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THE FAMILY CHURCH
THE JOY OF THE FAMILY CHURCH
October 27, 28, and 31, 2018

What is the ultimate joy and success of the Family Church? It's seeing each member of the family grow in faith and ultimately cross the finish line into heaven.

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 259

When All Your Mercies, O My God

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

C **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

M Brothers and sisters in Christ, in his letter to the Christians in Philippi, Paul called upon them to shine like stars as they held firmly to the word of life.

C **"Then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain"**
(Philippians 2:15,16).

M Paul saw as his great calling the spiritual training of his faith family, so that they could shine God's love in Christ into the world around them. This is our great calling, as well. Yet who of us can live up to this great task? Acknowledging our weakness and failures, as well as our need to be renewed through the power of confession and forgiveness, we come before our God in humble honesty and confess our sins.

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 failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But 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 and has given his only Son to be the
 atoning sacrifice for 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.
 C Amen.

Prayer and Praise

GLORY TO GOD



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Father God, you are eternal. You have no beginning and no end.

C **You have made us a part of your family—a family that will endure forever.**

M As we make our journey through life, keep us focused on the ultimate goal.

C **Empower us to live with our eyes on eternity.**

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

C **and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25, Bible page 748

In picturesque Old Testament language, the Lord gives us a glimpse into the life we will ultimately share in heaven.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. Alleluia. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. Alleluia (*Matthew 10:39*).

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13, Bible page 993

Jesus is coming soon. Let's make sure our families are ready.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY 515

Shepherd of Tender Youth

SERMON

Selected Verses of Resurrection Comfort

Pastor Peter Panitzke

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Sunday*)

Love Is the Gracious Gift, *Alex and Robyn Bennett*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

C **It is good and right so to do.**

M It is truly 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 in blessing his saints of the past has given us glorious assurance and hope that, following their example of faith, we may run with perseverance the race marked out for us, and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

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. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see Communion note on page 7.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 606
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**For Me to Live Is Jesus
I'm But a Stranger Here**

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Lord Jesus, you have made us part of your family. You invited us to enjoy this fellowship meal with you.

C **Your body and blood that we received with the bread and wine are a personal and powerful reminder that you claim us as your brothers and sisters.**

M Certain of our position in our Father's family,

C **help each of us fulfill our roles in the Family Churches of which we are a part.**

M Use our Family Churches to prepare us all for that day when you call us home to yourself.

C **Grant that each of us may hear these blessed words: "Well done, good and faithful servant... Come and share your Master's happiness!" (Matthew 25:23)**

M Go forth to serve in your Family Church with the promise of our Triune God:

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 **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDING MINISTER *(Sunday) Pastor David Kuehl*

ORGANIST *Carol Nelson*



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.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

WHAT TIME IS IT? OUR NEXT MESSAGE SERIES

When was the last time you checked the time? If you are doing something you enjoy, time can fly by and you don't even realize what time it is.

One of the challenges of our lives is that God gives us so much to enjoy in this life, time flies by and we don't realize what time it is.

During the last services of the Christian church year, we want to pause and check the time. What time is it?

- A Time for Reformation
- A Time for Action
- A Time to Shine
- A Time of Thanksgiving
- A Time for Submission



ST. PAUL'S LIVING NATIVITY IS COMING SOON!

Come and experience the wonder of Christmas. Start spreading the word. This widely loved community event will occur the evenings of November 30 - December 2. A continuous 15-minute outdoor presentation will take place from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, and 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Sunday.

It's first come - first choice for the large variety of positions and food donations needed to make this event a success. Stop by the church lobby after the worship service today to sign up.

Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner is the contact for this event at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 218-5197.



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 to provide an overview of our teachings. Please ask one of our pastors for the date when the next class begins.

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. The first pews in the left center section are reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of October 29, 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	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Volleyball League (Trinity Gym)
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 with Holy Communion
THURS		No Lutheran School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	9:00 am	Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
	7:00 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
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
SUN	2:00 am	Daylight Saving Time Ends – Turn Clocks Back One Hour
	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)

BAKE GOODS DESIRED FOR DORCAS SOCIETY BAKE SALE

St. Paul's Dorcas Society will be hosting a bake sale on Sunday, November 18, after all worship services. All proceeds will go to St. Paul's Tuition Fund, Lutheran Women's Society, and the Malawi, Africa mission. Donations of baked goods, homemade candy, nuts, or items of the like would be greatly appreciated. You may drop off your donations in the Grace Room kitchen on Saturday, November 17, 8:00-11:00 am, or prior to the 5:00 pm worship service. Contact Carolyn Bourdo for more information at (262) 679-1136.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

BAPTISM

Emerson Leopold Garbe, son of Benjamin and Amy (nee Schmidt) Garbe, was born September 25, 2018, and will be baptized after the 10:45 am service on Sunday, October 28. We praise God for the gift of saving faith given to Emerson.

HOSPITALIZED

Karen Grenie is at St. Luke's, Arleen Lutsch at Froedtert. Linda Miksch has been discharged from the hospital.

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

1128 attended worship services last week.

KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON YOUR FAMILY CHURCH

- **Family Crests:** We want to thank all the families who shared their Family Crests with us! When they are returned to you, we encourage you to post them in a prominent place in your home to help you keep Jesus at the center of your Family Church.
- **RAWKs Fund Seed Packets:** We have already heard back from one individual who used his Random Acts of Worship Kindness Fund Seed Packet to purchase a keyboard for a nursing home where a family member lives. He added to the fund, he shared the idea with family members and family members of other residents and they contributed, too. Within a day or two the keyboard was there to bless their worship space. In this way, the generous, loving aroma of Christ is spread to the residents of this home, the people who work there, and others. This is the power of the RAWKs Funds!
- **Share the Family Church Message:** If this series has been a blessing to you and your family, please share it with friends. All the material (testimonials, messages, devotions, theme song) is available at www.stpaulmuskego.org/family-church. Worship helps for other congregations to use the series can also be found there.



THANK YOU FROM FORMER FIRST GRADE TEACHER MS. LINDA MARTENS

Dear Members of St. Paul's Church and School,

Five years ago I accepted a divine call to serve as your first grade teacher. You welcomed me warmly, treated me generously, and responded to my ministry graciously. Now you treated me lovingly at my sudden retirement. I thank you for the generous monetary gift. You are a group of Christians that uses gifts and services to the Lord of the church. My prayers will always include your work as you continue to share the gospel message.

May Jesus keep you,
Linda Martens

OCTOBER MISSION PARTNER COMMUNIQUE

The latest communication from our mission partner in Malawi, Africa is available at the Welcome Center. If you would like to give to the Malawi mission, just mark your gift "Malawi Mission Partner" and it will be designated appropriately.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO START IN BIBLE STUDY?

Following the Promise 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 nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org or mark the back of your Connection Card to register.

NOVEMBER GRACE ROOM SERIES

When was the last time you read Deuteronomy? And why would you? Doesn't Deuteronomy contain a lot of outdated rules? Isn't Deuteronomy mostly law and little gospel? You'll be surprised. Join others in learning from Professor Mark Braun (Wisconsin Lutheran College) who wrote the People's Bible volume on Deuteronomy. We will discuss which Old Testament laws still apply to New Testament Christians. We will see that there is a lot of grace in Deuteronomy. Most of all, Deuteronomy pointed people ahead to Christ. *Deuteronomy: Encouragements and Lessons for New Testament Christians*, Grace Room, November 4, 11, 18, and 25, 9:15-10:15 am.

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 prepare for the holidays. Please contact Sharon Klopff at (262) 706-3595 or sklopff@stpaulmuskego.org to register. For more information you may go to www.griefshare/holidays.

TEENS UNDER GOD SUNDAY NIGHT!



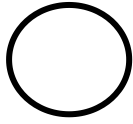
Join TUG in the Trinity Café, from 6:30 til 8:00 pm, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. October 28 will focus on DVD session 2 of, *Who Is This Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus*. Join in the discussion as we also evaluate the TUG two-Sunday per month format.

MOMMY & ME SATURDAY SESSION

Moms and children (birth to age five) are invited to attend a special session of *Mommy & Me* on Saturday, November 10, 9:30-11:00 am, in the Faith Room. Contact Samantha Lindner, *Mommy & Me* facilitator, at sam.lindner2323@gmail.com or (989) 284-2854 with questions or to let her know you are coming (although walk-ins are fine, too).

MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS SONG SERVICE

St. Paul's will be having a special Christmas song service on Sunday, December 16, and more singers and orchestral members are desired. Choir rehearsals will be on Sundays, beginning November 11, at 8:00 am and Tuesdays, beginning November 13, at 7:30 pm. Orchestra rehearsals will be December 5 at 8:00 pm, and December 15, at 9:00 am. Contact Michele Eiche at meiche4@wi.rr.com for more information or to indicate your interest.

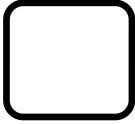


GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Share Family Church high's and low's from the past week - where have you seen God's amazing power in your personal family, life, and ministry?
2. Watch Dee Hahm's testimony together. (You can find it at www.stpaulmuskego.org/family-church.) How did her testimony impact you?
3. C. S. Lewis, in his book "A Grief Observed," wrote: *"No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear. I am not afraid, but the sensation is like being afraid. The same fluttering in the stomach, the same restlessness, the yawning. I keep on swallowing. At other times it feels like being mildly drunk, or concussed. There is a sort of invisible blanket between the world and me. I find it hard to take in what anyone says. Or perhaps, hard to want to take it in. It is so uninteresting. Yet I want the others to be about me. I dread the moments when the house is empty. If only they would talk to one another and not to me."* If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, what in C.S. Lewis' description of grief was similar to yours?
4. Isaiah 65:17-25 gives us a tiny glimpse of heaven. What words or phrases in these verses hold the most meaning to you?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. Share a story of how God used you to comfort someone else in their time of loss or grief.
6. How can the promise of a heavenly reunion impact your own family church this week?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

The Family Church

Part 8 – The Hope of the Family Church

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!
(Christian Worship 558 verse 7)

1. The Family Church grieves in hope
 - a. The Resurrection and the Life of John 11:25-26
 - b. The Glorious Body of Philippians 3:21
 - c. The New Heavens and New Earth of Isaiah 65:17-25
 - d. The Family Reunion of 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

“Therefore encourage each other with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

2. The Family Church lives in hope
 - a. The Pastor’s Call (Ephesians 6:1-4)
 - b. The Pastor’s Power (Ephesians 1:14-2:10)
 - c. The Pastor’s Love (Ephesians 3:14-21)
 - d. The Pastor’s Submission (Ephesians 4:1-16)
 - e. The Pastor’s Smell (Ephesians 5:1-2)
 - f. The Pastor’s Armory (Ephesians 6:10-20)

*“Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them,
because if you do, you will save both yourselves and your hearers” (1 Timothy 4:16).*

My Next Steps as Pastor of a Family Church

- **Remember your goal.** Memorize “Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourselves and your hearers” (1 Timothy 4:16).
- **Remember the tools God has given.** Review the themes of the Family Church by going to www.stpaulmuskego.org/family-church. Watch the testimonials, listen to the messages, find the resources that will help you and your family.
- **Remember you aren’t alone.** Your St. Paul’s/Bridge family is praying that God bless your ministry as pastor of your Family Church.