

Not all Rainbows and Unicorns

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Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost
8 September, A.D. 2019
Deut 30:15-20; Phil 1:21; Lk 14:25-35

Our Gospel lesson for today appears to be a contradiction by Jesus and His teachings.

Why?

John 13:35, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

When you break down our Gospel lesson, Jesus states three marks of a disciple.

They are:

1)

2)

3)

What is Jesus really saying in number one?

What is Jesus really saying in number two?

What is Jesus really saying in number three?

Why does Jesus teach that it is impossible to live a perfect life?

What should we do when we fall short?

What can be better than having a drink with friends, eating yummy food, and talking about things that are truly important?



Reformation Tap Society

Craft Beer

Friendly Conversation

Serious Theology

Each month we'll gather from 5:00–5:30 pm to hear the brewmaster tell us about a new beer, and then we'll sample it (or just hear about it if you're not a beer fan ☺)! At 5:30 our presenters, with beer in hand and jolly in mood, will take the mic and give a conversational talk on a serious theological subject. Presenters will talk and take questions until about 6:15, and then we'll eat and chat amongst ourselves, concluding at 7:00 pm.

Third Sundays 5:00–7:00 pm

BrewFinity Brewery

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September 15

"Sayings I Wish Jesus Never Said"

Presenter: Dan Torkelson



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BABYSITTING AVAILABLE

WHERE: St. Paul's Lutheran School

TIME: 4:30–7:30 pm

COST: Free will offering

Funds will go towards the 2020 South Dakota trip

Please call Heather Scheuer at
262-563-8174
and let her know if you are coming.

Dinner will be provided.

New Sunday School Class Planned for St. Paul's 6th-8th graders!

Join us this year on Sunday mornings 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Youth Room off of the Fellowship Hall for a special study on what it means to be a Christian in today's world.

This study is designed to help students understand the tenets of the Christian worldview. It compares Christianity with other prominent worldviews.

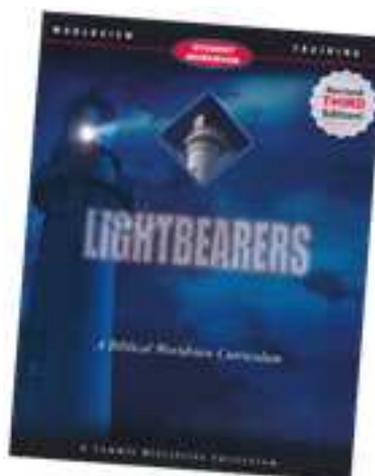
Students will learn why Christianity offers the best answers to questions about God, right and wrong, creation, what it means to be human, and much more.

Have you ever put together a 1,000 piece puzzle? At first all the pieces spread out on the table look like a mass of confusion. So you begin looking for the straight-edge ones that go around the edge to frame the picture. Then you slowly try to fill in the rest of the puzzle. But what guides you? It's the picture on the box top. Without that picture it would be almost impossible to make any sense out of all of the individual pieces.

Your life can be like a puzzle without the box top. This Lightbearers curriculum is designed to help us see the big picture. *Who am I? What's right and wrong and who decides? What happens when I die?* What you rely on to answer these and other questions are the ideas that give your life direction – the big picture – what we call “worldview”, a way of understanding and making sense of your world.

We will examine how the Bible provides answers to all of life's most important questions. And, we will talk about how to apply all that we have learned in our everyday lives.

If you have any questions, please contact Carrie O'Donnell at 262-443-2486 or sixodonnells@hotmail.com.



Starts this Sunday, September 8!



Gals Institute & Gals On The Go Project

Bringing Resiliency Building Programs To St. Paul's

School is back in session. This means a new year, new experiences and a rapidly growing brain which can sometimes cause stress and anxiety in kids. Today's children are struggling with rising levels of anxiety due to the pressures of increased focus on academics and social media exposure in the fast paced world we live in. We are happy to partner with St. Paul's to assist in the emotional and social well-being of the school and church community.

Join us for a Parent Education Presentation:

The Hidden Signs and Symptoms of Anxiety in Children & Teens

What it looks like, and why it's often mistaken for something else.

St. Paul's Lutheran School

Monday, September 9th @ 7 pm



Deanna Marincic MSW LCSW

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Deanna is a Licensed Clinical Psychotherapist who has been working in the mental health field treating individuals, families and adolescents for over 20 years in all levels of care. She has worked extensively with teenage and adult clients with addictions, Anxiety Disorders, mood disorders, family and couples therapy, co-parenting and behavioral management skill building. She has also worked with individuals experiencing grief, loss and terminal illness. She is trained in EMDR therapy, a specialized treatment modality used to treat trauma.