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## THE FAMILY CHURCH

### THE LIFE-BLOOD OF THE FAMILY

September 29, 30, and October 3, 2018

*The body can't survive without blood. In the same way, the family will not thrive without love. Love is what the family—any kind of family—needs more than anything.*

#### BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 391, vv. 1-5

God Loved the World So that He Gave

BAPTISM (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

Hymnal page 12

*Evelyn Rae Schultz*

*Daughter of Kyle and Amanda (nee Stoiber) Schultz, born August 14, 2018*

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

C **Amen.**

M Dear friends, how great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God.

C **And that is what we are!** (*1 John 3:1*)

M The apostle John calls us to love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love (*1 John 4:7b-8*). As we come before our God today, let us, therefore, confess our lack of love for others and the many sins that flow from our love of self.

All **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## LORD HAVE MERCY

- M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- M For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.
- C **Christ, have mercy.**
- M For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- M Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.
- C **Amen.**

## HYMN 391, v. 6

## God Loved the World So that He Gave

**Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you**
- M Let us pray.  
Good and gracious God, you have compassion for the sinner, as a father has compassion for his children.
- C **Forgive the sins of your people, rid us of our selfishness, and crown our lives with your love,**
- M that with all the saints and angels we may glorify you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now
- C **and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

**2 Samuel 15:1-12**, Bible page 315

*A self-serving attitude is a poison that destroys the family relationship.*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

- M Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus declared: "A new command I give you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." Alleluia (*John 13:34*).

GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, Bible page 1079

*Jesus' command to his disciples is to love, not just with words, but with words and action.*

HYMN OF THE DAY 492

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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**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.**

SERMON

Ephesians 3:14-21, Bible page 1175

*Pastor David Kuehl*

HYMN 332, v. 3

Go, My Childeren, with My Blessing

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you;  
Here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

**Amazing Grace, Bruce and Betty Marggraf**

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.

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

M It is truly good and 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 has called us to be his own, so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

O holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven  
In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us,  
Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy  
Receive our fervent cry.

Hosanna in the highest!  
How truly blest is he  
Who in God's name is coming  
To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation  
And with his blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage—  
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

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.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. 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 490  
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**Love in Christ Is Strong and Living  
O God of Mercy, God of Might**

## SONG OF SIMEON

Lord, now let your servant  
Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised  
Incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten  
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory  
Of those in Israel!

All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever three in one;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.

## CLOSING PRAYER

**M** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you 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

**ORGANIST** *Darik Mischke*

## 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](mailto: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.*

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of October 1, 2018

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
<b>TUE</b>	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	Divorce Care (School Classroom 8)
	6:30 pm	Handbells Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
<b>WED</b>	9:30 am	Mommy and Me (Faith Room)
	12:00 pm	Ladies Afternoon Fellowship (Grace Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>THURS</b>	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
<b>FRI</b>	8:15 am	Lutheran School Chapel Service (Main Church)
	6:00 pm	Helm/Moss Wedding Rehearsal (Main Church)
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	2:00 pm	Casey Helm and Stephen Moss 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
	6:00 pm	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Open House
	6:30 pm	TUG (Teens Under God) (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. Join the over 100 kids that have attended since our kick-off on September 9!



### 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

If you would like to become involved in a small group, mark the Connection Card or reach out directly to the small group leaders below. 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 RESOURCES

## Family Church Daily Devotions

Our thanks to the St. Paul's members who have written the Family Church Daily Devotions. They have been very well received. We have printed 200 copies with more available at the Welcome Center. They are also being emailed daily to nearly 2000 individuals. If you are not receiving these daily devotions and would like to, please put your email address on the Connection Card.



Below are some of the resources that have been suggested by others here at St. Paul's.

## Couples Devotions

- **FierceMarriage.com** Excellent resources for couples seeking to strengthen their marriage, especially the 31 Day Devotional for Couples.
- **Jesus Calling** books by Sarah Young
- **Living on the Edge** marriage and parenting resources by Chip Ingram
- **FireproofMyMarriage.com** offering the 40 Day Love Dare and resources for couples getting married, just married, or remarried.
- **Marriage is Hard** from TimeofGrace.org

## Family Devotions

- **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.
- **Family Time Story Devotions** by Eldon Weisheit. Similar to *Little Visits with God* but they follow a specific family.
- **“Tell Me” Devotion Books:** *Tell Me the Secrets*, *Tell Me the Promises*, and *Tell Me the Story* devotions that are a little longer for older kids than the two mentioned above.
- **God's Word for Boys** and **God's Word for Girls** Bibles with devotions for ages 8 – 12 from TimeofGrace.org.

## Online Resources

- **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 app** provides short daily devotional videos to share with your family and friends.
- **Heartlight.org** sends a verse every day, along with a short devotion and prayer.
- **YouVersion** Bible app provides multiple reading and devotional plans.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## BAPTISM

Lucy Marie Farnsworth, daughter of Jason and Erin (nee Herbert) Farnsworth, was born July 19, 2018, and will be baptized at the 10:45 am worship service on Sunday, September 30. We praise God with the Farnsworths in the gift of saving faith given to Lucy.

## 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.

## HOSPITALIZED

Nancy Rindfleisch and Kara Gunther and baby Gunter have been discharged from the hospital.

## ATTENDANCE

1114 attended worship services last week.

## 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.



Join us next weekend as we look at *The Glue of the Family Church* based on Ephesians 4:1-16.

## 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 [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@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. Join Rev. Dr. Michael Berg of Wisconsin Lutheran College for this four-week series on Sundays, beginning October 7, 9:15-10:15 am.

## MALAWI MISSION PARTNER COMMUNIQUE AT THE WELCOME CENTER

The latest communication from our mission partner in Malawi, Africa is available at the Welcome Center in the lobby. Thank you for giving so generously to this mission work!

## A COOL MILLION COOL!

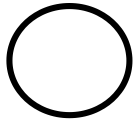
The first phase of the new HVAC system in our school is operational! The four classrooms of the 1989 addition now have a new heating system and air conditioning! Thanks for giving to A Cool Million to make this happen!

## SOUP SUPPERS FOR ADVENT

If you or your Life Group are interested in hosting a soup supper during Advent, reserve your Wednesday or find out more information by contacting Church Administrative Assistant Tammy Miller at [tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 111. December 12 and 19 are open.

## 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. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center with more information including how to reserve your spot.



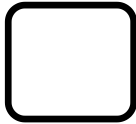
# GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

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1. Where have you witnessed God's love for you in the past week?
2. This week's message is focused on the lifeblood of the Family Church: God's love. What kind of things does this world try to convince us are more essential in life than God's love?
3. "More than a feeling" sang the 70's rock group known as Boston. A classic, fun song about lost love...though not much substance. What thoughts can God's people add to the world's conversation about "true love"? Describe it. Picture it. Connect it with eternity.
4. Have you or someone you know been tempted to buy into the lie that "God *couldn't possibly* love me that much."?
5. Pastor Kuehl pointed out three ways that God loves us: as the Father, as the Son, and as the Spirit. Which of these three loves do you feel is the easiest for you to comprehend and imitate in your role within the Family Church?
  1. As the Father (Luke 11:11-13)
  2. As the Son (1 John 3:16)
  3. As the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3)
6. Prayer is a critical component of understanding God's love for us. When and how do you carve out time each day to spend time building your relationship with God through prayer? If you don't currently do this daily, how could you start?
7. "...to know this love that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled to the measure of the fullness of God (v. 19)." What does this mean? How does this passage inform *my* existence?
8. Do we find true love, or does true love find us?
9. Close your time together by each sharing a favorite section of Scripture that testifies about God's love for you.



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

## The Lifeblood of the Family Church

Ephesians 3:14-21, Bible page 1175

### *Our Lifeblood Is in God's Love*

#### 1. Grasp the fullness of this love.

- a. God loves us as the F\_\_\_\_\_.  
--As true God, Jesus described his r\_\_\_\_\_ to the Father.  
--As true man, Jesus taught his disciples to call God "F\_\_\_\_\_."
- b. God loves us as the S\_\_\_\_\_.  
--Jesus matched his Father's s\_\_\_\_\_ for our sin.  
--Jesus has made everything r\_\_\_\_\_ with God.
- c. God loves us through the S\_\_\_\_\_.  
--We need God's power to grasp the f\_\_\_\_\_ of his love.  
--God's love goes deeper than what our human k\_\_\_\_\_ can accept.

#### 2. Live this love by loving.

- a. P\_\_\_\_\_  
--T\_\_\_\_\_ times Paul mentions prayer.  
--At its core, prayer is r\_\_\_\_\_—with God.
- b. F\_\_\_\_\_  
--We k\_\_\_\_\_ the triune God as the true God.  
--We a\_\_\_\_\_ the Bible as God's Word.  
--We t\_\_\_\_\_ God and all his promises in his Word.
- c. L\_\_\_\_\_  
--The best way to see God's love is to let it f\_\_\_\_\_ through us.

### My Next Steps

- Commit to memory these words: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).
- Read Ephesians 4:1-16 to prepare for next week's message: *The Glue of the Family Church*.
- Join a Life Group to further grasp God's love and to love others (see page 8 for information). Sign up for GroupLink on the back of the *Connection Card*.