



## LYA 2022 Sectionals

### **Life's Big Questions God's Big Answers**

Youth often times have many questions about life and faith. While teaching catechism class often I need to decide between moving forward with the lesson plan or pausing to answer the question at hand. In this sectional we look to God's Word for answers to questions that you and others may have concerning your life and faith.

*Pastor Bernt Tweit serves at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Madison, WI.*

### **Love the Way You Look!**

How we feel about ourselves affects every aspect of our lives. Much of our world is designed to drive down our self-esteem and make us feel inferior. But what does God say? How does God want you to view yourself? As we gather around God's Word, we can learn to truly love the way we look.

*Pastor James Kassera, pastor of Divine Mercy Lutheran, Weatherford, TX.*

### **Greater Things**

What if I never do anything that really matters? What if I never accomplish anything significant? Let's come together to talk about the meaning of your life and how you get to be a part of Greater Things.

*Pastor Nate Abrahamson is an associate pastor at Abiding Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove & Fort Atkinson, WI.*

### **Follow Your Heart and Be True to Yourself**

We hear so often from the people around us and from celebrities that we all need to "follow our hearts", or we should "find ourselves", or that we should be "true to ourselves." This sectional explores these and other common philosophical sound bites. So, go ahead and "find yourself" signing up for this sectional.

*Professor Pete Bloedel is professor of theatre and chair of the theatre department at Bethany Lutheran College.*

## **Battle Strategies of the Bible**

Our look at the battle strategies of the Bible begins with the Amalekite attack on the Israelites in Exodus 17 and stretches all the way to the destruction of Sennacherib in 2 Kings & 2 Chronicles. Learn about how God saved the people of Israel through keen tactics, critical warriors, and incredible miracles.

*Professor Ben Faugstad teaches instrumental music at Bethany Lutheran College and serves on the Board for Youth Outreach.*

## **Suicide - A False Solution to Serious Problems**

After accidents, suicide is the second leading cause of death among U.S. teens. Overwhelmed with problems, many young people turn to suicide for the solution. What does the Bible have to say about suicide and what help can God provide?

*Pastor Matt Moldstad is a pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in North Mankato.*

## **The Art of Dying Well**

“Everyone should prepare in time and get ready for death” wrote Martin Luther to those concerned about the black plague in his day.

Much of our Lord’s teaching and the teaching of Scripture is about learning to die well, which leads to a life lived well, now and for all eternity. Join us for a study utilizing *Ars Moriendi* (‘art of dying’) literature from the Reformation era. You will learn what it means to die well, and as a result, what it means to live well.

*Pastor Jeff Hendrix is pastor at Faith Lutheran Church, Oregon, WI.*

## **Christian Myth-busting**

“CHRISTIANS DON’T JUDGE OTHERS”: It’s become like the unofficial 11<sup>th</sup> commandment lurking within Christian circles. Perhaps we’ve been scolded by someone with these words. It’s rather likely that we’ve thought it or stated it to others too. Sign up for this study and we’ll put the “11<sup>th</sup> commandment” under the microscope of God’s Word and see if it booms or busts.

*Pastor Kyle Madson serves at the Norseland & Norwegian Grove Lutheran Churches.*

## **Many Ethnicities in Zion, But One People**

“God calls many people into Zion! Yet tensions between ethnicities have existed since the fall. Is one better than the other? Do you have “white” guilt? Are you afraid of other cultures? Fear not! Join us as we discuss God’s unifying message of salvation.”

*Pastor Dan Ruiz serves at Faith Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas.*