

“You’re Sew Special!”

Mother ~ Daughter ~ Friend Banquet



Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Oconomowoc Golf Club



Adults: \$20.00

Children: \$10 (3-11 yrs)

Menu: Pork Tenderloin

Menu: Chicken Tenders

Twice-Baked Potato

Mac ‘n Cheese

California Blend Veggies

Fruit

Salad, Rolls & Dessert

Ice Cream

Coffee & Milk

Milk

Fellowship

6:00 pm

Dinner

7:00 pm

Entertainment to follow dinner!

Get your Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet tickets from the church office (262.567.5001) or one of our officers: Judy Braatz (262.567.7787), Mary Lou Pagenkopf (262.567.7905), Sue Lindemann (262.567.8985) or Sharon Peterson (262.490.8671) no later than *Tuesday, May 9th*.

Bring a bag of Hard Candy for



Preferred flavors:

Root Beer

Peppermint

Lemon

Ginger

St. Paul's Ballot for Nominations

This ballot is used to recommend individual(s) within the congregation for a leadership position.

The process consists of:

1. Fill out the ballot with the name of the individual you are recommending and for what position within the St Paul's organization. Individuals being recommended are expected to currently be involved in Worship, the Lord's Supper, and Bible Study.
2. Turn the ballot in by way of the offering plate or return the ballot to the church office **NO LATER THAN MAY 14**.
3. The ballots are turned into the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will review the recommendations for the best ministry opportunity based on skills sets of the individual and the needs of the respective boards. Upon approval from the committee for a position, the nominee will be contacted by a committee member to inform them if they have been chosen to be a candidate for a given office.
4. Nominees are asked to prayerfully consider the position. If they request additional information the Nominating Committee will supply the duties of that position or that Board.
5. A follow-up call is scheduled and the nominee is asked if they will accept the nomination.
6. The final slate of nominees will be printed (1) week prior the Voters' Meeting. No nominations will be accepted from the floor during the Voter's Meeting.

Nominee: _____ Position or Board: _____

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The Cry of Our Heart

by Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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The Resurrection of Our Lord--Easter Day
Jer 31:1-6; Ps 16; Col 3:1-4; Mt 28:1-10
16 April, A.D 2017

Introduction

CCT: Christ's resurrection is the cry of our _____.

I. Our Deep Hunger

What is the deep hunger that we all feel?

II. Reasons to Believe

1. A Reliable Text

A. The Isaiah Scroll

During the turmoil following World War II, Bedouin shepherds of the Ta'amireh tribe stepped from a cave near the northwest shore of the Dead Sea. They carried a number of ancient artifacts found in the cave. In a large jar was a leather scroll over 24 feet long. It was made from 17 sheepskins sewn together with linen thread. The shepherds journeyed to Bethlehem, where they sold their discovery to a cobbler called Kando. They did not realize that they had made the first find of the greatest archaeological discovery of the twentieth century: the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The great scroll discovered by the shepherds is known today as 1Q^{Isa}, meaning "Qumran cave 1, Isaiah scroll a." It is an almost complete copy of the Book of Isaiah, arranged in 54 columns, dating from the second century before Christ. Until this discovery, the oldest Hebrew manuscripts of Isaiah were copies made in Russia (the Masoretic texts) and dating to c. AD 1000.

As scholars began to compare the Qumran copy of Isaiah with the later copies, they expected to find significant

differences between them. After all, the manuscripts were scribed more than 11 centuries apart. The scholars had been taught by critics of the Bible that ancient books [were] developed over long periods of time through the efforts of many authors. They assumed that centuries of copying would have added considerable changes. Instead, the scholars discovered that the Isaiah scroll nearly matched the later Masoretic texts. The most numerous changes were variations in spelling, done to help the second-century BC readers correctly pronounce the words. For thousands of years, scribes had faithfully copied Isaiah's text, preserving for us the words of the prophet! (*The Lutheran Study Bible, p.1087*)

What does this suggest about the reliability of the Old Testament?

B. A Tax Collector Who Doesn't Keep Records?

What did Matthew do for a living?

What did this require?

It's _____ to think that Matthew didn't take notes.

What does all this suggest to us about the reliability of the New Testament?

2. A Witness too Bizarre to be False

Who do the Gospels record as the first witnesses of the resurrection?

Who's Mary Magdalene?

Luke 8:2 (ESV)

² and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,

How do the apostles corroborate the prejudice against female testimony?

Luke 24:10–11 (ESV)

¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

If you were a 1st century Jewish man writing a book to convince people that Jesus Christ is God, that He is raised from the dead, and you were willing to stake your life on it, would your publisher like this beginning? What does this suggest to us?

III. Summary

A. Reasons to Believe

1. Eternity in Our Hearts

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (ESV)

¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

2. A Reliable Text

3. Faithful Witnesses

Conclusion: His Word is True

If Jesus Christ is raised from the dead then His word is true:

1. He is _____

John 8:58 (ESV): ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

2. His sacrifice covers all sin (including _____)

1 John 2:2 (ESV): ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

3. Forgiveness set you _____

John 8:36 (ESV): ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

4. _____ condemnation

Romans 8:1–2 (ESV): ¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Philippians 3:10–11 (NIV84):

¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

POLICY-BASED GOVERNANCE MODEL 2017 Leadership Positions

POSITION		NAME
President		
Vice President #1		
Vice President #2		
Treasurer		
Education Committee, Director		
Operations Committee, Director		
Board of Elders	1	<i>Director</i>
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	
	6	
	7	
	8	
	9	

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

St. Paul's has many non-elected ministry opportunities available. Below are a few examples. Please contact the church office for more information.

EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Assist the Principal as needed in the planning and administration of the educational programs of the children from pre-Kindergarten through middle school age, to determine policies, to select personnel for the various agencies, to provide the necessary means and facilities for the agencies, and to direct and supervise those educational programs of the congregation.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Provide the proper maintenance and repair of church property, and the general protection of the congregation against loss or damage of whatever nature.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Provide support, advice and guidance to the Church Leadership Team and staff as it relates to church related financial matters and maintain a sound internal control system that assures that the funds collected and disbursed receive proper handling and are accounted for in accordance with the Church's wishes.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Initiate programs for the development of good stewardship attitudes in the members of the Congregation in regard to time, talent and treasures, to provide training and utilization of members in the Congregation for work of Christ's kingdom, and to ensure the financial stability of the Congregation and its works through a developed program of dedicated, proportionate, first-fruit giving.

YOUTH GROUP

Involve the young people of the Congregation in the work of Christ, provide for their spiritual growth and nurture, and to promote a genuine Christian fellowship for the young people of the Congregation.

CHURCH OFFICE

In St. Paul's church office, there are many chances for helping. The office staff will identify the types of activities, which match your skills and interests. Our goal is to match your skills to the right tasks.