

For those who are interested in learning more about our faithful and compassionate witness to the LGBTQ+ Community, check out the following resources:

### **Articles:**

- CPH blog: Faithfully Caring for the LGBT Community as Christians  
<https://blog.cph.org/read/everyday-faith/faithfully-caring-lgbt-community>
- [LCMS: What about Homosexuality?](#)

This is a concise explanation of what the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod believes and teaches about homosexuality based on the Bible.

LCMS.org page with resources about sexuality: <https://www.lcms.org/social-issues/sexuality>

### **Podcast Episodes:**

- Relatable, Episode 368 What is Love - Clearly explains what biblical love is.

<https://youtu.be/5ZJlbqQinSY>

(Disclaimer: While OSL cannot endorse any other specific episodes of Allie's podcast, Pastor agreed that this specific episode aligned with our doctrine.)

- CPH podcast - Season 2 Episode 2 - "Engaging the Culture in 2021 Alfonso Espinosa"  
How can Christians engage the culture for the sake of the gospel in the midst of cultural issues like the LGBTQ+ lifestyle?

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/engaging-the-culture-in-2021-alfonso-espinosa/id1524519268?i=1000505529879>

### **Books:**

- Ethics of Sex:  
<https://blog.cph.org/read/family/learning-about-sex/ethics-of-sex-a-new-resource-for-parish-ministry>

This book contains a chapter on the biblical response to homosexuality as well as a chapter about transgenderism

- Irreversible Damage by Abigail Shrier:  
<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/irreversible-damage-abigail-shrier/1133754701?ean=9781684512287>

"In *Irreversible Damage*, Abigail Shrier provides a thought-provoking examination of a new clinical phenomenon mainly affecting adolescent females—what some have termed rapid-onset gender dysphoria—that has, at lightning speed, swept across North America and parts of Western Europe and Scandinavia. In so doing, Shrier does not shy away from the politics that pervade the field of gender dysphoria. It is a book that will be of great interest to parents, the general public, and mental health clinicians."

— **Kenneth J. Zucker, Ph.D.**, adolescent and child psychologist and chair of the DSM-5 Work Group on Sexual and Gender Identity Disorders