

**Guidelines for writing Letters to the Lutheran,  
(copied with permission from an email by Lisa McIntosh,  
Editor of *The Lutheran*)**

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“Our basic guidelines for letters, which are published in each edition, are:

- Letters longer than 300 words and those containing personal attack will not be published.
- Shorter letters will be given preference over longer letters.
- Subscribers’ letters will be given preference over those from non-subscribers.
- No more than two letters from the same author will be published in a calendar year.
- Some letters may be edited for clarity.

**We also have further guidelines against which we assess the language and tone of all letters before deciding whether to publish.** Where necessary, we speak to the contributor about problematic wording and offer them the chance to rewrite and resubmit the letter if they wish to do so.

**Regarding deadlines**, the general rule of thumb is the first day of the month prior to publication, unless that is a weekend day (in which case it will be the end of the month prior) – so Friday 31 July for the September issue, Tuesday 1 September for the October issue and so on.

**Naturally, limited space means we may not be able to include everything we receive by the deadline – in which case subscribers’ letters take preference over those from people who don’t subscribe.”**

Please feel free to get in touch with any questions you may have.”

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