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[Dr. John Brug | Theological Publications & Research](#)

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BOOKS BY JOHN BRUG

The following is a partial catalog of books and booklets by John Brug. It is divided into two main parts: works published by Northwestern Publishing House and works available from Lulu and other outlets. The following vita is based on the NPH blurb.



Professor John F. Brug has a Ph.D. in ancient Semitic languages and archaeology from the Center for Ancient Studies of the University of Minnesota. Brug participated in excavations at Tel Michal, Tel Gerisa, and Tel Jaffa in Israel.

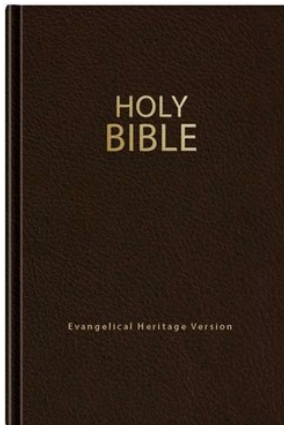
Brug taught New Testament, Old Testament, Psalms, and Christian Doctrine at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for more than thirty years. He also taught short-term at six other seminaries around the world and served as a professor at Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, from 1978 to 1983. He retired from full-time teaching in 2015.

In addition to his academic contributions, Brug served as a parish pastor from 1971 to 1978, organizing three mission congregations in western Pennsylvania.

More recently, Brug served as the General Editor and Old Testament Editor of the Evangelical Heritage Version of the Bible for the Wartburg Project. He also served as the editor of Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly for more than twenty years. Brug lives in Sturtevant, Wisconsin, with his wife Irene.

Published by Northwestern Publishing House

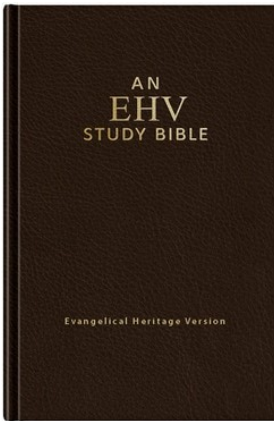
The information is adapted from the NPH catalog. Prices are list prices as of November 2025. If you are using this list somewhere down the road, expect prices to change. Some books may become out of print or available only as used books.



Holy Bible Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

The Holy Bible: Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV) proclaims the gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Translated faithfully from the original Greek and Hebrew, the expressions, imagery, and style of the original texts are present, giving readers an enduring picture of God's awesome love. For more information see the website wartburgproject.org. John Brug served as the general editor and translated several Old Testament books.

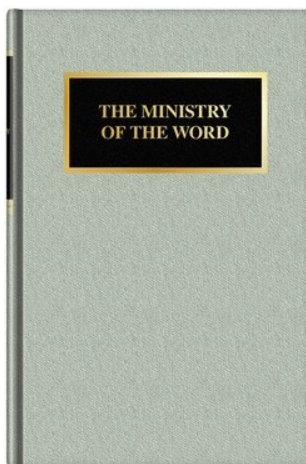
\$26.99 2019



An EHV Study Bible

An EHV Study Bible features the *Evangelical Heritage Version* (EHV) text with helpful commentary. The Study Bible notes offer historical, cultural, and original language insights that will help you better understand and appreciate the words of Scripture. Brug was the editor of the Study Bible and the primary author of the Old Testament notes. The Study Bible is available in a print version from NPH and in an electronic version from the **Microsoft Store**.

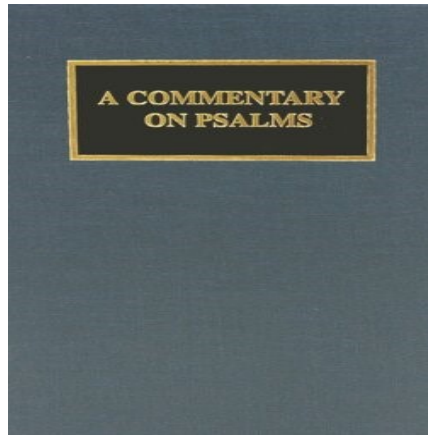
Print: \$68.99 & Microsoft: \$20.00 2021



The Ministry of the Word

Professor Brug's *The Ministry of the Word* is a professional book on the doctrine of the ministry with use of the Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and German terms. The first half is a thorough study of what the Bible teaches about the concept and term "ministry", the priesthood of believers, the divine institution of the public ministry, forms of public ministry, the office of pastor, the ministry of the apostles, the call into the public ministry, ordination, women and ministry, and the purpose of ministry

The second half focuses on how the ministry has been practiced in various historical forms: Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Enthusiasts, Presbyterians, and Congregationalists. This section also contains a lengthy discussion of the ministry debates between WELS and the LCMS. This book represents the most thorough modern treatment of the doctrine of the ministry written from a confessional Lutheran perspective. \$55.99 2009

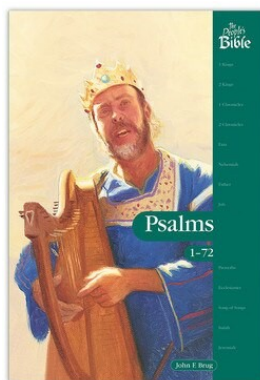


A Commentary on Psalms Vols. 1 & 2, Ps 1-72 & Ps 73-150

Pastors, teachers, and all serious students of the Bible will find this commentary invaluable for developing their understanding of the Psalms and for improving their ability to expound it with precision and depth. This commentary addresses the three primary challenges to understanding the Psalms: Every major textual difficulty is addressed, helping the expositor understand the interpretive issues and make decisions when there are multiple available readings. The Psalms are full of

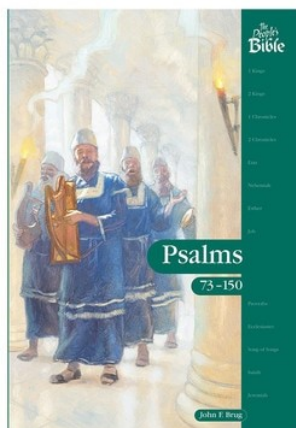
poetic imagery, devices, and structures. A lengthy introduction to Volume 1 deals with all poetic and musical aspects of the psalms. The commentary contains the Hebrew text and the author's translation of it. This commentary illuminates the special grammar and syntax of the Hebrew of Psalms in a way that is helpful both to readers who are familiar with Hebrew and those who are not.

Northwestern Publishing House: Print Publication Date: 2005. Pages: 1191. \$79.99
Logos Digital Release Date: 2021. Often sold as part of a package.



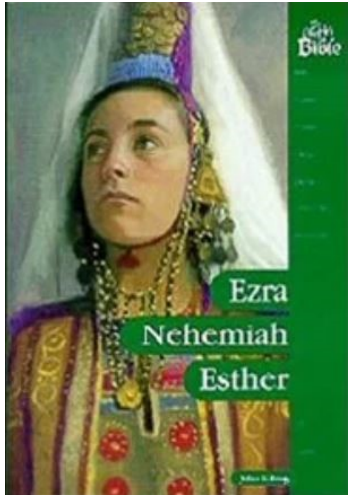
Psalms 1-72 The People's Bible

This volume provides commentary on the first half of the book of Psalms. King David, a gifted poet and musician, composed many of these psalms to express his faith in the Lord. They have been treasured by believers throughout the centuries for their depth of faith and beauty. The People's Bible series is a Bible commentary for everyone. Two important truths guide all the commentaries: First, the Bible is God's inspired Word and is therefore true and reliable. Second, the central message of the entire Bible is Jesus Christ. 1989 to 2004 various printings & covers \$23.49



Psalms 73-150 The People's Bible

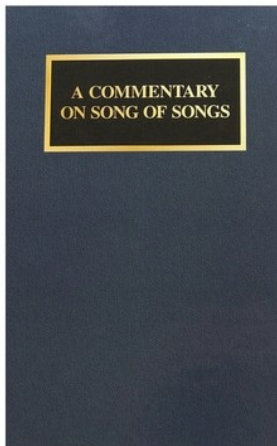
This volume continues commentary covering the second half of the book. These psalms are the works of various authors, including David, Moses, Asaph, and the sons of Korah. Some well-known psalm collections in this volume include the Passover Hallel (113–118), the Songs of Ascents (120–134), and the Hallelujah Psalms (146–150). 1989 to 2004 \$23.49



EZRA NEHEMIAH ESTHER **The People's Bible**

After 70 years of captivity in Babylon, God's people returned to Palestine in about 537 BC to rebuild the temple. Later, Ezra and Nehemiah relate the struggles of God's people as they returned and restored the physical and spiritual walls of Jerusalem. The book of Esther tells of a beautiful Jewish woman who became queen of Persia and then risked her life to save her people.

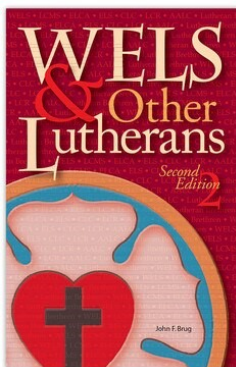
\$22.49. 1985 first edition. The People's Bible has been reprinted many times with different covers. and it is available in digital versions.



Commentary on Song of Songs

Professor Brug's Commentary on Song of Songs is a concise but complete commentary based on the Hebrew text of Song of Songs. It focuses on both a literal and spiritual interpretation while emphasizing the points of interpretation that are important to a pastor teaching a class on this book. The entire Hebrew text of the song is included along with the author's own translation.

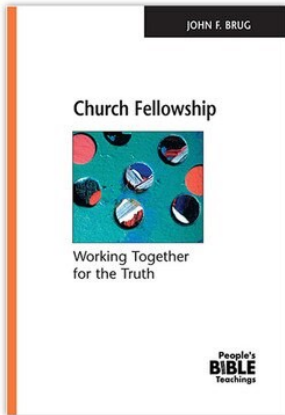
1995 \$43.99



WELS & Other Lutherans **Second Edition**

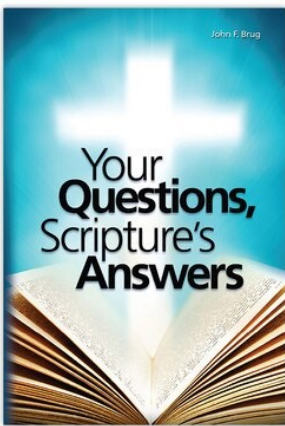
Published in 2009, this second edition of *WELS & Other Lutherans* is a balanced and introspective examination the various groups in American Lutheranism. (Now we could use a third edition to update the information)

\$24.49



Church Fellowship Working Together for the Truth

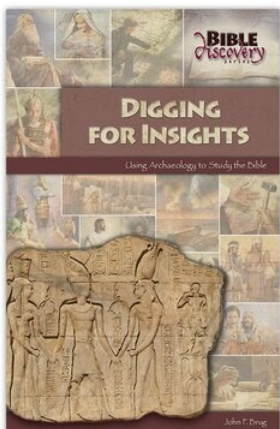
Through the lens of Scripture, the book *Church Fellowship* from the *People's Bible Teachings* series aims to bring understanding to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) doctrine and practice of closed communion and other aspects of church fellowship. The book reviews the historic Lutheran debate of the issue for new generations and teaches us to show love to others as we give a clear testimony to the truth. \$21.46 1996



Your Questions, Scripture's Answers

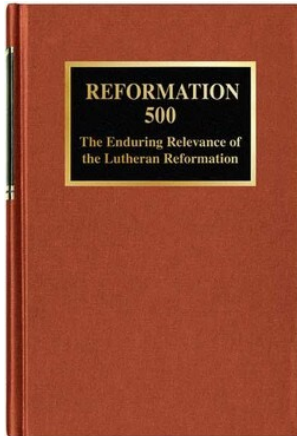
Your Questions, Scripture's Answer takes real questions from real people and provides real answers from God's Holy Word. The author reviews hundreds of questions that were submitted over the years to the Q&A on the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) website and a similar column in *Forward in Christ* magazine. He focuses on what the Bible teaches and how to apply scriptural principles to our lives.

\$25.49. Used books are often available on line \$8.99. 2013.



Digging For Insights Using Archaeology to Study the Bible

In *Digging for Insights*, discover what archaeological methods and findings can teach us about the Bible. Through the fascinating physical remains of ancient cultures, archaeology gives us a great detail about life in biblical times. However, we also learn that a critical eye is necessary in considering science's claims, interpretations, and speculations. In this volume you will find a wealth of insights to help you visualize Bible references that are otherwise hidden. \$24.49 2010



Reformation 500

The Enduring Relevance of the Lutheran Reformation

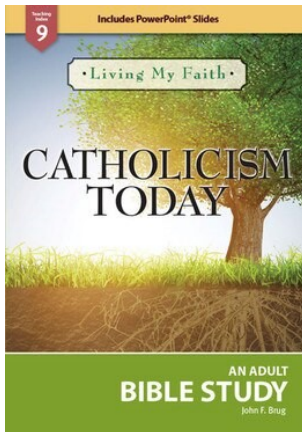
This collection of essays was prepared for the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. John Brug was the author of the essay *Luther and Fellowship: The Courage to Break and the Courage to Be Patient*. The essay is available as a download below. Together the essays highlight ways in which the Lutheran Reformation is relevant today . \$45.99 2017

Download of the file Luther and Fellowship.

BIBLE CLASSES

John Brug is the author of many Bible classes first printed by NPH as small student booklets with accompanying teacher's study guides. Besides those classes listed below, the full list includes classes on Galatians and Revelation. It appears that NPH no longer publishes some of these classes in the booklet format, but only electronically.

The following therefore are not books but are digital downloads for teaching NPH Bible Classes. They are based on the like-named booklets or are free-standing. The downloads provide teachers with everything they needs to provide the course materials to the class. Format of the download may vary. See the first entry for an example of the type of material included in a download.

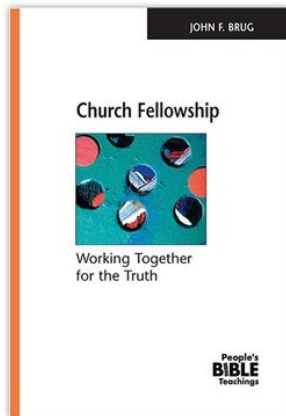


Catholicism Today Download

This revised edition Bible study looks at the teachings and practices of modern Roman Catholicism and compares them with what the Bible says. Throughout the course, participants are asked to read certain sections of Scripture and evaluate the Catholic Church's position on the basis of the readings. New features in this edition include updated statistics and current information about the Roman Catholic Church, including quotations from and explanations recent official Vatican documents. Nine lessons: Introduction, The Papacy, Scripture and Tradition, Justification, The Sacraments, Mary, the Saints and Purgatory. Renewal of Worship and the Parish, Marriage and Sexual Law, and Reaching Out to Catholics. Each of the nine lessons can easily be adapted into more than one class period if instructors want a longer course that allows for more discussion. This course is part of the NPH Living My Faith series of Bible studies that helps participants apply the truths of the Bible to their Christian lives. All components needed to organize and instruct this Bible study is included; PDF and RTF files of both the student lessons and the leader's guide, complete with student answers, PowerPoint slides that accompany each lesson and closing prayers.

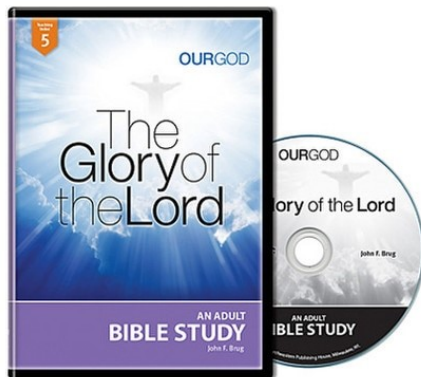
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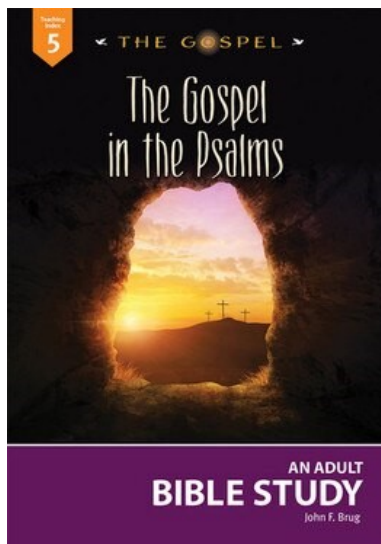
Church Fellowship Download Working Together for the Truth

Church Fellowship is a thorough Bible study of Scripture's teachings on church fellowship. It is ideal for congregational Bible studies, as well as on circuit and conference levels. This study closely follows the People's Bible Teachings book *Church Fellowship* by John F. Brug. Ten lessons cover the application of the principles and the historic debate about the principles. \$53.99 1996



The Glory of the Lord Download

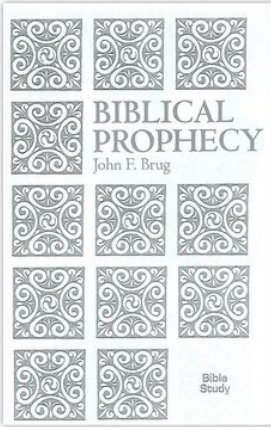
God's glory shone in the Garden of Eden to Adam and Eve, whom he created perfect and holy in his own image. But Adam and Eve sinned. From that point on, all people sin and "fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23.) This course focuses on the appearances of the Glory of the LORD in the Old Testament. \$53.99



The Gospel in the Psalms Download

God's Old Testament believers used the psalms to pray to him. They asked for many things, but mainly that God would bless His people through the King, Jesus Christ. Since their prayers centered on the Savior, we can expect to find a clear understanding of the gospel of forgiveness on Psalms. This Bible study leads us on a journey through the psalms and helps us see Christ and the gospel there. This study has seven lessons:

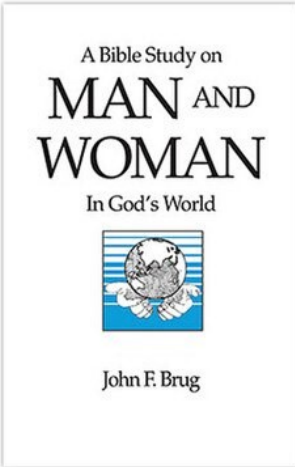
This Bible study contains PDF and RTF files of the student lessons and a PDF file of the leader's guide, which covers all the lessons. \$53.99 1999



Biblical Prophecy – Study Guide Download

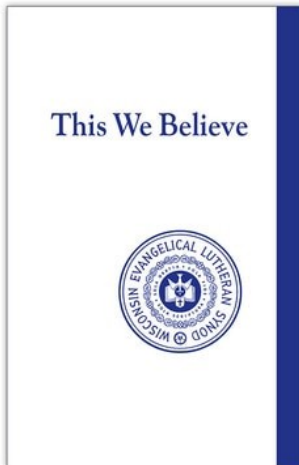
This Bible study draws a clear scriptural line, pointing to the reality of prophecy while avoiding fanciful interpretations. It covers the following topics: Principles of prophecy; Prophecy fulfilled before Christ's birth; Prophecy already fulfilled by Christ; Prophecy being fulfilled today; and Prophecy to be fulfilled at the End.

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A Bible Study on Man and Woman in God's World – Leader's Guide Download

This leader's guide corresponds to the booklet, *A Bible Study on Man and Woman in God's World*. Although the distinct roles which Scripture assigns to us as men and women affect every area of our lives, there are many other principles which govern every area of our lives. As we study this topic, we want to study it, not in isolation, but in relationship to all the other duties and guidelines God gives us. 1985 1987 1991 \$8.29



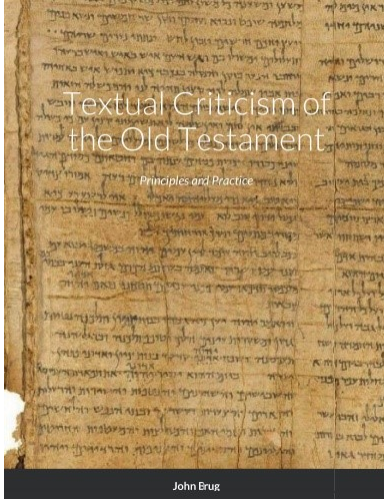
This We Believe

This We Believe was first published in 1967. In consultation with the Conference of Presidents, the Commission on Inter-Church Relations completed the present revision in 1999. John Brug was one of the revisors. This second revision seeks to simplify the language and to add some important points of doctrine not addressed in the first two editions. The current document does not claim to be a full treatment of all the Bible's teachings. *This We Believe* was designed as a basis for doctrinal discussions with other church bodies and informed individuals.

1999 Northwestern Publishing House, Milwaukee WI. \$4.29

Works of John Brug Published by Lulu

Also available from other sellers in various formats. EB=Ebooks.
PB=paperback. HC=hard cover.



Textual Criticism of the Old Testament

Lulu PDF \$5.99 PB \$21.95 HC \$48.89 2019 & 2022

This textbook provides detailed information about the principles and practice of Old Testament textual criticism. It provides many examples of every type of textual variant. It provides a history of textual criticism from the perspective of a high view of the inspiration of Scripture. It also treats the pioneering role of Martin Luther. It requires use of various Greek and Hebrew scripts.

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Fascinating Facts, Puzzling Problems, and Matters of Taste

Controversies About the Bible

John Brug

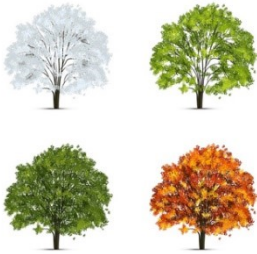


FASCINATING FACTS, PUZZLING PROBLEMS, AND MATTERS OF TASTE

Lulu PB \$30.08. Ebooks \$5.17. 2022 2023

The Bible was not written primarily to entertain its readers or to provide interesting facts about history, geography, or daily life in ancient times, though it does all of the above. A big problem is that we are so far removed from the daily lifestyles of the people in the Bible. This creates the plausibility of our title, "Fascinating Facts, Puzzling Problems, and Matters of Taste: Controversies about the Bible." It will answer questions like "How tall was Goliath?" and "Did David have red hair?" How reliable are the ancient measurements in the Bible? How accurate is the dating

of biblical events? This book addresses these and many similar questions frequently asked by readers of the Bible. You can find more on the website wartburgproject.com.



In Season and Out of Season: Sermons for all Seasons.

Lulu Ebook pdf \$4.32 PB \$32.78 HC \$49.48

This book is a collection of sermons selected from 54 years of preaching. It focuses on sermons for special occasions: for the festivals of the church year, for church anniversaries, and for similar special events. Some of these sermons are available in the download section

below.



Christ, Cross, and You.

Lulu Ebooks \$1.50 PB \$5.75. 2012 2017

Christ, the Cross, and
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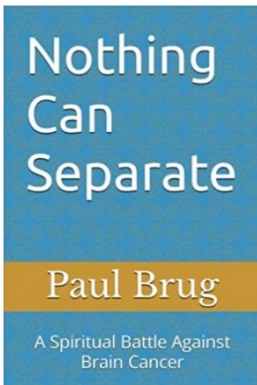
This book is a presentation of the most basic principles of the Bible, sin, and forgiveness through the cross of Christ. How does the cross of Christ provide peace and comfort and meaning to life? It is intended especially for outreach to people unfamiliar with theological vocabulary. Available in various editions and covers, and as a free download below.



The attached file allows you to make outreach copies for free distribution



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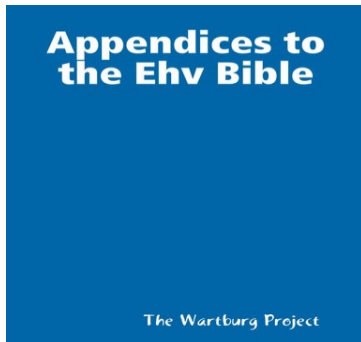
Nothing Can Separate

Lulu Ebook \$5.00. PB \$9.99 Amazon

This book is about a medical and spiritual battle against glioblastoma, a particularly vicious form of brain cancer. Often such books are written from the perspective of a long-term survivor to give patients hope. But long-term survival is not the usual outcome of a battle against this disease. This book began as a blog named *Nothing Can Separate*.

Through that blog Paul Brug shared his battle with many people, and they strengthened and helped him and his family in the battle. In this book Paul expresses his hopes and fears, his joys and sorrows, but most of all his faith. Though Paul did not win the medical battle, by God's grace, he won the spiritual battle. We hope this book will give strength and encouragement to others who are facing the same battle.

Booklets Concerning the EHV



Appendices to the EHV Study Bible

Ebook \$1.99 2019.

For those who have only the regular print addition of the EHV. Here is an opportunity to download the appendices that occur only in the study Bible. Topics include textual criticism, chronology, geography, weights and measure, the Herods, and surrounding nations.

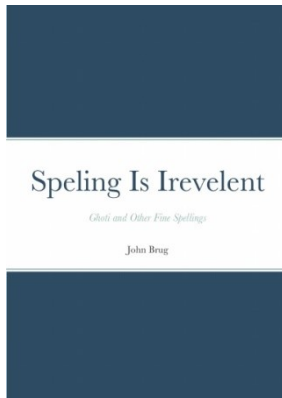
***Biblical Grammar:
Mechanics or Meaning?***

Biblical Grammar: Mechanics or Meaning?

Lulu Ebooks \$1.99 & \$2.99. 2019



This booklet discusses the impact of current "grammar wars" on English Bible translation. How do translators balance the tug of war between formal and conversational grammar and descriptive and prescriptive grammar?



Speling is Irevelent

Lulu Ebook \$6.55 & \$5.17 PB \$15.47 2022

This book is a light-hearted (yet serious) study of the mess that is English spelling and its effect on Bible translation. It reviews the history of English spelling and the failed attempts to fix it. It also deals with the problem of getting foreign words into English. It surveys the work of Samuel Johnson and Noah Webster and the tremendous effect that computer searches have had on the study of spelling and grammar.

Secular Books

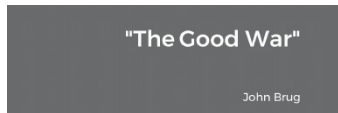


Love Letters Straight From the Heart

Lulu Ebooks \$5.17 and \$6.66 PB \$18.66
HC List \$31.33. 2022



This memoir is based on four years of love letters by a young couple, Jake and Jean, during World War II. It provides insights not only about the experiences of Marines during the war but insight into life for their fiancées and wives on the home front. It also deals with political, economic, and morale conditions during the war. Jake's deployments were the best and worst: The Bahamas and Okinawa.

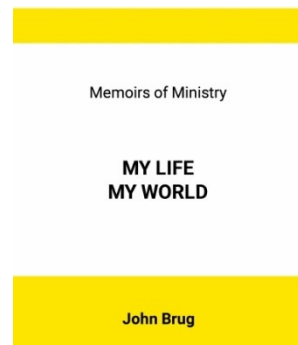


The Good War

Lulu PB \$5.07 Ebooks \$2.19 & \$2.58



This essay is a chapter from *Love Letters Straight From the Heart*, a World War II memoir, which is available in e-book, paperback, and hard cover editions. It explores the question, "Can World War II really be called "the Good War?" It also explores "Who were the real winners of the war?" Just war is a necessary evil, but war should not be celebrated.



My Life My World: Memoirs of Ministry

Lulu PB \$6.48 2024

This is a three-part memoir of John Brug's life and ministry: 1) his life, 2) his son Paul's life, 3) lessons from his ministry. It was intended primarily for his family. Available as a free download from downloads below.

Articles by John Brug on WLS Essay File (plus additions) Sorted by topic.

This is a list of John Brug's articles on the WLS essay file. The first edition of the list followed the order in which the entries appear in the WLS file. If you search for that list on the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS) essay file, you will get an interactive file and a complete abstract of the articles. The abstracts in this list are truncated. You can access the files themselves from that online list. Below, the files are tagged by class.

Some articles are tagged with more than one category, and a few are posted in more than one category. Different dates may appear for some articles since they were presented in different places on different occasions.

This edition of the list has rearranged the entries into topical categories. In the third edition of the list other works which are not on the WLS essay file will be added to the end of the categories. They are temporarily marked in purple.

Categories:

- CM Church and Ministry One of the main collections.
Served as the basis for Brug's book on Ministry.
- FL Fellowship. Another big category. See also Brug's book of fellowship.
- DC Essays on other doctrines besides CM and FL
- DB Doctrinal Briefs. Short articles on a specific doctrine.
- MW Man and Woman
- EB Exegetical Briefs . Short articles on Bible passages.
- EX Longer exegetical articles.
- PT Pastoral Theology.
 - Advice for pastors.
 - Pastoral disciplines such as evangelism, stewardship, etc.
 - Issues of practical Christian living.
- HO Homiletics. Sermons.
- CH Church history and Luther.
- RC The Roman Catholic Church.
- ELCA The ELCA.
- RL Other Religions and denominations.
- BT Bible Translation esp EHV
- AR Archaeology and Ancient History.
- RV reviews of works of others and bibliographies.

The Articles

CM Church and Ministry, articles served as the basis for Brug's book on Church and Ministry

The Doctrine of Church and Ministry in the First One Hundred Volumes of the Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly CM 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

John Brug's essay surveys a century of doctrinal discussion on church and ministry within the Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly, highlighting its centrality to WELS theology. He traces two major periods of debate: the early ...

Current Debate Concerning the Doctrine of the Ministry CM 1

Brug, John F. (1993)

This article serves as an introduction to a series of exegetical articles of the chief passages of Scripture which deal with "ministry." What are the main problem areas and disputed issues? What is the status of....

The Ministry: By Christ through the Church - Current Discussion concerning the Doctrine of the Ministry CM 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

The doctrine of the ministry is a hot topic within the Lutheran Church, but Brug offers some insight into the issue. He examines the proper use of the terms "minister" and "ministry." He answers the question whether the ...

The Biblical Doctrine of the Church CM 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

In this comprehensive essay, Professor John Brug presents the biblical doctrine of the Church, distinguishing between the invisible Church—all true believers in Christ—and visible churches, which are organized congregations. ...

The Priesthood of all Believers and the Ministry CM 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

John F. Brug explores the biblical doctrine of the priesthood of all believers, distinguishing it from the public ministry of the church. Rooted in 1 Peter 2 and other Scripture, this priesthood is granted to all Christians ..

Ordination and Installation in the Scriptures CM 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

Professor Brug goes through the many instances in the Old and New Testaments which resemble modern day ordinations (e.g. Levites, apostles, etc.) with special emphasis on the verbs of those sections. He then explores the ..

Doctrinal Brief: "Forms of Ministry" CM 1 DB

Brug, John F. (2000)

John Brug's doctrinal brief "Forms of Ministry" clarifies the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod's (WELS) use of the term "forms of ministry," emphasizing both the unity and diversity within the public ministry of the ...

The Scriptural Use of the Terms 'Ministry' and 'Minister' as a Guide for our Use of the Terms CM 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

John F. Brug's essay explores the biblical usage of the terms "minister" and "ministry," focusing on the Greek words *diakoneo*, *diakonia*, and *diakonos*, and their varied translations in English, Finnish, and Swedish Bibles. ...

The Meaning of *Predigtamt* in Augsburg Confession V CM 1

Brug, John F. (2006)

In his examination of the historical use of the terms *Predigtamt* and *Amt* (and the Latin terms associated with them) in the Augsburg Confession, Prof. Brug determines that the *Predigtamt* is not the office of the pastoral ...

The Pastor as the Representative of Christ CM 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

This essay explores the biblical and confessional foundations of the pastoral office, emphasizing that pastors serve as representatives of Christ by proclaiming the gospel and administering the sacraments. Brug distinguishes ...

The Ministry of the Apostles and Our Ministry CM 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

John F. Brug examines the origin and nature of the New Testament ministry, focusing on whether the public ministry derives from Christ through the apostles or through the church. He argues that while the apostles held a ...

Addressing Some Misconceptions about the Wisconsin and Missouri Synod Positions on Church and Ministry CM 1

Brug, John F. (1993)

Professor Brug takes an objective look at the approaches and caricatures of doctrine that have appeared concerning church and ministry in Lutheran synods. After defining "minister" and "ministry" from both a wide and narrow ...

Issues of CM within the LCMS

Recovering Walther CM1

Brug, John F. (2009)

John Brug introduces volume 106 of the Quarterly with this essay, in which he reminds us of the standards we must keep when we refocus on the teachings of our church fathers, most especially that we do not allow...

Review Article: *The Church and the Office of the Ministry* CM 1

Brug, John F. (2013)

This review of a study edition of Walther's "The Church and the Office of the Ministry," is the fourth time the book has been reviewed in the Quarterly. This is to be expected given the various editions throughout the ...

The Other Four: The German-Born Presidents Who Succeeded Walther CM1 CH1

Brug, John F. (2011)

John F. Brug profiles the four German-born presidents of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod who succeeded C. F. W. Walther: Friedrich Wyneken, Heinrich Schwan, Franz Pieper, and Friedrich Pfotenhauer. Each leader is examined ...

Grabau Rehabilitated CM1 CH

Brug, John F. (1997)

In this brief article Professor Brug looks at a contemporary revival of Grabau's stance on Church and Ministry within the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

A Strange Story (2006)

Controversy about the first edition of the CPH *Concordia* served as an indication of disagreement in the LCMS about the understanding of Augsburg Confession V.

Ministry Bibliography

The bibliography from the book *The Ministry of the Word*

FL Fellowship. See also J. Brug's book of fellowship in the book list.

"Working Together for the Truth" -- The Biblical Concept of Fellowship FL 1

Brug, John F. (1985)

John F. Brug's essay explores the biblical doctrine of church fellowship, emphasizing its positive nature as "working together for the truth." He outlines the "unit concept" of fellowship, which requires agreement in all ...

Applications of the Principles of Church Fellowship FL 1

Brug, John F. (1994)

In this 1994 essay, John F. Brug explores the practical application of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod's (WELS) doctrine of church fellowship. Building on the "unit concept" of fellowship—requiring full doctrinal ...

Selections from the Fathers on Fellowship FL 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

This compilation of quotations from the early church fathers gives examples and applications of fellowship principles in the early church. Here we see examples of fellowship understanding, evangelical practice, severity ...

This Blessed Fellowship FL 1

Brug, John F. (1999)

John F. Brug's essay explores the biblical foundations, blessings, and responsibilities of Christian fellowship. He emphasizes that true fellowship begins with faith in Christ and unites all believers into one spiritual ...

Love the Brotherhood of Believers: Preserving and Extending the Unity of the Church FL 1
Brug, John F. (1997)

John F. Brug explores the biblical foundations and practical expressions of Christian fellowship, emphasizing its basis in shared faith in Christ and unity in doctrine. He affirms that true fellowship is “working together ...

Foreword to Volume 108: Where There is No Love, Doctrine Cannot Remain Pure FL 1
Brug, John F. (2011)

John F. Brug reflects on the inseparable relationship between doctrine and love in the church, emphasizing that truth cannot survive where love is absent. Drawing from Luther and C. F. W. Walther, Brug argues that loveless application of the principles...

Can There Ever Be Exceptions to Our Regular Fellowship Practices That Do Not Violate Scripture's Fellowship Principles? FL 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

In this essay, Professor John F. Brug explores whether exceptions to regular church fellowship practices can be made without violating scriptural principles. He affirms the “unit concept” of fellowship—requiring full ...

Doctrinal Brief: "Agreement in Doctrine and Practice" FL 1 DB1

Brug, John F. (1999)

In this doctrinal brief, Professor John F. Brug clarifies the meaning of the phrase “agreement in doctrine and practice” as used in discussions of church fellowship. He explains that “practice” refers not to customs, but to putting principles to action ...

Exegetical Brief: 2 Thessalonians 3:6,14,15 – Admonish Him As a Brother

EB1 or FL 1 Part of talks with the CLC

Brug, John F. (1988)

John F. Brug examines 2 Thessalonians 3:6,14,15 to clarify whether Paul’s instructions refer to a partial or complete break of fellowship with an impenitent Christian. Brug analyzes the Greek terms and context, concluding that ...

The Synodical Conference and Prayer Fellowship FL 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

John F. Brug’s essay traces the historical and theological development of prayer fellowship within the Synodical Conference, focusing on the divergence between the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod...

Luther and Fellowship: The Courage to Break and the Courage to Be Patient

This festschrift essay shows that the Lutherans had both the courage to break from Rome and the courage to be patient in testifying to the truth.

Download of the file Luther and Fellowship.

Fellowship and Joint Worship

When can non-members join us in worship?

Fellowship Bibliography (2009)

An 18-page bibliography on fellowship issues

Issues important to fellowship discussions within Lutheranism

Crucial Issues for Lutheranism Today FL 1 CH 1

Brug, John F. (1995)

In this paper Prof. Brug addresses six major issues: Issue 1: The Gospel of Christ Will an objective atonement and objective justification remain the focus of Lutheran preaching? Will Lutherans continue to preach one way ...

Doctrinal Challenges Facing Lutheranism in the 21st Century FL 1 CH 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

John F. Brug's essay surveys the doctrinal landscape confronting Lutheranism as it enters the 21st century, contrasting the optimism of the early 20th century with the theological decline that followed. Brug identifies key ...

The Battle to Preserve the Doctrine of the Inspiration and Inerrancy of Scripture in American Lutheranism FL 1 ELCA

Brug, John F. (2000)

Professor John F. Brug's essay explores the foundational Lutheran doctrines of biblical inspiration and inerrancy, emphasizing that Scripture is the very Word of God—fully truthful and divinely authored. He warns that ...

Why Bible-Believing Lutherans Subscribe to the Book of Concord CF 1

Brug, John F. (2001)

John F. Brug's essay explains why confessional Lutherans subscribe to the Book of Concord alongside Scripture. He emphasizes that while the Bible is the sole infallible source of doctrine, confessions are necessary to ...

Why Bible-Believing Lutherans Subscribe to the Book of Concord Without Reservation CF 1

Brug, John F. (2003)

There are several problems concerning subscription to the Lutheran Confessions that are currently issues in the Lutheran church. 1. Some refuse subscription because they do not believe the basic teachings of the Bible. ...

Why Confessional Lutherans Believe that Genesis 1-3 Describes Real History CF 1

Brug, John F. (1996)

John F. Brug's essay defends the historical understanding of Genesis 1–3 as foundational to confessional Lutheran theology. He contrasts the historical-grammatical method, which interprets Genesis as literal history, with ...

Why the Historical-Critical Method of Interpreting Scripture is Incompatible with Confessional Lutheranism CF 1

Brug, John F. (1997)

John F. Brug's essay critiques the historical-critical method of biblical interpretation, arguing that it is incompatible with confessional Lutheranism and undermines the doctrine of biblical inerrancy. He contrasts this ...

Walther and Fellowship FL 1

Brug, John F. (2012)

Brug explains in this essay, "there is [an] area of doctrine in which Walther played a key role in laying a sound foundation for confessional Lutheranism in America, that is, in the restoration of sound biblical principles ...

Following the Way of Walther?

Walther and Pieper urged confessional Lutherans to leave the state churches of Europe. In the last part of the 20th Century the LCMS did not always follow this practice.

Walther and Fellowship

The impact of Walther on fellowship practices in American Lutheranism

Walther and Lay Elders

Walther's writings on lay elders give insight into his views on offices of ministry other than pastor.

The LCMS and Fellowship

Reviews LCMS practices for declaring fellowship with churches around 2001.

The LCMS and Ecumenical Prayer

Conflict in the LCMS concerning the Yankee Stadium Prayer Service for 9-11

The WELS and the CLC: Is there a Doctrinal Difference? FL 1

Brug, John F. (2001)

Professor John Brug writes this article in response to a 2000 article by a CLC pastor concerning the differences in doctrine between the WELS and the CLC. To accomplish his goal, Brug reviews the points of agreement reached ...

DC Essays on other doctrines

The Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Lord's Supper: Contemporary Issues Concerning the Sacramental Union DC1

Brug, John F. (1998)

John F. Brug's essay addresses contemporary theological issues surrounding the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper. Drawing from Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, Brug affirms the sacramental union—Christ's ..

The Lutheran Doctrine of Sanctification DC 1

Brug, John F. (1993)

Prof. Brug examines the biblical teaching of sanctification via an analysis of the book *Christian Spirituality: Five Views of Sanctification*. First, he takes a broad look at the basic aspects of sanctification as they are ...

A Scriptural and Historical Survey of the Doctrine of the Antichrist DC 1

Brug, John F. (1998)

Even after a brief examination of passages from 1 John 2; 2 Thessalonians 2; Revelation 13,17; Daniel 7, 8, one must come to the conclusion that the Antichrist must reside in Rome and come from within the Church.

I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body DC1

Brug, John F. (1978)

John F. Brug presents a comprehensive theological study on the resurrection of the body and life everlasting, emphasizing their centrality to Christian faith and comfort. He defends the credal phrase “resurrection of the ...

The Spiritual Body DC 1

Brug, John F. (1987)

John F. Brug’s essay explores the biblical doctrine of the resurrection of the body, emphasizing the credal phrase “the resurrection of the flesh” as a vital affirmation of Christian hope. He defends the physical resurrection ...

The Lutheran Doctrine of the Two Kingdoms DC 1

Brug, John F. (1999)

John F. Brug presents a comprehensive theological and practical analysis of the Lutheran doctrine of the two kingdoms, exploring the Christian’s dual citizenship in both the spiritual kingdom of God and the earthly kingdom ...

The Christian's Dual Citizenship Citizen Pt 1 DC1

Brug, John F. (1973)

In this essay, Professor John F. Brug explores the Christian’s dual citizenship—spiritual and earthly—and the responsibilities that arise from each. While Christians are citizens of heaven, they also live within earthly ...

Osiandrianism – Then & Now: Justification Through Christ Dwelling in Us DC1

Brug, John F. (1997)

John F. Brug analyzes the historical and theological errors of Andreas Osiander, who taught that justification is based on Christ’s indwelling righteousness rather than God’s forensic verdict. Brug contrasts Osiander’s .

The Terminology of Church Discipline Excommunication, Suspension, Removal, Etc.

DC FL1 or PT 1

Brug, John F. (1976)

John F. Brug’s essay examines the terminology and theological principles surrounding church discipline, particularly in cases of impenitence. He surveys biblical, historical, and Lutheran perspectives on terms such as ...

Doctrinal Brief: Is Homosexuality a Sin? DB 1 PT Morality

Brug, John F. (2009)

John F. Brug's doctrinal brief "Is Homosexuality a Sin?" addresses the theological stance of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) on homosexuality, emphasizing both law and gospel. Brug affirms that Scripture ...

Christ Is the Savior of All People DC 1

Brug, John F. (2014)

An excellent treatment on the topic of Objective Justification. Professor Brug carefully walks through the issues and Bible passages and illustrates how people end up denying such a comforting doctrine.

Luther's Doctrine of the Word—The Incarnate Word in the Written Word (2018) DC1 ELCA

This paper discusses the relationship between the incarnate Word (Christ) and the written Word (the Bible). It is most relevant to the attempts to undermine the authority of Scripture in American Lutheranism in the second half of the 20th century.

File: Written Word and Incarnate Word

DB Doctrinal Briefs. Short articles on a doctrine See more on wartburgproject.org

Doctrinal Brief: Could Jesus Have Sinned? DB 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

By examining the union of the two natures of Christ in this doctrinal brief, Professor Brug studies the question about if Jesus was able to sin or not. Jesus' temptations were real and his divinity was also real. Both are ...

The Form of God in Philippians 2

Philippians 2 is one of the most challenging passages to teach, not only because the related topics of Christ's two natures and his two states of humiliation and exaltation are so challenging for our reason to grasp, but because, although ancient and Reformation-era church fathers agree on the doctrine of Christ's humiliation and exaltation, they do not agree on the handling of certain terms in Philippians 2.

Does Israel Have to be Restored Before the End of the World?

Is a restoration of the state of Israel a necessary fulfillment of prophecy?

MW Man and Woman

Application of the Scriptural Principles Concerning the Service of Women in the Church MW 1

Brug, John F. (1990)

John F. Brug's 1990 essay addresses the practical application of biblical principles regarding the roles of women in the church, focusing on headship, submission, silence, teaching, and authority. Drawing from key scriptural ...

Women and the Lord's Supper

Did Luther Believe women could administer the Lord's Supper in some cases?

EB Exegetical Briefs . Short articles on a passage. See more on wartburgproject.org

Exegetical Brief Acts 1:26 - Lottery or Election? EB 1

Brug, John F. (0000)

John F. Brug examines the Greek text of Acts 1:26 to determine whether Matthias was chosen as Judas's successor by casting lots or by election. While most translations and commentaries favor the lottery interpretation, ...

Exegetical Brief: Show Love to Your Neighbor EB 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

Professor Brug examines the current usages of the Bible quote, "Love your neighbor as yourself," in the positive self-image promotions. He exegetically works through the passages and concludes, "This passage then does not ...

Exegetical Brief: Micah 2:6-"Do Not Preach," They Preach EB 1

Brug, John F. (2011)

John F. Brug's exegetical brief on Micah 2:6 explores the irony and resistance embedded in the phrase, "'Do not preach,' they preach." Brug analyzes the Hebrew verb translated as "drip," showing how prophetic speech—whether ...

Exegetical Brief: The Son of Man Who Is in Heaven EB 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

John F. Brug defends the longer textual reading of John 3:13, which includes the phrase "who is in heaven," arguing that it reflects both strong manuscript support and consistent Johannine theology. While modern editions ...

Exegetical Brief: Is Abba "Daddy"? EB 1

Brug, John F. (1996)

John F. Brug examines the linguistic and theological claim that the Aramaic term "Abba", used by Jesus to address God, is equivalent to the English "Daddy." Brug analyzes the term's grammatical structure, noting that אָבָא ...

An Exegetical Brief: A Puzzling Verb Form EB 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

John F. Brug explores the puzzling passive verb form μοιχευθῆναι in Matthew 5:32, which has significant implications for the biblical doctrine of divorce. He questions the traditional interpretation that a man who unjustly ...

Exegetical Brief: The Betrothal Explanation of *Porneia* in the Exception Clause EB 1

Brug, John F. (2008)

John Brug presents the case of *porneia* in the exception clause of Matthew 5:32 and 19:9, that it means any kind of sexual immorality, against those who would restrict its meaning to certain kinds of sexual misconduct.

Exegetical Brief: John 19:39—A Mixture of Myrrh and Aloes EB 1

Brug, John F. (2007)

Professor Brug examines the terminology used to describe the mixture brought by Nicodemus in John 19:39, as well as the vessel in which it was carried. Is there a textual issue with the amount?

Exegetical Brief: They Pierced My Hands and My Feet (Psalm 22:17) EB 1

Brug, John F. (0000)

John F. Brug investigates the textual variant in Psalm 22:17 (“they pierced my hands and my feet”), a verse often linked to Jesus’ crucifixion. The Masoretic Text reads “like a lion my hands and my feet,” but Brug presents ...

Exegetical Brief: Psalm 69:22 - They Gave Me Gall EB 1

Brug, John F. (0000)

John F. Brug examines Psalm 69:22, which prophesies that the suffering Messiah would be given gall and vinegar. He explores the Hebrew terms רֹשׁ (rosh) and חֹמֶץ (chometz), noting that rosh may refer to a bitter substance ...

Exegetical Brief: Psalm 68:19 - He Received Gifts Among Men EB 1

Brug, John F. (0000)

John F. Brug examines Psalm 68:19 and its New Testament application in Ephesians 4:8, focusing on the phrase “he received gifts among men.” Brug explores the Hebrew text, noting its complexity and the interpretive challenges ...

Exegetical Brief: Train? Initiate? Or Dedicate? EB 1

Brug, John F. (0000)

John F. Brug examines Proverbs 22:6, traditionally translated as “Train a child in the way he should go,” and explores its linguistic and theological nuances. He analyzes the Hebrew verb דָּנַן, typically meaning “dedicate,” ...

Exegetical Brief: James 1:25 - "The Perfect Law That Gives Freedom" EB 1

Brug, John F. (0000)

John F. Brug explores the meaning of “the perfect law that gives freedom” in James 1:25, asking whether it refers to the law, the gospel, or both. He traces the semantic range of the Hebrew word דָּרַךְ and its Greek ...

Exegetical Brief: Psalm 104:4 - Winds or Angels? EB 1

Brug, John F. (0000)

John F. Brug analyzes Psalm 104:4 to determine whether it refers to natural forces (winds and fire) or to angels. While the NIV translates the verse as “He makes winds his messengers,” Brug argues that the more accurate ...

Exegetical Brief: Was Solomon A Misogynist? EB 1

Brug, John F. (2009)

John Brug asserts that Solomon’s statement in Ecclesiastes 7:28 does not mean that he found all women evil, but that it reflects two other truths: “the departure of the human race from what God meant it to be and Solomon’s ...

Exegetical Brief: A Rebirth-Washing and a Renewal-Holy Spirit EB 1

Brug, John F. (0000)

John F. Brug analyzes Titus 3:5, focusing on its chiasmic structure and grammatical nuances to clarify the relationship between baptism and the Holy Spirit in the work of salvation. He argues that the verse should be ...

Scylla and Charybdis DC 1

Brug, John F. (2006)

Prof. Brug discusses the dangerous yet necessary course traveled by Christians: navigating the narrow way between the “Scylla” of legalism and the “Charybdis” of antinomianism.

EX Exegetical Papers

Brief Study of the Decalogue: The Ten Words, Exodus 20:1-17 EX 1

Brug, John F. (0000)

Dr. Brug examines the 10 Words, or Commandments, in the original and with reference to the Septuagint, Luther’s German, and English translations of the Bible and Luther’s Small Catechism.

PT Pastoral Theology, evangelism, stewardship, etc.

Advice for Pastors

Pastors and Plagiarism: Some Thoughts PT 1

Brug, John F. (2002)

Prof. Brug offers some comments and advice about citation of sources in sermons and classes

Pastor's Study Calendar PT 1

Brug, John F. (0000)

An example of a daily study calendar developed by Professor John Brug that takes the reader through the whole Bible, the confessions, the WLS dogmatics notes, and twice through the book of Psalms.

Doctrinal Brief: Part-Time Pastors PT 1 CM

Brug, John F. (2008)

Dr. Brug discusses part-time pastoral calls, specifically retirement calls and tent ministries. While recognizing that some congregations may have good reasons for being unable to support a full-time pastor, this should ...

Forward to Volume 107: Optimist, Pessimist, Realist? PT 1

Brug, John F. (2010)

John F. Brug explores whether a Christian—especially a pastor—should be an optimist, pessimist, or realist in light of Scripture and current global trends. He argues that while Christians are eternally optimistic due to ...

Speak with Authority PT 1 CM 1

Brug, John F. (2008)

John Brug speaks of the authority of pastors as servants of Christ and his Word. He advises no one to take comfort from the authority given the pastor, but to look instead to the authority of the Word and forgiveness...

People Skills PT 1 CM1

Brug, John F. (2005)

The best way to improve people skills is a thorough knowledge of the Bible. The one who studies the Bible will see himself correctly (saint and sinner) and will have proper motivation and models for interacting with others.

Pastoral Disciplines: evangelism, stewardship, etc

The Principles of Financial Stewardship in Paul's Letter to the Philippians PT 1

Brug, John F. (1989)

John F. Brug's essay explores the biblical principles of financial stewardship as presented in Paul's letter to the Philippians, contrasting its tone with the more urgent appeals in 2 Corinthians. Writing to a generous and ...

Pastoral Brief: The Power of Hymnody PT1

Brug, John F. (2013)

As we consider hymnody, the connection of specific hymns with specific occasions, Professor Brug remarks, "It is not a pastor's responsibility to create such milestones and memories for his people, but it is his responsibility ...

Christ, the Cross, and You

A short pamphlet for law and gospel evangelism.

Storytime with Professor Brug

Stories about "reading people" to reach them more effectively in outreach efforts.

Stories about contacts with people outside our fellowship (2020)

How do we carry out our duty to deal patiently with the weak: either to preserve a fellowship that is threatened or to establish one where there has not been one (especially cases where there was once a fellowship that has now been broken.)

Issues of Christian Living

The Principles and Practices of Prayer PT 1

Brug, John F. (1995)

John F. Brug's The Principles and Practice of Prayer is a comprehensive study guide designed to deepen understanding and practice of Christian prayer. Structured as a 15-session course, it explores biblical principles, ...

Is All Gambling a Sin? MR 1 PT 1

Brug, John F. (1974)

John F. Brug addresses the moral and theological dimensions of gambling, asking whether all gambling is inherently sinful. He distinguishes between legitimate risk in daily life and the unnecessary risk involved in gambling, ...

[Homosexuality Also from FAQ](#)

HO Homiletics. Sermons

The book, *In Season and Out of Season: Sermons for All Seasons*, which is listed in the book section above, is a collection of about 70 seasonal sermons from John Brug. The following sermons are a sample of sermons from the book.

The Festival of the Annunciation: "The Word Became Flesh" (2009)

This sermon for the Festival of the Annunciation centers on the incarnation of Christ as the decisive turning point in the cosmic battle between good and evil (John 1:14.) It is followed by a discussion of preaching on the minor festivals of the church year.

Post-Christmas: The Grinch who tried to steal Christmas Revelation 12

How did Satan try to prevent the blessings of Christmas?

Transfiguration: It is good, Lord, to be here. Luke 9:28-36

The vision of Jesus' glory on the mountain prepares us for the battle on the plain.

Ash Wednesday (2000) "Memories of Lent" (Romans 3:23-25)

Lent teaches us to remember our sins. Lent teaches us to remember our Savior. A pre-Lent encouragement for pastors.

Easter: I know that my Redeemer lives. Job 19:21-27 (1974)

Strange as it seems those words, which we immediately associate with the joyful, triumphant Easter hymn, were not first spoken on a happy day, but on a day filled with crushing anguish and bitterness.

Call Day at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (2011) "Remember Jesus Christ"

The most important thing for a pastor receiving his first call to remember is "Remember Jesus Christ!"

Anniversary of the Augsburg Confession (2016) Psalm 119:45-46

June 25, 1530 was one of the greatest days in history for the proclamation of liberty.

475th Anniversary of the Augsburg Confession (2005)

Why is the Augsburg Confession still essential?

Reformation Day (2006). "The Lutheran Revolution" Matthew 11:12

Though we call it a reformation, the Lutheran Reformation was really a revolution that shook the world and turned it upside down.

Repentance and Rest in Time of Crisis (2009 & 2020) Isaiah 30:9-15

Though this sermon was preached for two specific times of crisis for the church, it is true at any time of crisis.

Mission Festival: The Open Door Revelation 3:7-13

We are a church with an open door.

A Sermon at the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem

“What is so great about Jerusalem?” Revelation 21

Most of the sermons in this collection were chosen for the day on which they were preached. This was chosen for the place it was preached,

CH Church History including WELS & Luther and the Lutheran Confessions

An Amazing Century! CH 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

John F. Brug’s essay, *An Amazing Century!*, reflects on the profound material, social, and technological changes of the 20th century and their impact on the work of the Christian church, particularly within the Wisconsin Synod ...

An Amazing Century? CH 1

Brug, John F. (2000)

In *An Amazing Century?*, John F. Brug explores the challenges and uncertainties facing humanity and the church as the 21st century begins. Building on reflections from the previous century, Brug examines key areas likely ...

Grow! WELS 1 PT1

Brug, John F. (1989)

Professor Brug considers the synod’s future and encourages the growth of more pastors, devotional life, and members in God’s Word. This is the first of three essays under the theme “Grow! Go! Glow!”, delivered at the 50th ...

Comment: Reading Luther Critically CH LU 1

Brug, John F. (2014)

Professor Brug encourages readers to use Luther’s writings with a critical eye and not to place them at the level of Scripture nor at the level of the confessions. He demonstrates this wisdom by examining a Luther sermon ...

500th Anniversary of the Wartburg Project: Luther at the Wartburg

NORMA NORMA NORMATA

What is the relationship between Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions as binding standards of doctrine?

RC The Roman Catholic Church

Mary Today According to the New Catholic Catechism RC 1

Brug, John F. (0000)

John F. Brug critically examines the portrayal of Mary in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, highlighting its reaffirmation of doctrines such as the Immaculate Conception, perpetual virginity, bodily assumption, and ...

Scripture According to the New Catechism of the Catholic Church RC 1

Brug, John F. (0000)

John F. Brug's essay surveys the treatment of Scripture in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, highlighting both affirmations and concerns. The Catechism upholds the divine inspiration and inerrancy of Scripture, yet ...

The Papacy According to the New Catechism of the Catholic Church RC 1

Brug, John F. (0000)

This essay analyzes the Roman Catholic Church's official stance on the papacy as presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, highlighting its implications for ecumenical dialogue with Lutherans. Brug notes that while ...

The Only Saving Church? RC1

Brug, John F. (2001)

In response to the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, John Brug shows from Rome's own documents that it has not shifted from its teaching about salvation and justification.

Do You Belong to a Church?

Pope Benedict affirms that Lutheran churches are not really churches.

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ELCA The ELCA

A Doctrinal Study of the ELCA in 2012 FL 1 ELCA

Brug, John F. (2012)

Professor Brug offers his most recent analysis of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). After a quick review of the history leading up to the formation of the ELCA, Brug takes a close look at three specific ...

The Doctrinal Position of ELCA ELCA 1

Brug, John F. (0000)

John Brug's comprehensive analysis of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) traces its doctrinal decline through historical mergers, theological shifts, and contemporary practices. He outlines how ELCA's heritage, ...

The Sacraments of the ELCA: Are They Valid? ELCA 1

Brug, John F. (1998)

John F. Brug's essay critically examines the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) doctrine and practice regarding the sacraments, especially in light of its ecumenical agreements with Reformed churches. ...

Biblical Interpretation in 20th Century Lutheranism DC 1 ELCA

Brug, John F. (2000)

In this lecture, Professor John F. Brug examines the decline of biblical inerrancy within 20th-century American Lutheranism. He begins by contrasting the confessional revival of the 19th century, led by figures like C.F.W.

RL Other Dominations and Religions

The Religion of the Bible and of the Lodges PT 1

Brug, John F. (1973)

John F. Brug's essay critically examines the religious teachings of fraternal lodges—such as Freemasonry, the Elks, Moose, and Odd Fellows—by comparing them with biblical doctrine. While many lodges claim to be non-religious, ...

Lutherans and Evangelicals Then and Now/ Review Article: The Boundaries of Evangelicalism I + II EV 1

Brug, John F. (2010)

John F. Brug examines the evolving relationship between confessional Lutheranism and Evangelicalism, highlighting theological divergence and internal fragmentation within the Evangelical movement. He traces historical ...

Short Bibliography on Islam RL1

Brug, John F.

This bibliography is intended to help WELS pastors, missionaries and evangelists who have opportunities to share the Gospel with Muslims. It is not intended to be a comprehensive bibliography, but to highlight materials ...

[Add Islam](#)

BT Bible Translation esp. the EHV

Principles and Practices of Bible Translation BT 1

Brug, John F. (2011)

Professor Brug explains, "The purpose of this paper is to suggest and illustrate some principles or "rules" to guide translators as they carry the Word of God from the original languages into modern versions in different ..

Principles and Practices of Bible Translation BT 1

Brug, John F. (2011)

John F. Brug presents a comprehensive framework for evaluating and producing Bible translations, emphasizing faithfulness to the original text's meaning, style, and emotional impact. He outlines eighteen principles guiding ...

Principles of Bible Translation —Applied to Prophecy, 2nd Edition BT 1

Brug, John F. (2012)

The translation of prophecy re-emerged as a front burner issue for the church when the RSV and other modern translations rendered "virgin" in Isaiah 7:14 as "young woman." This issue was one of the most important factors ...

Review Article: The TNIV—Some Preliminary Observations BT 1

Brug, John F. (2010)

A review of the TNIV version of the Bible.

Review Article: The ESV—Some Preliminary Observations BT 1

Brug, John F. (2010)

A review of the ESV translation.

The following additions to the list were not in the WLS file. -They are added here as pdfs.

Welcoming the EHV (2024)

The four topics are: 1) Why should I try the EHV?

2) What were the greatest difficulties encountered in producing the EHV?

3) What are some of the features that distinguish the EHV from other translations?

4) Tips for becoming accustomed to a new translation

The Top Ten Reasons that the EHV is a Worship Friendly Translation

Reflections on the 10th Anniversary of the EHV: Lessons and Blessings (2023)

Principles and Practices of Bible Translation: Expanded Study Guide for Translators (2013)

Rubrics for the EHV (2017)

A working set of guidelines for translators as they worked on books.

EHV Appendices. Also available as a booklet above

For those who have only the regular print addition of the EHV. Here is an opportunity to download the appendices that occur only in the study Bible. Topics include textual criticism, chronology, geography, weights and measure, the Herods, and surrounding nations.

Biblical Grammar: Mechanics or Meaning? Also available as a booklet above.

This booklet discusses the impact of current "grammar wars" on English Bible translation. How do translators balance the tug of war between formal and conversational grammar and descriptive and prescriptive grammar?

Between a Rock and a Hard Place

Editors are often between a rock and a hard place since they know that no matter what they decide on certain issues some readers will be unhappy.

Blunt Language in the Bible

The Bible uses some very blunt language which may be offensive to some readers How is the translator to deal with this issue?

Gender Issues in Bible Translation

What English expression will best convey the divinely intended meaning of a given passage of Holy Scripture? Accurately conveying the message of the divinely inspired text takes priority over adopting new trends in English usage. Contemporary trends of English usage cannot be accepted if they blur the message of a biblical text.

Biblical Weights and Measures: Ancient, Imperial, or Metric?

What is the most user-friendly way to present the measurements in the Bible?

Dealing with Defects

Computers make it easier for translators to eliminate defects from the translation, but they also introduce a new set of problems. How do we deal with mechanical defects and defects of content?

The Zondervan NIV Study Bible

Is this study Bible a good choice for confessional Lutheran students? This collection of quotations will help readers make a decision.

AR Archaeology and Ancient History **Chronology and Geography**

Archaeological Methodology in Israel AR 2

Brug, John F. (1980)

John F. Brug's 1980 study surveys the major archaeological methodologies employed in Israel, focusing on the British (Wheeler-Kenyon), American (Reisner-Albright-Wright), and Israeli (Dunayevsky) approaches. Brug analyzes ...

Near Eastern Acrostics and Biblical Acrostics: Biblical Acrostics and Their Relationship to Other Ancient Near Eastern Acrostics AR1

Brug, John F. (1997)

John F. Brug explores the literary form of acrostics in biblical poetry and compares them with acrostics from other ancient Near Eastern cultures. He categorizes biblical acrostics as alphabetic sequence acrostics, often ...

Biblical Acrostics and Their Relationship to Other Neareastern Acrostics AR 1

Brug, John F. (1987) Presented as part of a summer NEH seminar at Yale.

Professor John Brug examines the form and significance of acrostic poems in biblical literature. Throughout the article he brings in evidences of contemporary extra-biblical examples and refutes several criticisms against the critical view of their origin ...

Scientific Dating AR 1

Brug, John F. (1980)

John F. Brug's essay critically examines the assumptions and limitations of scientific dating methods, particularly radiocarbon (C-14) dating. He explains the principles behind C-14 formation, decay, and measurement, noting ...

The Astronomical Dating of Ancient History before 700 BC AR 1

Brug, John F. (1980 ff)

In this critical examination of ancient Near Eastern chronology, John Brug challenges the reliability of astronomical dating methods used before 700 B.C., particularly the Sothic cycle in Egypt and Venus observations in ...

Recent Debate Concerning the Chronology of the New Testament AR 1

Brug, John F. (0000)

John F. Brug's essay surveys key debates and data surrounding New Testament chronology, focusing on the life of Christ and the ministry of Paul. He distinguishes between relative and absolute chronology and explains how ...

The Reign of Hezekiah AC 1

Brug, John F. (0000)

John F. Brug's essay addresses the complex chronological challenges surrounding the reign of King Hezekiah of Judah. Biblical data and Assyrian records appear to conflict, particularly regarding Hezekiah's accession and ...

An Interdisciplinary Study of the "A" Coins of Yehochanan AR 1

Brug, John F. (1981)

John F. Brug investigates the enigmatic "A" coins attributed to Yehochanan, a Hasmonean high priest, aiming to determine whether they belong to Hyrcanus I or Hyrcanus II. He evaluates historical, epigraphic, numismatic, ...

A Literary and Archaeological Study of the Philistines.

University of Minnesota Ph.D dissertation (1984).

Print Edition. British Archaeological Reports (B.A.R.)

The Origin and Meaning of the Name Philistines

A follow-up on a part of the 1984 Ph.D dissertation, which was presented to the American Schools of Oriental Research in 2010.

An Interdisciplinary Evaluation of the Chronology of North Syria in the Second Millennium B.C Centering on the Pottery of Tell Hadidi.

The articles above about scientific dating were a further development of Part I of this University of Minnesota masters thesis (1980) No e-file available.

Jerusalem Bibliography for Jerusalem through the Ages (2007)

An extensive bibliography on older research on Jerusalem

Excavating a Battle: The Problem of Hill City

Shows how geography, textual criticism, and archaeology can work together to solve problems.

Old Testament Biblical Chronology from the EHV supplements

The Date of Christ's Birth 7-2 BC

RV Reviews of works of others and bibliographies

Commentaries for the Pastor's Study RV 1 PT Dated

Brug, John F. (2001)

With this list, Professor Brug details different commentaries and loosely ranks the best commentaries available for each book of the Bible. This list is especially useful for its New Testament Treatment. A more updated ...

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Old Testament Commentaries for the Pastor's Study RV 2 dated

Brug, John F. (2014)

With this list, Professor Brug details different commentaries and loosely ranks the best commentaries available for each Old Testament book.

Dogmatics and Piety - An Introduction to Johann Gerhard's *Meditationes Sacrae* RV 2 PT1

Brug, John F. (0000)

John F. Brug introduces Johann Gerhard's *Meditationes Sacrae*, highlighting the deep connection between Lutheran dogmatics and personal piety. Gerhard, a leading 17th-century Lutheran theologian, authored this devotional ...

Review Article: The Great Recession RV 3 CH 1

Brug, John F. (2013)

In this article Professor Brug reviews the book "The Great Evangelical Recession: 6 Factors That Will Crash the American Church ... and How to Prepare," by John S. Dickerson. The author of this book sounds a wake-up call to ...

Dogmatic Notes Bibliography BIB

Brug, John F. (0000)

Professor Brug prepared a bibliography for the dogmatics notes, arranged by subject. This list provides many good options for supplemental reading beyond the scope of the dog notes.

Storytime with Professor Brug + CM 1 BIO PT

Brug, John F. (2015)

Professor Brug reflects on his ministry: "The stories are not intended to be about one particular minister or about ministers in general but about the holy ministry of the Word. More specifically, how do people inside the ...

[A] Reaction to "The Pastor as Dogmatician" By Michael J. Seifert PT RV

Brug, John F. (Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, 2013-09-16)

This is John F. Brug's reaction to Michael J. Seifert's "The Pastor as Dogmatician" for 2013 Symposium on the Pastor and His Seminary Training.

[Psalms Chart](#)

[This chart shows how the 150 psalms are woven together in a carefully arranged composition.](#)

[A Review of Brug's Psalms 1-72 and 73-150](#)

[Bible Reading Calendar](#)

[This calendar enables you to read the entire Bible every year and the most important books twice.](#)

Because it was originally prepared for a Lutheran pastor it also reviews Lutheran dogmatics, the Lutheran Confessions, and other branches of theology. Readers however can adapt it to their own needs by skipping or changing the third column.

Add list of books, sermons, Islam, Translation, Dog notes.