

**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

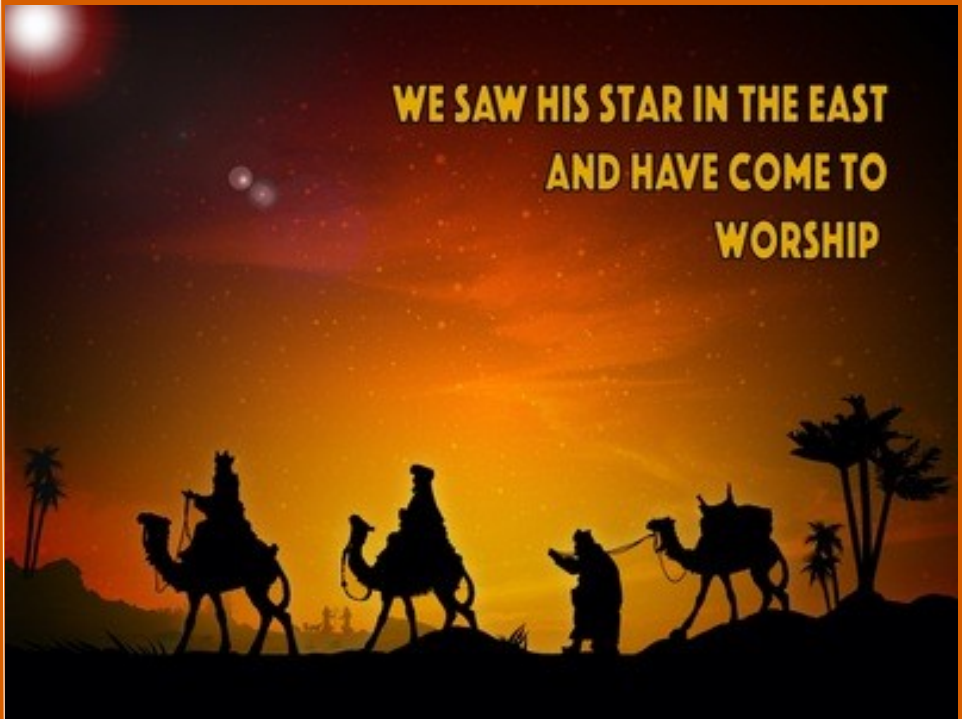
Servant Leaders:

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
DCE: Tracy Krueger

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



THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
January 5, 2025



AS WE GATHER...Have you ever received a surprise present, one that was out of your own price range to get? That, in a nutshell, describes Epiphany. The Wise Men came to give presents, and instead received one their wealth could not have bought. We are included in this. We are baptized for the forgiveness of sins by His blood on the cross that covers our sins, once for all. That water and blood give us the greatest—and most expensive—gift in the world. Here we see Jesus revealed, manifested, in a star, in the coming of the Magi and the gifts they bring.

COMMUNION STATEMENT

As you prepare to receive the Lord's Body and Blood, please review these questions:

1. Am I sorry for my sins and do I repent of them?
2. Do I believe in Jesus as my Savior and that His body and blood are truly present together with the bread and the wine?
3. Do I want to live as a forgiven Christian, in love to God & neighbor, with the help of the Holy Spirit?
4. Am I a member of an LCMS congregation or a congregation in fellowship with the LCMS?

*If you are not in agreement with these questions,
please refrain from communing or speak with a pastor before communing.*

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES—Saturday 5pm; Sunday 8am, 11am; Monday 6:30pm

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 "As with Gladness Men Of Old"

LSB 397

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Colossians 1:15–20*

Pastor: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

People: For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.

Pastor: And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

People: And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.

Pastor: For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

People: and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

LSB 395, St. 1

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, on this day of Epiphany, we ask that You would shine forth upon our hearts, that we may be renewed by Your grace; this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 60:1–6* *Isaiah boldly predicts that nations from everywhere would come to the light of their Messiah, which they have and still are doing. (Holy Bible p. 787)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 3:1–12* *He was revealed to and for the Gentiles as well as the Jews. (Holy Bible p. 1242)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE *Matthew 2:2b*

Pastor: Alleluia. Where is He who has been born king of the Jews?

People: For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 2:1–12* *The wickedness of Herod, the flight to Egypt, and the slaughter of the innocents, fulfilling prophecy. (Holy Bible p. 1026)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second 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 “Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”

LSB 375

SERMON “Our Lord and His People,” by Pastor Schultz based on Matthew 2:1–12.

NICENE CREED *(see screens or back cover of LSB)*

OFFERTORY HYMN “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

LSB 707, St. 1, 4

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(see screens)*

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, He is the long-awaited prophet and Savior, the Holy One who has destroyed the power of the devil and gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation by His sacrifice on the cross. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS “Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 208

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(see screens or LSB 179)*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

PREPARATION (see screens or top of Page 2)

DISTRIBUTION *Common cup and individual cup are offered on both the lectern and pulpit sides. Please assist the pastor or server when receiving the chalice for common cup. Non-alcoholic wine (pink) is served in individual cups in the center of the tray.*

“The Infant Priest was Holy Born”

LSB 624

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

LSB 394

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, by Your blood, You have redeemed us from sin, death, and Satan, and through the waters of Holy Baptism, You have made us Your own people. Continue to guide us by Your Holy Spirit that You would be revealed to us more each day though Your Word and Sacrament; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

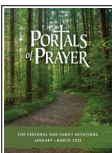
CLOSING HYMN “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

LSB 398

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE–9:30am

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| <p>PRE-SERVICE “We Have a Savior”</p> <p>WELCOME <i>(Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during opening song).</i></p> <p>INVOCATION</p> <p>OPENING SONG “Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)”</p> <p>CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS</p> <p>SONG OF PRAISE “O Come All You Unfaithful”</p> <p>CHILDREN’S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE</p> <p>WORD OF GOD <i>Ephesians 3:1–12</i> <i>(Holy Bible p. 1242)</i></p> | <p>SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT Words of Institution / Lord’s Prayer / Preparation / Distribution / “Thorn and Thistle;” “Christmas Offerings” / Dismissal</p> <p>PRAYERS</p> <p>WORD OF GOD <i>Matthew 2:1–12</i> <i>(Holy Bible p. 1026)</i></p> <p>SERMON “Our Lord and His People,” by Pastor Schultz based on Matthew 2:1–12.</p> <p>BLESSING</p> <p>CLOSING SONG “God Rest Ye Merry / We Three Kings”</p> |
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JANUARY– MARCH 2025 PORTALS OF PRAYER

Portals of Prayer are available for pick up in the Narthex and Welcome Center.

MONDAY NIGHT SERVICE RETURNS

Monday night services will resume on
January 6, 2025

BIBLE STUDIES & MORE



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

January 5: Overview of the Gospels
Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

January 12: Overview of Matthew
Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

COME And SEE

Topic: The CHOSEN
Led by: Steve Leonard
Starts: Monday, January 6
Time: 5:30pm at Providence Place

Rooted Women
Women Rooted In Christ
Winter Bible Study

**Mondays
at 6:30PM**
1/20, 2/3, 2/17,
3/3, 3/17, 4/5

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

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.

1/5: Join us as we learn that God is our provider so we depend on him and hear about God providing for Elijah in 1 Kings 17:1-6.

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.

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.

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@splgrifton.org

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

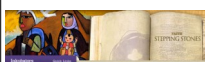
Topic: Hebrews

Led by: Bob Kasten

Day/Time: Thursdays, 6:30am

Location: Front Conference Room

FAITH STEPPING STONES



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

Stone 1: Raising a Healthy Baby

This is a class where parents of infants and/or pregnant parents will learn about the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of infants. Parents will also be taught to give their children a nightly blessing. This class will begin on **Wednesday, January 8 at 6pm in the Youth Room and run through Wednesday, January 22.** Signup at tinyurl.com/FaithStone1

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.** Signup at tinyurl.com/FaithStones2

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

INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

We will be installing all those who will be serving St. Paul during the upcoming year as board members and congregational officers during the 5pm service on Saturday, January 11, and during the 9:30am service on Sunday, January 12. We will also thank our outgoing board members and congregational officers.

SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. YURK



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

ARE YOU A CAREGIVER?



Many Caregivers hesitate to admit that this is their new role. Who is a Caregiver? Simply put, it is any person caring for another person. It may be your spouse, parent, or other loved one who is incapacitated. Most often it is a loved one suffering from dementia, cancer, Parkinson's or another debilitating disease. Maybe you are helping someone with a severe injury or recovering from a complicated surgery. Talking with someone who is in a similar situation can help you cope with this new role you have taken on. The Caregiver Connection will help! A caring group who have walked or are walking your road are available to assist you. You are invited to join us on the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the Conference Room at the Providence Place. If you would like more information, you can contact Jenny at 262-377-9900.

WOMENS GUILD JANUARY MEETING

January 9 at 12pm; FLC

Our speaker will be Mr. Yurk.

Come and find out what is happening in our school!

LWML

Saturday, January 11th in the Family Life Center at 9am

Cassandra Mammen will talk about her recent MOST Ministry Mission trips to India and Guatemala and tell us about tentative plans for mission trips this year.

Hope to see you there!

OPEN GYM!



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@splgrifton.org

Building Tomorrow's T-Wolves Today!

INTEREST SURVEY

for incoming 5th-8th graders

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Girls Volleyball
- Football
- Ski Club
- Band / Choir

SCAN ME!

Complete the survey if you're interested in learning more!

INTEREST SURVEY FOR POTENTIAL YOUTH PROGRAMS

Living Word Lutheran is exploring youth program opportunities for incoming 5th – 8th graders! Potential programs include Girls Volleyball, Football, Ski Club, and Band/Choir.

If you're interested in getting more information or possibly joining next fall, please complete our survey.

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

Additional information about LERT can be found at splgrifton.org/church/LERT

Youth DANCE CLINIC

1-DAY CLINIC
Sunday, January 26
2:30-5:30 PM @ LWLHS

PERFORM ON
Tuesday, January 28
Arrive at 6:00 PM
Performance around 7:35 PM
Halftime of Varsity Girls Basketball Game

Pink Theme!

OPEN TO GIRLS IN 2ND-8TH GRADE
\$40 (includes shirt)
Register online at...

LWLHS.COM/EVENTS

Music: Ms. Valerie Bremer
Leader: Rev. Luke Anderson

Altar Guild: Candy Pape & Nancy Giese
Sermon: Rev. Jacob Schultz

| SERVICE | ELDERS / COMMUNION SERVERS | HEAD USHERS |
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| Sat., 5pm | B. Dorn / E. Kuerschner / N. Gierach / C. Meunier / C Haas | Brian Hadler |
| Sun., 8am | G. Krueger / M. Young / L. Kiener / J. Brooks | Bob Utecht |
| Sun., 9:30am | J. Wegner / B. Eggold / V. Micha | Dave Schmidt |
| Sun., 11am | G. Metzger / M. Stec / B. Marien / J. Schroeder | Matt Stec |
| Mon., 6:30pm | Stu Natale | |

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Pamela Anschuetz; Drew Bartell* (son of Mona Bartell); *Steve Beidenbender; Cheryl Boesch; Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Prah); *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 Prah* (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 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); *Kay Ryder* (sister of Kevin Zirtlaff); *Brian Schroeder; Patrick Swan* (friend of Liz Dehmel)

Birthday: *Wendy Zetting's* 71st birthday.

GIFT

A Gift has been given to the glory of God to St. Paul Lutheran Church in memory of *Dorion & Althea Rettman* by their daughter, *Elsa Dippmann*



WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL

Visit splgraffton.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 splgraffton.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.

Members of the St. Paul **Hearts of Mercy & Compassion** team joined others from St. Paul's Janesville and Hearts of Mercy & Compassion of Illinois at a vigil at the Capitol in Madison to grieve and honor the lives of a teacher and student tragically lost at Abundant Life Christian School. Together, we provided Hearts of Mercy & Compassion hearts and crosses as symbols of hope, faith, and Christ's love to a grieving community.



St. Paul Lutheran Prek & Kindergarten Information Night

January 9, 2025 @ 6PM



2025 Registration Begins January 15th

Enrollment Information



Focused on Excellence † Centered on Christ

NIGHT OF PRAISE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

6:30PM-7:15PM
FLC for REFRESHMENTS

7:15PM-8:15PM
SANCTUARY for PRAISE & SING
- freewill offering -

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
FELLOWSHIP, MUSIC & PRAISE!
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT STUDENTS ATTENDING THE
LUTHERAN YOUTH GATHERING
IN SUMMER 2025 IN NEW ORLEANS.

*CHILD CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE.
\$5 PER CHILD OR \$10 MAX PER FAMILY*

PLEASE CONTACT STACEY MAMMEN WITH QUESTIONS
262-689-8494