

Lutheran FAQ:

What Does God Want Me to Do With My Life?

What do you think it means when God calls someone to do something?

What gifts and talents do you have to share with the world?

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Deeper Dive:

- Living Lutheran published "Tap into your vocation" in April 2020. Check it out online at <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2021/09/tap-into-your-vocation/>
- The Journal of Lutheran Ethics' "Luther on Vocation" ties Luther's concept of vocation with the uses of the law. <https://www.elca.org/jle/articles/1015>
- Not sure what your gifts are? Take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment Tool: <https://elca.org/our-work/congregations-and-synods/faith-practices/spiritual-renewal/assessment-tools>

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