

ChatGPT as a Ministry Tool

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- Many things being advertised as AI are just simple computer operations that have been around for many decades.
- Current AI Tools are quite fallible – perhaps that makes them a little more “human” 😊 However, this means we must be even better at using our own brains 🧠
- Numeracy vs Using a Calculator
- Like many things that have come before, AI is a tool that can be very useful and make us more productive; but it can also be misused

ChatGPT

- ChatGPT, created by OpenAI in 2022, is an AI-powered chatbot – which means you can have conversations with it. You can think of this as a “next level” search engine – though of course there are differences.
- Just like a conversation over coffee, you don’t get references. Nor the range of answers (depending on the search engine).
- Free access is very good. \$20US a month for the ability to create images, and have many more features.
- <https://openai.com/chatgpt> for more info and web-based access.
- Also available via the Apple App Store and Google Play.
- It is also available as an API, which means Software Developers can build more focused versions, and incorporate it in their applications.
- The more details you supply the better. Remember it is a conversation. So, you can qualify and add details.
- ChatGPT can be wrong or misleading!

Q: Where do you get your information from?

A: My information comes from a diverse range of sources, including books, websites, scientific journals, and other forms of media up to my last training cut-off in April 2023. The data used for my training involves extensive datasets that encompass a wide array of topics, including language, science, history, culture, and more. This extensive database allows me to understand and generate responses across many subjects. However, it's important to note that I don't have the ability to access or retrieve information in real-time or anything that has been updated or occurred after my last training update. For the most current events or updates, I use a tool that allows me to browse the internet with certain limitations.

ChatGPT for Church Services

- How do you use an Advent wreath in church?
- In the Lutheran church, which colour is used for Palm Sunday?
- When should our church commemorate the Augsburg Confession?
- Please write a letter to Bishop Peter Hage asking if he could attend our church's 150th anniversary on 12 September 2097.
- What would you recommend for a Bible Verse to use for someone's confirmation?
- I would like a brief statement for a card that I am sending to a good friend whose husband has just died. I would like it to be a Christian Statement, and to include a Bible verse.

ChatGPT for History

- Who was the first Lutheran Pastor in Australia?
- When and where was Martin Luther born?
 - Who were his parents?
 - Did he have any siblings?

ChatGPT for Theology

- Can you please explain in a paragraph what the Trinity is?
- What is Zoroastrianism?
- What is the Shepherd of Hermas?
- Can you explain what 1 John 3:16 is about?
- AI Tools are very good at Language Translation and Voice to Transcript. Personally, I think the latter still needs work but it is getting quite good.

ChatGPT for Images

- This requires a \$20US month subscription. Images are based on their DALL-E 3: an AI-powered art generator. Also includes GPT 4 (the free version is GPT3.5)
- Currently not good with captions in the art. I have also encountered things like 6-fingered hands. So always check your image carefully 😊

Some other tools

- Microsoft Designer: <https://www.bing.com/images/create>
- AI Music Studio: <https://www.media.io/lab/ai-music/>
- Windows 11: Copilot – pro version costs \$20 a month – based on GPT 4 and DALL-E 3. <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-copilot>
- Samsung's new Galaxy S24 is boasting about its AI Features.

