ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Welcome! We are glad you are worshiping 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

Traditional Worship

*Saturday 5pm Sunday 8am, 11am / Monday 6:30pm

Contemporary Worship *Sunday 9:30am

*Live-streamed at: splgrafton.org/church/livestream & vimeo.com/event/3215174

Servant Leaders:

Pastor: Luke Anderson Pastor: Jacob Schultz

tinyurl.com/SPLsignups.

Pastor of Care Ministry: Timothy Maschke

Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prahl
Pastor Emeritus: John Suelflow
Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf

Principal: Michael Yurk

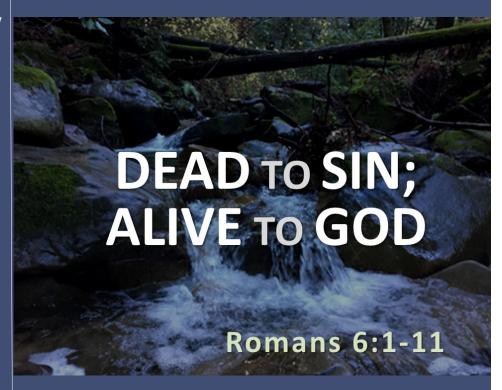
Director of Music: Valerie Bremer

DCE: Tracy Krueger

EQUIPPING Every Generation to Live Rooted in JESUS



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD January 12, 2025



AS WE GATHER...Today is the first of the bookends that mark the Epiphany season—the Baptism of Our Lord and His Transfiguration. In common is the command from God to "listen to Him." We begin our journey of listening to the Lord, learning from those who went before, acknowledging the revelation of the Lamb of God in baptismal water, and looking to Him, the Word made flesh. In His Baptism, our Lord was not washed because He was unclean but because we are. The Father saw the prophetic words of Isaiah fulfilled in the water of the Jordan, and He claimed Jesus as His own Son and our appointed Redeemer. "You are Mine," said the Lord to Jesus. Because He said those words to Jesus, they are now addressed to us—the people for whom Jesus was baptized.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELL

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

OPENING HYMN "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

LSB 405

RITE OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL / CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Dear friends, we were buried into Christ by Baptism into His death and raised with Him to newness

of life. I call upon you to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced the devil and all his works and ways and were made members of the Holy Christian

Church. Do you renounce the devil?

People: Yes, I renounce him.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his works?

People: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his ways?

People: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

People: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

People: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He

descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the

living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Pastor: Is it your purpose to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of Your Baptism and, as a

member of the church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace and prayer?

People: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: As God's baptized children, we recall the baptismal waters through daily contrition and repentance.

Since we are gathered to hear the Word of God, which speaks over us in the waters of Baptism, let us confess before our God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We cannot set ourselves free from the entanglement of our sinful condition. Therefore, together as one people, united to Christ's death and resurrection, let us take refuge in the faithfulness of our God,

seeking His forgiveness and grace, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us. Speak over us words of life. Forgive us our sins and lead

us with Jesus to life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name

of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

BAPTISM (11am) Lilah Lynne Kern

HYMN OF PRAISE "On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry"

LSB 344, St. 1, 2

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your

beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ,

our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 43:1–7 I have called you by name, you are Mine.* (Holy Bible p. 767)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 6:1–11 By Baptism, we were united with Christ into His death and resurrection. (Holy Bible p. 1199)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE LSB 156

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 3:15–22 Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River by John. (Holy Bible p. 1092)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third 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 "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

LSB 590

SERMON "The Deadly Living Waters," by Pastor Anderson, based on Romans 6:1-11.

INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS (5pm)

OFFERTORY HYMN "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

LSB 601

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (see screens)

LORD'S PRAYER (see screens or back 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 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

LSB 594

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE-9:30am

PRE-SERVICE "Thorn And Thistle"

WELCOME (Offerings may be placed in collection INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during

opening song.)

INVOCATION

OPENING SONG "Psalm 65 (Hope Has An Answer"

"Thorn And Thistle"

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE "God So Loved"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

WORD OF GOD Luke 3:15–22 (Holy Bible p. 1092)

APOSTLES' CREED (see screens)

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

WORD OF GOD Romans 6:1-11 (Holy Bible p. 1199)

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BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Death Was Arrested"

PASTOR WENDORF'S WEEKLY DEVOTION WISDOM FOR THE NEW YEAR

Keep falsehood and lies far from me: Give me neither poverty nor riches. But give me only my daily bread. Proverbs 30:8

What do you look forward to in the New Year? The wise words of our text give us direction. The desire should be that we have neither too much or too little. The warning in Proverbs is that too much can cause problems as well as too little. Our satisfaction should be found in the simple words of our text: "Give me only my daily bread." Having that need fulfilled, and with a sincere faith in God, who is the provider of all good things, we can find contentment in the year ahead.

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

BIBLE STUDIES & MORE



SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR

9:30am-Family Life Center

January 12: Overview of Matthew

Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

January 19: Overview of Mark

Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

COME And SEE

Topic: The CHOSEN Led by: Steve Leonard Starts: Monday, January 6

Time: 5:30pm at Providence Place

LWML VALENTINES CARDS

Valentines are coming! The LWML will again provide greeting cards to share your love this Valentine Season!

Support LWML missions with your purchase of these cards. Thank You!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE CLASS RETURNS January 15, 2025

Topic: Esther Led by: Pastor Anderson When: Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm (until Lent)

Where: Family Life Center We will be covering the book of Esther, as God raises up this queen "at such a time as this"

to save His people through her.

All adults are welcome to attend!

THURSDAY MORNING MENS BIBLE CLASS

Topic: Hebrews Led by: Bob Kasten

Day/Time: Thursdays, 6:30am Location: Front Conference Room



2025 FLOWER CALENDAR

The new flower chart is posted in the back of church on the east narthex bulletin board

Please sign up to beautify our sanctuary!

BIBLE STUDIES & MORE CONTINUED



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.

1/12: This week's Bible story is from 1 Kings 17:8-16, a widow shares her last bread. We will be learning that God is generous and so we are generous. 1/19: This week we will be learning that God is comforting so we comfort others. We will read 1 Kings 19 as we look at the story of God comforting Elijah.

Questions?

Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org



Rooted Women Winter Bible Study

Join us for our
Winter Bible
study on Prayer
by Chrystal Evans
Hurst

Get your book & study guide in the office or contact Tracy Krueger

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.

1/12: Join us this week as we play the floor is lava. We will also have a short devotion and enjoy some snacks together. Hope to see you there!

1/26: We will be hearing a devotion and playing "Bad Bible Translator." As always you won't want to miss the snacks.

Questions?

Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org

OPEN GYM! OPEN All 3rd-5th grades are invited t



All 3rd-5th grades are invited to an afternoon of open gym on **Sunday**, **January 19** 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.

Signup here to join the fun: tinyurl.com/opengym3-5
Questions? Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY! When Strivings Cease February 6 - March 13

6:30pm - 8pm; St. Paul School Library Find freedom from the never-ending quest for approval and affirmation by learning how to accept the undeserved gift of grace from a merciful God.

In today's society, the pressure to perform is overwhelming. It's a hustling, image-forward age of opportunity, and women are more anxious than ever. Many of us end up constantly feeling behind, lacking, and like we're failing—at home, at work, with friends, with God. In this six-session Bible study, bestselling author Ruth Chou Simons calls women to discover how God's profound gift of grace and favor invites them to rest from chasing approval and earning love, and instead discover the freedom of true belonging and worth that doesn't depend on them.

Register by **Friday**, **January 31** at <u>tinyurl.com/SPLWomens</u>

FAITH STEPPING STONES

Stone 2:Raising a Healthy Preschooler You are invited to join us for

Stone 2: Raising a Healthy Preschooler. In this class there will be three sessions on physical, emotional and spiritual needs of preschoolers. Parents are also taught how to do a nightly blessing and prayer as a family faith practice. This class will meet in the Youth Room and run Wednesday, February 5, 12, and 19 from 6-7:15pm. Check out the link to sign up: tinyurl.com/FaithStones2

Questions contact Tracy at: tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org

JANUARY LERT MEETING Tuesday, January 14; 6:30pm Family Life Center

We will welcome Naomi Berkowitz, Assistant Emergency Coordinator and President of the Ozaukee County ARES/RACES team (Ozaukee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) to our upcoming LERT meeting. With extensive experience in emergency communications, Naomi has supported major events like Ride for the Arts and the RNC in Milwaukee and frequently deploys with the American Red Cross as a Disaster Mental Health Chief

We invite you to join us on **Tuesday**, **January 14 at 6:30pm** in the Family Life Center for these interesting and valuable topics.

NIGHT OF PRAISE SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

6:30PM-7:15PM FLC for REFRESHMENTS 7:15PM-8:15PM SANCTUARY for PRAISE & SING

- freewill offering -

ALL PROCEEDS PENEFIT STUDENTS ATTENDING THE LUTHERAN YOUTH GATHERING IN SUMMER 2025 IN NEW ORLEANS.

PLEASE CONTACT STACEY MAMMEN WITH QUESTIONS 262-689-8494

SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. YURK



- 1. Registration for the 2025-26 school year opens up for new families on Wednesday, January 15.

 Please contact the school office for more information. Registration for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program will open up February 1.
 - 2. Basketball season is in full swing and we are hosting tournaments January 25-26 and February 14-16. We could use help working the scorer's book, clock, taking tickets, and in the concession stand. If interested in helping, please contact Mr. Kell at jeremy.kell@splgrafton.org.

EVERY

GENERATION FAITHFUL

TOGETHER

3. Congratulations to Mrs. Hilary Collins for completing her Colloquy and being able to accept a Call to continue her service as 4K teacher here at St. Paul. Mrs. Collins was commissioned during chapel on January 8.

EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER UPDATE

As we begin the new year. There is steady progress on our ministry expansion project. In the last month, the committees reported the following:

Building Committee:

- Second floor concrete slab has been poured.
- Exterior wall framing has been completed.

During the next 30 days

- Interior wall framing will begin.
- Exterior wall sheathing will be installed, then air/weather barrier.
- Roofing will begin.
- Interior mechanicals will get started.

Finance Committee:

- Cumulatively to date, St. Paul has paid nearly \$1.7 toward the construction of the new building to its architect and general contractor.
- Over \$1.5 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.
- We have addressed the final information requests from Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) and anticipate being able to close on financing through LCEF.
- At the end of December, St. Paul had more than \$2.0 million of funds on hand to satisfy construction costs for the next few months.
- Please reach out to Jason Hasenstein (jason.hasenstein@splgrafton.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. splgrafton.org/faithfultogether

ACCEPTING ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS - FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

In accordance with the distribution policy and bylaws of the St. Paul Endowment Fund, a total of \$42,400 will be available to distribution from the St. Paul Endowment Fund during the 2025-2026 fiscal year (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026). Endowment grant applications are now being accepted by the St. Paul Endowment Committee. A copy of the endowment grant application is available through the St. Paul Endowment website (splgrafton.org/church/endowment/), in the St. Paul Finance Office, or by contacting Jason Hasenstein, Director of Finance. One of St. Paul's Boards must sponsor each endowment grant application. Please direct any questions regarding endowment grant applications and/or submit any grant applications to Jason Hasenstein, Director of Finance. Grant funds will be distributed as long as endowment funds remain available in the fiscal year.

PASTOR ANDERSON NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR HIS DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROJECT

The time during Sabbatical enabled Pastor Anderson to complete his proposal for his final project and get it approved. The next step is the "research phase" with the congregation. During the first five weekends of Lent (March 9th-April 6th), Pastor Anderson will be preaching a sermon series on the theme of "Authentic Relationships," one of St. Paul's five core values. He will need participants from the congregation who will be willing to commit to being present for all five sermons and who will be willing to be interviewed two times, once before the sermon series and once after. If you would like to help out, please fill out a participant form, which can be found online on the homepage of our church website (splgrafton.org) or as a physical form in the narthex. If completing a physical form, please return it to the church office. Participant forms are to be completed by January 30th. You will be notified at a later date as to whether or not you will be asked to participate and, if you are asked, what the next steps will be.

Music: Mrs. Michelle Soenksen / Ms. Valerie Bremer Altar Guild: Candy Pape & Nancy Giese

Leader: Rev. Timothy Maschke **Sermon:** Rev. Luke Anderson

SERVICE	ELDERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	Brad Dorn	Joanne Wolf
Sun., 8am	Rick Wellman	Chris Johnson
Sun., 9:30am	Greg Kern	Tim Hallett
Sun., 11am	Mark Papcke	Mark Papcke
Mon., 6:30pm	Brian Buske	

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: Pamela Anschuetz; Sandra Ashenden; Drew Bartell (son of Mona Bartell); Steve Biedenbender; Cheryl Boesch; Jean Dorman (niece of Norma Prahl); Stephanie Elseroad (niece of Sue & Vince Micha); Cindy Hilgendorf (sister of Gail Goetter); Eugene Kannenberg (grandfather of Owen & Annalise Kannenberg); Tom Kiener (brother of Larry Kiener); Carol Klug (daughter of Evelyn Klug); Rebecca Krogmann (granddaughter of Phyllis Irwin); Ron Kuta; Sue Mercier, Lee Oetzel; Dale Poisson; Russ Prahl (brother in law of Catherine Kiener); Michelle Reedy (daughter of Beverly Kelling); Marion Spiekerman; Jean Stickney; Darlene Sukowski; Doris Tetzlaff (mother of Kathy Chromy); 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); Kay Ryder (sister of Kevin Zirtlaff); Brian Schroeder; Patrick Swan (friend of Liz Dehmel)

Baptism: Lilah Lynne Kern

Deaths: Billie Peterson; Cheryl Toll (sister of Sandy Norman & Aunt of Candi, Carson & Cayden Unger)

Hospitalized: Carol Lagrange (mother of Gen Schultz); Jane Pretty

MEMORIALS

Memorials have been given to the glory of God to St. Paul Lutheran Church in memory of Tom Miller.

A Memorial has been given to the glory of God to Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund in memory of *Elizabeth Hembel* (mother of Amy Cook).

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptism: *Lilah Lynne Kern,* born December 24, 2024, daughter of Adam and Hailey (Menzel) Kern, will be baptized during the 11am worship service on January 12, 2025.

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.

RECOGNITION OF ST. PAUL BOARD MEMBERS

2025 Board Members

Congregational Chairman: John Swiertz

Congregational Vice-Chairman: Jonathan Schulz

Congregational Secretary: Jill Hoven **Director of Finance:** Jason Hasenstein

Board of Elders: Brian Buske, Brad Dorn, Greg Kern, George Krueger, Ed Kuerschner, Gabriel Metzger,

Stu Natale, Mark Papcke, Matt Stec, Jim Wegner, Rick Wellman, Michael Young

Board of Evangelism: Kim Edgar, Lori Marien, Israel Mitchell

Board of Parish Education: Pat Dunham, Pat Kuerschner, Kelsey Metzger, Elizabeth Stec

Board of Christian Day School: Elizabeth Dobberpuhl, Jeremy Mielke, Sam Myhre, Keith Pegelow, Tina

Krause, Amy Radue

Board of Personnel: Lisa Frinzi, Rich Jasinski, Chris Johnson, Jim Pingel, Ingrid Schultz, Amy Swiertz Board of Youth Ministry: Justin Frisque, Nicole Haas, Stacy Mammen, Kim Masenthin, Collin Steiner,

Heather Williamson

Board of Stewardship: Amanda Chang, Donna Gruetzmacher, Tim Hallett, Lisa Rathke, Mark Roeder,

David Schultz

Board of Parish Properties: Rob Gridley, Dean Haas, Nick Mammen, PJ Steinke

Outgoing Board Members

John Federl, Ed Kuerschner - Board of Christian Day School Gary Hilgendorf, Randy Klotka, Jim Schroeder - Board of Elders Casey Haas, David Koopman - Board of Evangelism Ashley Brooks, Kathleen Gridley, Rachel Hasenstein - Board of Parish Education Kurt Gruetzmacher, Jim Lindsay - Board of Parish Properties Karen Hanley - Board of Personnel

thank you!

ST. PAUL 63RD INVITATIONAL A BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Advertising Space is available in the tournament book for the St. Paul Invitational A Boys' Basketball Tournament being held the weekend of February 14-16, 2025. This tournament provides a great deal of funding for the Athletic Department, for gym classes. and teams. If you are interested in placing an ad in the book for your business for a nominal fee, contact Mrs. Diane Schumann, Ext. 133, by Wednesday, January 22.

Thank you for your support!





plan a pizza night on TUESDAY, January 28 to help earn money for our school! **50 SALES** will be donated to St. Paul Lutheran School! ORDER FROM 10AM-8PM St. Paul Luheran school 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

Thank You St. Paul for Your generosity again this Christmas! -Pastor Hougard, Benediction Lutheran Church