

Sunday, March 5

"Memorial Services and Burials" - Pastor Clara Thompson and Judy Von Bergen

Death is certain for all of us. Planning ahead and making decisions about memorial arrangements can be a comfort for individuals as well as their families in times of grief. Join Pastor Clara Thompson and Melissa Hinz as we offer information about Memorial Service planning. Judy Von Bergen will also share about her family's experience with natural burial as we hold a discussion about burial options and alternatives.

Sunday, March 12

"The Atonement" (Week 1) - Doug Poland

The beginning of Lent offers the perfect time to study and reflect on the meaning of Jesus' life and death. This latter topic — the meaning and purpose of Jesus' death — is a particularly poignant one for Christians to contemplate as we embark on the path to Good Friday. Questions about Jesus' death are important for Christians to ask and to discuss: Why did God allow Jesus to die? Did Jesus have to die? What does Jesus' death signify? Why is his death important, and what does it mean for us today? This class (3 parts) will examine specific examples of atonement theory that pervade our religious and popular music and literature, explore the main historical theological bases for atonement theories, consider contemporary Christian criticisms of classic atonement theories, and allow time for discussion.

Sunday, March 19

"The Atonement" (Week 2) - Doug Poland

Sunday, March 26

"The Atonement" (Week 3) - Doug Poland

Sunday, April 2

"Good Grief?!" - Pastor Clara

Everyone grieves, each in their own way. What are some commonalities? What is "normal?" Am I okay? Pastor Clara Thompson will lead this class. Come to learn or come to share ... whatever you need!

All classes meet Sundays at 10:00am in Bradfield Hall and on Zoom at us02web.zoom.us/j/89540028471. Visit covenantmadison.org/adult for more information about Adult Education at Covenant.

Let's Talk About Death

As part of our "We Belong to God" Lenten series, we're hosting three conversations about life and death issues, facilitated by our pastoral staff. Take some time to reflect on the challenging reality of death, and share stories with each other. Come join us for any of them to share your story or just listen.

- **Sunday, March 19, 12:15-1:30pm - Clara Thompson @ Covenant**
Snacks provided, but bring a lunch if you like!
- **Thursday, March 23, 9:00-10:00am - Charlie Berthoud @ Crescendo Espresso Bar (Hilldale)**
- **Thursday, March 30, 7:00-8:00pm - Melissa Hinz via Zoom**
Contact church office or Melissa Hinz for the link.

