

**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

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

DCE: Tracy Krueger

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



**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
THE LAST SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR**

November 24, 2024



AS WE GATHER...The end of the Church Year leads us one step further away from Christ's coming in Bethlehem and one step closer to His coming in glory. Christ is the King who was promised of old and who will return to call the world to accountability. We who are part of His Kingdom by faith are called to faithfulness here on earth so that we may enjoy His eternal reign in heaven.

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 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LSB 525

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him.

People: He is King of kings and Lord of lords!

Pastor: He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy.

People: He is King of kings and Lord of lords!

Pastor: Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name.

People: He is King of kings and Lord of lords!

Pastor: At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

People: He is King of kings and Lord of lords!

Pastor: And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

ALL: He is King of kings and Lord of lords!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our merciful King.

People: Christ our King, we come before You in humble adoration, but not in unholy fear. At Your name our knees bow and our hearts burn in love. We acknowledge our unworthiness, but claim Your forgiveness. We know that we have failed You. Hear our confession, gracious Monarch of the Cross. Forgive us and rule us.

(A time of silence for personal reflection and confession)

Pastor: Fellow sinners and fellow saints, our King has heard the confession we have made this day and does forgive us. He will not speak a condescending word from a distant throne, but comes into our midst to suffer with us, for us, and to die on a cross. His word of forgiveness restores us and we rise to serve Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ the King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Christ is King! We are His, and we are forgiven! Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF PRAISE “Rejoice, The Lord Is King”

LW 179

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore.

Refrain: Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice; Rejoice; again I say, Rejoice!

2 Our Savior Jesus reigns, The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above: *Refrain*

3 His kingdom can-not fail; He rules o'er earth and heav'n
The key's of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n *Refrain*

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, whose will it is to restore all things to Your beloved Son, whom You anointed Priest forever and King of all creation, grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

ALL: who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 The Ancient of Days gives dominion to the Son of Man. (Holy Bible p. 945)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Revelation 1:4b-8 I am the Alpha and the Omega. (Holy Bible p. 1310)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE "All Creatures of Our God and King"

(sung to tune of A Hymn of Glory let Us Sing LSB 493)

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with us and sing:

Alleluia, alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam And silver moon with softer gleam:

Oh, praise him! Oh, Praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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HOLY GOSPEL *selected verses from John 18 & 19 So You are a king? (Holy Bible p. 1151)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth and nineteenth 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 "O Worship the King"

LSB 804, St. 1,2,5,6

SERMON by Pastor Prah! based on the lessons appointed for the day.

MARTIN LUTHER'S EXPLANATION OF THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, But with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him In everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity This is most certainly true.

OFFERTORY "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

LSB 740

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(see screens)*

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

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the peace, of Christ our King and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be and abide with you now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

LSB 813, St. 1,3,6, 7

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE-9:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

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

INVOCATION

OPENING SONGS "Crowns Down;" "I've Witnessed it"

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE "Light A Fire"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

WORD OF GOD Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
(Holy Bible p. 945)

MARTIN LUTHER'S EXPLANATION OF THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED
(see screens)

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

WORD OF GOD *selected verses from John 18 & 19*
(Holy Bible p. 1151)

SERMON by Pastor Prael based on the lessons appointed for the day.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "King of Kings"

BIBLICAL TEACHING



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

November 24: Biblical Teachings Most Hated By The World.
Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

December 1: Joshua 1-2: Faith-filled Courage
Dr. Jim Pingel

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.

11/24: Join us as we look at 2 Samuel 6, David celebrates. We will learn that God is praiseworthy and so we celebrate him.

12/1: No Sunday school this week. Happy Thanksgiving!
Questions?

Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.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.

11/24: Enjoy Thanksgiving break!

ADVENT—CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULES

Please pick up your 2024 St. Paul Advent and Christmas schedule in the back of church this weekend.

SCHOOL & CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Thursday, November 28, 2024
Friday, November 29, 2024

THURSDAY MORNING MENS BIBLE CLASS

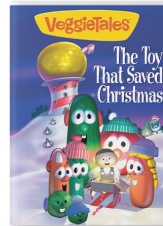
Topic: Hebrews

Led by: Bob Kasten

Day/Time: Thursdays, 6:30am

Location: Front Conference Room

VEGGIES & ICE CREAM



Families of all ages are invited to come join us on **Friday, December 6** from **6-7pm** as we watch *The Toy that Saved Christmas*. We will also be making some fun crafts and enjoying some ice cream.

Signup here to join the fun:
tinyurl.com/VeggiesDec24



**IMPACT
THANKSGIVING
FEAST
NOV. 24TH 5-6:30**



NEW PODCAST AVAILABLE Building Faith Through Every Space

From our school buildings to our cemetery, every part of St. Paul is designed to support our ministry and share the Gospel. In our latest podcast, Pastor Schultz and guest St. Paul DCE Tracy Krueger discuss how our cemetery plays a special role in our ministry and faith.

Listen on your favorite podcast app!

PASTOR WENDORF'S DEVOTION GIVING THANKS

They forgot what He had done, the wonders he had shown them. Psalm 78:11

How good are you at remembering things? We are all forgetful at times. In this text we read a sad statement that they had forgotten what God had done for them. Do we at times do the same? We can be so wrapped up in what is happening now, that we fail to remember God's goodness to us in the past. In Psalm 78 the author goes on to list some the wonderful deeds that God had done for the nation. At this time of Thanksgiving, we would be wise to do the same. Look at a list of all your blessings; they are wonderful memories of God's goodness and grace in your life. His plan is one of blessings, with the greatest blessing of all the gift of His Son, Jesus. *Lord, help me not to forget all that You have done.*

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

MONDAY NIGHT SERVICE HIATUS BEGINNING THIS MONDAY

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!

DECEMBER BULLETIN DEADLINES

The deadline for bulletin announcements will be changing throughout the next two months due to the schedule of our printer. Here are the changes for December:

December 8: Due Monday, December 2, 10am
December 15: Due Monday, December 9, 10am
December 22: Due Monday, December 16, 10am
December 29: Due Monday, December 16, 10am
January 5: Due Monday, December 16, 10am
Thank you!

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements through October have been **emailed** to you. If you don't receive yours or you don't have email, please call the Church Office at 262-377-4659 and we will print your statement.

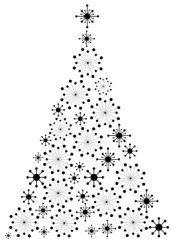
2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please stop by the tables in the Gathering Hall to pick up your **2025 Offering Envelopes.** If you have any questions please contact Martha Witt in the Church Office at 262-377-4659, Ext. 332

WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

December 5 at 12pm in the FLC

Entertainment is Living Word Choir.
Any questions contact
Eva at 262-377-4321.



LWML THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards to share the blessings of faith and the joy and peace of Christmas are available in the Gathering Hall while supplies last! Support the LWML mission grant with your purchase of these cards.

Thank You!

STRENGTH IN UNITY

Benefit for Brian Schroeder & Family

Come out to support St. Paul members Brian and Traci (Trombley) Schroeder as Brian battles Leukemia. A benefit will be held on **Saturday, December 7 from 12pm to 5pm** at Circle B in Cedarburg. There will be lots of food, music, silent auction items and other surprises, including a visit from Santa!



We hope to see you there!

join us for
thanksgiving & praise

THANKSGIVING EVE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27
4:30pm Traditional
6:30pm Contemporary

THANKSGIVING DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28
9:30am Traditional



SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. YURK



1. The first trimester of the school year is over and teachers and students are enjoying a Thanksgiving Break this week.
2. Mark your calendars for our PreK & Kindergarten Information Night which will take place on January 9 @ 6pm. Registration for new students for the 2025-26 school year will open on January 15.
3. We're excited to announce that Mother/Son Bowling Night will be returning on Friday, February 7 at Circle B. Our annual Father/Daughter Dance will be taking place on Friday, January 31. More information regarding these two events will be shared in the coming weeks.
4. Join us for our student-led Christmas Programs on Wednesdays in December. Service times are 8:25am and 6:30pm. December 4 will be led by our middle school students.

SAVE THE DATE!

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



JOIN IN THE ST. PAUL DAY OF GIVING

Less than 2 weeks to go until St. Paul Day of Giving! On December 3, we invite you to join us in supporting our Ministry Expansion Building Campaign. Every donation makes a difference, so let's come together and give generously. Together, we can achieve great things!

Give securely with Venmo: <https://venmo.com/u/SPL-Grafton>
Vanco: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT1K/campaign/C-15565>

GRAFTON CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT PARTICIPANTS AND DECORATORS NEEDED

The Board of Evangelism is still accepting candy donations. Please place them in the bin marked Christmas Parade in the Welcome Center. **Looking for an opportunity to serve your neighbor, bring smiles to children and enjoy an afternoon of fun?** Join the BOE as we prepare for the Annual Grafton Christmas Parade on **Saturday, November 30**. Our TEAM is looking for individuals / families of all ages to walk / ride with the St Paul float during the parade route. All children under the age of seven (7) must be accompanied by an adult. The Parade Theme this year is **"Favorite Christmas Story."** We are excited to share with our community the true meaning of Christmas as our float will represent many people from the Bible (costumes provided).

Please contact Lori Marien at blmarien@gmail.com or
Kim Edgar at kim.edgar@splgraffton.org for more information.

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.

FAMILY ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT - HOPE & LIGHT

December 1; 4:30 - 6:30pm
1838 N. Green Bay Rd. Grafton, WI

Advent by Candlelight is a beautiful time for families and friends to gather, slow down, and reflect on Jesus and life. We enter a gorgeous barn, not at all like the one our Savior was born in; candles lighting the way through darkness and along the river, where you are encouraged to reflect and pray.

Stay for soup and snacks!

Free for anyone and everyone

Outside and inside (dress accordingly)

Presented by Tselem Ministries - tselemministries.org

MERRY CHRISTMAS! IT'S GIVING TREE TIME!

Christmas is fast approaching! For some, the challenges of this year have been especially difficult. Winter is just around the corner, and there are many local families that are struggling to have what they need to make ends meet, much less purchase Christmas gifts for their children. Your support and generosity are greatly needed. Help the Panther Parents to make Christmas special for families in our community by purchasing a gift (or two!!) from the Giving Tree. The gifts will go to several local families, children from Benediction Church, as well as items greatly needed by Ozaukee Family Services and Place of Refuge Women's Shelter. The Giving Tree is up, and what a great time to start shopping all the holiday sales!

The Giving Tree and tags can be found in the carport entrance. Please turn in the gifts (may be boxed but left unwrapped) by Monday, **December 9th**. Please attach the tags to the gifts when dropping off the items. Items can be turned in to the school office or under the tree to be collected daily.

Please reach out to *Samantha McCarthy* at samccarthy09@gmail.com or 262-227-4777, or *Nora Brooks* at norabeth219@yahoo.com with any questions.

Music: Ms. Valerie Bremer / Greg Batiansila
Leader: Rev. Timothy Maschke

Altar Guild: Sue Hauschel & Carolyn Wohlers
Sermon: Rev. Larry Prah

SERVICE	ELDERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	Jim Wegner	Joanne Wolf
Sun., 8am	Greg Kern	Bob Utecht
Sun., 9:30am	Randy Klotka	Todd Willman
Sun., 11am	Mark Papcke	Mark Papcke
Mon., 6:30pm	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Pamela Anschuetz; Drew Bartell* (son of Mona Bartell); *Steve Beidenbender; Cheryl Boesch; Jason Boesch* (son of Cheryl Boesch); *Charles Dietrich; Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Prah); *Cindy Hilgendorf* (sister of Gail Goetter); *Carol Klug* (daughter of Evelyn Klug); *Dale Poisson; Michelle Reedy* (daughter of Beverly Kelling); *Marion Spiekerman; Jean Stickney; Darlene Sukowski; Audrey Wollner; Wendy Zettinig*

Long Term Illness / Treatment: *Samuel Becker* (grandson of Lucille Becker); *Delaine Bussard* (friend of Debra Kelley); *Christine Capstran* (daughter of Lyle & Terry Sperber); *Tom Fitzgerald* (friend of Tom Lubner); *Dan Haupt* (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); *Daniel Kekic* (nephew of Paulette Rammel); *Tom Miller; Kay Ryder* (sister of Kevin Zirtlaff); *Brian Schroeder; Patrick Swan* (friend of Liz Dehmel); *Bob Willegal* (friend of Tom Lubner)

Anniversary: *Bill & Sherry Krueger* (parents of Anne Murphy and grandparents to Riley & Brodie) 52nd wedding anniversary.

Death: *Delores Lorenz*

MEMORIALS

Memorials have been given to the glory of God to St. Paul Lutheran Church in memory of *Barbara Kisch*.

CHURCH RECORDS

Funeral: *Gladys A. Erdmann*, born February 19, 1932, went to be with Jesus on November 13, 2024. A Christian funeral was held for her at Mueller Funeral Home, Cedarburg on November 22, 2024.

Funeral: *Delores M. Lorenz*, born July 12, 1933, went to be with Jesus on November 13, 2024. A Christian funeral was held for her at St. Paul on November 18, 2024.

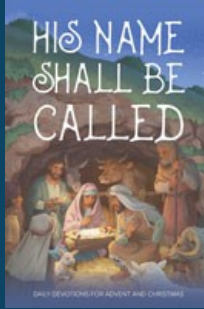
WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL

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 ADVENT + CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



You can pick up your Advent Devotional in the back of Church this weekend!

Wednesday Advent 6:30pm
December 4; Grades 5-8
December 11; Grades 3-4
December 18; Grades 1-2

Lessons & Carols
Adult Music Groups
Saturday, December 7; 5pm
Sunday, December 8; 8am
Soloists & Small Groups
Sunday, December 8
9:30am, 11am

Pre-K & Kindergarten
Christmas Service
Saturday, December 14
9am & 10:30am

Weekend of December 22
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24
12pm, 2pm Traditional
4pm Contemporary
7pm, 11pm Candlelight

Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25
9:30am Traditional/Communion

Weekend of December 29
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am

New Year's Eve
Tuesday, December 31
5pm Traditional/Communion



*No Monday Night Services November 25 - December 30.
Resumes January 6, 2025.*

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased. Luke 2:14

St Paul Lutheran

Cookie Walk

Dec 7th 9-11am

\$12 per box



Mark your calendars and come early to see the beautifully decorated and delicious selection of cookies, candies, & treats. Containers will be provided for you to choose your own items. **\$12 per container.** Bring your friends and family and get into the Christmas spirit. You can get all of your holiday treats for the season at the Cookie Walk! The varieties will be endless & will include gluten free and nut free options!!!

SENIOR MINISTRY EVENT
THE EVE OF ST. NICK
PIZZA & LIVE MUSIC BY
THE STRING ALONGS

Thursday, December 5 @ 5pm
Providence Place
Cost \$15 / person

RSVP to Jenny at 262-377-9900
by Monday, December 2

Rooted Women

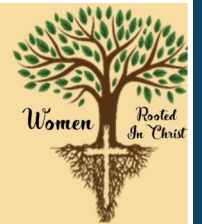
Advent by Candlelight

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

SENIOR MINISTRY EVENT
OLD WORLD CHRISTMAS MARKET BUS
TRIP TO OSTHOFF RESORT IN
ELKHART LAKE

Monday, December 9

We will depart Providence Place at 10:30am and depart for home at 1:30pm. The market has a wide variety of vendors and delicious food to try.

Cost: \$10/person –

includes admission and transportation.

Seating is limited, contact Jenny at Providence Place at 262-377-9900 to reserve your spot!!