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THE FAMILY CHURCH 2.0
THE SAFE PLACE—GOD'S DESIGN
September 7, 8, and 11, 2019

God designed the family to be the healthiest place for children and adults to explore their faith, to ask questions, to make mistakes, and to learn what it is like to live with imperfect people in a loving, forgiving relationship. The family was designed to be a safe place. But what if your family doesn't always fit that description?

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 242, vv. 1-3

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

BAPTISMS (Saturday)

Isaiah James Burczyk

Son of Zachary and Jenna (nee Neuberger) Burczyk, born August 15, 2019

(Sunday 9:15 am)

Rhett Robert Wegner

Son of Casey and Rachel (nee Keller) Wegner, born July 16, 2019

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 dampening 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.

Lord, I will tell, while I am living,
 Your love and grace with ev'ry breath
 And greet each morning with thanksgiving
 Until my heart is still in death,
 And, when at last my lips grow cold,
 Your praise shall in my sighs be told.

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

Acts 10:23b-33, Bible page 1102

When Cornelius learned that the Lord had a special message for him, he gathered both his immediate and his extended family.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119c, Hymnal page 111

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42, Bible page 1041

Mary chooses to sit at Jesus' feet and take in the one thing that is most important.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



HYMN OF THE DAY 513

Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend

SERMON

Deuteronomy 6:1-12, Bible page 182

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 (*Saturday*)
(*Sunday*)

Jerusalem the Golden, *Betty and Bruce Marggraf*
Lord of the Dance, *String Ensemble*

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. 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 -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



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 506
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**Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall
One Thing's Needful**

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.



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 Nicole Greanya

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.



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of September 9, 2019

MON	10:00 am	Walking Group
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal
TUE	9:00 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	10:00 am	Circuit Meeting at St. Paul's, Franklin
	12:00 pm	Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors (OWLS)(Grace Room)
	6:00 pm	DivorceCare (School Classroom 8)
	6:30 pm	Handbells Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> (Faith Room)
WED	4:30 pm	Public School 6-8 Grade Confirmation Instruction Classes
	6:30 pm	Financial Peace University (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	8:15 am	Lutheran School Chapel (Main Church)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	Ministry Board Meeting
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	8:30 am	<i>Following the Promise</i> (School Classroom 8)
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Wedding of Shoya Taguchi and Elizabeth Boziel (Hawaii)

OPEN FORUMS – CELEBRATE THE VICTORIES AND LEARN OF THE OPPORTUNITIES BEFORE US

Join us on Sunday, September 22, at 10:45 am, or Sunday, September 29, at noon, in the Grace Room. This is a chance to hear what God has done among us this past year, to learn of the opportunities that lie ahead of us, and to ask questions and give suggestions. Topics will include:

- Current status of our plans for a Christian counseling center on our campus.
- Additions to our Ministerial Team and their division of duties.
- Information about our second worship site.
- A report on Cool Million projects accomplished and those yet to be done.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Carol Gosseck, Connie Hikade, Barbara Luedtke, Josh Nagel, Mary Schauwitzer, Carol Smith, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

HOSPITALIZED .

Lois Guhr is in hospice care at The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc. Carole Dellevar, Dorothy Hahn, Jessica Vanderhyde, and Diane Wedell have been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

898 attended worship services last week.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

A new session of *Following the Promise* begins soon!

- Sundays, beginning September 15, 8:30-9:30 am, 15 weeks
- Tuesdays, beginning September 24, 7:00-8:15 pm, 12 weeks

Wide-open discussion will challenge you to rethink deeply the promises of our God. Non-members are welcome to use this class as a path to membership at the end, or just as a chance to connect with the God of the Bible. Tuesday classes meet in the Faith Room at church, Sunday classes in Room 8 in the school. Register on the back of your Connection Card. It will be a joy!

FINANCIAL PEACE BEGINS WEDNESDAY!

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will be offered on our campus Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, September 11 to mid-November, with childcare provided. This proven program will show you how to master budgeting, save for emergencies, pay off debt, plan and invest for the future, and live and give like no one else. Mark the back of your Connection Card to register or contact Course Instructor Kevin McSwain directly at k.mcswain@ymail.com.

KIDS CLUB HAS BEGUN A NEW YEAR!

Help your child apply God's Word to their life—join Kids Club! All grade levels meet in the school. Enter through the Trinity Café and you will receive directions for your child's room location. For more information visit our website under "Grow" or contact Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

MOMMY AND ME BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18

Do you have children newborn – 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 18. Contact Samantha Lindner for additional details at sam.lindner2323@gmail.com or (989) 284-2854.

DIVORCECARE BEGINS TUESDAY

Going through a divorce or being separated from your spouse is very painful. No one imagines this for their marriage. You are not alone. God is with you, "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (*Psalms 23:4*)" We are here for you, too. Please join us in discovering hope and healing through God's Word. DivorceCare meets on Tuesdays beginning September 10, 6:00-8:00 pm, in room 8 in the school building. Please contact Eric Pearson at (414) 588-7331 or Kristen Miller (414) 422-0320, ext. 130, for more information.

NEED A BABYSITTER?

St. Paul's Director of Discipleship Dr. Joel Nelson keeps a list of St. Paul's teens who have successfully completed the American Red Cross Babysitting Training Program. If you would appreciate options for sitters, contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145.

FAMILY CHURCH 2.0

CREATING A SAFE PLACE

September 15 **Our Safe Place: Powered by Hope**
September 22 **Called to Create God's Safe Place**
September 29 **Inviting Others into the Safe Place**

If you would like to review or share any of the video testimonials or messages from last year's series, you can find everything at StPaulMuskego.org/Family-Church/.



JOIN A SAFE PLACE – BE A PART OF A LIFE GROUP

New Life Groups will be formed at GroupLink on Tuesday, September 24, at 6:30 pm. We'll explain what a small group is like, provide snacks to enjoy, and starter questions so that you can get to know others present at GroupLink. By the end of the evening, you'll have found a group of people with whom you feel comfortable. At the close of GroupLink, the new groups will have a short Life Group meeting to plan the next time that they will get together. Use the Connection Card attend.

CREATE A SAFE PLACE – BE A LIFE GROUP HOST

Hosting isn't rocket science! It is as simple as 1, 2, 3, 4.

1. Pick a night for the group and stay consistent.
2. Prepare enough seats for the group (either consistently in your home or rotate locations among the group).
3. Have a firm start and end time.
4. Have snacks (a cold glass of water or more elaborate if you wish).

If you are willing to consider being a host, mark your interest on the Connection Card.

CELEBRATING THE SAFE PLACE

On Saturday, September 28, at 6:30 pm, you are invited to join Mike Westendorf as he releases his new album *Everything for Good*, featuring the Family Church theme song *You Made a Place for Me*. In keeping with the RAWKs fund theme that weekend, Mike will be bundling three copies of his new album together for the price of two: one to keep for yourself, one to invest in a friend, and one to give to a complete stranger! May the love of God flow out from us through such Random Acts of Worship Kindness!

JOIN US ONLINE

If you can't join us in person, join us online! A video archive of sermons is available at www.stpaulmuskego.org/worship/sermons.

The Bridge, our casual contemporary service, is livestreamed every Sunday at 10:15 am on each of the following platforms. You can find an archive of past messages on each site, with a full HD replay on YouTube.



www.thebridgemuskego.org



@ The Bridge Church Muskego



@ The Bridge at St. Paul's

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

NEW SERIES OF GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDIES BEGINS

We are blessed to have a year filled with a diverse line-up of Bible studies planned for the Grace Room on Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15. Check the church website under 'Grow' to see a list of the upcoming courses and their presenters.

September 8, we begin with *Relationships in the Shadow of the Cross*. This four-week study explores skills to effectively communicate across the sexes, based on the principles God lays down for us in the scriptures. Course presenters are Rev. James Becker and his wife, Denise, who taught a widely appreciated senior elective for 20 years at Wisconsin Lutheran High School —*From Friendship to Marriage*—that explored healthy, happy, and faith-filled relationships. The Beckers also lead workshops and Bible studies throughout our church body on men and women issues.

WISH LIST

This list of items (explanations below) 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.

Item	Est. Cost	Received	Still Needed
Promethean Board	\$4,500	\$775	\$3,725
Four Feature Wall Concepts	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
Church Signage Updates	\$6,373	\$0	\$6,373

Promethean Board

Promethean boards are touch screen tv monitors with better screen resolution than a smartboard and less maintenance cost. This Wish List item will fund the last of the three Promethean Boards installed this summer.

Four Feature Wall Concepts

Four feature wall concepts will be installed in the church lobby and Trinity Café featuring pictures and wording to communicate our core values to members and guests and to celebrate the gospel ministry God does among us.

Church Signage Updates

For a first-time guest, navigating our church building can be challenging. The updates to the church signage through this Wish List item will include new exterior front door lettering and a total sign update

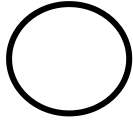
FALL/WINTER CO-ED 6'S INDOOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Introduce a friend to St. Paul's through our volleyball leagues currently forming. We still have space for "B" class teams to sign up. Pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center in the lobby. Contact League Coordinator Cindy Proeber at (414) 801-2845 or cindy.proeber@accuratediedesign.com with questions.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER

St. Paul's Child Care Center is hiring a Teacher's Aide/Closer in the Infant Room, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm. Contact Child Care Center Director Kim Neubauer at kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, for a job description and to apply.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Do you ever forget where you put your keys or your glasses? What causes us to forget such important things in our lives?

2. Deuteronomy is Moses' farewell sermon to God's people. Nine times in this book, Moses said, "Do not forget" the LORD. We don't make a conscious choice to forget where we put our keys or our glasses. It just "happens." What makes it just "happen" that people forget the LORD? Read Deuteronomy 6:10-12 to help guide your discussion.

3. Read Deuteronomy 8. Moses warns about forgetting the LORD.
 - a. What are some of the great acts of God that the Israelites were to remember when they entered the promised land?

 - b. What are some of the great acts of God that are important for you to remember?

4. Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9.
 - a. What spiritual practices did Moses command so that God's people would remember?

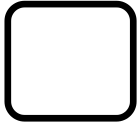
 - b. What daily, weekly and yearly practices do you do to remember the great acts of God?

 - c. What spiritual practices would you like to begin to help you remember the LORD's great saving acts?

5. Read Luke 10:38-42.
 - a. Sometimes we have been in the role of Martha in this lesson. With what tone do you think Jesus spoke to her when he said, "Martha, Martha..."? With what tone does God speak to you when your priorities are misplaced?

 - b. Who is a "Mary" in your life that you can imitate?

6. Close with prayer for your families that they might always remember the LORD their God.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Family Church 2.0 The Safe Place by God's Design

Deuteronomy 6:1-12, Bible page 182

1. Has God granted us a safe place?
 - a. Enemies w_____
 - b. Enemies w_____

2. Is a safe place worth fighting for?
 - a. A place of r_____ – “milk and honey”
 - b. A place of p_____

3. How do I fight for that safe place?
 - b. Recognize the real enemy – The F_____
 - c. Recognize the Hero – The LORD, our God, the LORD is One!
 - d. Accept your role – The R_____
 - e. What will you do to fulfill your role in your relational or functional family?

My Next Steps in Pastoring My Family

- Read Deuteronomy 1 – 6, a chapter per day. Moses was fulfilling his role as a Rememberer. Every day ask, “What does the LORD, our God, want me to remember today as I read his Word?”
- Make a list of the “Rememberer Practices” in your relational or functional family. What practice(s) have you neglected? What practice(s) would you like to start tomorrow?