for interpreting the Bible. Through Powell's rich discussions you will discover answers to questions you have always had about the Bible. Included with the DVDs are a CDROM of a robust study guide and additional support material. The study guide offers 3 suggested formats for use: 60 minute adult study; 90 minute adult study; and 30-45 minute Committee Starters for Congregational Leadership. (Select Multimedia Resources)

For Leaders:

-Congregational Leaders in Anxious Times: A DVD resource with Peter Steinke. The Western ND Synod has purchased one copy of this DVD, it is available for your use. You can also purchase this DVD for yourself through Seraphim Communications \$89.95.