

**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](http://tinyurl.com/SPLsignups).

**Traditional Worship**

\*Saturday 5pm  
Sunday 8am, 11am

**Contemporary Worship**

\*Sunday 9:30am

\*Live-streamed at:

[splgraffton.org/church/livestream](http://splgraffton.org/church/livestream) &  
[vimeo.com/event/3215174](http://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**



**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
LESSONS AND CAROLS**

December 8, 2024

LESSONS  
AND  
Carols



**AS WE GATHER...**Our worship this weekend is one of Lessons and Carols. Portions of this service date back to when it was first presented at the Church of Canterbury England. Since then, it has been popular around the world. Today, you will find a mixture of Old Testament prophecies followed by Gospel readings showing the fulfillment of these prophecies. May we joyfully celebrate this Advent and upcoming Christmas message: God keeps His promise and sent His Son, Jesus, to be the Messiah and Savior. In Jesus we have our hope and joy at this time of Christmas.

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** (5pm & 8am) “Christmas Medley,” Woodwind Ensemble

## LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELLS

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

### OPENING HYMN

(5pm, 8am, 11am) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
(9:30am) “Light of the World”

LSB 357, St. 1, 2, 4, 7

### INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

**People: They will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.**

Pastor: They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads.

**People: Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.**

**FIRST LESSON** *Genesis 3:9–15* After man’s fall into sin, God promises a Savior.

### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION (Based on Isaiah 61:1-3 and 1 Thessalonians 5:23)

Pastor: The prophet Isaiah proclaimed—and Jesus embodies—God’s call to reach out and care for those who are brokenhearted and those who mourn, people who are abused and oppressed, who are powerless to change. We give thanks, O God, that you are unchanging, that you are fair and true in your judgment of us when we deserve your eternal wrath.

**People: Forgive us, O God, for the times when we have been happy to know the Gospel without putting our faith into action. We confess that all too often we hesitate to speak or act when we see people being treated unjustly. Forgive us for uncaring attitudes, for basing opinions of others on superficial traits rather than accepting them as people created in your image. Forgive us for not seeking Your will. Forgive us for placing our hope in things other than the Christ-child born in a poor stable. Heal, restore, and bless us, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.**

Pastor: May the God of peace cleanse you through and through. We have the promise that our spirit, soul, and body will be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Rejoice, then, and give thanks as we receive forgiveness and healing in Christ’s name.

**People: Amen.**

### FIRST CAROL

(5pm, 8am) “Come, Rejoice,” Handbells  
(9:30am, 11am) *Continue to the Second Lesson.*

**SECOND LESSON** *Genesis 22:15–18* God promises to faithful Abraham that through his seed all the nations of the world will be blessed.

### SECOND CAROL

(5pm, 8am) “News of Great Joy,” Mixed Choir  
(9:30am) “Ps. 65 (Hope has an Answer)”  
(11am) “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

LSB 338

**THIRD LESSON** *Isaiah 9:2, 6–7* Christ’s birth is foretold by Isaiah.

### **THIRD CAROL**

(5pm, 8am) "Hush! The Holy Child is Sleeping," Mixed Choir with Dawn Sisley, Robert Babler, Heidi Young  
(9:30am) "Hodie, Alleluia!," PraisePower  
(11am) "Carol of the Bells," JiVE

**FOURTH LESSON Micah 5:2–5a** *The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.*

### **FOURTH CAROL**

(5pm, 8am) "Once in Royal David's City," Brass Ensemble  
(9:30am) "Noel Nouvelet," Valerie Bremer, Brennan Scheel, & Dawn Sisley  
(11am) "The Gift," JiVE

**FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26–38** *The angel Gabriel brings God's message to the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

### **FIFTH CAROL**

(5pm, 8am) "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen," Woodwind Ensemble  
(9:30am) "Be Born In Me," Diana Eggold  
(11am) "Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love"

LSB 900, St. 1-3

**MESSAGE** "Songs for the Road," by Pastor Anderson.

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1–7** *The birth of Jesus Christ.*

### **SIXTH CAROL**

(5pm, 8am) "Come to the Stable with Jesus," Male Choir  
(9:30am, 11am) *Continue to the Seventh Lesson.*

**SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8–16** *The shepherds go to the manger.*

### **SEVENTH CAROL**

(5pm, 8am) "Do You hear What I Hear?," Male Choir with Robert Babler & Heidi Young  
(9:30am) "Go Tell It On the Mountain"  
(11am) "Joy to the World," JuBellate

**EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1–12** *The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.*

### **EIGHTH CAROL**

(5pm, 8am) "Go, Tell it on the Mountain," Handbells  
(9:30am) "Behold"  
(11am) "The First Noel"

St. 1,5,6

**NINTH LESSON John 1:1–14** *St. John unfolds the Mystery of the Incarnation.*

### **NINTH CAROL**

(5pm, 8am) "O Come, All Ye Faithful," Combined Choirs

**LORD'S PRAYER** (see screens)

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor: God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth gives way to the bright dawn of Your Word made flesh. Make us a people of this Light. Make us faithful to Your Word, that we may bring Your life to the waiting world.

**People: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Jesus is God's joy to the world. May the blessing of Jesus, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, fill your heart and life with this joy.

**People: Alleluia! May we share God's Good News of joy. Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

(5pm, 8am, 11am) "Joy to the World"  
(9:30am) "Joy to the World (Shout for Joy)"

LSB 387, St. 1,3,4

## POSTLUDE

**Thank you to all** who give so much time and effort throughout the year to make all of our worship services come alive! The Music Ministry at St. Paul is vibrant and diverse thanks to the talents the Lord has given to His people. They respond by nurturing those gifts and using them in worship.

Our worship services at St. Paul are blessed due to the joyful service and dedication of hundreds of people. These include:

*Male Choir - led by Dave Schmidt, accompanied by Kari Schwartz*  
*Mixed Choir - led by Valerie Bremer*  
*Contemporary Worship Teams - led by Greg Batiansila, Valerie Bremer & Heidi Young*  
*Handbell Ensemble - led by Kris Schroeder*  
*Woodwind Ensemble - led by Dawn Sisley*  
*Chamber Ensemble*  
*Brass Ensemble- led by Dawn Sisley*  
*Percussionists*  
*Pianists*  
*JiVE (Junior High Vocal Ensemble) - led by Kari Schwartz*  
*PraisePower - led by Valerie Bremer*  
*Children's Choir - led by Valerie Bremer*  
*JuBellate - led by Valerie Bremer*  
*Dozens of individual vocal and instrumental soloists*  
*Accompanists*  
*Office Staff who assist with bulletin*  
*Media Ministry volunteers to run audio and video equipment*  
*Elders*  
*Ushers*  
*Acolytes*  
*Altar Guild*



## BIBLICAL TEACHING



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

**December 8:** Looking at Today's World Through The Lens of Psalm 46

Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

**December 15:** Joshua 3-4: Leaving a Legacy.

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.

**12/8:** This week's Bible story is from 2 Samuel 9, King David is kind to Mephibosheth. We will be learning that God is kind so we're kind.

**12/15:** This week we will be learning that Jesus is humble, so we show humility. We will read Luke 2:1-7 as we look at the story of Jesus born in a stable.

Questions?

Tracy Krueger at [tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org)

### THURSDAY MORNING MENS BIBLE CLASS

**Topic:** Hebrews

**Led by:** Bob Kasten

**Day/Time:** Thursdays, 6:30am

**Location:** Front Conference Room

### 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.

**12/8:** This week we will have a Christmas party with cookies, gifts, devotion, and more. Sign up here to join us in December: [tinyurl.com/MSYDec24](http://tinyurl.com/MSYDec24).

**12/22:** Enjoy Christmas break!

Questions?

Tracy Krueger at [tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org)

**PASTOR WENDORF'S DEVOTION  
LISTEN TO THE MUSIC**

*Let me remember my song in the night. Psalm 77:6*

As you hear the songs of Christmas, do you listen to the music in the music of Christmas? What are the words really saying? The music in the music of **Christmas** should be a message of hope, a message of joy, a message of wonder as you hear the news of the birth of Jesus. There are many fun jingles that are sung about reindeer or snowmen or a white Christmas. These songs are entertaining, but do not bring the message of Hope. Music has a powerful role in our lives. Make sure you listen to the music in the music of Christmas. As our text for today tells us, "remember my song in the night." May we remember to listen to the music and listen to the true message of Christmas!

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

**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](https://tinyurl.com/AdventbyCandlelight24)**

**ST. PAUL ADVENT + CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

<p>Wednesday Advent 6:30pm December 4; Grades 5-8 December 11; Grades 3-4 December 18; Grades 1-2</p> <p>Lessons &amp; Carols <i>Adult Music Groups</i> Saturday, December 7; 5pm Sunday, December 8; 8am <i>Soloists &amp; Small Groups</i> Sunday, December 8 9:30am, 11am</p>  <p>No Monday Night Services November 25 - December 30. Resumes January 6, 2025. <i>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased. Luke 2:14</i></p>	<p>Pre-K &amp; Kindergarten Christmas Service Saturday, December 14 9am &amp; 10:30am</p> <p>Weekend of December 22 Saturday 5pm Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am</p> <p>Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24 12pm, 2pm Traditional 4pm Contemporary 7pm, 11pm Candlelight</p> <p>Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25 9:30am Traditional/Communion</p> <p>Weekend of December 29 Saturday 5pm Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am</p> <p>New Year's Eve Tuesday, December 31 5pm Traditional/Communion</p>
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**LWML 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 grants with your purchase of these cards.  
*Thank You!*

**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

**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 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!




**BUILDING FAITH PODCAST**  
NEW Episode goes LIVE on Monday, December 16!



## SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. YURK



1. Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year is right around the corner. A special Pre K & K Information Night is scheduled for Thursday, January 9 at 6pm. Registration for new families will open on January 15. Those interested in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, enrollment will open up February 1.

2. Basketball season has begun around St. Paul. We will be hosting multiple tournaments again this year. If you are interested in helping out at the scorer's table, taking tickets or working in the concession stand, please contact Mr. Kell. First tournaments are January 9, 11 and 12.

3. Christmas at St. Paul continues this coming week with our 3rd & 4th Grade students Christmas Program on December 11 at 8:25am and 6:30pm and our Band and Choir Christmas Concert at 9am and 6:30pm. Pre K & K Christmas Programs are on Saturday, December 14 at 9am and 10:30am.

## EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER UPDATE

Our ministry expansion project continues to make great progress. In the last month, the committees reported the following:

### Building Committee:

- All new utility connections have been completed in Washington St.
- Landscape restoration has been completed east of the gym and out to Washington St.
- Steel structure erection has been completed.

### During the next 30 days

- Second floor slab will be poured with provisions for the weather.
- Exterior wall framing will progress throughout the month.
- Window framing and blocking will also progress with wall framing.



### Finance Committee:

- Cumulatively to date, St. Paul has paid nearly \$1.3 million toward the construction of the new building to its architect and general contractor.
- Over \$1.3 million in promissory notes have been issued by St. Paul to date. For those that remain interested, we are continuing to issue promissory notes. Please reach out to the Finance Office to learn more.
- Lutheran Church Extension Fund is finalizing their review of St. Paul loan application in December.
- At the end of November, St. Paul had over \$1.9 million of funds on hand to satisfy construction costs for the next several months. Current projections suggest we may need to begin borrowing from an external lender beginning in February 2025.
- Please reach out to Jason Hasenstein ([jason.hasenstein@splgraffton.org](mailto:jason.hasenstein@splgraffton.org)) with any questions or if you would like a more in depth review of the new building related finances.

*Please continue to visit the Every Generation Faithful Together website for more information.  
[splgraffton.org/faithfultogether](http://splgraffton.org/faithfultogether)*



## HAVE A GIFT FOR THE GIVING TREE?

THANK YOU to everyone for your generous donations so far! Your gifts will help brighten Christmas for many local families this year. If you still have items for the Giving Tree, please bring them in with tags attached by **Monday, December 9**. Items can be turned in to the school office or placed under the tree to be collected daily. (Items may be boxed but please do not wrap.)

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

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH SCRIP



With gift cards from more than **750 top brands**, find gifts for everyone on your list! **The travelers** (Kwik Trip, BP, Mobil, Speedway). **The foodies** (Culver's, Noodles, Qdoba, Panera, Eaton's, Buffalo Wild Wings). **The caffeine aficionados** (Starbucks). **The trendsetters** (TJMaxx, Ulta, Target, Dick's Sporting Goods, Walmart). **The home improvement DIYers** (Home Depot, Menards, Fleet Farm) and the on **the fly-ers** (Amazon). Plus so much more! Our final order before the Christmas holiday will be placed on **Friday, December 20 at 8:30am!**

Questions? Contact Meagan Steinke at 262-377-4659.

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

**Altar Guild:** Kathy Lubner & Sharon Hawkins  
**Sermon:** Rev. Luke Anderson

SERVICE	ELDERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	Jim Wegner	Joanne Wolf
Sun., 8am	Gary Hilgendorf	Ron Kuta
Sun., 9:30am	Randy Klotka	Tim Hallett
Sun., 11am	Mark Papcke	Mark Papcke
Mon., 6:30pm	<b>NO SERVICE</b>	<b>NO SERVICE</b>

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Strength and Healing:** *Pamela Anschuetz; Drew Bartell* (son of Mona Bartell); *Steve Beidenbender; Cheryl Boesch; Jason Boesch* (son of Cheryl Boesch); *Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Prah); *Cindy Hilgendorf* (sister of Gail Goetter); Tom Kiener (brother of Larry Kiener); *Carol Klug* (daughter of Evelyn Klug); *Dale Poisson; Michelle Reedy* (daughter of Beverly Kelling); *Marion Spiekerman; Jean Stickney; Darlene Sukowski; Doris Tetzlaff* (mother of Kathy Chromy); *Audrey Wollner; Wendy Zetting*

**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)

**Birthday:** *Phyllis Irwin's* 80th Birthday

**Death:** *Judith Gloede*

### FLOWERS

**Flowers** next to the pulpit are given to the Glory of God in honor of *Phyllis Irwin's* 80th Birthday by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### CHURCH RECORDS

**Funeral:** *Judith Gloede*, born April 28, 1941, went to be with Jesus on December 1, 2024. A Christian funeral was held for her at Eernisse Funeral Home on Friday, December 6, 2024.



#### WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL

Visit [splgrafton.org/church](http://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](http://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.*

## THANK YOU!



## ST. PAUL DAY OF GIVING FINAL RESULTS

We are thrilled to share the incredible results of our St. Paul Day of Giving: Thanks to your generous support, we raised over **\$85k** (including the Endowment match)! **60% of donors were first time donors to the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund.**

*Thank you for supporting our ministry and school for generations to come!*



**GENEROUS LIVING**

## NEW CHRISTMAS TREE IN SANCTUARY ADORNED WITH ST. PAUL CHRISMONS

Chrismons are Christian symbols that represent Christ and the Christian faith, often displayed on Christmas trees. The word "Chrismon" is a combination of "Christ" and "monogram" and are traditionally white and gold, with white as the liturgical color of Christmas representing joy and the purity of our Savior, and gold representing Jesus and glory and the majesty of God.

Early in 1972 women of St. Paul Lutheran Church formed a Christmas decorating committee to construct Chrismons for use on the chancel Christmas tree. While there may not be a complete list of these faithful women whose dedication and nimble fingers created the Chrismons, several of the boxes holding these now 50+ year old symbols were signed by the women who were part of this original group.

Erna Tolksdorf, Kathy Beach, Gladys Beawer, Regina Hoffman, Alice Kohlwey, Arleen Schroeder, Eva Groppe, Marlene Otte, Norma Wilde, Rhoda Kirk, and Sandy Wehmeier signed the boxes containing the Chrismons along with the detailed diagrams of beading, pearls, and sequins. There were most probably others who joined the effort to create these beautiful symbols, but no further documentation has been found.



Now, in celebration of the 175th anniversary of St. Paul Lutheran Church, the Christmas decorating committee is returning to more historical decoration for the chancel. A new 16 foot lighted tree has been decorated with the Chrismons created over 50 years ago and a new generation of St. Paul members will be able to see these beautiful symbols representing the Christian faith and the life of Christ. To God be the glory!



## THANK YOU FROM THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM!

The Board of Evangelism would like to thank everyone who walked with the St. Paul float and all who donated candy for the Grafton Christmas Parade.

This parade is a wonderful opportunity to share Jesus and St. Paul with our community.

Thank you for being a blessing!



## 2024 GRAFTON CHRISTMAS PARADE



**COMPASSIONATE WITNESS**

