

## THE FAMILY CHURCH

### THE POWER OF THE FAMILY CHURCH

September 22, 23, and 26, 2018

*You are God's masterpiece created in Christ Jesus to do good things which God prepared in advance for you to do. God, who has called you to pastor your family, will give you the power and ability to carry out the call.*

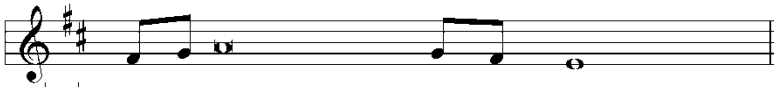
#### BELLS AND WELCOME

#### HYMN 236, vv. 1-4

#### All Praise to God Who Reigns Above



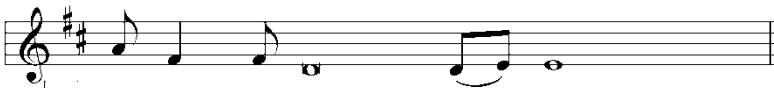
**M:** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



**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,



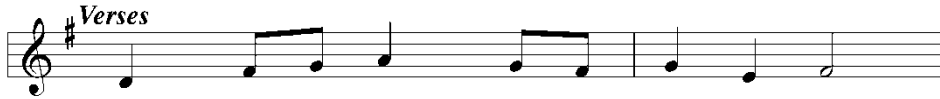
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;



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



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



*Verses*

1. You are a great and a won - drous 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.

Father God, you have called us and you empower us to watch out for and nurture the members of our physical family, as well as all those who are a part of our spiritual family.

**C** **We are your handiwork, masterpieces, created in Christ Jesus to serve you by blessing others.**

**M** When we don't feel that we have the strength or ability to carry out this call,

**C** **come to us through your Word and sacrament. Teach us and empower us to do the important tasks that you have prepared for us to do.**

**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

Isaiah 40:21-31, Bible page 719

*Our Creator, our heavenly Father, knows best what we need. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.*

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 46, Bible page 84

*God, our heavenly Father, is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*

GOSPEL

Luke 11:5-13, Bible page 1041

*We have a heavenly Father who always knows how to answer our prayers in the way that is absolutely best for us.*

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY 536

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

SERMON

Ephesians 1:15-2:10, Bible page 1171

*Pastor Peter Panitzke*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Te Deum*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



1. With the an - gels in heav - en,  
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, We praise you, we  
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim, We  
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God,  
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,  
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly, We  
 You have ris - en to free us;



praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your  
 To the Trin - i - ty most  
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church, *to Refrain*  
 bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*  
 glo - ry, *to Final Refrain*



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**OFFERING**

OFFERTORY (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

*I Was Glad, Lutheran School Grades K and 1*

**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.**

## CLOSING PRAYER

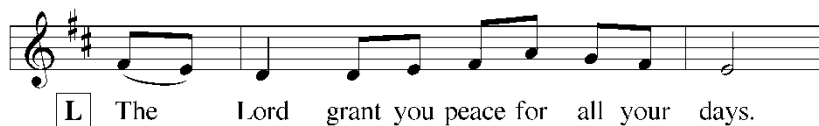
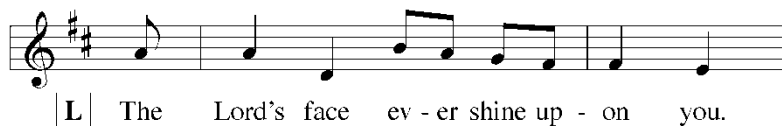
M Lord God, you have united our lives in Christ.

C Empower us to live and work together for your glory and the growth of your kingdom.

M You are the Lord forevermore.

C Amen.

## BLESSING



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDING MINISTER *(Saturday) Pastor Jeffrey Bonack*

*(Sunday) Pastor David Kuehl*

ORGANIST *Susan Oakes*



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 September 24, 2018

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
<b>TUE</b>	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	9:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	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)
<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>		No Lutheran School – Teacher Inservice
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men’s Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	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 with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Generation Change – Financial Peace – Teens/Parents (Faith Room)

## 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!

# JOIN A LIFE GROUP

## There Still is Room

Some of our small groups are “closed,” meaning that they are full and not accepting new participants at this time. The following groups are “open” to receiving new participants.

If you would like to become involved in a small group, mark the Connection Card or reach out directly to the small group leaders. For those groups that meet on campus, feel free just to come to the study.



## New Groups that Need/Want More Participants to Form!

- **New Group: Don + 7** – Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. This group is led by Don and Sue Oakes [sjdmoakes@sbcglobal.com](mailto:sjdmoakes@sbcglobal.com). Right now this group consists of Don, his wife, and six other women. More individuals or couples are welcome.
- **New Group: Young Family Life Group “Chocolate!”** – Matt and Christy Kudek have a one-year-old and would like to start a group with other young families. Since everyone likes chocolate, that is the fun name for their group. They are able to meet Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday evenings. Contact [matt.kudek@gmail.com](mailto:matt.kudek@gmail.com).
- **New Group: Fun Friday** – They will meet every other Friday at 7:00 pm, starting October 12. There are two couples with children in this group now. They would love to have several more families join them for study and fun activities. Contact Kevin McSwain at [K.McSwain@ymail.com](mailto:K.McSwain@ymail.com).
- **New Group: The Gray Christophersons** – The Grays and Christophersons are leading this group on Mondays at 6:30 pm. Several more individuals or couples would help round out their group. Contact Kim Christopherson at [kimchristopherson41@yahoo.com](mailto:kimchristopherson41@yahoo.com).

## Ongoing Groups that Welcome New Participants

- **Young Families** – Meets every other Sunday in the Trinity Café at noon. They have lunch, and have a babysitter watch the kids in the Trinity Gym while the parents meet for Bible study and discussion. Rumor has it that the Packer game may be playing in the background. They would love to have four more individuals/couples join their group. Contact Adam Scheblein at [adam.w@scheblein.net](mailto:adam.w@scheblein.net)
- **Missions Group** – Meets once per month to hear presentations on missions. This group is always open to new participants. Contact Bob Anderson at [banderson@wlc.edu](mailto:banderson@wlc.edu).
- **Tuesday Women’s Group** – Meets weekly at 9:30 am in the Faith Room for a topical study. New participants may just come. Questions? Ask Michele Eiche at [meiche4@wi.rr.com](mailto:meiche4@wi.rr.com).
- **Thursday Sunrise Study** – Meets weekly at 6:30 am in the Grace Room for coffee and a study of the next weekend’s Scripture readings. New participants may just join the group any Thursday. For more info, contact Bruce Marggraf at [bjmarggraf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjmarggraf@sbcglobal.net)
- **God’s Guys** – Meets weekly at 8:00 am in the Grace Room for breakfast and Bible study. New guys are always welcome. Contact Bruce Marggraf at [bjmarggraf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjmarggraf@sbcglobal.net).
- **OWLS** (Organization of WELS Seniors – 55 and older) – Meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at noon in the Grace Room.
- **Dorcas** – A women’s group that meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.
- **Ladies Afternoon Fellowship** – Meets monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at noon in the Grace Room.

# 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 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 – see below.*

**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.

## 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.





# THE FAMILY CHURCH RESOURCES

Are you receiving the daily devotions from Pastor Panitzke each day relating to our Family Church message series? We pray that these devotions in both written and audio format are helping 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 or contact the church office and we will add you to the list. Check your email clutter if you do not see the emails coming through.



In addition, 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/>

## Little Visits with God

*Little Visits with God* is from Concordia Publishing House. Many adults think back with fond memories of this devotional written in 1957. It includes discussion questions, Bible verses, and prayers for children ages 5 -10. A 50 Year Golden Anniversary Edition is available on Amazon.com and at Barnes and Noble.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **BAPTISM**

Faith Hope Love Wilinski, daughter of Crystal Wilinski, was born on July 8, 2018, and baptized in a private ceremony on September 18, 2018. We praise God for the gift of saving faith given to Faith.

## **WEDDING**

Karlee Kennon and David Cabral were joined in marriage on Saturday, September 22, 2018. May God bless Karlee and David in their unity together with Christ.

## **FUNERAL**

Lynn Johnson, born December 6, 1927, entered eternal life with his Savior on September 18, 2018. Visitation will be Sunday, September 23, 2:00 - 4:30 pm, at Heritage in Oak Creek, with the funeral immediately to follow. May the God of all hope give peace and comfort to the loved ones of Lynn.

## **HOSPITALIZED**

Nancy Rindfleisch is at Waukesha Memorial. Les Constantineau 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**

attended worship services last week.

## **A COOL MILLION COOL!**

The first phase of the new HVAC system in our school became operational on Monday! The four classrooms of the 1989 addition now have a new heating system and air conditioning! Thanks for giving to A Cool Million to make this happen!

## **FOLLOWING THE PROMISE**

*Following the Promise* traces the promise of the Savior from creation all the way into your own life and serves as a path to membership at the end if you so wish. This study is 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 appropriate blank on the back of your Connection Card.

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

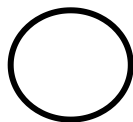
Using the same rational thought we do in most fields of study, we will look at the claims of Christianity in this Bible study. We will get to the real question: What did Jesus do for me? This is where we find hope in a fallen world. The Holy Spirit grants us faith so that we might trust in Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Join Rev. Dr. Michael Berg of Wisconsin Lutheran College for this four-week series on Sundays, beginning October 7, 9:15-10:15 am.

## **TUG TALK**

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*. Contact Dr. Joel Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145 with questions.

## **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. RSVP to Cindy Proeber at [cindy.proeber@accuratediedesign.com](mailto:cindy.proeber@accuratediedesign.com) or Neal Wallner at (414) 419-2168. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center with more information.



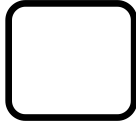
## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

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1. What has been the most memorable part of the Family Church series so far?
  
2. Read Isaiah 40:21-31. Choose three phrases in this section that you could use to encourage someone who is tired or discouraged in their role as a parent.
  
3. Read the Lord's Prayer from Luke's gospel together (Luke 11:2-4). How could you apply one or more of these petitions to those under your spiritual care?
  
4. Read Luke 11:5-13. How do Jesus' words encourage you as you carry out your role as Pastor of a Family Church?
  
5. "We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago" (Ephesians 2:10 *New Living Translation*).
  - a. Did you feel like you were God's masterpiece when you were growing up? What did your parents do, or what could have your parents done, to help you claim that truth?
  
  - b. How does it help you as a Pastor of a Family Churches (dads, moms and all of us who have influence over others) to remember that we are God's masterpiece?
  
6. Close by listening to Danny Gokey's *Masterpiece*. (Google "Danny Gokey Masterpiece" to find it.) Break up into groups of two or three. Pray for a member of your Family Church (a family member, friend, co-worker, classmate) who needs to be reminded that God is making a masterpiece.



## NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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# The Family Church Part 3 – The Power of the Family Church

Ephesians 1:15-2:10

## God's Power Factory Tour

1. Tour the Jesus Wing.
  - a. The power begins behind a rock.
  - b. The power has no equal.
  - c. The power has a purpose.
  - d. The power pulls strange implements.



2. Tour the \_\_\_\_\_ Wing.
  - a. The power of grace begins under a rock.
  - b. The power of grace has no equal.
  - c. The power of grace has a purpose.
  - d. The power of grace pulls unknown implements.

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

- **Take the Tour Again:** Reread Ephesians 1:15-2:10 and remember the power that is at work within you.
- **Take Others on the Tour:** Ask your Father in heaven who in your “family church” or your area of influence needs to be reminded that God’s power and grace are at work in him/her. Ask your Father for an opportunity to talk to them about it.
- **Choose Your Implement:** If you are committed to staying connected to God’s power and grace, then choose the tool(s) that will help you use God’s Word daily for yourself and your family. Check the Family Church resource page for ideas.