

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

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Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping today!

Fellowship: Refreshments available in the Gathering Hall Sundays 9am-10:45am.

Holy Communion: Celebrated during all Worship Services on the first, third & fifth weekends each month.

Parents With Children: Children's bulletins & Busy Bags are available.

There is a quiet room in the back of church.

We Care Cards: Everyone attending is asked to complete a card found in the pew rack and collected during worship.

Volunteers (Acolytes, Live-stream & PowerPoint help): Sign-up at tinyurl.com/SPLsignups.

Traditional Worship

*Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am, 11am

Monday 6:30pm

Contemporary Worship

*Sunday 9:30am

*Live-streamed at:

splgraffton.org/church/livestream &
vimeo.com/event/3215174

Servant Leaders:

Pastor: Luke Anderson

Pastor: Jacob Schultz

Pastor of Care Ministry: Timothy Maschke

Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prah

Pastor Emeritus: John Suelflow

Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf

Principal: Michael Yurk

Director of Music: Valerie Bremer

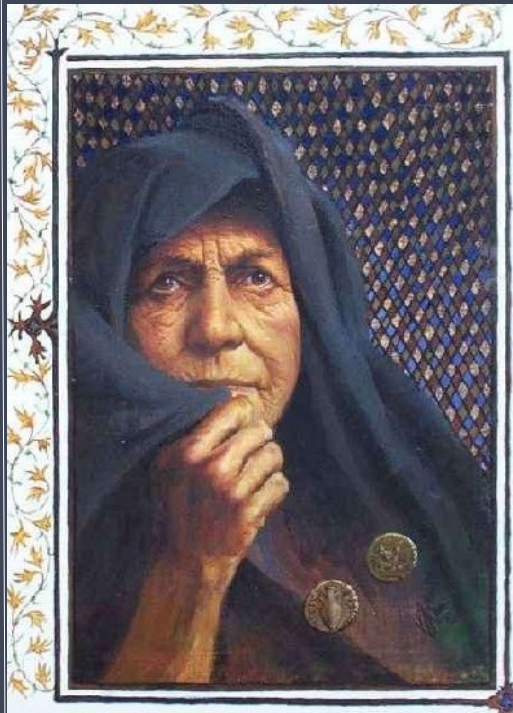
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**EQUIPPING
Every Generation
to Live Rooted
in JESUS**



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 10, 2024



**The
Widow's
Offering**

Mark 12:41-44



AS WE GATHER...As the liturgical year is coming to its end, God our Father gives us great encouragement that our salvation and deliverance from sin and sorrow is complete because of the forgiveness won for us by the blood of Jesus, the one and only sacrifice for your sin and the source of daily cleansing, faith, hope, confidence, and love. This faith is certain and full of hope even if your current circumstances would have you think otherwise. As God provided for the widow of Zarephath (*1 Kings 17*), so was the widow's offering (Mark 12) an expression of confident faith in God's promised salvation. No clearer picture can be given of the certainty of hope in Christ our Savior than in the letter to the Hebrews as it tells of Christ's once-for-all sacrifice that not only forgives but takes away all sin and supplies us with newness of life by His life-giving body and blood all our days!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during sermon hymn.*)

HYMN “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”

LSB 903

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 122:1; Hebrews 9:15*

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me,

People: “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

Pastor: Christ Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant,

People: so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION *Hebrews 9:22, 26b*

Pastor: Scripture says, “under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.... But Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.” Let us prepare to receive forgiveness and cleansing from God our Savior by confessing our need and repentance of our sin.

People: Lord God, we come before You this day seeking Your mercy and grace for the forgiveness of our sins and the cleansing of our lives. We confess to You all our sins, both the wrong we have done as well as the love we have withheld and the good we have failed to do for others. Lord, have mercy on us.

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”

LSB 782, St. 1-3

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son, Jesus, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION (*Sat*) “Thanksgiving Canon,” CDS Gr. 2 & 3
(*8am*) “Everything to God in Prayer,” Handbells

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Kings 17:8–16 The widow of Zarephath. (Holy Bible p. 379)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 9:24–28 Christ, the sacrifice once for all. (Holy Bible p. 1282)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE *2 Corinthians 8:9*

Pastor: Alleluia

People: though Jesus was rich, for our sake, He became poor, so that by His poverty, we might become rich. Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 12:38–44 The widow’s offering. (Holy Bible p. 1080)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

People: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN “Lord of All Hopefulness”

LSB 738

SERMON “The Widow’s Mite” by Pastor Kroemer based on Mark 12:38–44.

APOSTLES’ CREED *(see screens or back cover of LSB)*

OFFERTORY “All Depends on Our Possessing”

LSB 732, St. 1-2, 6

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(see screens)*

LORD’S PRAYER *(see screens or back cover of LSB)*

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “O Savior, Precious Savior”

LSB 527

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE–9:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”

WELCOME *(Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during opening song.)*

INVOCATION

OPENING SONG “Children of God”

BAPTISMS *Lincoln Brindowski, Parker Brindowski, Mackenna Marie Haas*

SONG “Psalm 34 Taste And See”

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE “King Of Kings”

STEPPING STONE 4 BIBLE PRESENTATION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

WORD OF GOD Hebrews 9:24–28 (Holy Bible p.1282)

PRAYERS / LORD’S PRAYER

WORD OF GOD Mark 12:38–44 (Holy Bible p. 1080)

SERMON “The Widow’s Mite” by Pastor Kroemer based on Mark 12:38–44.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG “The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”

THIS WEEKEND IS PRAYER SHAWL WEEKEND

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will have shawls available at both entrances after all services. Please choose a shawl for someone who needs comfort and care.

This can be a way to spread the Good News of Jesus!

MONDAY NIGHT SERVICE HIATUS BEGINNING IN ADVENT

The Board of Elders, working with the Pastors and Music Ministry Staff, have decided to pause Monday night services during Advent and Christmas, similar to last year. Monday night services will not be held from **November 25 through December and will resume on January 6.**

Thank you for your understanding!

BIBLICAL TEACHING



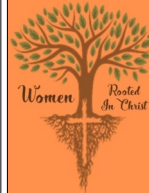
SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR 9:30am–Family Life Center

November 10: Postmodernism: The Spiritual but Not Religious. (Continued)

Rev. Dr. Randy Ferguson

November 17: What's So Special About Matthew's Gospel?

Rev. Dr. Randy Ferguson



Rooted Women Fall Bible Study

**Mondays 9/30,
10/7, 10/21,
11/4 & 11/18
at 6:30PM**



**Join us for our
Fall Bible study
Unexpected by
Christine Caine**

Get your study guide at our Fall Kickoff
9/16 or in the office!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

Topic: The CHOSEN - Season One

Led by: John Anciaux & Steve Leonard

Day/Time: Wednesdays thru November 20, 6:30-8pm

Location: Family Life Center

THURSDAY MORNING MENS BIBLE CLASS

Topic: Hebrews

Led by: Bob Kasten

Day/Time: Thursdays, 6:30am

Location: Front Conference Room

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Come join us for the fun! Sunday School runs Sundays September-May from 8:15-9:15am, and is open to children ages 3 thru 6th Grade.

11/10: This week's Bible story is from 1 Samuel 3, God speaks to Samuel. We will be learning that God speaks and so we listen for him.

1/17: This week we will be learning that God values people and so we value people. We will read 1 Samuel 24 & 26 as we look at the story of David values Saul's life.

Questions?

Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org

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 from 3-4:30pm in the Youth Room.

Please watch for email updates and reminders throughout the year.

11/10: This week we will talk about cake and Romans 8 in our devotion, we will build balloon towers and enjoy some chips together.

Signup: tinyurl.com/MSYNov24

11/24: Enjoy Thanksgiving break!

Questions?

Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org.

NEW PODCAST AVAILABLE ON NOVEMBER 18

A new episode of our **Building Faith** podcast will be available on **Monday, November 18.**

Listen to us on your favorite podcast app!



IMPACT HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
Meets 2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month
5-6:30PM; Youth Room

GRAFTON CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Board of Evangelism will be accepting candy donations. Please place them in the bin marked Christmas parade in the Welcome Center. We need volunteers for decorating the parade float, too!

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

The November Voters meeting will take place on **Thursday, November 21 at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center**. At the meeting there will be 2025 elections of officers and board members. If anyone is still interested in board positions, they can contact Jonathan Schulz through the office. along with various reports to update you on what is happening here at St. Paul.

EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER UPDATE

Great progress is being made on our ministry expansion project. In the last month, the committees reported the following:

Building Committee:

- Underslab plumbing and electrical were completed.
- First floor concrete slab was poured.
- Steel structure erection has begun.



During the next month:

- Sanitary sewer and water connections in Washington St. are scheduled for Nov. 6th-8th.
- Steel erection will be completed.
- Second floor concrete slab will be poured.
- Exterior wall framing will follow.

Finance Committee:

- Loan application is in process with LCEF.
- Over \$1.1M in promissory notes have been secured to-date. If you are still interested in a promissory note, please reach out to Jason Hasenstein 920-226-0743 jason.hasenstein@splgrafton.org or Jean Steinke 262-377-4659 jean.steinke@splgrafton.org.

*Please continue to visit the Every Generation Faithful Together website for more information.
splgrafton.org/faithfultogether*

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
DAY OF GIVING
MAKE AN IMPACT
DECEMBER 3



JOIN IN THE ST. PAUL DAY OF GIVING

On **December 3**, we'll come together in generosity to support our mission and build a brighter future. Every act of giving makes a difference, and we invite you to be part of this special day. Let's start the countdown to giving back!

Give securely with Vanco: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT1K/campaign/C-15565>

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

We will have our monthly meeting on **Monday, November 18 at 1pm** in the **Church Workroom**. Everyone is invited to join us as we explore ways of bringing the love of Jesus to others. Our meetings are short and most of our crafting is done at home.

*Come join us!
Donations of yarn are always appreciated.*

FIRST GRADE READING BUDDIES NEEDED!

Thank you to all of our First Grade Grandma Reading Buddies. We love reading with you! There is now space for *Grandpa Reading Buddies*, too!

PLEASE NOTE: OUR NOVEMBER DATE HAS CHANGED TO NOVEMBER 12.

If you are interested, contact Deanne Boyce at 262-377-4659 or deanne.boyce@splgrafton.org.

NOVEMBER LERT MEETING

Tuesday, November 12; 6:30pm Family Life Center

Join us for our November LERT Meeting to discuss, "Spiritual First Aid Training/Spiritual First Aid Implementation." Hear about the recent hands-on experiences in Hendersonville & Asheville, NC from our St. Paul LERT members.

PASTOR WENDORF'S DEVOTION MY BEST DAY ON EARTH

Then Job died an old man who had lived a long, full life. Job 42:16

Recently we celebrated "All Saints Day." Traditionally the names of those who have died in the past year are read aloud in church. I always appreciated this moment of remembrance, and also wondered what names would be on the list next year? The concluding words of the book of Job, remind us that death will come. We find comfort in knowing that when life here on earth ends there is a sure promise of life beyond death. One pastor put it this way: "My last day on planet earth will be my best day on planet earth." We can say that because of Jesus and His promise to us that those who believe in Him shall have eternal life. When we die, we will go to heaven. That sounds like a good day to me!

*You are welcome to contact Pastor Wendorf to share your thoughts regarding his weekly devotions:
pastor.wendorf@splgrifton.org*

SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT INVITATION

The South Wisconsin District is excited to announce the launch of a Vocational Directory, designed specifically for LCMS business owners and professionals in South Wisconsin. This directory isn't about finding volunteers for *pro bono* work; it's about building a network of skilled professionals within our membership. We invite you to share your expertise with congregations across South Wisconsin by completing the form at swd.lcms.org/PRO as we work to honor our Christ-centered vocations. Together, we can create a resource that strengthens our community and serves our churches effectively!

LUNCH BAGS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES & HOMELESS IN MILWAUKEE

Our Church has volunteered to supply **300 bag lunches** for The Gathering meal site on November 22 so people can have a meal on Sundays when meal sites are not open. Please help by donating the following food items for these lunch bags:

- individual packages of tuna or chicken (these are most needed)
- individual bags of salty snacks
- individual applesauce
- individually packaged desserts
- monetary donations to purchase fruit, bread, bottled water and other needed items.

Food donations can be placed in the bin in the Welcome Center, monetary donations can be made to St. Paul with a special note that it is for The Gathering. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help assemble bags is welcome to come to the Family Life Center at 4pm on Thursday, November 21.

PLEASE DONATE BY NOVEMBER 19

Questions? Contact Polly Morrison at pollykm40@gmail.com or 262-377-4846

GIFT A CHILD

Gift A Child
The Food Pantry Inc.

Gift A Child provides Christmas gifts for children in Ozaukee County: something they want, something they need, something to wear, and something to read. A person may sponsor a child, family, or category. Gift A Child also accepts donations of any new items. Please contact Melissa, the Gift A Child coordinator, at 262-235-0715 if you would like to make a donation or become a sponsor.

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements through October will be emailed to you next week. If you don't receive yours by Friday, November 15 or you don't have email, please call the Church Office at 262-377-4659 and we will print your statement.

St Paul Lutheran

Cookie
Walk

Dec 7th 9-11am

\$12 per box



Music: Ms. Valerie Bremer
Leader: Rev. Jacob Schultz

Altar Guild: Sue Hauschel & Carolyn Wohlers
Sermon: Rev. James Kroemer

SERVICE	ELDERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	Brad Dorn	Joanne Wolf
Sun., 8am	Greg Kern	Ron Kuta
Sun., 9:30am	Stu Natale	Tim Hallett
Sun., 11am	Mark Papcke	Mark Papcke
Mon., 6:30pm	Gabriel Metzger	

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Pamela Anschuetz; Drew Bartell* (son of Mona Bartell); *Jason Boesch* (son of Cheryl Boesch); *Charles Dietrich; Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Prah); *Cheryl Flolo* (mother of Lydia Flolo); *Bob Fleischmann* (godson of Darlene Sukowski); *Dick Frisque* (father of Rob Frisque); *Cassie Gebauer* (granddaughter of Marv & Connie Borchardt); *Cindy Hilgendorf* (sister of Gail Goetter); *Carol Klug* (daughter of Evelyn Klug); *Ann L.* (friend of Catherine Kiener); *Robert Marshall* (father of Chris Marshall); *Chris Micha* (brother of Vince Micha); *Lois Poisson; Michelle Reedy* (daughter of Beverly Kelling); *Donna Schmidt* (sister-in-law to David & Natasha Schmidt & aunt to Erin & Kate Schmidt); *Marion Spiekerman; Jean Stickney; Darlene Sukowski; Sara Vanhimbergen* (niece of David Scherzer); *Wendy Zetting*

Long Term Illness / Treatment: *Samuel Becker* (grandson of Lucille Becker); *Jim & Sharon Caulfield* (parents/in-law's of Alison & Steve Eckert); *Christine Capstran* (daughter of Lyle & Terry Sperber); *Heidi Feucht* (friend of Stephanie Steinert); *Tom Fitzgerald* (friend of Tom Lubner); *Dan Haupt* (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); *Daniel Kekic* (nephew of Paulette Rammel); *Tom Miller; Andy Panasa* (friend of Dennis Kranz); *Kay Ryder* (sister of Kevin Zirtlaff); *Brian Schroeder; Patrick Swan* (friend of Liz Dehmel); *Bob Willegal* (friend of Tom Lubner)

Anniversary: *Kurt & Deb Kelly's* 48th wedding anniversary.

Baptisms: *Lincoln Brindowski, Parker Brindowski; Mackenna Marie Haas*

Blessing: For Prayer Shawls and Prayer Shawl Ministry

GIFT

A Gift has been given to the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund in honor of *Kurt & Deb Kelley's* 48th Wedding Anniversary by Kurt & Deb Kelley.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptism: *Lincoln Brindowski*, born August 17, 2021 son of Jason & Cassandra (Mieloch) Brindowski will be baptized at St. Paul on Sunday, November 10, 2024 during the 9:30am service.

Baptism: *Parker Brindowski*, born September 9, 2023 son of Jason & Cassandra (Mieloch) Brindowski will be baptized at St. Paul on Sunday, November 10, 2024 during the 9:30am service.

Baptism: *Mackenna Marie Haas*, born July 11, 2024 daughter of Matt & Lindsey (Hunsicker) Haas will be baptized at St. Paul on Sunday, November 10, 2024 during the 9:30am service.

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL

Visit splgrafton.org/church and Look for the **Give Now! Button**

- **Plate:** Offerings may be placed in a collection box near the exits.
- **Mail/Drop-Off:** 701 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am to 4pm.
- **VancoOnline Electronic Giving:** Visit splgrafton.org/church/giving (then click Online Giving).
- **Vanco Mobile App:** Vanco Mobile is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" to download the app.
- **Text-to-Give:** Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute to 855.927.0750 (example: 25 for \$25). You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation.
- **Text-to-Give directly to the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund:** Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute followed by the letters EGFT, to 855.927.0750. For example, text "25 EGFT" to contribute \$25. You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. Every contribution sent to this number will go directly to the Every Generation Faithful Together fund.

Thank you for supporting St. Paul. If you have questions, contact St. Paul Finance Office at 262- 377-4659.




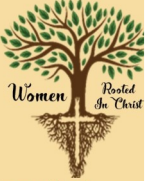
St. Paul Trunk or Treat
 We had a great time at Trunk or Treat!
 Thank you to everyone who came out!
 And a special thank you to everyone who
 decorated their trunks.
We couldn't do it without you!



join us for
 thanksgiving & praise
THANKSGIVING EVE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27
 4:30pm Traditional
 6:30pm Contemporary
THANKSGIVING DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28
 9:30am Traditional




Rooted Women
Advent by Candlelight
Sunday December 8, 2023
6:30PM
 Join us as we prepare our hearts &
 minds this Advent as Dr. Paavola
 speaks on "The Gifts that Last"

Please Sign Up Here: <https://tinyurl.com/AdventbyCandlelight24>

We will have refreshments, cocoa, coffee, tea,
 and a whole lot of Jesus! Feel free to bring a
 dessert to share if you wish, but not mandatory.
 Please sign up at:
tinyurl.com/AdventbyCandlelight24