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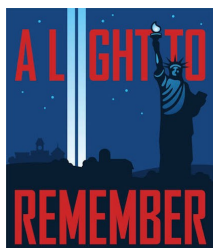
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September 11, 2026

*"For the Lord is good and his love endures forever. His faithfulness continues through all generations."  
Psalm 100:5*



## The World Is Still Turning — What Will You Do Today?

*"Where were you when the world stopped turning on that September day? Were you in the yard with your wife and children, or working on some stage in L.A.? Did you stand there in shock at the sight of that black smoke rising against that blue sky? Did you shout out in anger in fear for your neighbor or did you just sit down and cry?" - Alan Jackson*

This song may be familiar to you as some have lived through this day - September 11, 2001 - in our adult life. Others may have just been children while all of our students have no recollection of this day.

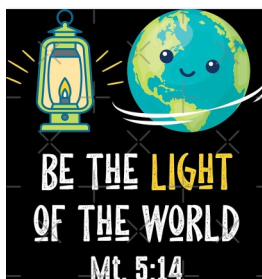
On this date 25 years ago, I was getting ready for work as the assistant general manager at a small scale hotel. I was only scheduled to work from 9 am to 1 pm which led me to a local church for a blood drive. The line was looooooong. I feel like we were all in shock and felt like we just had to do something.

What if we thought of every soul in such a way? What if we just did something to share the Gospel each day? Many of the best evangelists will tell you it's all about building a relationship not having the right words or standing on a soapbox. To build a genuine relationship, one must ask good questions and listen, share your story, be honest about your own faith struggles, and lead with your actions.

While the world did seem to stop on that September day, let's not let the world stop for ours or others' faith life. Matthew 5:14-16 says, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Just like tribute lights beam into the sky marking the 9/11 anniversary, we can be beacons of light to a dark world that doesn't know Jesus. We all can just do something. What action will you choose today?

Nichole Haas  
3rd Grade Teacher



### SEPTEMBER

|       |       |                                         |
|-------|-------|-----------------------------------------|
| 14-25 | Mo-Fr | MAP Testing                             |
| 19    | Sat   | A Girls Volleyball Tournament           |
| 23    | Wed   | Chapel – Living Word<br>Picture Retakes |
| 25    | Fri   | Harvest Festival (6:00-7:30pm)          |
| 26    | Sat   | B Girls Volleyball Tournament           |
| 28-30 | Mo-We | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Education |
| 30    | Wed   | Chapel – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Wellna) |

### OCTOBER

|       |       |                                                            |
|-------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Thu   | Panther Parent Meeting                                     |
| 2     | Fri   | Gr. 3-4 Musical (9am/6:30pm)                               |
| 5     | Mon   | Fire Department Visit (8:45am)                             |
| 5-9   | Mo-Fr | Pre-K Parent/Teacher Conferences                           |
| 7     | Wed   | Chapel – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Zvara)                     |
| 8-9   | Th-Fr | K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences                             |
| 9     | Fri   | 1/2 Day of School 11:40am Dismissal<br>NO 3&4PK PM Classes |
| 13    | Tue   | Fall Sports Pictures (3:20pm)                              |
| 14    | Wed   | Chapel – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Yurk)                      |
| 17    | Sat   | Sweetest Day Auction                                       |
| 21    | Wed   | Chapel – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Lamm)                      |
| 28-29 | We-Th | PreK/K Fall Party                                          |
| 28    | Wed   | Chapel – LJHA Induction                                    |
| 29    | Thu   | End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter                             |
| 30    | Fri   | NO SCHOOL                                                  |

### NOVEMBER

|       |         |                                           |
|-------|---------|-------------------------------------------|
| 4     | Wed     | Chapel – Kindergarten (Nauta)             |
| 5     | Thu     | Panther Parent Meeting                    |
| 11    | Wed     | Veterans Day Chapel                       |
| 14    | Sat     | Forensics Meet                            |
| 18    | Wed     | Chapel – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Anderson) |
| 19-20 | Th-Fr   | PreK/K Thanksgiving Feast                 |
| 20    | Fri     | End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester          |
| 23-27 | Mon-Fri | NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break            |

### DECEMBER

|   |     |                           |
|---|-----|---------------------------|
| 2 | Wed | Grades 5-8 Advent Service |
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# St. Paul PICNIC

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**  
**NOON TO 3PM**

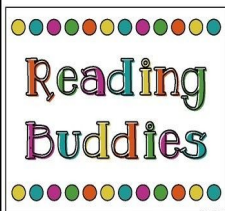
**KIDS GAMES - LUNCH - BINGO -**  
**BOUNCE HOUSE - MINISTRY FAIR**



## SAVE THE DATE FOR ST. PAUL PICNIC AND MINISTRY FAIR SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Similar to last year, members of church boards and ministries will be hosting booths at the church picnic. The booths will include photos, displays or other information to inform picnic attendees about what each ministry does for the congregation or for others. The Board of Stewardship will be sponsoring a prize drawing in connection with the ministries' booths. To participate, congregation members 18 years of age or older will receive a stamp card containing the names of all the ministries represented at the picnic. You are encouraged to visit each ministry's booth where the host will stamp your card. After you have visited each booth, your completed card will be collected and submitted for a prize drawing taking place at the end of the picnic. Prizes include an Apple I-Pad, Apple Air Pods and gift cards from some of your favorite stores. Please make the Board of Stewardship's booth your first stop to pick up your stamp card. We hope you will have fun competing for these significant prizes while learning more about the great ministries at St. Paul.

## WANT TO BE A READING BUDDY?



Our St. Paul First Graders would love to read to you! If you would like to interact and listen to some great stories, please join us the first Tuesday of each month. Reading Buddy time is from 8:30-9am in Room 552.

If you are interested, contact Michelle Pingel at 262-377-4659 or [michelle.pingel@splgraston.org](mailto:michelle.pingel@splgraston.org).

All 3rd-5th grades are invited to an afternoon of open gym on **Sunday, October 4** from **3-4:30pm**. We will meet in the gym for fun and lots of high energy activities. We will close our time together with snacks and a short devotion.

Sign up [HERE](#) to join the fun.



# St. Paul Harvest Festival

at Creekside Valley Farm in Mequon



## PUMPKINS

**Friday, September 25th**

**6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Creekside Valley Farm**

Owned and operated by Ernst Family, St. Paul Members

**N13101 N. Wauwatosa Road ~ Mequon**

**Corn Maze, Farm Animals, Scavenger Hunts, & Games**

**will be free of charge to St. Paul Families**

**Barn Store will be open to purchase**  
**Pumpkins, Gourds, Squash, Corn Stalks, Apples and Harvest Decor.**



**Please bring a flashlight to find your way thru Cornmaze. Adults must accompany ALL Students in cornmaze.**

**Sponsored by: St. Paul Panther Parents**



## In-School Counseling

**Spaces Available**



### About Us

Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin (LCFS) is providing on site and virtual counseling services. Please see your school for an informational packet or scan the QR code to complete an intake packet. (It will require you to create a username and password.) Feel free to call LCFS with any questions. 414-536-8333

### Counseling can help with:

- Social skills
- Improvement in mood
- Self-esteem
- Confidence
- Processing the death of a loved one
- Behavioral concerns
- And more!



Scan QR Code for online packet to complete

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION



Registration for Sunday School 2026-27 is now open. Come join us for the fun! Sunday School runs Sundays September-May from 9:30-10:30am, and is open to children ages birth-8th Grade. Our first day of Sunday school this year will be

**September 20 at 9:30am** in the youth room. To have your child join us for this year's Sunday School please fill out the registration form [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Krueger at [tracy.krueger@splgraston.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgraston.org).

## Sunday School Volunteers Needed

Sunday school for children ages birth through 8th grade will be starting up again in September. In order to make Sunday school a success we are looking for volunteers to help with teaching, assisting, and check-in/out. Sunday school meets Sundays from 9:30-10:30am, September through May. Provided lessons are simple to prepare and lead. You even get to choose how many weeks a month you wish to serve. To sign up here to help: <https://tinyurl.com/SSvolunteers26>.

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
HELPERS NEEDED!



## Middle School Youth

All 6-8 graders are invited to join us for middle school youth. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month September through May from 3-4:30pm in the youth room. Please watch for email updates and reminders throughout the year. Our first meeting will be **September 27 at 3pm** in the youth room. Don't forget to bring your completed release form with you. If you haven't received a release form or for more information contact Tracy Krueger at [tracy.krueger@splgraston.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgraston.org) Hope to see you there.



**9/27:** Come join us for 9 square in the air, devotions, and snacks. No need to sign up, just come enjoy the fun!



"Roll Out the Red Carpet" is the St. Paul Lutheran Church & School Benefit Auction theme. Dress up in your finest and attend the fun-filled festivities on Saturday, October 17th. Doors open with a silent auction at 6pm followed by a catered dinner and live auction. Advanced admission ticket information will follow in the coming weeks. The auction committee is currently accepting donations of cash, wine, gift certificates, new items, and gift baskets. Bring your donation to the school office. If you have any questions or need a donation pick up, please contact [auction@splgraston.org](mailto:auction@splgraston.org).



*Plan your Visit!*

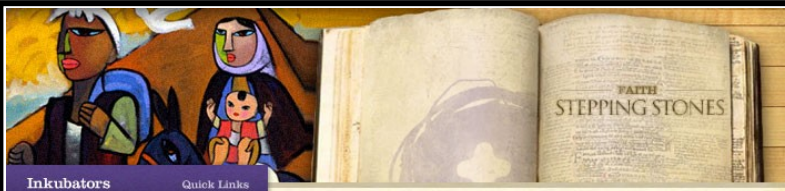
Middle school families are invited to schedule a personal tour or shadow day and experience life at Living Word!



## Christian Day School Singing Schedule



|      |         |          |                                  |
|------|---------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Sun. | Sep. 13 | 11:00 am | Gr. K-8 sing for outdoor worship |
| Fri  | Oct. 2  | 9, 6:00  | Gr. 3 & 4 Musical/One Act        |
| Sun  | Oct. 4  | 9:30 am  | PraisePower                      |
| Sun. | Oct. 11 | 11:00 am | Pre-K Sings                      |
| Sat. | Oct. 17 | 5:00 pm  | JiVe                             |
| Sun. | Oct. 18 | 9:30 am  | Children's Choir                 |
| Sun. | Oct. 25 | 9:30 am  | Gr. 4-5 Sings                    |
|      |         | 11:00am  | JuBellate                        |
| Sun. | Nov. 8  | 8:00 am  | Children's Choir                 |
| Sat. | Nov. 14 | 5:00 pm  | Gr. 2-3 Sings                    |
| Sun. | Nov. 15 | 9:30 am  | JiVe                             |



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Quick Links

## Faith Stepping Stones

Faith Stepping Stones is faith based parenting education from cradle to high school graduation through eight short-courses, which pull parents into the role of primary faith mentors for their own children every night through blessing, prayer, scripture, Highs & Lows, and faith dialogue (FAITH 5).

### Stone 4: My Bible

September 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21, 28;  
November 4, 11

This class is for children going into 2nd and 3rd grade along with their parents. This class will run for eight weeks and be taught on Wednesday evenings at **6pm starting on Wednesday, September 24** in the Youth Room. At the end of this class children will receive a Bible from the church. Children and parents commit to read a Bible verse nightly, and continue with Highs & Lows, prayer and blessing nightly. Check out the link to sign up [tinyurl.com/FaithStone4](http://tinyurl.com/FaithStone4) or for more information contact Tracy at [tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org)

## Women's Fall Bible Study

### A New Song Psalms of the Messiah

Six-week study beginning

**Monday, September 21 – 6:30pm**

### ROOTED WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY 'A NEW SONG', PSALMS OF THE MESSIAH

Begins Monday, **September 21 at 6:30pm**. Join us for 6 weeks weaving God's Word into your day, encouraging you as His precious & redeemed daughter. Study meets 1st & 3rd Monday evenings through November 30.

Contact [Tracy.Krueger@splgraffton.org](mailto:Tracy.Krueger@splgraffton.org)



THE MOMCO

**Come and join in fellowship with  
other moms!**

**Second Thursday of the month  
Starts September 10th  
8:45 am - 10:30 am**

Questions? Contact: Kelsey Metzger  
([parish.education@splgraffton.org](mailto:parish.education@splgraffton.org))

## WALKING GROUP

Come join in fellowship, devotion  
and a little exercise

Every Tuesday in FLC

**9:00 — 10:00 AM**



Safe Charging Is a  
**SUPERPOWER**

### Ozaukee Central Fire Department Annual Open House

Sunday October 11, 2026 - 10am - 1pm

1431 13th Avenue  
Grafton, WI 53024  
[info@ozcentralfirewi.gov](mailto:info@ozcentralfirewi.gov)



Join us for family fun  
events and fire education!  
Free refreshments, demonstrations,  
fun activities and meet Phoenix,  
the OCFD Fire Dog!



**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™**  
[fpw.org](http://fpw.org)

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# Even Odds PIZZA FUNDRAISER

PLAN A PIZZA NIGHT ON  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13**  
TO HELP EARN MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

**50% OF ALL SALES**  
WILL BE DONATED TO  
*St. Paul Lutheran School!*

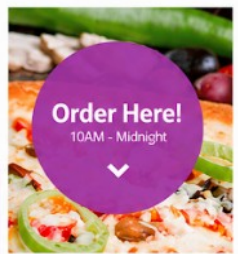


**MUST MENTION**  
*St. Paul Lutheran School*  
TO RECEIVE CREDIT!

- ORDER FROM 10AM-8PM
- DINE IN or CARRY OUT
- ONLINE ORDERS MUST CHECK DINING FOR DOLLARS (D4D) BOX & NOTE ST. PAUL SCHOOL WHEN PLACING ORDER

ORDER ONLINE OR CALL 262.376.0420

## Even Odds PIZZA



Order Here!  
10AM - Midnight

EVENODDS ONLINE ORDER EXAMPLE

Have a pizza night & help fundraise for St. Paul on **OCTOBER 13!**

|                   |                 |     |                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Round Pizzas      | Donation \$0.01 | Add | STORE CLOSED<br>Store is closed. Will open in 2 hours, 18 minutes, 17 seconds<br>You will be able to select future time during checkout. |
| Detroit Pan       |                 |     | YOUR ORDER SUMMARY<br>Waiting for your delightful selections!                                                                            |
| Breads            |                 |     | COUPON CODE                                                                                                                              |
| Salad             |                 |     | Apply                                                                                                                                    |
| OViches Open Face |                 |     | MY INFO                                                                                                                                  |
| Wings             |                 |     | ORDER TYPES<br>Pickup (Online)<br>Delivery (DL Not Available)<br>Change Order Type                                                       |
| Extras            |                 |     | ADDRESS                                                                                                                                  |
| Desserts          |                 |     |                                                                                                                                          |
| Beverage          |                 |     |                                                                                                                                          |
| Donation          |                 |     |                                                                                                                                          |
| Deals             |                 |     |                                                                                                                                          |

2) Click Add

1) Click Donation

### YOUR ORDER SUMMARY

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1 12 Inch HandTossed EO Cheese | \$8.99 |
| 1 D4D Donation                 | \$0.01 |
| Subtotal                       | \$9.00 |
| Tax                            | \$0.50 |
| Total                          | \$9.50 |

Customize Donation

Please Select A Size

D4D \$0.01

Qty: 1

3) Click Add to Cart

4) St. Paul earns 50% of the total spent

THANK YOU for supporting St. Paul!

Be a part of the joy and help her grow.

Volunteer with Girl Scouts and help girls find what's within.

As a Girl Scouts volunteer, you will make a meaningful difference—one moment of confidence, curiosity, or courage at a time. You'll be a trusted guide and supporter, helping girls discover their strengths and believe in themselves. Find the joy, connection, and pride of knowing your presence truly matters while we make the "how" simple with tools and a caring team right there with you.

To get your Girl Scout volunteering journey started, please contact:  
Lydia Karstaedt  
920-565-4575 ext. 329  
lydia@gsmanitou.org

Learn More & Get Started



Join in the joy and become a volunteer.

girl scouts

Girl Scout membership must be renewed annually. Membership year is October 1–September 30.

## Fall Into Grafton

Sat., Oct. 10  
11 am - 4 pm

11 am - 3 pm - Mini Golf Puttin' Around Grafton, Free Kids Games and Crafts, Food, Corn Pit, Balloon Artist, Caricature Artist, Live Music

11 am - 1 pm - Grafton Police Chili Cookoff

12 - 12:45 pm - James The Magician

2 pm - Children's Costume Contest

3 pm - five nine Nationally recognized Pumpkin Derby

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FIND A HIDDEN PAINTED ROCK IN THE COMMUNITY WITH A QR CODE & BRING TO FALL INTO GRAFTON TO REGISTER TO WIN THE SPOOKY GRAND PRIZE

Watch Celebrate Grafton Facebook page for more information or visit [www.grafton-wi.org](http://www.grafton-wi.org)



## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



| Sunday    | 13-Sep                                                                                                                                             | 20-Sep                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|           | Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00<br><b>K-8 Sings @ 11</b><br>Church and School Picnic, 12pm                                                            | Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00                                                                                                                |
| Monday    | 14-Sep                                                                                                                                             | 21-Sep                                                                                                                                      |
|           | MAP TESTING<br><br>Volleyball @ FIL; 5th-4:00, 6th-5:00, 7/8-6:00 & 7:00<br>Soccer @ Riverside Park WB vs. Good Shepherd, 4:30<br>Worship @ 6:30pm | MAP TESTING<br><br>VB @ Trinity Friestadt; 5/6-4:15, 5/6-5:15, 7/8-6:15<br><br>Worship @ 6:30pm                                             |
| Tuesday   | 15-Sep                                                                                                                                             | 22-Sep                                                                                                                                      |
|           | MAP TESTING<br><br>Volleyball @ Bethlehem Sheboygan; 7/8-4:15 & 5:15<br><br>Soccer @ Riverside Park WB vs. St. John WB, 4:15                       | MAP TESTING<br><br>Cross Country Meet @ Faith Haven<br> |
| Wednesday | 16-Sep                                                                                                                                             | 23-Sep                                                                                                                                      |
|           | MAP TESTING<br><br><b>CHAPEL - Tracy Krueger</b><br><br>Stone 3: Entry into School, 6pm                                                            | MAP TESTING<br><br><b>CHAPEL - Living Word</b><br><br>Picture Retakes 10a-1p<br>Stone 4: My Bible, 6pm                                      |
| Thursday  | 17-Sep                                                                                                                                             | 24-Sep                                                                                                                                      |
|           | MAP TESTING<br><br>Volleyball vs. Trinity Sheboygan; 5/6-4:00, 7/8-5:00                                                                            | MAP TESTING<br><br>VB vs. St. John WB; 5/6-4:15, 5/6-5:15, 7/8-6:15<br><br>Soccer @ Morning Star Jackson                                    |
| Friday    | 18-Sep                                                                                                                                             | 25-Sep                                                                                                                                      |
|           | MAP TESTING                                                                                                                                        | MAP TESTING<br><br>Harvest Festival, 6pm<br>           |
| Saturday  | 19-Sep                                                                                                                                             | 26-Sep                                                                                                                                      |
|           | A Girls Volleyball Tournament<br>Worship at 5:00pm                                                                                                 | B Girls Volleyball Tournament<br>Worship at 5:00pm                                                                                          |

# RightNow Media

RightNow Media is the world's largest video-streaming library of biblical resources. Every person in our church can access Biblically-based videos on topics like marriage, parenting, youth, recovery, leadership, finances and much more. You can also choose from more than 2,000 wholesome, educational, and entertaining videos in the RightNow Media library designed specially for children. Stream them at home or on the go with the RightNow Media app. To sign up via **Online Registration**:



Visit <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/splcas> to create your account. Or you can: **Text-to-Sign-Up: Text SPLCAS to 49775** and receive a direct link to the registration page.  
**QR Code Access:** A quick scan with your smartphone will take you directly to the registration page.



Already signed up to use RightNow Media, but looking for some ideas of what to watch?



## Psalm 119 by Matt Chandler

Even the most mature believers face dark nights of the soul. During those times God seems distant, his Word feels dry, and the vibrant intimacy we knew before seems absent leaving us wondering, "Where is the Lord in this?" In Psalm 119, Matt Chandler aims to introduce viewers to the words of King David who experienced similar seasons of life. Serving as the anchor for the study, Psalm 119 demonstrates the power of God's Word in the lives of believers and its ability to provide a warm blanket for the soul. (10 sessions) [Psalm 119](#)

## Papyrus Tales, Volume 1 - In the Beginning (ages 7-9)

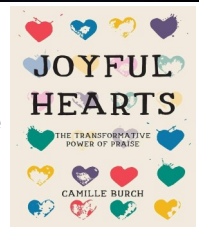
Papyrus Tales brings the timeless stories of the Bible to life through captivating animation and faithful storytelling. Journey alongside heroes, kings, prophets, and ordinary people whose lives were transformed by extraordinary encounters with God. From acts of courage and faith to lessons of mercy, obedience, and redemption, each episode faithfully retells a biblical account while engaging a new generation of viewers with imagination and wonder. Inspired by the ancient papyrus scrolls that preserved God's Word through the centuries, Papyrus Tales invites children and families to discover the people, places, and events that shaped the biblical story.



[Papyrus Tales](#)

## Joyful Hearts: Created to Praise by Camille Burch

What if praise could change everything? This 7 session series takes a deep dive to explore the practice of praise. Learn how praise is a gift from God to transform our heart posture keeping us joyful, and - most importantly - focused on Jesus! [Joyful Hearts: Created to Praise :: RightNow Media](#)



## The Essentials of Care by Joel Wharton & Kirsta Benedetti

Suffering has a way of raising questions that easy answers cannot satisfy. Whether facing illness, grief, chronic pain, trauma, or the spiritual confusion that often accompanies hardship, many believers find themselves wrestling with doubt, disappointment, and a faith that feels shaken. At the same time, friends, family members, pastors, and caregivers often want to help but struggle to know what to say—or what not to say. This eight-session series offers a biblically grounded approach to caring for those who are sick and suffering. Rather than relying on clichés or simplistic explanations, it explores how Scripture makes room for honest questions, deep lament, and enduring hope. Participants will discover how God meets people in their pain, why lament is an essential expression of faith, and how to walk alongside others with wisdom, compassion, and humility. Each session combines biblical teaching with practical guidance for navigating conversations about suffering, doubt, and God's presence in seasons of crisis. Whether you are personally experiencing suffering or seeking to care well for someone who is, this series will equip you to respond with truth, grace, and Christlike love—offering hope that is rooted not in easy answers, but in the faithful presence and promises of God. [The Essentials of Care](#) of intimacy, communication, and connection with your spouse. Whether you're a newlywed or have been married for decades, this series can be your path to a stronger, more beautiful masterpiece of God's handiwork. [Art of Marriage® :: RightNow Media](#)

