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## THE FAMILY CHURCH

### THE PASTOR OF THE FAMILY CHURCH

September 15, 16, and 19, 2018

*God has called us to be Jesus to someone in our lives.*

#### BELLS AND WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN 255, vv. 1-3

#### Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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

C **Amen.**

M Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have been called to declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light to everyone around us, but especially to those within our families.

C **Why, then, do we so often fail to give God the honor and glory he deserves? Why is the spiritual nurturing of ourselves and our families so often forgotten or lost in the daily busyness of life?**

M Because of the weakness of our sinful flesh. Because of our love of comfort and ease. Because we choose to put our faith and hope in the created thing rather than in the Creator himself. Yet God loved us despite our weakness and sin. He sent his Son to destroy sin's power in our lives. Confident of God's forgiving love in Christ, let us approach our heavenly Father with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

All **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



Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy



on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

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.**

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

RESPONSE HYMN 255, vv. 4-5

**Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken;  
Let me keep thy gift divine,  
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;  
May thy Word still o'er me shine  
As my guiding star through life,  
As my comfort in all strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear thee;  
Let thy will be done indeed.  
May I undisturbed draw near thee  
While thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
Here is balm for all our woes.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Father, we thank you for the gift of family. Your design for the family is beautiful: Parents passing the faith on to their children and nurturing them with your Word.

C **Teach us, empower us, enable to be the best “family pastors” and the best students of your Word we can be.**

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.**

FIRST LESSON

**Proverbs 3:1-18, Bible page 630**

*Through every stage of life seek true wisdom, godly wisdom, and the Lord promises to make your paths straight.*

PSALM OF THE DAY 1

Hymnal page 64

*Lord, sink our family's roots deep in the living waters of your truth.*

GOSPEL

Mark 9:42-50, Bible page 1013

*In dramatic fashion, Jesus teaches us that our eternal welfare and the eternal welfare of others is priority number one.*

*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!

HYMN OF THE DAY 512

Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

SERMON

Ephesians 6:1-4, Bible page 1177

*Pastor Peter Panitzke*

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

M Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**

M We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C **Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

M Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C **Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

M Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C **Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

M Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

**C Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

**C 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.**

#### HYMN 500

**For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray**

#### CLOSING PRAYER

M Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you have planted us like trees beside the streams of the refreshing waters of your love and grace.

**C Help us to always delight in your Word and to yield abundant fruit in our lives.**

M We pray, Jesus, in your name. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

#### 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 Amen.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**ORGANIST** *Carol Nelson*

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of September 17, 2018

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
<b>TUE</b>	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	2:30 pm	Blood Drive (Grace Room)
	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	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Dorcas Society (Grace Room)
<b>WED</b>	9:30 am	Mommy and Me (Faith Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
<b>FRI</b>	8:15 am	Lutheran Elementary School Chapel Service (Main Church)
	5:30 pm	Kennon/Cabral Wedding Rehearsal (Main Church)
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	2:00 pm	Karlee Kennon/David Cabral Wedding Ceremony (Main Church)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
<b>SUN</b>	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
	12:00 pm	Generation Change (Faith Room)
	6:30 pm	Teens Under God – TUG (Trinity Café and Gym)

## 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.



### Kids Club (Grades 3K-6)

- Large and Small Groups
- Bible Lessons and Applications
- Upbeat, Interactive, Fun!



### Boost (Grades 7-8)

- Teacher-Led, Student-Centered
- Bible History, Current Events, and Life Topics
- Engaging, Meaningful, Fun!

# THE FAMILY CHURCH

## THE FAMILY CHURCH MESSAGE SERIES

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.



**September 23      The Power of the Family Church      Ephesians 1:15-2:10**

You are God’s masterpiece created in Christ Jesus to do good things which God prepared in advance for you to do.

**September 30      The Life-Blood of the Family Church      Ephesians 3:13-21**

Love is what the family—any kind of family--needs more than anything!

**October 7      The Glue of the Family Church      Ephesians 4:1-16**

What holds a family together like nothing else can? The Bible calls it submission: acknowledging that the rest of my family members are more important than me.

*We celebrate the humble service of our own youth and students from our UW Madison Campus ministry.*

**October 14      The Worship of the Family Church      Ephesians 5:1-2**

Worship is not only hearing God’s Word and responding in prayer and song. The Family Church is also called to put God’s Word into practice in our daily lives.

*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      The Champion of the Family Church      Ephesians 6:10-18**

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

*This is Rededication Sunday as we pray for parents and others that God would bless their efforts to be the spiritual leaders of their families.*

**October 28      The Joy of the Family Church      2 Corinthians 1:3-5**

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

# THE FAMILY CHURCH RESOURCES

From now until November 3, we are emailing daily devotions that relate to The Family Church message series. We pray that these written and/or audio messages help you establish a strong Family Church routine in your daily life. If you are not receiving these daily devotions, put your email address on the Connection Card and you will be added to the list. Check your email clutter if you do not see the emails coming through.



However, because no devotional material fits every situation, below are further resources for you to consider for yourself or your family.

## Daily Devotions from the WELS

Google “WELS Daily Devotions” to be connected to a link to subscribe to daily email devotions produced by our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

## Time of Grace

Time of Grace offers a number of resources to help the family via their website at [www.timeofgrace.org](http://www.timeofgrace.org).

- Download the Time of Grace app to receive short daily devotional videos to share with your family and friends.
- Order devotional books like *God’s Imitators*, *Dig In Family Devotions*, and *God’s Word for Boys* and *God’s Word for Girls* (a Bible with devotions for ages 8 – 12)
- Marriage helps like *Marriage is Hard* in CD or DVD format
- *Grace Moments* devotions on a variety of topics

## The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible

A collection of 300 of the Bible’s most-loved stories presented in two-page illustrations to capture even the youngest child’s imagination. Available on Amazon.

## The HCSB One Minute Bible for Students: 366 Devotions Connecting You with God Every Day

This resource offers 366 readings that allow young people to thoroughly survey the heart of the Bible in one year at the rate of just one minute per day. Each reading follows the general flow of biblical history, interspersed with several topical series for occasions such as Easter and Mother’s Day. Available online and at Barnes and Nobles stores.

## Chip Ingram’s Living on the Edge

These very reasonably priced, excellent quality resources on marriage and parenting are meant for small groups, husbands and wives, or parents to use in the home. The 20-30 minute video teachings are accompanied by study guides and application questions to assist in great conversations about things that matter most during our Christian journey together. At approximately \$30, this is a great investment.

Chip Ingram’s “Living on the Edge” Marriage and Parenting Resources:

<https://store.livingontheedge.org/topics/marriage/>

<https://store.livingontheedge.org/topics/parenting/>

## God’s Yellow Pages

This handy reference continues to be a favorite of Christians who seek God’s voice for life’s issues but don’t know where to turn in the Bible. Go to <http://anyflip.com/osww/keck/basic> to bring you to an electronic version of God’s Yellow Pages where the Bible passages are linked directly to BibleGateway.com

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## WEDDING

Christy Cook Thon and John Morris were joined in marriage on Saturday, September 15, 2018. May God bless Christy and John in their unity together with Christ.

## BAPTISM

Eloise Joy Vanderhyde, daughter of Aaron and Jessica (nee Gierach) Vanderhyde, was born September 7, 2018, and will be baptized at the 10:45 am worship service on Sunday, September 16. We rejoice with the Vanderhydies in the gift of saving faith given to Eloise.

## HOSPITALIZED

Jessica Vanderhyde and baby Eloise Joy have 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

1074 attended worship services last week.

## ST. PAUL'S TEACHER KURT STEFFEN HONORED

This past week Mr. Kurt Steffen was honored with the "Educator Impact Award." Senior athletes on the Wisconsin Lutheran High School varsity volleyball team are asked to nominate one teacher—grade school or high school—who have significantly impacted their lives. This year St. Paul's alumna Carissa Sundholm nominated Mr. Steffen. Fellow St. Paul's alumnae Grace Beyer and Morgan Dunn nominated WHLS teachers Rev. Philip Huebner and Mr. Gilbert Tatge. We join with these young women and give thanks for dedicated Christian teachers!

## FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

There are two opportunities to join in on this study this fall: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, and Sundays, beginning October 14, at 8:30 am. Contact Pastor Nate to register at [nstrobels@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobels@stpaulmuskego.org) or mark the back of your Connection Card. While attending *Following the Promise* you will trace the promise of the Savior from creation all the way into your own life. This class also 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.

## DIVORCECARE

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. 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](mailto:ericpear@yahoo.com) or Kristen Miller at [kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org) for more information.



# 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	\$0	\$1,000

## 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 \$1.75 million. The \$19,135 monthly payment is paid entirely from gifts designated "Mortgage Fund." Please consider including the Mortgage Fund in your giving plans.

## 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

## WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Wisconsin Lutheran High School's Open House is on Sunday, October 7. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. with program at 6:00 p.m. Grade school parents and students will meet teachers, tour the school, and enjoy faculty presentations. See what a difference academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment can make in your child's life.

## UW MADISON CAMPUS MINISTRY

On Sunday, October 7, St. Paul's member Brad Meyer and others from the Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel in Madison will give a short presentation about their ministry. They will first provide the congregation with a little background information about themselves and the Chapel. Then they will highlight the importance of ministry on a secular campus and explain the ways in which they serve the students inside and out of the Chapel community. The representatives will also share how the Chapel has personally affected them throughout their college experiences and let you know how you can show your support for their ministry.



## TUG TALK NEXT SUNDAY

Teens! Come to the Trinity Café on Sunday, September 23, 6:30-8:00 pm, for the TUG Talk *Who Is This Man? – The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus*. In this thought provoking DVD based series, we will see how Jesus and Christianity came to make an inescapable influence on our world. We will see how Christian teens can make an inescapable influence, too. Contact Dr. Joel Nelson with questions at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145.

## LUTHERANS FOR LIFE FUNDRAISING EVENT

Lutherans for Life is hosting the Love for Life fundraising event on Friday, October 12, at the Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee (formerly Country Springs). Guests will be given an opportunity to support the ministry but there is no cost to attend. All funds raised will directly support life-affirming help for abortion-vulnerable mothers, a youth development program, pregnancy and parenting support, and helping people suffering post-abortion trauma. Pastor Brad Snyder, the featured speaker, will share his life story. Learn more and register at [eveningforlife.org](http://eveningforlife.org) or call (414) 727-8176.

## MOMMY AND ME

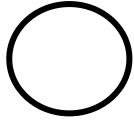
If you are a mom with a child, birth–age 5, consider joining St. Paul's social, spiritual, and service oriented group - *Mommy & Me*. The group meets Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:00, in the Faith Room. Contact Samantha Lindner for additional details at [sam.lindner2323@gmail.com](mailto:sam.lindner2323@gmail.com)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

## DONATE BLOOD – HELP SAVE LIVES

The Muskego Women's Club is hosting a blood drive on our campus in the Grace Room on Tuesday, September 18, 2:30-6:30 pm. Donate blood and help save lives.

## 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](mailto:kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, to apply.



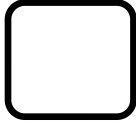
# GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

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1. What is your earliest memory of learning about Jesus as your Savior? If you came to faith as an adult, share your story. (Larger groups may need to break into subgroups to allow everyone to answer.)
  
2. The foundational principle upon which the Family Church series is built is that the family is the smallest gathering of the church, and that fathers and mothers have the call to be a “pastor” or spiritual shepherd to their children. How do each of these passages support that principle?
  - Matthew 18:20
  - Deuteronomy 6:4-9
  - Proverbs 22:6
  - Ephesians 6:4
  
3. Read I Timothy 4:16. What is the ultimate goal of the pastor of a family? If this were taped to your bathroom mirror and you read it every morning, what might change in your life? In your family or small group or among your co-workers?
  
4. What are some of the ways you have seen (either in your life or in the lives of others) where a father and/or mother have served well as a pastor to their family?
  
5. Look at the “Family Church Resources” page in the worship folder. Have you tried any of those resources? Are there resources that you would like to use personally or possibly in your group?
  
6. It is hard to be a pastor to your family or a group. Read I Timothy 1:12-17. How could you make Paul’s words about his ministry your own?
  
7. Break up into groups of two or three. Share a concern that you have for the spiritual welfare of family member(s) and/or friend(s). Take turns praying for each other.



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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## The Family Church Part 2 – The Pastor of the Family Church

Ephesians 6:1-4

**Me? A Pastor?**

1. Why was I **called**?
  - a. Called as priest (1 Peter 2:9-10)
  - b. Called as pastor (1 Peter 5:2-3)
2. Why was I called?
  - a. “Send someone else!” The pastor role is hard. (Exodus 4:13)
  - b. “Send someone else!” I am a failure! (1 Timothy 1:12-17)
  - c. “Send someone else!” There is no one else. (1 Corinthians 12:27)
3. **Why** was I called?
  - a. The eternal goal (1 Timothy 4:16)
  - b. The 20-Year goal (1 Timothy 4:15)

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

- **Remember the “Why?” Memorize 1 Timothy 4:16:** “Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”
- **Schedule the Time:** Put the Family Church time on your calendar just like any other important activity for yourself or your family.
- **Use the Family Church Daily Devotions** for yourself and/or your family. Copies are available in the Welcome Center. The daily devotion is also emailed. If you don’t already receive Pastor Pete’s weekly email, write your email on the Connection Card and/or check your Clutter for these emails.
- **Research Resources:** Keep the “Resources” page from this worship folder to find materials to use after the St. Paul’s produced daily devotions conclude on November 3 or in place of these daily devotions.