

**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****



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 16, 2025

**Authentic Relationships:
Overcoming Physical Distance
through the Incarnate Christ**



**AUTHENTIC
RELATIONSHIPS**

AS WE GATHER...It is difficult to have meaningful relationships with individuals from a distance, but many of us, aided by technology that spans the globe, pretend like it is not only possible, but preferable. Yet how much is lost relationally when we do not inhabit a shared space? Take a routine office meeting. Our world makes it very easy to have these meetings online. Yet, lost in the ease and efficiency of virtual meetings are the natural connections that come with a physical meeting. The greetings shared in the parking lot. The whispered comments and jokes that make the mundane affair much more bearable. The physical handshakes, pats on the back, and the close shoulder-to-shoulder proximity that reinforces the idea that you are not alone and that you are involved in something that extends beyond yourself.

When we were distant from God, Christ came near, becoming one with us in our flesh. Christ comes near again today, giving us His own body and blood to eat and to drink. Having embraced us with His incarnate love, Jesus now empowers us to draw near to one another and experience not distance, but authentic relationships.

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

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 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

LSB 915

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 133, John 1:14*

Pastor: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

People: when brothers dwell in unity!

Pastor: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,

People: on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

Pastor: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

People: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Pastor: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

People: glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith and confess our sins unto God our Father, that we may receive His forgiveness.

People: Eternal God, we confess that we distance ourselves from you by our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We have transgressed Your Law in many ways, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have distanced ourselves from others and have not always been good friends, faithful neighbors, or caring family members. In Your mercy, forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You and with each other through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." (*Ephesians 2:13*) Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

LSB 611, St. 1, 2, 5

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. God of love, through Your Son, the Word made flesh, You have commanded us to love one another. By the guidance of Your Word and Spirit, deliver us from impenitence and teach us the truth, that we may be drawn closer to You and reconciled to one another, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION (8am) "You Renew My Soul," JiVE

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 33:7-11a Moses speaks to God face-to-face. (Holy Bible p. 93)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Hebrews 10:19–25 Do not neglect to meet together. (Holy Bible p. 1283)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

LSB 157

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 15:11–32 The Parable of the Prodigal Son. (Holy Bible p. 1112)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth 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 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

LSB 845

SERMON "Authentic Relationships: Overcoming Physical Distance through the Incarnate Christ,"
by Pastor Anderson.

NICENE CREED (see screens)

OFFERTORY HYMN "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

LSB 707, St. 1,3

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (see screens)

SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 161

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.*

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”
 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

LSB 609
 LSB 641

DISMISSAL and POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again drawn near to us in Your Son and have fed and nourished us at Your Table through His body and blood. Strengthen and support us so that we continue to draw near to one another and proclaim Your incarnate love to all the world. Keep us close to You and bring us at last to Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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 “Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

LSB 922

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE–9:30am

PRE-SERVICE

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

INVOCATION

OPENING SONG “Come As You Are”

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE “Run To The Father”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

WORD OF GOD Hebrews 10:19–25
 (Holy Bible p. 1283)

NICENE CREED (see screens)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT
 Words of Institution / Lord’s Prayer / Preparation / Distribution / “I Am Not Alone;” “Me On Your Mind” / Dismissal

PRAYERS

WORD OF GOD Luke 15:11–32 (Holy Bible p. 1112)

SERMON “Authentic Relationships: Overcoming Physical Distance through the Incarnate Christ,” by Pastor Anderson.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG “Goodness Of God”



EASTER FLOWERS

It’s time to order Easter flowers to help beautify the altar on Easter Sunday. Forms are in the Gathering Hall. Once completed, the forms and payment can be placed in the box labeled “Easter Flowers.”

Deadline is Monday, April 7 by 12pm.

Questions? Contact Marlene Hartung at 262-377-0510.

BIBLE STUDIES & MORE



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

March 16: Unpacking the 2024 Religious Landscape Study
Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

March 23: "I am the Good Shepherd"
Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

COME AND SEE

Topic: The CHOSEN
Led by: Steve Leonard
When: Mondays
Time: 5:30pm at Providence Place

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Topic: Mark
Led by: Bob Kasten
Day/Time: Thursdays, 6:30am
Location: Front Conference Room



LUNCH BAGS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES & HOMELESS IN MILWAUKEE

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

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

Food donations can be placed in the bin in the Welcome Center, monetary donations can be made to St. Paul with a special note that it is for The Gathering. Adult volunteers are welcomed to help on **March 20 at 3:30pm.**

PLEASE DONATE BY MARCH 18

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

Rooted Women

Winter Bible Study

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

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

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.

3/16: This week we will be learning that Jesus is compassionate. We will read Luke 7:11-17 as we look at the story of Jesus bringing a widow's son back to life

Questions?
Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.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.

3/23: No Middle School Youth this week.
Enjoy Spring Break!

Questions?
Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org

PRAYER SHAWL CRAFTERS

We will meet on **Monday, March 17, at 1pm** in the Teachers Workroom.

LERT TRAINING

A Basic Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training class will be held on **April 12, 2025 at St. Paul from 9am to 12pm.** Participants will be introduced to the LCMS Disaster Response program, learn basic nature of disasters, and the opportunities to respond to personal needs in disasters.

SIGN UP NOW: splgraffton.org/church/lert

There is a \$35 fee for the class, but **St. Paul members are reimbursed for this cost.** Simply keep a receipt and turn it in to Lisa Frinzi in the Finance office at St. Paul.

Questions? Contact Mark Brueggemann at mb3g1b@yahoo.com.

SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. YURK



1. Congratulations to the A Girls Basketball Team for taking home the 3rd place trophy last weekend at the Lutheran Sports Association State Tournament. The girls have also received an invite to play at the LSA National Tournament at the end of March in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

2. Our St. Paul Archery team continues to show improvement as the season comes to a close. Last weekend they competed at the Living Word Shootout. Highlights included in Elementary School Division: Olivia R. (6th place), Landon K. (5th), JP E. (8th) and Bradley R. (10th). In the Middle School Division Joey K. (4th), Hunter Z. (5th), Ben H. (6th) and Ben I. (8th). Next Saturday we are hosting our 2nd ever archery tournament.

3. On Saturday, nine (9) St Paul middle school musicians participated in the WSMA Solo & Ensemble festival held at Grafton High School. The students all performed very well and received high praise from the judges. Participating this year were: Harper C (piano solo), Riley N (trombone solo), Judah V (piano solo), Lilly Z (piano solo), Hope A & Emma R (flute duet), Rhyan K & Nilah M (vocal duet), and Toby M (piano solo; trombone solo). Toby M also received the honor of being invited to the State level festival later this spring. Congratulations to all for their hard work and outstanding performances!

LWML SWD FEMALE CHURCH WORKER SCHOLARSHIP

The LWML South Wisconsin District provides scholarship funds for young women enrolled in professional church work programs at any of our LCMS Concordia Universities.

Full information and application procedures are available at lwml-swd.org/scholarships.

Applications are due April 30, 2025.

SUGGESTIONS FOR BUILDING SPACE

With the completion of the new building, several of our classrooms in the upper level will be vacated and available for different use. To assist us in sifting through different ministry ideas and suggestions, St. Paul's leadership and Church Council are asking for you to formally submit any ideas you may have. You can find submission forms online at tinyurl.com/splrooms or in the church Narthex.

Thank you!

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
Youth **SUMMER CAMPS**
SPORTS, MUSIC, ART & MORE! | OPEN TO ALL KIDS IN 1ST-8TH GRADE
MORE DETAILS AT: WWW.LWLHS.COM/CAMPS

IT'S TIME! YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

Registration is now open at Living Word Lutheran High School.

We have various camp offerings for all kids in the community in 1st-8th grade, plus some camps open to incoming 9th graders, including:

Boys: Basketball, Football

Girls: Volleyball, Basketball

Co-Ed: Art, Runners/Track, Soccer, Theater, Band, Speed/Agility Training

PLUS: Our Junior Wolves Basketball Program is running their Annual "Scoring Camp" for boys and girls in August!

Find out camp dates & details at:

www.lwlhs.com/camps

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 (splgraffton.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.

Music: Ms. Valerie Bremer / Heide Young
Leader: Rev. Jacob Schultz

Altar Guild: Ann Mueller, Candy Pape, Nancy Giese
Sermon: Rev. Luke Anderson

SERVICE	ELDERS / COMMUNION SERVERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	B. Dorn / M. Stec / T. Kohlwey / N. Gierach / J. Schroeder	Brian Hadler
Sun., 8am	G. Kern / G. Krueger / J. Brooks / R. Schultz	Dean Haas
Sun., 9:30am	J. Wegner / M. Benson / R. Klotka	Chris Hanley
Sun., 11am	B. Buske / M. Papcke / C. Haas / R. Wellman	Jonathan Webster
Mon., 6:30pm	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Jeremy Albers Sr.; Pamela Anschuetz; Sandra Ashenden; Debbie Biedenbender* (wife of Steve Biedenbender); *Connie Borchardt; Roger Butt; Norma Debroux; Glenn Dohrmann; Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Prah); *Randy Gehrke; Darren Giese* (son of Elroy & Linda Giese); *Cindy Hilgendorf* (sister of Gail Goetter); *Tom Kiener* (brother of Larry Kiener); *Melissa Kern* (sister of Greg Kern Sr); *Roger Kison* (friend of Keith & Gail Goetter); *Carol Klug* (daughter of Evelyn Klug); *George Krueger; Ron Kuta; Melissa Luckjohn* (daughter-in-law of Larry Luckjohn); *Ralph Lubahn; Natalie Mellendorf; Dale Poisson; Russ Prah* (brother-in-law of Catherine Kiener); *Marion Spiekerman; Jean Stickney; Doris Tetzlaff* (mother of Kathy Chromy); *Robert Ulig; Audrey Wollner*

Long Term Illness / Treatment: *Drew Bartell* (son of Mona Bartell); *Jesse Bartell* (nephew of Mona Bartell); *Samuel Becker* (grandson of Lucille Becker); *Dave Boehm* (friend of Tim & Jenny Clemens); *Delaine Bussard* (friend of Debra Kelley); *Christine Capstran* (daughter of Lyle & Terry Sperber); *Sharon Caulfield* (mother/mother-in-law of Alison & Steve Eckert); *Stacy Fairbert* (niece of Jody Reiter); *Tom Fitzgerald* (friend of Tom Lubner); *Dan Haupt* (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); *Daniel Kekic* (nephew of Paulette Rammel); *Laurie McGraw* (friend of Brian & Shari Buske); *Sarah Reiss, Kay Ryder* (sister of Kevin Zirtlaff); *Pat Stifter; Rev. Kurt Ziemann* (son of Gordy & Mary Ann Ziemann)

Death: *Bev Brandau; Jameson David Gillis*

GIFT & MEMORIALS

A Gift has been given to the glory of God to Every Generation Faithful Together in honor of *Frank Haupt's* 92nd Birthday by Frank & Bernice Haupt.

Memorials have been given to the glory of God to St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund in memory of *Hazel Giere*.

Memorials have been given to the glory of God to St. Paul Lutheran Church and St. Paul Lutheran School in memory of *Lee Oetzel*.

CHURCH RECORDS

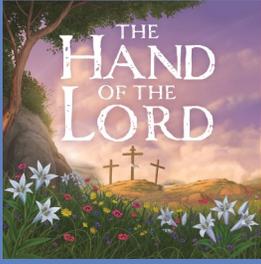
Baptism: *Dakota Thomas Tapp*, born June 18, 2024, son of Michael and Lauren (Boos) Tapp was baptized at the 11am service on March 9, 2025.

Funeral: *Jameson David Gillis*, born February 19, 2025, went to be with Jesus on March 3, 2025. A Christian Funeral was held at St. Paul on Monday, March 10, 2025.

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.



LENTEN SERIES: THE HAND OF THE LORD

Midweek 2
Casts Out Demons
March 19: 4:30 & 6:30pm
Guest Preacher:
Rev. Dr. Jason Soenksen

Lenten Meal served 5:15-6:15pm
8th Grade
Free Will Offering:
Helps defray the cost of their trip to
Washington D.C.

Monday Night Service Hiatus:
March 10-April 21
Worship Services resume on Monday, April 28

LENTEN SCHEDULES & DEVOTIONALS
are available in the Narthex
Grab your copy!

HEY COLLEGE STUDENTS: WORSHIP +
A FREE MEAL EVERY WEDNESDAY IN LENT

EASTER EGG HUNT



This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, April 19** beginning at 10am in the gym. Everyone is invited! Please sign up to participate at tinyurl.com/Easteregg25

If you would like to make a donation of candy or other items to place in eggs, or prizes for the prize table, please take one or more of the donation eggs from the board in the Gathering Hall. All items donated should be returned no later than **Sunday, April 6**

Volunteers are needed to help with stuffing eggs on **Sunday, April 6** and with setup, running crafts/ games, and helping with the egg hunt on Saturday, April 19. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at tinyurl.com/Eggvolunteers25

Questions? Contact Tracy at
tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org.
Thanks for your help with this event!



Rooted Women Lenten Breakfast

Saturday April 5 8:30-10:00AM
Youth Room

Ladies! Please join us (& bring a friend) for a delicious breakfast and focus on Jesus during this Lenten season

Please register here by **March 31** so we can plan for you!
<https://tinyurl.com/LentBreakfast25>



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JOIN US WITH
YOUR CHILD!

SPRING 2025 (DATES
ON SIGNUP LINK)

9:00-10:30 A.M.

WELCOME!

New incoming and interested families for next year's 2 and 3 Pre-K classes. Activities led by Mrs. Schumacher -2K teacher
contact:
amy.schumacher@splgraffton.org



ACTIVITIES:

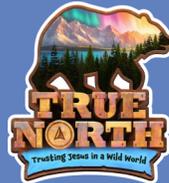
- Free play 🌻
- songs and story 🌻
- art project 🌻
- large and fine motor 🌻

SIGN UP HERE- FREE

Space is limited
to 12
participants.



VBS SAVE THE DATE



VBS is June 16-20, 9am-12pm. We will start volunteer sign up in March and child registration will begin the end of April. We are also in need of cardboard for some of our decorating projects.

Please contact Tracy at
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if you have cardboard we can have or have any questions about VBS.