

THE FAMILY CHURCH

THE CHAMPION OF THE FAMILY CHURCH

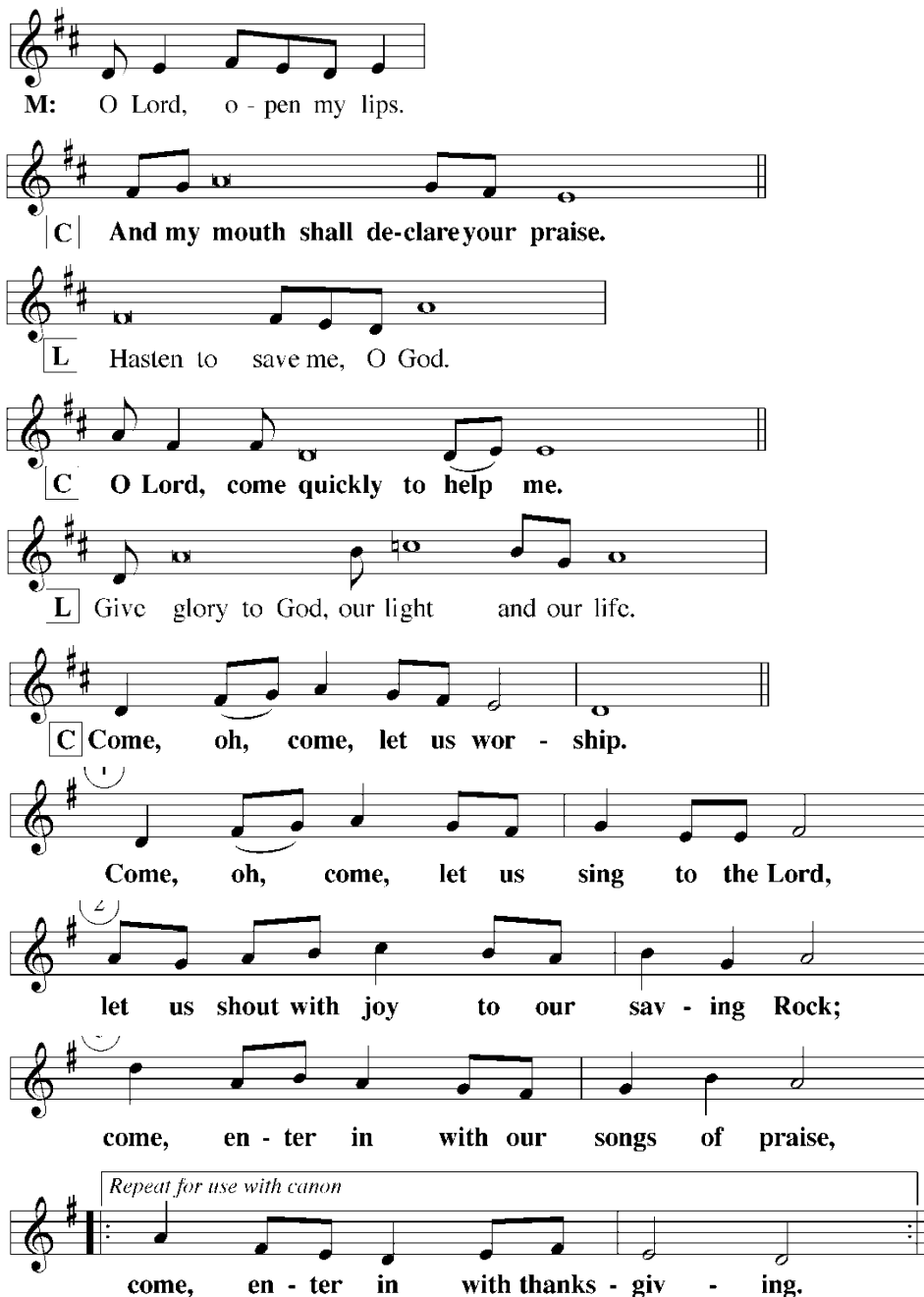
October 20, 21, and 24, 2018

You are called to be the champion. If you don't step into the void, Satan will.

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 474

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.

C | And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

L Hasten to save me, O God.

C O Lord, come quickly to help me.

L Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon

come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses

1. You are a great and a wondrous God,
 2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,
 cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
 kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.
 You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
 You are the God whom we call our own,
to Refrain
 you made the seas and the dry land.
 we are the flock that you shep - herd.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, you have taught us that the greatest battles we face in life are spiritual, that our struggle is against the powers of darkness around us and within us.

C **Equip us with the full armor of your love, grace, and truth, for these weapons are our only sure defense.**

M We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 17:42-51, Bible page 285

David faced Goliath clothed solely in the armor of the name of the Lord God Almighty.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 34, Hymnal page 80

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and he delivers them.

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10, Bible page 1075

Jesus is our Good Shepherd, with him by our side we will fear no evil.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

(Sunday 7:45 am, Lutheran Elementary School Grades K-8)

O church arise and put your armor on
 Hear the call of Christ our Captain
 For now the weak can say that they are strong
 In the strength that God has given
 With shield of faith and belt of truth
 We'll stand against the devil's lies
 An army bold whose battle cry is Love
 Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
 But to rage against the captor
 And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
 We will fight with faith and valor
 When faced with trials on every side
 We know the outcome is secure
 And Christ will have the prize for which He died
 An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
 As the Son of God is stricken
 Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
 For the Conqueror has risen
 And as the stone is rolled away
 And Christ emerges from the grave
 This victory march continues till the day
 Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
 Give grace for every hurdle
 That we may run with faith to win the prize
 Of a servant good and faithful
 As saints of old still line the way
 Retelling triumphs of His grace
 We hear their calls and hunger for the day
 When with Christ we stand in glory

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SERMON

Ephesians 6:10-18, Bible page 1177

Pastor Peter Panitzke

BAPTISM *(Saturday)*

Tyler Wayne Vande leest

Son of Steven and Jenna (nee Scholbe) Vande leest, born July 16, 2018

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

FAMILY CHURCH COMMITMENT

M Do you sincerely intend to bring up your children in the way of the Lord and to instruct them in the truths of God's saving Word so that they may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in their baptismal grace unto the end? If so, then answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Sunday*)

The Sword of the Spirit, Michele and Lydia Eiche
words by Jon Eiche

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Dear God, today we put on the full armor to guard our lives against attack.

C We put on the belt of truth to protect against lies and deception.

M We put on the breastplate of righteousness to protect our hearts from the temptations we battle.

C We put the gospel of peace on our feet, so we're ready to take your light wherever you send us each new day.

M We take up the shield of faith that will extinguish all the flaming arrows and threats hurled our way by the enemy.

C We put on the helmet of salvation, which covers our minds and thoughts, reminding us we are children of the day, forgiven, set free, saved by the grace of Christ Jesus.

M We take up the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.

Special prayers and intercessions.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M Lord, empower to live as family, both in our nuclear family and in the wider family of the church.

C **Help us to carry each other's burdens, and in this way fulfill your law of love in our lives. Amen.**

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.

CLOSING HYMN

Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

CLOSING PRAYER

M Lord, you are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

C **When Satan accuses us, when doubts and fears fill our hearts, keep the eyes of our faith focused on you, our Savior and Redeemer.**

M You are the Lord forevermore.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING



L The Lord bless and keep you.



C A - men.



L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



C A - men.



L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



C A - men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDING MINISTER *(Sunday) Pastor David Kuehl*

ORGANIST *Darik Mischke*



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of October 22, 2018

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
TUE	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	Divorce Care (School Classroom 8)
	6:30 pm	Handbells Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> (Faith Room)
WED	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
THURS		No Lutheran School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	11:00 am	Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service / Christian Family Solutions Presentation (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
FRI		No Lutheran School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
	7:00 pm	Pickleball Open Gym (Trinity Gym)
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	8:30 am	<i>Following the Promise</i> (School Classroom #8)
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Generation Change – Financial Peace – Teens/Parents (Faith Room)
	6:30 pm	TUG – Teens Under God (Trinity Café and Gym)

WATCH ONLINE



- **Watch Live:** Attend church remotely on Sundays at The Bridge at 10:15 am. Live streaming is available at 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 and www.thebridgemuskego.org. They are usually available Sunday evening for that same Sunday's message.
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ST. PAUL'S NEWS

BAPTISM

Bradley Michael Stubblefield, son of James Bennett and Justyce Stubblefield, was born July 30, 2018, and will be baptized at the 10:45 am service on Sunday, October 21. We praise God for the gift of saving faith given to Bradley.

WEDDING

Heidi Sund and Michael Keller were married on Friday, October 19. May God bless Heidi and Michael in their marriage joined together with Christ.

FUNERAL

Diane Ruehle, born June 24, 1950, entered eternal life with her Savior on October 15, 2018. A Christian funeral was held on Saturday, October 20, 2018. We pray for peace and comfort in our risen Savior for the family and loved ones of Diane.

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

1041 attended worship services last week.

BACKPACKS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS – TWO WAYS TO HELP

As a thanksgiving response for all God's goodness to his people here at St. Paul's, Amanda Frelka-Bruch is organizing a drive for the VA Medical Center which serves homeless veterans. Our goal is to provide veterans who fought for our freedom a small gift of gratitude. We hope to assemble 72 backpacks filled with life essentials to gift to homeless veterans. You can help out in two ways: 1) Donate new or gently used backpacks. Drop them off in the church library or the school/church office by Wednesday, November 7. 2) Volunteer for a couple hours to pack the backpacks before sending them to the VA for distribution. If you would like more information or to volunteer, please contact Amanda Frelka-Bruch at Fbruchaj@gmail.com. Perhaps this is the RAWKs Fund (Random Acts of Worship Kindness) opportunity your family or small group is looking for.

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 Klopf at (262) 706-3595 or sklopf@stpaulmuskego.org to register. For more information you may go to www.griefshare/holidays.

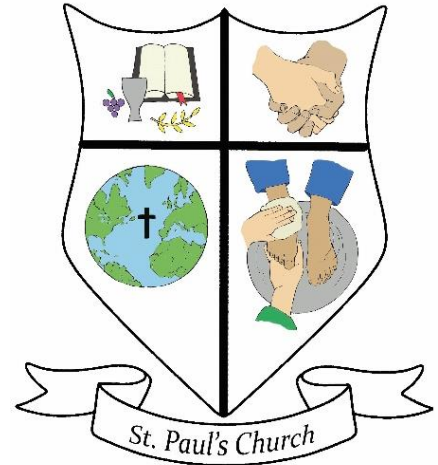
OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

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.

FAMILY CHURCH

FAMILY CHURCH CRESTS ON DISPLAY

Family Crests designed by the families of our church are on display today. The cross at the center of the crest reminds us that Jesus is at the center of each Family Church. The pictures in the four spaces created by the cross depict the core values of each family. Thank you to all the families for your time and effort in creating this meaningful project. We pray it serves as an encouragement to your family.



RAWKs FUND

It was a powerful experience last week to see so many families step forward to receive a RAWKs Fund Seed Packet. We distributed \$3500 in 210 envelopes to encourage families and small groups to start a “Random Acts of Worship Kindness” fund in their homes and groups. These “Random Acts of Worship Kindness” may be helping an individual that you know who needs help. It may be supporting an organization that is near and dear to your family like the Ronald McDonald House or Make a Wish. It may be buying a Thanksgiving meal or Christmas presents for a family that has landed on hard times. Through these acts of kindness, our friends and neighbors will see the love of Christ in action. We will be sharing stories of some of the Random Acts of Worship Kindness in the weeks ahead.



RAWKs FUND IDEA

Lighthouse Youth Center and Garden Homes Lutheran Church and School on Milwaukee’s north side are recipients of some of our acts of worship kindness. Our Teen Ministry donated a used pool table to the Youth Center as well as donating funds to re-felt that table and another pool table already at the Youth Center. Five groups or families from St. Paul’s are providing Friday night suppers for the youth center. Chuqee Fletcher, director of Lighthouse Youth Center at Garden Homes wrote: “Dr. Nelson and St. Paul’s: Thanks for all that you do for Lighthouse. The St. Paul’s team and your generosity are beyond amazing! Thank you for keeping that connection alive and well!” If your small group or family would like to use your RAWKs Fund to provide a Friday night supper, contact Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org for more information.

FAMILY CHURCH REMEMBRANCE SERVICES – WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 28

Next weekend is 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

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 Sundays at 8:30 am. Contact Pastor Nate at nstrobels@stpaulmuskego.org or mark the back of your Connection Card to register.

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. Contact St. John's Lutheran Church at (262) 363-8627 for more information.

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.

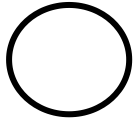
LADIES AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

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.

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 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. The next scheduled TUG is Sunday, October 28.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Share personal highs and lows from this past week and begin with the Lord's Prayer.

The champion of the Family Church sees the enemies.

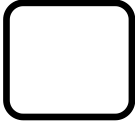
2. Read Ephesians 6:10-12. Is it helpful to you or frightening to see who the real enemies are behind the challenges our youth face?
3. What are the challenges that you see our youth facing that you didn't face at that age? What can we do as a parent and/or adult to help youth today to overcome these challenges?
4. Read 2 Peter 2:1-10. What examples does the Holy Spirit give us to reassure us that in spite of the apparent victory of evil, God is able to rescue his people? How does that comfort you as you pray for your family?

The champion of the Family Church takes up God's armor.

5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:17. Easter is the one historical event upon which ours and our children's faith depends. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. What proof does Paul give that Easter is an historical fact?

The champion of the Family Church is supported by prayer.

6. How might each petition of the Lord's Prayer apply as we pray for parents and as we pray children?
7. Share with the group the name of one child on your heart. After doing that, join together in praying the Lord's Prayer with these children in mind.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

The Family Church

Part 7 – The Champion of the Family Church

Ephesians 6:10-18

1. The champion sees the enemies.
 - a. Sees the challenges for the iGen.
 - b. Sees the true enemies by faith.
 - c. Is prepared for the losses.

2. The champion takes up God's armor.
 - a. Wears it themselves.
 - b. Carries it to their children.

3. The champion is supported by prayer.

My Next Steps as Pastor of a Family Church

- **See:** Look for opportunities to understand the demonic attacks on our youth. You might want to read *iGen* by Jean M. Twenge or *Meet Generation Z* by James Emory White.
- **Armor:** Begin a daily Bible reading or listening pattern today so that you might be healed of your spiritual wounds and bring healing to our children. Check out YouVersion or BibleGateWay apps for reading plans.
- **Pray:** “The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective” (James 5:16). Pray for the children in your life. Ask others to join you in prayer for your children.