

**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****



**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 23, 2025**

**Authentic Relationships:
The Joy of Being Inconvenienced**



**AUTHENTIC
RELATIONSHIPS**

AS WE GATHER...One of the most significant obstacles to authentic relationships is the truth about their nature. Authentic relationships are messy. Authentic relationships place burdens and responsibility on us. Authentic relationships can be painful and inconvenient. There is a "relationship tax," a cost that is involved with having a meaningful relationship with someone.

Christ willingly took that "relationship tax" upon Himself and so much more. Over and over again Jesus forsook convenience in order to create and foster relationships with others. He chose the joy of inconvenience and showed us a love that freely took on the burdens of others. And now He turns to you and me and says, "Go and do likewise."

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 “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

LSB 435

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Matthew 20:26-28, Romans 12:9-13, 15-16a*

Pastor: Whoever would be great among you must be your servant,

People: and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,

Pastor: even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,

People: and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Pastor: Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

People: Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

Pastor: Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

People: Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Pastor: Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

People: Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the Old Testament, we hear, “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people,

People: but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

Pastor: In the New Testament, Jesus says, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind,

People: and your neighbor as yourself.”

Pastor: Reflecting on these words, we confess to You, O Lord,

People: 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: 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF PRAISE “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

LSB 606

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION (*5pm*) “Praise to the Lord,” Handbells
(*8am*) “Beautiful Savior,” Male Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Leviticus 19:9-18 Love your neighbor as yourself. (Holy Bible p. 124)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Galatians 6:1-3, 9-10 Bear one another's burdens. (Holy Bible p. 1239)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

LENTEN VERSE

LSB 157

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 10:25-37 The parable of the Good Samaritan. (Holy Bible p. 1105)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth 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 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

LSB 851

SERMON "Authentic Relationships: The Joy of Being Inconvenienced," by Pastor Anderson.

APOSTLES' CREED *(see screens or back of LSB)*

OFFERTORY HYMN "O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire"

LSB 553, St. 1-2, 4-5

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 "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"

LSB 698

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE-9:30am

PRE-SERVICE "Shelter"

WORD OF GOD *Galatians 6:1-3, 9-10*
(Holy Bible p. 1239)

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

APOSTLES' CREED

INVOCATION

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

OPENING SONGS "House Of Miracles;" "Made For More"

WORD OF GOD *Luke 10:25-37* (Holy Bible p. 1105)

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SERMON "Authentic Relationships: The Joy of Being Inconvenienced," by Pastor Anderson.

SONG OF PRAISE "Share This Burden"

BLESSING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

CLOSING SONG "Shelter"

BIBLE STUDIES & MORE



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

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

March 30: "I am the Truth, the Way, and the Life"
Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

COME AND SEE

Topic: The CHOSEN
Led by: Steve Leonard
Day/Time: Monday's at 5:30pm
Location: Providence Place

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

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



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.



VBS SAVE THE DATE

VBS this year 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 tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Spring Cleaning at St. Paul Cemetery will be happening soon. If you have put anything out over the winter please remove it before **March 31**.

Thank You!



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.

3/23: No Sunday school this week. Enjoy Spring Break!

3/30: This week's Bible story is from Luke 8:40-56, Jesus heals Jairus' daughter. We will be learning that Jesus is dependable.

Questions? Contact 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.

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



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>

SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR AVAILABLE 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!

NEW PODCAST EPISODE—MARCH 24



Join us as we chat with St. Paul members Al & Marilyn Goeman in our latest Building Faith podcast episode, launching **Monday, March 24**. Don't miss this engaging conversation!

PASTOR WENDORF'S WEEKLY DEVOTION SNOW

*Come now let us reason together says the Lord:
Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Isaiah 1:18*

Looking out my window the snow is disappearing in the warmer temperatures. Underneath the white snow is brown grass and mud. The snow looked a lot prettier (even though I am glad it is gone). What a beautiful illustration our text gives us. Just as the snow covers the ground with white so our sins are covered by the forgiveness that Jesus brings. When snow starts to fall, it just keeps coming and coming until the ground is soon covered. As we confess our sins to God, the snow of Jesus' forgiveness keeps coming. The scarlet of our sin is gone. We are white in the sight of God. *Thank You, Jesus, for Your forgiveness. Help me to forgive myself and others as You have forgiven me.*

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

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. **Deadline: March 31st.**

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.



ST. PAUL ANNUAL YOUTH PLANT SALE MAY 10, 2024

Catalogs and order forms are available in the School & Church Office, Narthex and Welcome Center.

Advanced orders due April 20th

WOMENS GUILD & APRIL MEETING

The Ash Wednesday meal served by the Women's Guild collected close to \$1700 in free-will offerings which is to be donated for furnishings for the new St. Paul addition. This includes 220 guests along with about a dozen college students who ate without cost to them. Many thanks to all for the generosity shown!

April 3 at 12pm; Family Life Center

James Heinz, a former policeman, became interested in underwater diving in the 1970s and then dove for shipwrecks in the Great Lakes until 2011. After suffering three episodes of the bends he realized he had to stop diving. He will tell stories of shipwrecks near Milwaukee; a ghost ship, a plague ship, and a gunboat from the Spanish American War. He has presented to the Grafton Historical Society in the past.

SPIRITUAL FIRST AID

2-DAY TRAINING EVENT – BE PREPARED TO HELP!

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School wants to support the community, and you are invited to help minister and care. Learn what to say and how to help hurting people around you at this 2-day training event. Join us here at St. Paul for this **FREE** Spiritual First Aid training on **Friday, May 2 from 6-9pm** and **Saturday, May 3 from 9am to 4pm** with lunch provided.

Sign up to attend:

<https://lcc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1360/responses/new>

Register by Thursday, April 24

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Trauma is complex.
Helping doesn't
have to be.

 SPIRITUAL FIRST AID





St. Paul Lutheran Church
701 Washington St. Grafton, WI 53024

May 2-3
Register by April 24

SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. YURK



1. Thank you auction supporters. This past Monday we hosted the Trinity Irish Dancers for an assembly on St. Patrick's Day. Proceeds from the 2024 auction covered the cost of the presentation.
2. The second annual St. Paul Archery Tournament was a huge success. Around 130 archers participated. Congratulations to Hunter Z. for taking 1st place in the Middle School Division and to Landon K. for taking 3rd place in the Elementary Division. The archery team travels to the Dells over spring break to participate in the state archery meet.
3. Enrollment in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program closes on April 17. Please call the school office with questions regarding the program.
4. School is on Spring Break the week of March 24.

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

World of Discovery Fair
 Display Viewing
 April 5: 4:45-7pm & April 6: 9am-1pm

Many interesting projects created by the students of St. Paul will be on display.

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@splgrafton.org.
 Thanks for your help with this event!

PLAY AND PRAISE
 ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
 701 Washington St. Grafton, WI

JOIN US WITH YOUR CHILD!

SPRING 2025 (DATES ON SIGHUP 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@splgrafton.org

SIGN UP HERE- FREE

Space is limited to 12 participants.

ACTIVITIES:
 Free play
 songs and story
 art project
 large and fine motor

Music: Ms. Valerie Bremer / Greg Batiansila
Leader: Rev. Larry Prah

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

SERVICE	ELDERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	Michael Young	Joanne Wolf
Sun., 8am	Ed Kuershner	Bob Utecht
Sun., 9:30am	Stu Natale	Todd Willman
Sun., 11am	Gabriel Metzger	Mark Papcke
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); *Peter & Midge Faris* (friends of Michelle & Tony Palabrica); *Sharon Karl* (grandmother of Nick Biedenbender); *Kris Lindsay; 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); *Megan Rockrohr* (daughter of Rob & Renae Frisque); *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)

Birth: *June LaRayne Dettinger* born February 24, 2025 to Zac & Hannah (nee Witt) Dettinger, grandparents Steven & Martha Witt.

Wedding: *Matthew Zettinig* (son of Wendy Zettinig) will be married to *Brittany Zweig* on March 28, 2025.

FLOWERS, GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Flowers next to the pulpit are given to the glory of God in remembrance of *Paul Brunnquell's* birthday by his family.

A Gift has been given to the glory of God to the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund in honor of *Mary Ann Ziemann's* 85th birthday by Gordy & Mary Ann Ziemann.

A Gift has been given to Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion in honor of the birthdays of *Michael & John Quiggle* by Beverly Quiggle and Dawn and Terry Braaaten.

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

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
MIDWEEK 3**

**THE HAND OF THE LORD
Heals the Sick: Matthew 8:1-4, 5-17**

**March 26: 4:30 & 6:30pm
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oberdeck**

Lenten Meal served 5:15-6:15pm

**Host: Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) & Hearts of Mercy & Compassion (HMC)
Taco Bar & Scoops of Cedar Crest Ice Cream**

**Free Will Offering Going to:
Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund / LERT and HMC**

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

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL INTEREST DAY 2025

Thank you to our Interest Day committee and to each volunteer who participated and led classes for our students. The commitment to our mission of being Focused on Excellence...Centered on Christ was evident throughout the building!

