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**THE FAMILY CHURCH**  
**THE WORSHIP OF THE FAMILY CHURCH**  
October 13, 14, and 17, 2018

*Worship is not only hearing God's Word and responding in prayer and song. The Family Church is also called to be the aroma of Christ in our neighborhoods.*

**BELLS AND WELCOME**

**HYMN 256, vv. 1-3**

**How Great Thou Art**

M In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**CONFESSION OF SINS**

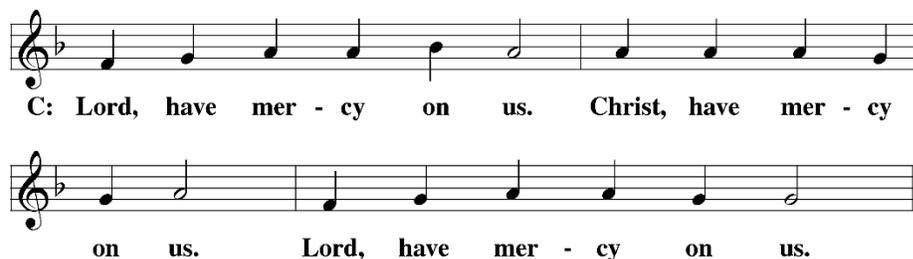
M Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the book of Micah the Lord clearly expressed what he requires of us:

C **To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God** (Micah 6:8).

M The Lord is teaching us that worship goes beyond the hour at church. It's a lifestyle of kindness, consideration, and generosity. Worship is putting our faith into practice every hour of every day. As the Lord continues in the book of Micah, he points out all the ways that his people were not acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with their God. If the Lord were to speak to us about our lives today, he would have to say the same things. Truly we need to humble ourselves before him and confess the sin in our lives.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and fail to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**LORD HAVE MERCY**



M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us. He has given us his only Son at the atoning sacrifice for all our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.



### PRAYER AND PRAISE

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

RESPONSE 256, v. 4

How Great Thou Art

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



M Let us pray.  
Heavenly Father you are gracious and merciful, kind and compassionate, generous and just.  
In Christ this is also what you have created us to be.

**C Teach us and our families to worship you, not only with our hearts and minds, but also with our actions in our everyday lives.**

M We pray in Jesus' name. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Romans 12:1-2, Bible page 1137

*Giving our whole life to God is our "true and proper" worship.*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia! Alleluia! Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Alleluia!



## GOSPEL

John 4:19-26, Bible page 1066

*Worship is not about a place, but about what is in our hearts.*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**RAWKS FUND SEED PACKET DISTRIBUTION**

*At the close of the message, fathers and mothers and small group leaders will be invited to come forward to receive a "RAWKs Fund Seed Packet" with \$20 or \$40 in it to start your family or small groups RAWKs Fund, your "Random Acts of Worship Kindness" fund. During the distribution of these seed packets, our Family Church theme song "You Made a Place for Me" will be played.*

**OFFERING****OFFERTORY** (*Sunday*)**Take After God**, *Called to Sing*  
*words by Jon Eiche***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH****LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

M The Lord be with you.



M Lift up your hearts.



M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - men.

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please see Communion note on page 7.*

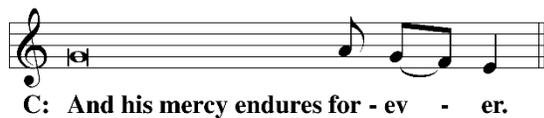
### DISTRIBUTION SONG (*Sunday*)

**If We Take You at Your Word**, *Called to Sing*  
*by Jon Eiche*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 491 454

**O Master of the Loving Heart**  
**I Gave My Life for Thee**

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

### CLOSING PRAYER

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.

## BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRESIDING MINISTER** (Sunday) Pastor David Kuehl

**ORGANIST** Nicole Greanya

## OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

*The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith.*

*We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes, entitled Following the Promise, to provide an overview of our teachings. Contact Pastor Nate Strobel at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org) to find the session that works best for your schedule.*

*If you are a member of St. Paul's or a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to express our common confession by communing with us. You may wish to use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 of Christian Worship to examine yourself. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate.*

*The light colored cups in the center of the individual cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine. Gluten-free wafers are located in the trays on the Communion rail. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform an usher as you approach the rail. The first pew in the left center section is reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, and we kindly ask those who desire to be communed privately to use these pews.*



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of October 15, 2018

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
<b>TUE</b>	9:00 am	Pastoral Conference at Elkhart Lake
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:00 pm	Divorce Care (School Classroom 8)
	6:30 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library)
	6:30 pm	Handbells Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	Dorcas Society (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> (Faith Room)
<b>WED</b>	8:30 am	Pastoral Conference at Elkhart Lake
	9:00 am	Mommy and Me (Faith Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School 6-8 Grade Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:00 pm	Sund/Keller Wedding Rehearsal (Main Church)
	7:00 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
<b>FRI</b>	8:15 am	Lutheran School Chapel Service (Main Church)
	2:00 pm	Heidi Sund/Michael Keller Wedding Ceremony
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Sheepshead Tournament (Trinity Café)
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	8:30 am	<i>Following the Promise</i> (School Classroom #8)
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Generation Change – Financial Peace – Teens/Parents (Faith Room)

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## WATCH ONLINE



- **Watch Live:** Attend church remotely on Sundays at The Bridge at 10:15 am. Live streaming is available at [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org), Facebook at *The Bridge at St. Paul's*, and You Tube at *The Bridge Church Muskego*. All past live replays are also available on each platform.
  - **Sermon Videos and MP3s:** Sunday sermons are available at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org) and [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org). They are usually available Sunday evening for that same Sunday's message.
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# FAMILY CHURCH

## GET READY TO RAWKS!

RAWKs stands for “Random Acts of Worship Kindness.” One of the values of our St. Paul’s/Bridge family is generous, meaningful living. We believe that we have a generous God who creates us to be generous people who have a generous vision, eager to show love to those around us.

How do we pass on that value to our children? How can we model that value in our small group life? One solution is to start a RAWKs fund.



- To start you might set aside a portion of your weekly offering in a RAWKs Fund. For example, if you are giving a tithe (10% of your income) to the Lord, you could tithe your tithe, setting aside 10% of your offering for a RAWKs fund (that would be 1% of your income).
- Another possibility... If your children receive an allowance, offer a “matching gift.” They give 10% or more of their allowance to the RAWKs fund and mom or dad match that gift.
- Once per month, or on a schedule you decide, gather as a family, divide up the RAWKs fund money to each family member, and talk about possible needs that you are aware of. Each family member, from young children on up, is involved in the discussion and decision.

## RAWKS FUND SEED PACKETS – GIVING MONEY AWAY!

At the conclusion of the message today, we will be giving away 200 RAWKs Fund Seed Packets. The pastors of our family churches (dads and moms) and life group leaders will be invited to come forward to receive an envelope with \$10 to \$50 to be used as “seed money” for your family or small group’s RAWKs fund. All we ask is that you sign that you are taking an envelope and be willing to share what your family or small group did to show a “random act of worship kindness” to someone or to an organization.

## RAWKS FUND IDEAS

How might you use your RAWKs Fund as a family or small group? Here are some ideas...

- Buy groceries for a family in your neighborhood that needs help.
- Give a gift to a family who is facing huge medical bills.
- Support a cause like Ronald McDonald House or Make a Wish or WELS Lutherans for Life.
- Give gift cards to first responders in our community.
- Give a gift for homeless people either directly or through an organization.
- Provide a Friday evening meal for Light House Ministry next to Garden Homes Lutheran Church (contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) for more info).
- Host a neighborhood party to help your neighbors get to know you. Use your RAWKs fund to supply the meal.
- Give gift cards (Example: \$5 or \$10 to Starbucks) to cashiers at your neighborhood store.

Just as we want the love of Christ to flow from St. Paul’s and The Bridge to our community, so we are praying that your neighbors and others will see the love of Christ flow out from you through these Random Acts of Worship Kindness.

# FAMILY CHURCH

## DESIGN A FAMILY CHURCH CREST

At right is St. Paul's family crest reflecting our core values:



Mission outreach.



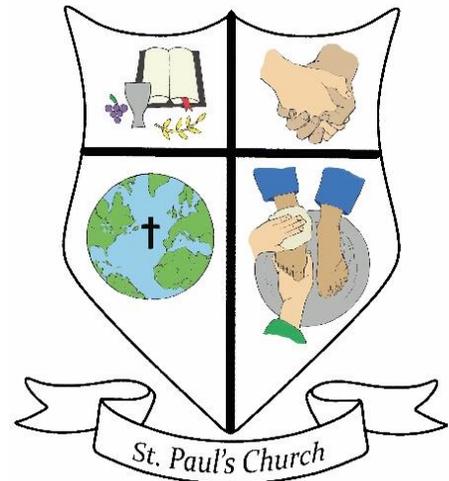
Diversity of worship languages.



The power of community and importance of family.



Authentic care and generous, meaningful living.



A Family Church crest is a shield displaying pictures of the spiritual activities of your family. Everything your family does out of love for Jesus is a spiritual activity. We invite you to design your own Family Church crest for display on the walls of the church and at The Bridge the weekend of October 21 for our Family Church dedication services.

Instructions with templates attached are available at the Welcome Center in the lobby and have been sent home with our Christian Elementary School children and Kids Club/Boost children. The cross at the center of the crest reminds us that Jesus is at the center of our Family Church. The four spaces created by the cross are for pictures of four spiritual activities your family enjoys doing. Suggestions are included in the instructions.

Be sure to print your family name within the banner such as "The Smith Family" and attach a picture at the bottom. Return your family crest to the Welcome Center today or to the church/school office during this week so we can put them up for next weekend's service. We will leave the crests up for the weekends of October 21 and 28 as we bring the Family Church series to a close.

## FAMILY CHURCH DEDICATION SERVICES – WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 21

Invite your extended family to join you for worship the weekend of October 21. On that Sunday we will invite all parents with children in the home to rededicate themselves to the promise they made at their children's baptisms:

Do you sincerely intend to bring up \_\_\_\_\_ in the way of the Lord and to instruct him/her in the truths of God's saving Word so that he/she may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in his/her baptismal grace unto the end? If so, answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

The service will close with a time of prayer as members of the St. Paul's family gather around these parents as pastors of their Family Church and pray for them.

## FAMILY CHURCH REMEMBRANCE SERVICES – WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 28

On the final weekend of the Family Church series, we will pause to remember our children and parents who have finished their lives in faith and now rest safely in heaven. It will be a day of sadness as we mourn their loss but also a day of joy as we celebrate their victory in Christ. This is the ultimate goal of the Family Church, that all of us can look forward to an eternal reunion before the throne of God.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRIES

Our 3K to grade 8 ministries begin at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in the school. Enter the school through the Trinity Cafe. Clearly marked signage will direct you to your child's check-in and room location. For more information contact Dr. Joel Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-1711, ext. 145.



### Kids Club (Age 3 – Grade 6)

Kids Club features a large group opening followed by small group discussion to help your child apply God's word to their lives.



### Boost (Grades 7 & 8)

Boost features an engaging, multi-media, but more traditional classroom format. Boost participants experience a thematic curriculum of Bible history, current events, and life/family issues all centered on God's Word.

## TEENS UNDER GOD



TUG is a unique ministry for teens – members of St. Paul's and their friends. TUG provides teens with worship, education, fellowship, recreation, and service opportunities, as well as time to develop Christian relationships with each other and adult mentors within a safe, caring, supportive, and fun environment. Join TUG in the Trinity Café, from 6:30 til 8:00 pm, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. The next scheduled TUG is Sunday, October 14.

## OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Express your appreciation and honor our pastors for their commitment and dedication. Help us acknowledge their compassion, hard work, leadership, and faithful service given the whole year through. A simple thank-you in person or via email, voice message, card, or other personal way will mean so much to our pastors and their families.

## LADIES MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study meets in the Faith Room at 9:30. All ladies are welcome. For more information contact Group Leader Michele Eiche at (414) 202-7522.

## FALL PICKLEBALL

All are invited to "Four Fall Fridays" of pickleball open play in the Trinity Gym, October 26 – November 16, 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Rather than an organized league, these evenings will have the pickleball equipment set-up for you to play, along with an event staff person on hand to help with any needs. A reservation is required in advance. For more details and to reserve your spot, contact Sally Wallner at (414) 422-0320, ext. 294, or [swallner@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:swallner@stpaulmuskego.org).

## ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT – OCTOBER 20

St. Paul's annual Sheepshead Tournament is Saturday, October 20, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, in the Trinity Café and Gym. Entry fee is \$5 per person to offset the cost of food and prizes. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center with more information including how to reserve your spot.

## LADIES AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

St. Paul's Ladies Afternoon Fellowship is pleased to host Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Services - Christian Family Solutions on Thursday, October 25, at 11:30 am, in the Grace Room. Come and meet those who provide counselling to our schools, members, and community and enjoy the provided lunch. Pastor James Mattek will also lead us in a devotion.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## BAPTISM

Maeve Anne Ambler, daughter of Christopher and Abbie (nee Lepke), was born September 4, 2018 and baptized September 7, 2018. Maeve's baptism will be publicly recognized at the 10:45 am worship service on October 14, 2018.

Henry James Hauf, son of Jeffrey and Kelsey (nee Zajichek) Hauf, born August 20, 2018, will be baptized at the 10:45 am worship service on October 14, 2018.

We praise God for the gift of saving faith given to Henry and Maeve.

## WEDDING

Lauren Bugenhagen and Aaron Dellevar were married on Saturday, October 13. May God bless Lauren and Aaron in their marriage joined together with Christ.

## HOSPITALIZED

Linda Miksch is at West Allis Memorial.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: David Burkowitz, Amy Groat, Mary Schauwitzer, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

## ATTENDANCE

1049 attended worship services last week.

## THE MESSENGER

Our quarterly newsletter, summarizing the latest in ministry developments at St. Paul's, was distributed last weekend after services. If you missed your copy, more are available at the Welcome Center in the lobby.

## LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO START IN BIBLE STUDY?

Follow God's promises in the Bible and how they impact your life. This is a great study to have your questions answered and also serves as preparation for membership at St. Paul's. Currently offered Tuesdays at 7:00 pm and will be offered Sundays, beginning October 14, at 8:30 am. Contact Pastor Nate to register at [nstrob@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrob@stpaulmuskego.org) or mark the back of your Connection Card.

## THE REASON FOR MY HOPE: OCTOBER GRACE ROOM SERIES

Using the same rational thought we do in most fields of study, we will look at the claims of Christianity in this Bible study. Join Rev. Dr. Michael Berg of Wisconsin Lutheran College for this four-week series on Sundays in the Grace Room, 9:15-10:15 am.

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY MILWAUKEE METRO SOUTH CIRCUIT FALL RALLY

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society from the Milwaukee Metro South Circuit will be hosting its fall rally on Saturday, October 27, 8:00 – 12:30 pm, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mukwonago. Pastor John Bilitz from the campus ministry of UW – Madison will speak on the topic of Campus Ministry. The mission at the Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel is to know Jesus Christ and make him known on campus. Contact St. John's Lutheran Church at (262) 363-8627 for more information.

## GRIEF SHARE – SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. St. Paul's will be hosting a Surviving the Holidays seminar in the Grace Room on November 13, 5:45-8:00 pm, to help participants prepare for the holidays. Please contact Sharon Klopff at (262) 706-3595 or [sklopff@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sklopff@stpaulmuskego.org) to register. For more information you may go to [www.griefshare/holidays](http://www.griefshare/holidays).

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## WISH LIST

This list of items would greatly benefit the ministry at St. Paul's. These items are above and beyond the budgeted expenses. If you would like to give toward a Wish List item, clearly mark your envelope, "Wish List," with the item title, or give online at [www.stpaulmuskego.org/give](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/give).

Item	Est. Cost	Received	Still Needed
Centennial Gym Windows	\$30,000	\$34,940	Fully Funded
Landscaping for Church Entrance	\$6,700	\$7,194	Fully Funded
Living Nativity Updates	\$1,000	\$50	\$950

## TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

This fund provides our members with an opportunity to encourage continuing education for our teachers through special gifts. Our goal is to provide an additional \$500 per teacher or \$7000 per year beyond what is already available. If you would like to contribute, mark your gift clearly, "Teacher Professional Development Fund."

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

Each year your generous contributions to the **Lutheran Elementary School Tuition Assistance Fund (LESTA)** allow us to provide tens of thousands of dollars tuition assistance to families who are not able to cover the cost of tuition. Please consider a gift as this fund is considerably below our expected needs for next school year. The **Secondary Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund (SCETA)** allows us to encourage your youth to continue their Christian education at Wisconsin Lutheran High School or Luther Prep School.

## MORTGAGE FUND

God has enabled us to continue to reduce our indebtedness on our 2010 addition to \$1.7 million. The \$19,135 monthly payment is paid entirely from gifts designated "Mortgage Fund." Since the beginning of A Cool Million effort, our total giving is up, but our Mortgage Fund gifts have fallen short of the monthly mortgage payment. We are using reserves to complete the monthly payment. If you aren't already doing so, please consider including the Mortgage Fund in your giving plans.

## A COOL MILLION UPDATE

Thank you for your generous support of A Cool Million. We have received over 1/3 of our \$1 million goal in gifts. Gifts and plans for giving now total over 2/3 of our goal. During the next three months, our prayer is that we can reach \$500,000 in gifts received so that we can move forward with remodeling the Centennial Gym next summer.

## WAYS TO GIVE

Contributions to these funds can be made via your offering envelopes, clearly marking what the gift is for or by giving online at [www.stpaulmuskego.org/give](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/give) or by using the QR code with your mobile device. Offerings for the general mission and ministry of St. Paul's can be made by texting a dollar amount to 414-316-6733.



# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## Generosity Extended to the Next Generation

Today as we celebrate RAWKs (Random Acts of Worship Kindness), we also want to highlight the importance of well-planned gifts.

### TAX-WISE GIVING

The new tax code will make it unlikely that you will itemize on your tax forms. As a result, many of us will no longer be able to deduct our offerings from our income for tax purposes. However, there are still ways to lower your taxes and increase your offering impact.

If you have stocks or property that have increased in value, you can give them directly to the congregation and avoid paying capital gains tax on that increase in value.

If you are a farmer, there is usually no tax benefit by making cash gifts to charity. However, gifts of grain to the congregation do not have to be claimed as income to the self-employed farmer, but all expenses for growing and harvesting the grain can be deducted.

If you are 70 ½, you can give a gift directly to St. Paul's from your IRA. The amount that you give is excluded from your income.

If you have questions about any of these strategies, contact our Church Administrator Randy Fink at 414-422-0320 ext. 120.

### ESTATE PLANNING/GIVING

Why is Pastor Bonack's picture at right? Because he is the beneficiary of God's people who planned ahead and made estate plans to help us carry out our mission even when they were called home to heaven.

This year Pastor Bonack is beginning a course work to attain a Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling. A grant from our Gift Trust Fund is providing the majority of his tuition. Our long-term goal is to develop a satellite location for a Christian Counseling service on our campus, with Pastor Bonack serving part-time as a licensed mental health counselor and part-time as our pastor helping us provide care to others by training lay counselors. This effort would not be possible without the assistance of the Gift Trust Fund grant.

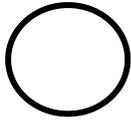


We are also looking into a second worship site, in essence, a new worshipping congregation somewhere near us. We did this ten years ago by starting Victory of the Lamb where 400 people gather for worship every week. Victory of the Lamb received significant help not only from special gifts from the congregation, but also from generous grants from the Gift Trust Fund. Could we do this again to reach more people for Christ? Several recent generous estate gifts from members of the congregation give us the courage to begin to dream in this way.



### INCLUDE ST. PAUL'S IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS

Pastor Panitzke would be happy to explain to you the benefits of our St. Paul's Gift Trust Fund and St. Paul's Legacy Fund as you work on our estate plans. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center. Pastor Panitzke can also connect you to our local Wisconsin Synod Planned Giving Counselor who, free of charge, will give you assistance in planning your giving so that God's kingdom work continues to flourish even after you are gone.



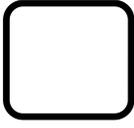
## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

*Life application materials for us in Connector Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.*

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1. Do you look more like your mother or your father?
  
2. Read Ephesians 5:1-2. What are some qualities of God the Father that you would like to imitate so that others can imitate you?
  
3. Last fall we used the theme: A Generous God creates Generous People with a Generous Vision. Do you have a role model of someone who lives out a generous vision?
  
4. What are the principles of generosity that we want to pass on to the next generation?
  - a. Romans 12:1-2
  - b. 2 Corinthians 8:9
  - c. Proverbs 3:9
  - d. Malachi 3:10-11
  - e. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
  
5. What can you do to pass these principles on to the children in your life?
  
6. In his message, Pastor spoke about “smelling like your Brother.” What did he mean by that? What can you do personally to “smell like your Brother” to the world around you?
  
7. Have you even been on the receiving end of a Random Act of Worship Kindness? How will our family/group use our RAWKs Fund Seed Packet money?
  
8. Close with a prayer for God’s blessing on your RAWKs Fund plans and the Lord’s Prayer.



## NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

*Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points*

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### The Family Church

### Part 6 – The Worship of the Family Church

#### Ephesians 5:1-2

1. Imitate your Father.
  - a. You have to watch him!
  - b. Admit it! Your imitation is imperfect.
  - c. Your dearly loved children depend on your imitation.
2. Smell like your Brother.
  - a. What do you smell like to your neighbors? (Ephesians 4:29-31)
  - b. God finds pleasure in unusual smells.
  - c. What would Jesus smell like in your neighborhood? (Galatians 5:22-23)
  - d. How do we teach our children to smell like Jesus?

#### My Next Steps as Pastor of a Family Church

- **Keep your eye on the Father.** Make sure that you are keeping God before your eyes through daily use of God's Word. Pick up a Family Church resources page at the Welcome Center.
- **Do a sniff-test. What do you smell like?** Use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 of our hymnal or Google "Christian Worship Personal Preparation for Communion" to find it on the website of our sister congregation Grace Lutheran in Kenai, Alaska. Confess the odor of sin in your life and claim again God's grace in the Lord's Supper.
- **Take your smell out the door.** Take a RAWKs Fund Seed Packet and discuss in your family or small group how you might be the aroma of Christ in your neighborhood as you show kindness to others.