

Easter Vigil / Sunrise  
March 31 and April 1, 2018



# WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

Thank you for celebrating Easter with us at St. Paul's.

St. Paul's is a family of believers in Jesus Christ who love each other and our community. Stop by the Welcome Center in the church entry for information about any of our ministries. An attendant will be there to answer your questions.

**For Little Children:** There is a "mother's room," where parents can go to quiet their children during the worship service. You can hear the service there. This room is to your right as you leave the center doors of the sanctuary.

**Restrooms:** Restrooms are to the left as you leave the sanctuary. There are also handicapped/family restrooms in the west wing of the church (to the right as you leave the sanctuary).

**Special Needs:** Large-print worship folders and hearing assistance are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

## Christian Education

### St. Paul's Childcare Center

We offer a Christian childcare ministry for children six-weeks old through 3 years old. We will have openings in our infant room, beginning in September of 2018. Pregnant? Tell your spouse. Tell your parents. Then call our Childcare Center Administrator Kim Neubauer at 414-422-0320, ext. 200.

### School Registration for 2018-2019

Our 3K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Christian Elementary School is accepting registrations for the next school year. Call our School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons (414-422-0320, ext. 118) for a school tour or indicate interest on the Connection Card. We strive to make our Christian school affordable for every family. We participate in both the Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Parental Choice programs and we offer generous financial aid. Don't let financial concerns keep you from exploring this opportunity to help your child grow in their faith.

### Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

Kids Club is our vibrant ministry for youth on Sundays for age 3 to grade 8. All age levels meet in our school classrooms from 9:15 until 10:15 am. Kids Club resumes on Sunday, April 8. New participants are always welcome. Register any Sunday morning in the Trinity Café, directly across the parking lot from the church.

### Teen Ministry

TUG (Teens Under God) meets on Sunday evenings for Bible study and discussion about the issues that our high school students face. Want more information? Note it on your Connection Card.



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*EASTER VIGIL / SUNRISE*  
**THE VICTORY IS OURS!**  
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**AS WE GATHER**

Today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the proof for us and all the world that "Death Cannot Stop True Love." On this weekend Christians throughout the world join their voices in praise and proclamation of the most central fact of their faith—that Jesus suffered on the cross, died, was buried, and rose on the third day. In the first lesson from Isaiah, the prophet of God records in advance what we have seen by faith – salvation in Jesus! From 1 Corinthians we draw the message for today under the theme, "Do You See It? The Victory is Ours!" The Gospel according to St. John records the events on the day in history that have declared everything to be "new" in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**PRESERVICE SILENCE**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**ENTRANCE DIALOGUE**

**Excerpts from Psalm 118**

M Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M This is the day the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

M I will not die but live,

C **and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

M Open for me the gates of the righteous;

C **I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

M I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

C **you have become my salvation.**

M The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

C **the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

M Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Awake, my heart, with gladness! See what today is done;  
 Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.  
 My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made  
 When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.

The Foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb.  
 But low, he now is routed; His boast is turned to gloom.  
 For Christ again is free; In glorious victory  
 He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave.

This is a sight that gladdens--What peace it does impart!  
 Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.  
 No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take  
 The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.

Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;  
 My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er he passes through.  
 He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain.  
 He shatters hell's dark thrall; I follow him through all.

He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,  
 Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:  
 "Who there my cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared;  
 Who there with me has died Shall here be glorified."

## EASTER DIALOGUE

## Excerpts from Revelation

- M Grace and peace to you from him who is, who was, and who is to come, from our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
- C **To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father--to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen!**
- M Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:
- C **Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah.**
- M For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.
- C **They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.**
- All **And the people of God say: Amen and Amen!**

*Refrain:*

This is the feast of victory for our God,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
And honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God,  
And join in the hymn of all creation. *Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and the grave and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 12:1-6

1 In that day you will say: "I will praise you, Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. 2 Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation." 3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

4 In that day you will say: "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. 5 Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. 6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. Alleluia (1 Corinthians 15:22).

## GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) 10 Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. 13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. 15 He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). 17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.  
 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.  
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; he sets us free.



Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.  
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go.  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.  
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.  
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
And in its con - quest his might did show.  
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there.”  
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won.”  
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

*Refrain*



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

SERMON

1 Corinthians 15:51-57, Bible page 1155

*Pastor Nate Strobel*

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Saturday*)

(*Sunday*)

**Mercy Tree**, Rose Bonack  
by Michael Neale and Krissy Nordhoff  
**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**, Brass Ensemble  
arr. by Ken Bauer

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Father of mercy, you sent your Son to suffer in our place, and you raised him up in victory over sin and the grave. Give us faith that we may believe in him for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in you.**

M God of hope, build us up in the hope that because Jesus lives, we shall live also. Guide us, that amid so many and great temptations we may not lose faith or lose our way to eternity.

C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in you.**

M Life-giving Spirit, make us bold to speak the good news of Christ's death and resurrection to all people and give us a loving heart to welcome many into your faith and reverence.

C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in you.**

M God of mercy, grant healing and strength to the sick, the suffering, and the dying, especially those whom we name before you in our hearts.

C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in you.**

M Give to our nation and all our leaders wisdom to serve well in the positions of trust to which we have elected them. Guide all the nations and their leaders in paths of peace, freedom, and justice.

C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in you.**

M God of plenty, you have so richly blessed us with the things and money we too quickly call our own. Guide us in the use of these resources for the work of your kingdom and for the glory of your holy name, especially the offerings we bring before you now.

C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in you.**

M Remembering Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we pray that we may bring a faithful witness to our own generation even as they have left us a faithful witness to the resurrection.

C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in you.**

*Special intercessions may follow.*

M Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

## CLOSING HYMN 152, vv. 1-2, 5-8

## I Know that My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living Head!

He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save.  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears.  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives, all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end.  
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

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!"

## CLOSING PRAYER

**M** Lord, we praise you for this festive day and for the new perspective your resurrection brings to our lives. May the joy and the gladness we experience today set the tone for every day of our lives. In our living Savior's precious name we pray.

**C** Amen.

EASTER BENEDICTION

Excerpts from John 14

M Jesus gives peace!

C "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you."

M Jesus, give us this peace!

C "I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

M May the name of the Lord be praised!

All Amen and Amen!

M 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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDING MINISTER *Pastor Nate Strobel*

ORGANIST *Darik Mischke*



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.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of April 2, 2018

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am 7:00 pm	No Lutheran Elementary School – Easter Break Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Woodwind Rehearsal
<b>TUE</b>	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Muskego Spring Voting (Trinity Gym) <i>DivorceCare</i> (School Classroom 9) Premarital Enrichment Seminar (Church Library)
<b>WED</b>	9:30 am 12:00 pm	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room) Ladies Afternoon Fellowship (Grace Room)
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Rehearsal
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men’s Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Grace Room Bible Study Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion Premarital Enrichment Seminar (Church Library) Teens Under God (Trinity Café and Gym)

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## HEAR AND SEE THE MESSAGE ONLINE!



- **Live Streaming:** Attend church remotely on Sundays at The Bridge at 10:15 am. Live streaming is available at [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org), Facebook at *The Bridge at St. Paul's*, and You Tube at *The Bridge Church Muskego*. Past live replays are also available on each platform.
  - **Sermon Videos and Podcasts:** Sunday sermons are available at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org) and [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org). They are usually available Sunday evening for that same Sunday’s message.
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# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## HOSPITALIZED

Stephanie Brandt is at Froedtert. Norman Boye and Kate Werner and baby Greyson have been discharged from the hospital.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Sharon Dreyer, Namine Eiche, Brittany Gillespie, Tom Goodman, Janelle Gray, Daniel Holtz, Dawn Jahns, Judith Lauber, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, Cheri Sorensen, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

## ATTENDANCE

1337 attended last weekend's worship services.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed funds towards the flowers beautifying the sanctuary today, many of which were given in memory of loved ones. May God give you peace in the resurrection of our Savior today and always.

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW JESUS BETTER

Anyone and everyone is invited to *Following the Promise*, a Bible study tracing the promise of the Savior through the Bible all the way into your own life. This study also serves as St. Paul's pre-membership study. Pastor Nate Strobel is leading these studies in the Faith Room on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning May 8. A second class begins Sunday, April 15, 8:30-9:30 am, in school classroom 9. Contact Pastor Nate at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org) to register or mark the back of your Connection Card.

## MALAWI MISSION PARTNER COMMUNIQUE

The latest update from our Malawi mission partner is available at the Welcome Center. Thank you for special gifts from St. Paul's members that provide about 1/3 of the support necessary for the ministry of Pastor Holtz, a son of our congregation. If you would like to give an offering towards the Malawi mission, mark your envelope, "Malawi Mission Partner," before placing it in the offering plate or donate online at [www.stpaulmuskego.org/give](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/give).

## GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor John Brug, Ph.D., retired professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, in studying the beliefs and religious practices of Islam: political history, jihad, terrorism, and the role of women. The final lesson will offer suggestions for outreach to Muslims. As part of his doctoral studies, Professor Brug lived in the Middle East for a year. Attend in the Grace Room, Sundays at 9:15 am, April 8-May 6.

## MR. DAN RICK DECLINES CALL

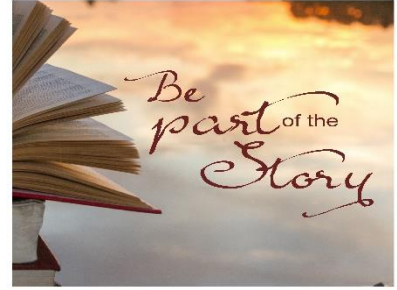
Mr. Dan Rick of St. John's in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, has informed us that the Lord has led him to decline the call to serve as our seventh grade homeroom and upper grade science teacher and athletic director. The Ministry Board will seek to call another suitable candidate on Tuesday, April 10.

# JOIN US AFTER EASTER

## ACT 2 – BE A PART OF THE STORY

Normally a man's death is the end of the story, but Jesus' burial at the close of Good Friday was just the end of Act I of his life. The time in the tomb was just an intermission.

On Easter the intermission ended and Act 2 began! Jesus' resurrection brings hope, forgiveness and the promise of a changed life.



If you are living in a “Good Friday” world, thinking your story is over, that your life will never change, and that you will never be good enough for God, *be a part of the story!*

Join us as we celebrate Act 2 of our lives because Jesus is alive!

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he 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 1:3-4).

**April 7, 8, 11**

**Transformed**

**Acts 1:1 – 11**

The ascended Jesus is sending every member of his Church on a mission to transform lives through the message of his forgiving love.

**April 14, 15, 18**

**Emboldened**

**Acts 2:1 – 47**

Peter's Act I was marked by a cowardly denial of Christ, but his Act II was filled with a courageous sermon that launched the church into the first century. Could you experience that same Act 2 change?

**April 21, 22, 25**

**Steadfast**

**Act 7:1 – 8:8**

God is at work in our suffering. This was the case in the early church. We trust it is true in our lives as well.

**April 28, 29, May 2**

**Qualified**

**Acts 9:1 – 20**

“Christian-killer” doesn't seem impressive on an apostle's resumé. Yet that is who Jesus chose to grow his Church. In the same way, you might consider yourself unqualified for the mission of Jesus' Church, but God loves to be glorified through unexpected servants.

**May 5, 6, 9**

**United**

**Acts 10:1 – 11:18**

**Confirmation Sunday**

The church is always threatened by divisions—race, income, gender, age, etc. God opened Peter's mind to the bigness of God's Church. Could God bring rich and poor, male and female, black and white, young and old into one community of faith today?

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## DAVE RAMSEY FINANCIAL PEACE COURSE FOR TEENS AND PARENTS

*Generation Change* was created by Dave Ramsey and his daughter to lead teens to a better understanding of God, themselves and their money—and how it all works together. Email Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) if you are interested.

## TUG OPEN GYM APRIL 8



The next TUG is Sunday, April 8, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Come to the Trinity Gym and Café for open gym and free time of your choosing. Bring a game, bring food, whatever you enjoy. Contact Dr. Joel Nelson with questions at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145.

## CLASS OF 2018 – LET US KNOW YOUR PLANS

St. Paul's will be celebrating our teens graduating from junior and senior high school this spring. Contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145 with the following:

CLASS  
of  
2018

- What school are you graduating from?
- What are your plans for fall 2018? 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates - what high school? 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduates - what college, branch of military, or work area?

## MOMMY & ME

Mommy & Me is a group for moms of young children — infant through age five. The group meets at St. Paul's on Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 am, in the Faith Room. Contact Sam Lindner at [sam.lindner2323@gmail.com](mailto:sam.lindner2323@gmail.com) or (989) 284-2854 for more information.

## DIVORCECARE

*DivorceCare* meets Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, in school classroom 9. Contact Kristen Miller at [kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org) for more information.

## TWELVE OILS OF ANCIENT SCRIPTURE

You are invited to *Ancient Oils of the Bible* on Sunday, April 15, 12:00-1:30 pm, in the Grace Room. Learn how a powerful collection of essential oils can benefit your life. There will be a handout, power point presentation, and light refreshments. Please contact Karen Schram at [spirit.thing.kas05@hotmail.com](mailto:spirit.thing.kas05@hotmail.com) or (262) 232-7901 by April 8 to reserve your spot.

## ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL PRESENTS NIGHT AT THE WAX MUSEUM

All are invited to enjoy our talented Lutheran school kids as they perform *Night at the Wax Museum*.

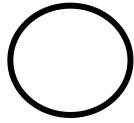
The hysterical meets the historical in this comic spoof about the wackiest wax museum you ever hope to visit! School has dismissed for the summer but not for five unlucky students, who have flunked their history class. They have to re-take the class and, much to their dismay, have to accompany their teacher to the Cultully Wax Museum to help set up displays.

The kids are not too keen on this idea, but the trip gets really interesting when all the figures come to life and start searching for an unknown treasure of great worth. Characters include Cleopatra, King Henry the VIII, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, and Blackbeard the pirate, just to name a few.

All performances will be presented on the Centennial Gym stage at the following times:

Wednesday, April 18 – 1:00 pm  
Thursday, April 19 – 7:00 pm

Friday, April 20 – 7:00 pm



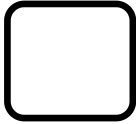
# GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

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1. How did you spend your Easter celebration this year? Any special highs or lows?
  
2. Do you agree or disagree with this statement from the “Next Steps” in our worship folder: “Jesus’ victory over sin and death influences my every day.” Are you content with your answer?
  
3. Read I Corinthians 15:51-57.
  - a. What does this section of scripture teach us about death?
  
  
  - b. What does this section of scripture teach us about faith?
  
4. What is the *great gift* that has been given to believers because of this incredible day in history?
  
5. Read Joshua 24 together. How did Joshua’s view of Christ’s victory inform his earthly life and role?
  
6. How did you respond to the final application question at the end of this week’s message: “Which statement best fits *you* and your walk of faith?”
  - a. “*I am about to go the way of all the earth?*” – Joshua
  
  
  - b. “*I am about to be gathered to my people.*” – Jacob
  
7. Was there an “A-ha” from this week’s message that might change your thoughts, words, or actions this week? If so, what? If not, how do you already see God’s gift of victory changing your life each day?



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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## DO YOU SEE IT? THE VICTORY IS OURS!

### I Corinthians 15:51-57

Is there a \_\_\_\_\_ for this place?



#### 1. Just Imagine the \_\_\_\_\_ That Is Coming!

A. What We Know Is the \_\_\_\_\_ of All the \_\_\_\_\_

B. What Faith Sees Is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

**Application** If you could pick your superpower, what would it be?

#### 2. Ponder the Great \_\_\_\_\_ That Has Been Given!

A. The Problem is \_\_\_\_\_

B. The Gift is "More \_\_\_\_\_"

**Application** Which statement best fits *you* and your walk of faith?

- a) "I am about to go the way of all the earth." -- Joshua
- b) "I am about to be gathered to my people." -- Jacob

### Next Steps

- **Agree/Disagree** – "Jesus' victory over sin and death influences my **every** day."  
\_ Are you content with your answer?
- **Read Joshua 24** – How did Joshua's view of Christ's victory inform **his** earthly life and role?
- **Read Acts 7:51-60** – Insights for **your** earthly journey from Stephen's experience?