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SOUL SEARCHING

DESTINY: WHERE ARE WE GOING WHEN WE DIE?

October 7, 8, and 11, 2017

Is there life after death? If there is, what will that life be like? From a completely human perspective it would appear as though this life is all there is. When you die, you're dead. In the Scripture, however, we discover that death was not a part of God's original plan for the world, that death is God's judgment against sin. That makes death frightening and ugly, but God found a way to destroy death forever.

PRESERVICE (*Sunday*)

Processional Alleluia, Handbells

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 152 vv. 1-3, 5

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

BAPTISMS (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

Hymnal page 12

Eden Peggy Bergner

Daughter of Kyle and Jacqueline (nee Brzycki) Bergner, born May 26, 2017

Sawyer Lu Brzycki

Daughter of Brett and Rebekah (nee Gregovich) Brzycki, born July 5, 2017

M The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Scriptures teach us that "sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned" (*Romans 5:12*). The truth hits home hard. We all eventually die the common death of humankind.

C **"For the wages of sin is death"** (*Romans 6:23*).

P We are called, therefore, to humble ourselves under the powerful hand of God and to consider honestly the rapid flight of our own days.

C **Eternal God, "My days are like the evening shadow" (*Psalms 102:11*). "My days are swifter than a runner" (*Job 9:25*). "Show me, LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is" (*Psalms 39:4*). Therefore, LORD God, when I consider the brevity of my life compared to you who is eternal, I must confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

- P Dear friends, the good news of Christianity is that God has been merciful to us! Even as we have confessed our sins, we can also rejoice with the Lord's apostles: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy God has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade" (1 Peter 1:3-4a). For while the wages of sin is death, the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord! Jesus shared in our humanity so that by his death he might set us free from our fear of death. Therefore, as a called servant of Jesus Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy spirit.
- C **"Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"**(1 Corinthians 15:57)!

LORD HAVE MERCY

- M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



- M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



- M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



- M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



- M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

SONG OF PRAISE 152, vv. 7, 8

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M Let us pray.
Almighty and eternal Father, in Jesus Christ you have given us forgiveness of sins and deliverance from spiritual and eternal death.
- C **Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit, that our trust in Christ might daily increase, and our behavior in Christ might reflect all the more the victory we share through him.**
- M Give us such confidence that holds firmly to the joyful hope that we will not die, but only sleep,
- C **and on the Last Day be raised to life everlasting.**
- M We pray in Jesus' name, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now, and forever.



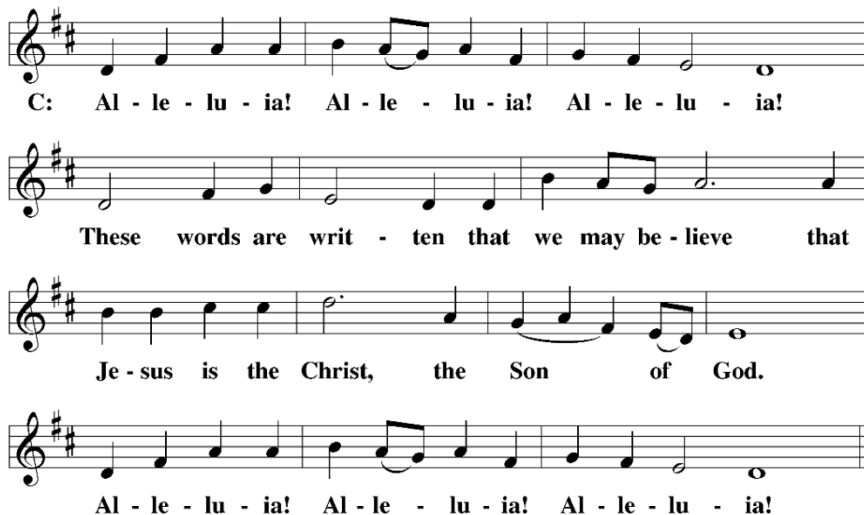
THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 9:1-6, Bible page 668

Solomon reminds us that the same fate awaits all people. We will all die.

VERSE OF THE DAY (Saturday, Sunday 9:15 am, Wednesday)



GOSPEL

John 14:1-6, Bible page 1081

Jesus comforts his disciples with the promise that he is preparing a place in heaven for us.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



HYMN 452

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

SERMON

Genesis 3:16-24, Bible page 4

Pastor Jeffrey Bonack

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Just As I Am, Handbells

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see Communion note on page 8.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 415
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Be Still, My Soul
Abide with Me

M Merciful Father, we give you thanks and praise that you have fed us with the precious body and blood of your dear Son for the forgiveness of our sin. By your grace fill us with the desire and the power to walk worthy of our holy calling and to reflect your glory in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDING MINISTER (*Sunday*) *Pastor David Kuehl*

ORGANIST *Kathy Bremer*



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith.

We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. Following the Promise is currently being held on Tuesday evenings in the Faith Room with a new class beginning May 23. Register on the back of your Connection Card.

If you are a member of St. Paul's or a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to express our common confession by communing with us. You may wish to use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 of Christian Worship to examine yourself. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate.

The light colored cups in the center of the individual cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine. Gluten-free wafers are located in the trays on the Communion rail. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform an usher as you approach the rail. The first pews in the left center section are reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, and we kindly ask those who desire to be communed privately to use these pews.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of October 9, 2017

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	5:45 pm	Grief Share (Church Library)
	7:00 pm	<i>Through the Bible in a Year</i> Bible Study (Grace Room)
TUE	9:15 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	12:00 pm	Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) (Grace Room)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
	7:45 pm	Reformation Choir Practice (Church Balcony)
WED	1:00 pm	<i>Through the Bible In a Year</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes
	6:00 pm	Voters' Meeting to call Resident Missionary (Grace Room)
	6:30 pm	Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
FRI	6:00 pm	Gaudynski / Hoerchner Wedding Rehearsal (Main Church)
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	2:00 pm	Kayla Gaudynski and Nick Hoerchner Wedding Ceremony (Main Church)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	8:00 am	Reformation Choir Practice (Faith Room)
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:15 am	Parents Club (School Classroom 8)
	9:15 am	Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:30 am	Cancer Support Group Meeting (Church Library)
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRIES

Help your children make spiritual growth a regular part of their lives by participating in our Sunday morning youth ministries. Our 3K to grade 8 ministries begin at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in the school. Enter the school through the Trinity Cafe. Clearly marked signage will direct you to your child's check-in and room location. For more information contact Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-1711, ext. 145.

REFORMATION 500 SERMON SERIES



"I am a Lutheran because I am a Christian." "I'm a Lutheran because someone shared the gospel with me." Outreach and faith connect with the sharing of the gospel. That's what this series is all about. As we celebrate the treasures we have as Lutheran Christians, we want to do more than celebrate history. We want to share what God has given us with others so the Holy Spirit can do as he promises—create faith. Through this series we use this historic event of Reformation 500 to reach out, to share, to witness, and to confess.

This series is built around four important Christian—that is, Lutheran Christian—treasures. Three of them are familiar: Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone. They are the three "solas" we find in some of the stained glass windows of Lutheran churches. But one more sola captures them all—Christ Alone. We hold fast to the truth of God's grace that has justified us freely in Christ. We receive that grace and make it ours by faith in Christ. We learn of these treasures in Christ through the Scriptures and do not rely on any other authority. So "Christ Alone" is the Rock—the foundation of the church on which rests all our teaching and our witness. We have such treasures. Let's celebrate them! Let's reclaim these truths for our generation!

October 15

Grace Alone

John 1:14-17

If we were to get what we deserve, we'd be in sad sorry shape. Part of us doesn't want to believe that, but a little honest reflection and we know it's true. Where would we be if God were not the God of immeasurable grace?

October 22

Faith Alone

**John 5:24-29;
Hebrews 11:1,2, 8-12**

So many of the truths God teaches us and the promises he makes cannot be comprehended by the human mind or seen with our physical eyes. To accept them, believe them, build our lives and the hope for eternity around them, we must rely on God's gift of faith.

October 29

Christ Alone

Acts 4:1-12

We are naturally prone to put our hope and faith in the things and the people of this world. Yet there is only One who can help and save us from any and every calamity of body and soul.

November 5

Scripture Alone

2 Kings 22:1-11; 23:1-3

Luther lived in a time when the grip of human tradition on the church (along with all its errors) was so tight it seemed nothing could turn the tide. Risking his life in the process, Luther held tight to the Word and its truth, and the power of the Word literally changed the world.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

GOD OPENED THE DOOR OF HOPE – TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Last week, we surpassed \$111,000 in special gifts for the Door of Hope! Our thanks to all who were able to respond to this need!

As a result of this generosity, the Ministry Board made no additional changes to this year's ministry plan. Please remember that we will still need an increase in offerings (General Fund, Missions, Wisconsin Lutheran High School) of 2.5% over last year for the remainder of the year. May God grant our congregation the spiritual strength to achieve this goal also.

CALLING FOR RESIDENT MISSIONARY POSITION ON OCTOBER 11

There will be a special voters meeting on Wednesday, October 11, at 6:00 pm in the Grace Room to resume calling for a pastor for the position of Resident Missionary.

DISCOVER YOUR GOD GIVEN STRENGTHS

How often do you wonder what God built *YOU* to do? Are you confident that your unique strengths, skills, and passions are all being used to their fullest? Sign up today for the *I Am Built* Workshop, where we will discover, explore, and activate your God-given strengths with intention. This small group will spend one Saturday morning unpacking exactly how each of us uniquely reflects our Creator and shaping a user-friendly mission statement that transforms mere life into a MISSION! Work will be done in small groups and pairs, so sign up with your spouse, best friend, or favorite neighbor!

The workshop will be held in the Trinity Cafe on Saturday, November 4, from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. Space is limited. The registration deadline is November 1. Please contact Certified Christian Life Coach Emily Krill at ekrill@stpaulmuskego.org

WISH LIST

This list of items would greatly benefit the ministry at St. Paul's. These items are above and beyond the budgeted expenses. Below is an update on the generous giving that occurred over the last few weeks. Thank you for every gift you give to our General Fund, Mortgage Fund, and these wish list items. If you would like to give toward a Wish List item, clearly mark your envelope, "Wish List," with the item title, or give online at www.stpaulmuskego.org.

Item	Est. Cost	Received	Still Needed
Centennial Gym Windows	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000
Landscaping for Church Entrance	\$6,700	\$2,664.00	\$4,036
Narthex Carpet	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
Leveled Literacy Intervention System*	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000

*The Leveled Literacy Intervention System is a desired tool to be used in grades K-3. It is a reading literacy tool designed to be used with small groups of students who need support to achieve grade level competency.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

BAPTISMS

Eden Peggy Bergner, daughter of Kyle and Jacqueline (nee Brzycki) Bergner, born May 26, 2017, and Sawyer Lu Brzycki, daughter of Brett and Rebekah (nee Gregovich) Brzycki, born July 5, 2017, were baptized in the 9:15 am worship service today.

Brodrick Francis Baeten, son of John and Kimberly (nee Crupi) Baeten, was born June 20, 2017, and will be baptized after the 10:45 am worship service today in a private ceremony.

We rejoice in the gift of saving faith given to these children.

WEDDINGS

Maxwell Krueger and Ashley Himebaugh were joined in marriage on October 7, 2017. David Kwasinski and Kristine Garnder were also joined in marriage on October 7, 2017. May God bless these couples in their marriages joined together in Christ.

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is at St. Francis Hospital and June Fickau at Linden Grove in Mukwonago. Les Constantineau and Cathy Moll have been discharged from the hospital.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Jodie Crosby, Sharon Dreyer, Namine Eiche, Brittany Gillespie, Janelle Gray, Daniel Holtz, Dawn Jahns, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, Marvin Pellmann, and Christopher Verhein (protecting our country).

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

1011 attended worship services last week.

FLU CLINIC – STOP IN AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP – OCTOBER 8

We are offering a flu vaccine clinic on Sunday, October 8, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Faith Room. There is no cost for Medicare and Medicaid plan holders. Please have your card available. We are unable to run private insurance. However, we will have shots available for \$34. Cash or check is accepted. We are able to vaccinate ages 7 and up.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, a time to honor and say thank you to our pastors and their families for their hard work, commitment, and sacrificial dedication, who work solely for our benefit to bring each of us and the lost closer to Christ. Show them their labors for you are not unappreciated, but are actually making a difference in your life and the lives of others. This would also be a fitting time to show your appreciation for the others on our Ministerial Team. Please contact the Worker Care Committee group in My St. Paul's with questions or for suggestions on ways to show your appreciation.

A RETURN TO GRACE – LUTHER'S LIFE AND LEGACY

A Return to Grace – Luther's Life and Legacy is an excellent movie produced in connection with our church body's celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. It is a valuable resource about Luther and his rediscovery of the gospel in the pages of the Scriptures. Its emphasis is on the centrality of grace and the message of the gospel. The movie will be shown at The Ridge Cinema in New Berlin at the following times. Check your local listings for additional showings.

Monday, October 23, at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 25, at 7:00 pm

Monday, October 30, at 10 am and 7:00 pm

GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

AMERICAN BASED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A WORLD MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Do you have a heart to share Jesus with the world, especially to those in countries where they are craving to hear good news but have no idea about Christ? Joy-Filled Children of the World (JCW) is an exciting and blooming ministry to Asian children.

The need: JCW is looking for American volunteers to teach conversational English *from their own homes* to small groups of children. They have almost 50 small groups desiring to start the weekend of October 20 but desperately need more American volunteers.

The children have had at least 3 years of academic English, and this program engages them in conversation through Bible stories to help them develop their English speaking skills. Volunteers teach small classes (2-4 students, ages 9-16) which are hosted by a "local assistant teacher." American volunteers teach via the internet using Zoom video and share materials on their screen that are prepared by JCW. Classes are taught one hour per week, with a total of 24 lessons between October and June. You don't have to be a certified teacher or a master of English... just friendly, patient and mentoring. It's easy, fun, and you will receive assistance to prepare in plenty of time for the fall start! Groups meet Friday, Saturday, or Sunday in the AM or PM. You can pick your class time from the list of class needs.

More information is available at the Welcome Center or you may also contact Beth Radloff-Gove at bethgove@gmail.com or (512) 762-3762.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE – TUESDAYS AT 7:00 PM

Following the Promise is a 15-week study led by Pastor Panitzke. Follow God's promises layed out for you in the Bible and see the impact they have on your life. This is a great study to have your questions answered and also serves as preparation for membership at St. Paul's. Mark the Connection Card or contact Pastor Panitzke at ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org to register.

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR – MONDAYS AT 7:00 PM OR WEDNESDAYS AT 1:00 PM

Know your God better than ever before! About a dozen chapters per week are assigned for reading. Increase your faith in Christ, your joy in every situation in life, your desire to know your God better, and your commitment to serve him with your entire life. Mark the Connection Card or contact Pastor Panitzke at ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org to register.

OUR WORLD - GOD'S WAY – BEGINS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

As St. Paul's works through its sermon and small groups series on world view and origins, the subject of creation vs. evolution looms large. A better understanding of Creation Science can assist us when we engage in conversations with those whose model for how the world began is evolution. When questions arise or conflicts seem to be present, it's essential that we know where to turn for answers - God's Word. Join St. Paul's member, Joel Weaver, a creation-science enthusiast, for a two-Sunday session titled, "Our World, God's Way." October 15 and 22 in the Grace Room, 9:15-10:15 am.

PARENTS' CLUB – NOW THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Facilitated by St. Paul's Pre-K Teacher Anne Meyer and her husband Chris, the course *Parenting: The Early Years* explores ten biblical traits your kids will remember you for. This excellent DVD-assisted course is held Sundays at 9:15 am in school classroom 8.

LADIES MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study meets in the Faith Room at 9:30. All ladies are welcome. For more information contact Group Leader Michele Eiche at (414) 202-7522.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The St. Paul's Alzheimer's Support Group for care partners meets to provide comfort and resources for care partners, easing the burden of this dreaded disease. As people who are dealing with similar challenges share their experiences, care partners realize they are not alone, nor are they the first to face such challenges. A unique feature of this group is applying the comfort of prayer and God's Word to individual situations. This support group is sanctioned by the Alzheimer's Association. The St Paul's Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the church library from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The next meeting of the group will be October 17. For more information contact David Timm at (262) 787-5955 or Andy Timm at (414) 254-3548.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

If you are a cancer survivor, are currently battling cancer, or have friends or family members fighting the fight and would like to speak to someone for support, please contact Karen Schram at (414) 529-5544 or Judy Schmidt at gjschmidt@wi.rr.com. The next St. Paul's Cancer Support Group meeting is Sunday, October 8, at 10:30 am in the Church Library.

ORGANIZATION OF WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SENIORS (OWLS) MEETING

The OWLS meeting will be held in the Grace Room on Tuesday, October 11, at noon. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy the provided dessert and entertainment. All seniors are welcome.

MILWAUKEE METRO LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY FALL RALLY

The Milwaukee Metro South Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society invites all women to a fall rally the morning of Saturday, October 21, hosted at Jordan Lutheran Church in West Allis. Pick up a flyer with more information at the Welcome Center.

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT – OCTOBER 21

St. Paul's annual Sheepshead Tournament is Saturday, October 21, from 6:00 til 9:00 pm, in the Trinity Café and Gym. Entry fee is \$5 per person to offset the cost of food and prizes. RSVP to Cindy Proeber at (414) 801-2845 or cindy.proeber@accuratediedesign.com; or to Neal Wallner at (414) 419-2168. See our church website at www.stpaulmuskego.org for more details.

PICKLEBALL LEAGUE IS RETURNING THIS FALL – AN OUTREACH EVENT

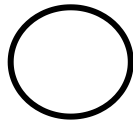
Join the Pickleball League! The league meets on Thursdays from 7:00 until 9:00 pm, beginning October 19 and running through mid-December. The cost is \$25.00 for all 8 sessions which are held in the Trinity Gym. No experience necessary. Inviting an unchurched friend to participate with you may strengthen your friendship and open opportunities to share Jesus with him or her. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please contact Cindy Proeber at cindy.proeber@diedesignsoftware.com or (414) 801-2845.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 6TH-8TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE

Wisconsin Lutheran High School's Open House is on Sunday, October 15. Registration begins at 5:30 pm with the official welcome at 6:00 pm. Grade school parents and students will meet teachers, tour the school, and enjoy faculty presentations. See what a difference academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment can make in your child's life!

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OPENING

Wisconsin Lutheran High School is currently seeking candidates for the full-time position of Guidance Department Administrative Assistant. More information is on the Grace Room bulletin board.

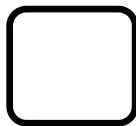


GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for us in Connector Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

1. Share highs and lows from the week with your group and pray for each other.
2. In our final week of studying Worldview, the topic we unpacked was “Where are we going when we die?”. Do you (or someone you know) ever have anxiety about this topic?
3. One popular secular worldview is that there is no life after death; this life is all there is to our existence. This worldview says that the absence of life after death gives *more* purpose and meaning to this life. *If this life is all there is, then we’re going to be motivated to make the most of every day, to make a difference, to change the world.*
 - Why is this worldview not enough to create real change?
 - What reason does a Christian worldview have to make the most of every day, make a difference, and change the world?
4. Some worldviews argue that a perfect, loving God could never send anyone to an eternity in hell. How would you respond if someone said that to you?
5. Read John 14:1-6
 - (14:2) Do you ever try to imagine what the Father’s house with many rooms looks like? What do you picture?
 - 14:4 says “You know the way to the place where I am going.” How would you respond if Jesus said that to you today?
6. The Biblical worldview helps us understand why death feels so unnatural. We weren’t created to die! Read Genesis 2:22 and discuss why this understanding brings us peace.
7. What was your favorite new fact from the four-week worldview series? What will change in your life as a result of this new awareness?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points

Where Are We Going When We Die?

Genesis 3:16-24

The Secular Worldview

There is n_____ beyond this life.

Makes sense for those who believe that there is n__ God.

Changing this world for the b_____ becomes the main thing.

Leaves us feeling hope_____ when we realize this world isn't getting better.

The Religious Worldview

We're not s_____ what is beyond this life.

If it's not about Jesus, then it's all about m_____.

A conditional, uncertain hope is no hope at all.

The Biblical Worldview

Infinitely more compelling and satisfying.

Answers the questions:

Why is there death in the world? A: Adam and Eve d_____.

Why does death feel so unnatural? A: We were created to live f_____.

Why is life so hard? A: God cursed the world to fill us with a hunger for something b_____.

Where is our hope for life after death? A: In Jesus' life, death and r_____.

Will we still exist? A: Yes, we will see God with our own e_____.

What will life be like? A: Like the Garden of Eden before the fall, we will live in p_____.

Can we be certain? A: It's as certain as Jesus is a_____ today!

Next Steps

Remember your foundation. Memorize these words of Scripture - a constant reminder of where your hope is found: *"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:55-57).*

Pray for opportunities. Now that we've come to a little better understanding of our worldview and the worldview of others, pray for God to open doors to you to share the hope that you have.

Always be prepared. The best way to prepare ourselves to give an answer for the hope we have is to ground ourselves thoroughly in God's Word. What's your plan to do that in the next week? Over the next few months?