

***Letters from Katie Luther: A Novel*, by Shirley Casemier. Jenison, MI: Reformed Free Publishing Association, 2020. \$14.95. 208 pp. (paper). [Reviewed by Kristin Dykstra, sixth grade teacher at Adams Christian School in Wyoming, Michigan]**

Letters from Katie Luther: A Novel by Shirley Casemier is a thoughtful and exemplary telling of the life of Katherine von Bora Luther. Based on facts and written by means of letters penned by Katie to her friend and fellow convent escapee, the author invites us into what the home life of Martin Luther and his wife might have been.

As a reader, one learns of Katie's earlier life as a nun, feels sympathy at the loss of two children, has empathy as she runs a household with a minimum of funds, and finds humor in the interactions of husband and wife. Through the eyes of his wife, the letters emphasize the poor health and struggles of Martin Luther and, throughout the book, informs the reader of the political and religious upheavals of the time.

As a teacher of junior high students for many years and an ardent reader, I was delighted to read this well-written and informative novel. In an age where technology is often chosen over the written word and good books are difficult to find on the public library shelf, I highly recommend this historical novel for students and adults alike.