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THE FAMILY CHURCH
THE PERFECT FAMILY CHURCH
September 8, 9, and 12, 2018

*Talking about family is guilt-provoking. We have all failed. As we begin **The Family Church** series, we want to remember that through Christ, we are all part of a perfect family.*

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 239, vv. 1-2

Glory Be to God the Father

M The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Heavenly Father, you speak to us through your Word. It is your love letter to us.

C **It is our joy to sit at your feet and listen to you.**

M But there are so many other things that crowd into our lives, robbing us of our excitement, and damping our desire to spend this important time with you. Through the Holy Spirit we come to you with repentant hearts, confessing our sins, and pleading for your mercy in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**

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

SONG OF PRAISE HYMN 239, v. 4

Glory Be to God the Father

Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!
Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we commend to your care all the homes where your people live.
C **Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, moderation, patience, and godliness.**

M Bind together in enduring affection those who have become one in marriage.
C **Let children and parents have full respect and affection for one another.**

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



FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:18-24, Bible page 3

The LORD God establishes the family. God's design is perfect.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-30, Bible page 1009

Jesus has the power to heal our families.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



HYMN OF THE DAY 506

Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall

SERMON

Ephesians 1:3-7; Bible page 1173

Pastor Peter Panitzke

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (*Proverbs 9:10a*). Without you, Lord, we are nothing and can accomplish nothing. You deserve all respect and honor. Lord, empty us of our pride, our worry, our lack of faith. Fill us with your Word that we can hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Give us an attitude within that may be a help and not a hindrance to those around us, especially those entrusted to our care. Make us humble students of your Word who boldly do your will to your glory and for your people.

Special prayers and intercessions.

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

Silent prayer.

Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so 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 right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



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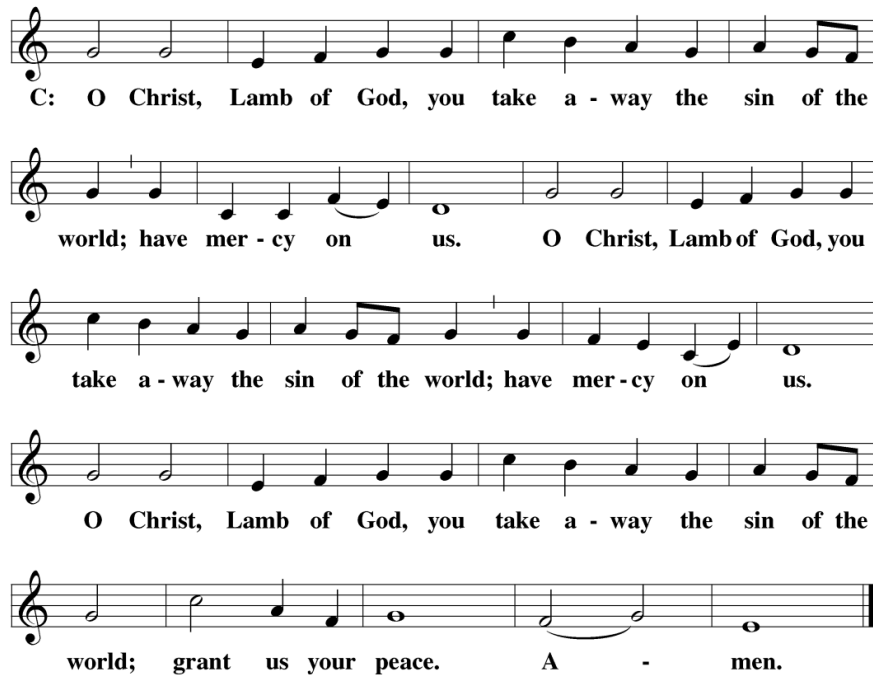
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 6.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 290
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One Thing's Needful
God Has Spoken by His Prophets

CLOSING PRAYER

M Merciful Father, we give you thanks and praise that you have fed us with the precious body and blood of your dear Son for the forgiveness of our sin. By your grace fill us with the desire and the power to walk worthy of our holy calling and to reflect your glory in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDING MINISTER (Sunday) *Pastor David Kuehl*

ORGANIST *Susan Gedemer*

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 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.

THE FAMILY CHURCH

THE GOALS OF THE FAMILY CHURCH

The Family Church message series has two goals:

1. To help moms and dads, grandpas and grandmas, uncles and aunts be the spiritual leaders of their “Family Church.”
2. To help everyone become part of a “Family Church” where we care for others and are cared for.



FULFILLING OUR ROLES IN OUR FAMILY CHURCH

To help each of us fulfill our roles in our families, the Family Church will offer the following tools:

- 8 weekly messages based on Ephesians (September 9 – October 28). If you miss a message, you can watch it or download a podcast at www.stpaulmuskego.org.
- 8 video vignettes featuring members of the St. Paul’s family talking about the struggles to live the Family Church life and the benefits of growing as a family. They will be posted each week at <http://stpaulmuskego.org/worship/family-church/>.
- Daily devotions written by members of the St. Paul’s family. Copies are available in the Welcome Center. These devotions will be emailed daily to the “Entire Church” group to read personally or in your family. You can also download a daily podcast. If you don’t already receive Pastor Pete’s weekly email, please write your email on the Connection Card. It is possible that these emails may go to your clutter folder, so be sure to check there if you don’t see any coming to your inbox.

FINDING OUR FAMILY CHURCH – USE GROUPLINK TO FIND A LIFE GROUP

Nearly 200 of your brothers and sisters in Christ have found that a Life Group (small group Bible study) becomes a family where we “genuinely love, trust, care about, and look out for each” (UrbanDictionary.com).

At GroupLink, you will have a chance to meet others who would like to be part of a Life Group. New groups will be formed. Additional people will be added to existing groups.

GroupLink will be held twice: Thursday, September 13 at 6:30 pm & Sunday, September 16 at 6:30 pm in the Grace Room. **Register today on the Connection Card.**

LOOKING AHEAD

- October 7 – We celebrate the humble service of our own youth and students from our UW Madison Campus ministry.
- October 14 – We introduce RAWKs Funds. RAWKs stands for “Random Acts of Worship Kindness.” Families and Life Groups will be given “seed money” to worship the Savior by showing kindness to others in their community.
- October 21 – Rededication Sunday as we pray for parents and others that God bless their efforts to be the spiritual leaders of their families.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of September 10, 2018

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
TUE	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	10:00 am	Circuit Meeting at Living Water, Wind Lake
	12:00 pm	Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) (Grace Room)
	6:00 pm	Divorce Care (School Classroom 8)
	6:30 pm	Handbells Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
WED	9:30 am	Mommy and Me (Faith Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	GroupLink Life Group Starter Meeting
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	12:30 pm	Cook Thon/Morris Wedding Rehearsal
	1:30 pm	Christy Cook Thon/John Morris Wedding Ceremony
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:15 am	Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	6:30 pm	Group Link Life Group Starter Meeting

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRIES

Help your children make spiritual growth a regular part of their lives by participating in the programs listed below. All grade levels meet in the school at 9:15 am. Enter through the Trinity Café and you will receive directions on your child's room location. For more information contact Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

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

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

ATTENDANCE

891 attended worship services last week.

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.

PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH PREPARING FOR FULL TIME MINISTRY

Please keep in your prayers our young people who are studying at our synod's schools in preparation for fulltime ministry: Morgan Shevey, Gabrielle Steidl, and Nathan Wranovsky at Martin Luther College and Marcus Fitzsimmons, Elijah Shevey, Marisa Shevey, Nathan Hintze, and Elisa Marggraf at Luther Prep School. St. Paul's Gift Trust Fund provided a \$1000 scholarship to those studying at MLC. We also provide tuition assistance to those at Luther Prep School through our SCETA Fund (Secondary Christian Education Tuition Assistance). We just received Morgan's thank you note. She speaks for all of these young people: *Thank you for your generous contribution to my tuition payments this upcoming school year. I am so blessed to have your support as I pursue a lifetime of service in ministry. I pray the gospel light continues to shine at St. Paul's.*

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

There are two opportunities to join in on this study this fall: Tuesdays, beginning September 11, at 7:00 pm and Sundays, beginning October 14, at 8:30 am. Contact Pastor Nate to register at nstrobels@stpaulmuskego.org. This class serves as a path to membership at the end if you so wish.

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS BIBLE STUDY

Join retired Martin Luther College Professor Rev. Daniel Deutschlander as he presents *The Miracles of Jesus* September 9, 16, 23, and 30, at 9:15 am, in the Grace Room.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Join the Tuesday Ladies Bible Study at 9:30 am in the Faith Room. Join us in taking a closer look at Paul's letter to the Ephesians, which is sometimes called the book that helps us find our true identity.

OWLS MEET TUESDAY

The Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors meets Tuesday, September 11, in the Grace Room at noon. Come listen to Tim Mutterer give a Christian evaluation of JFK and LBJ while enjoying a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to pass. Contact Carlene Pingel at (262) 490-2579 with questions.

FINANCIAL PEACE FOR YOUR TEEN AND YOU

Generation Change, a Dave Ramsey course for teens and their parents that is part of the well-known *Financial Peace University* series, will be offered the Sundays of September 16, 23, and 30, 12:00-1:30 pm. Teens (and parents) will learn their value in God's eyes and what the Bible says about money. All sessions will be in the Faith Room with complimentary lunch provided. Contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145, by September 9 to reserve your spot.

SHORT-TERM EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER

St. Paul's Child Care Center is in need of a Teacher's Aide in the One-Year-Old Room, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 - 2:00 pm. Start date needed is December 10, continuing through January 21 (6 weeks). Contact Child Care Center Director Kim Neubauer at kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, to apply.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

OUR APPRECIATION FOR MISS MARTENS' MINISTRY

As a way to express our appreciation for Miss Martens' ministry among us, we are gathering monetary gifts to present to Miss Martens to help her as she transitions from full-time ministry to retirement due to sudden and pressing family obligations. Please mark your gift clearly "Miss Martens Gift." Make checks payable to St. Paul's. You may place them in the offering at church or drop it by the school office. You may also text to give a special gift (Example: \$20.00 Martens) to 414-316-6733.

DIVORCECARE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11

Divorce is ugly, but you are beautiful. Divorce is not what God intended for marriage, but there is hope. If you are in need of help and healing due to divorce, please consider joining us as we learn of God's tremendous love for us on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in school classroom 8. A new set of classes will begin on September 11 and run through December 18. If you are not able to make it every Tuesday, that is alright. Just come when you can. Contact Eric Pearson at ericpear@yahoo.com or Kristen Miller at kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org for more information.

MOMMY AND ME BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12

If you are a mom with a child, birth–age 5, consider joining St. Paul's social, spiritual, and service oriented group - *Mommy & Me*. The group meets Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:00, in the Faith Room beginning September 12. Contact Samantha Lindner for additional details at sam.lindner2323@gmail.com or (989) 284-2854.

WELS MISSION PRESENTATION

Pastor Kevin Hundley will offer the latest news about various WELS mission efforts. Hear the latest news about what the Lord is doing in places you might least expect on Monday, September 17, at 1:00 pm at Stoney Creek Adult Community in Muskego. Visit www.stoneycreekmuskego.com for more information.

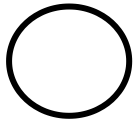
FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE AT STONEY CREEK

Walgreens will be coming to Stoney Creek on Tuesday, September 11, at 1:00 pm to offer flu shots. To sign up, contact Anita at Stoney Creek at 414-422-4686.

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 YouTube at *The Bridge Church Muskego*. All past live replays are also available on each platform.
 - **Sermon Videos and Podcasts:** 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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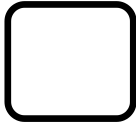


GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Share one of your favorite memories from your youth.
2. How do you see Satan attacking the family today?
3. What might Satan stand to gain if he is successful in his attacks on Christian families?
4. Read Genesis 2:18-24. What lessons can we learn for family life from God's establishment of this first family?
5. Parenting and guilt are almost synonymous for many people. We can easily find fault in our own parenting or in the parenting of others. Read Psalm 103: 8-19. What verses from this psalm can comfort parents who feel overwhelmed and defeated?
6. Read Ephesians 1:3-7. We are best prepared to be spiritual leaders to others in our family (our relational family or our functional family) when we are certain of our own identity as children of God. What words or phrases in this section reaffirm that awesome identity?
7. Break up into groups of two or three, ideally all male or all female groups. Share prayer requests for your family or a family member. Take turns praying for the needs that someone else in the group has shared.



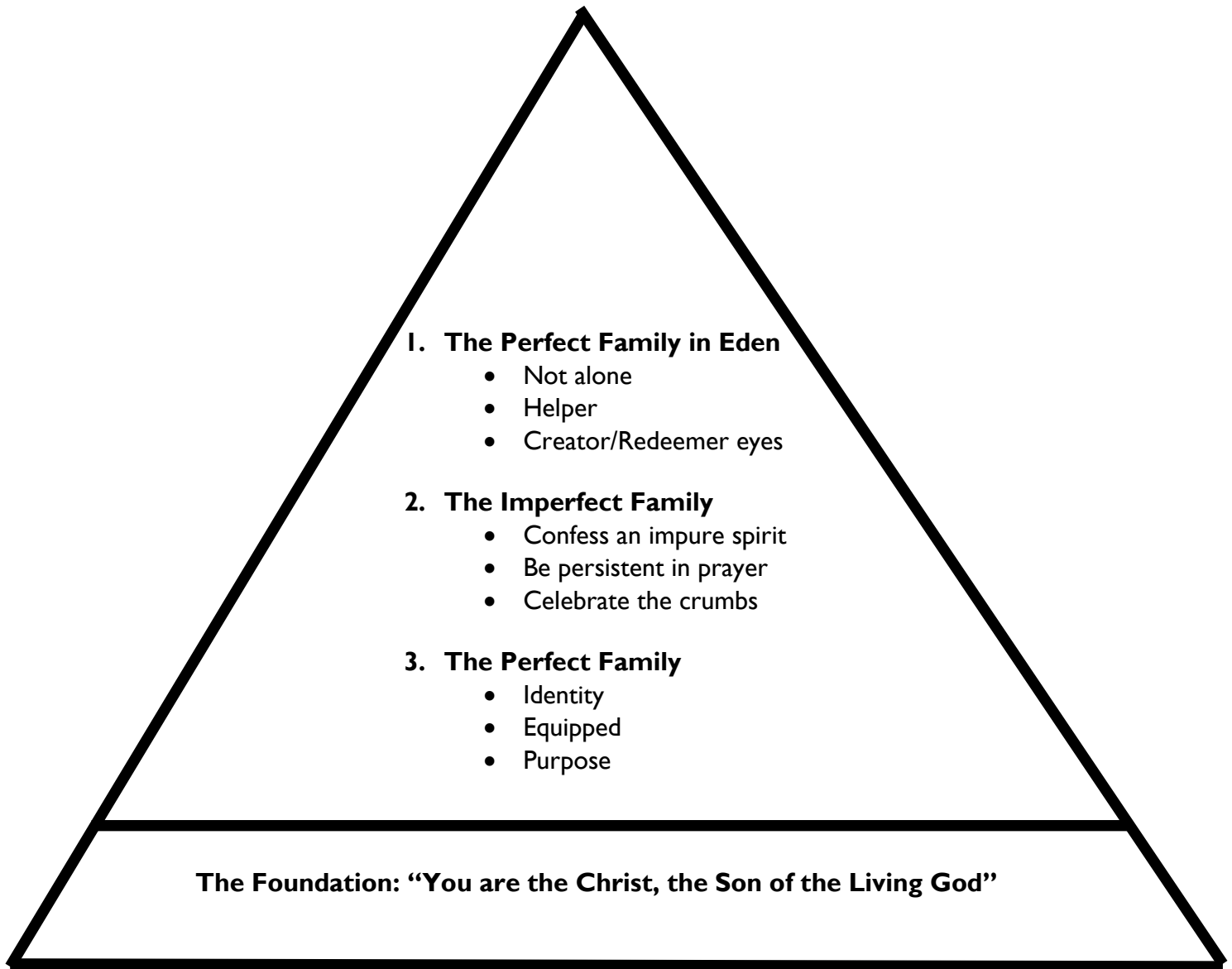
NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

The Family Church – The Perfect Family

Ephesians 1:3-7, page 1173



Next Steps toward a Family Church

- **Use the Family Church Daily Devotions** for yourself and/or your family. Copies are available in the Welcome Center. The daily devotion will also be emailed. If you don't already receive Pastor Pete's weekly email, please write your email on the Connection Card and check your Clutter to see if these emails are there.
- **Join a Life Group.** Join the 200 others at St. Paul's/The Bridge who gather in small groups as spiritual families. Check **GroupLink** on the Connection Card.
- **Pray for “crumbs.”** Pray that Jesus might use just the crumbs of his power and love to build up Family Churches (relational families and functional families like Life Groups) so that no one faces Satan's attacks alone.