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 tinyurl.com/SPLsignups.

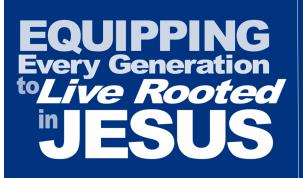
> **Traditional Worship** *Saturday 5pm Sunday 8am, 11am

Contemporary Worship *Sunday 9:30am

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

Servant Leaders:

Pastor: Luke Anderson Pastor: Jacob Schultz 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





FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT March 30, 2025 Authentic Relationships: Taking Time for Eternal Relationships



AS WE GATHER...In theory, we should have plenty of time to devote to conversation and relationship building. But in practice, this is not the case. The same devices that promise to shorten the length of time to accomplish the tasks of life create a host of demands on our schedules. We can work from anywhere, answering emails and attending virtual meetings, and find it nearly impossible to be "off the clock." And we struggle mightily to prioritize those things that make an eternal difference.

Into our struggle to balance time comes Jesus, the eternal God who never seems rushed. He takes time to be with us today, once again giving us His good gifts through His Word and Sacrament. May the Spirit enable us to be like Mary, to slow down and sit at the feet of Jesus and receive from Him. And having received from Him, may we go out and slow down in our relationships with one another.

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 "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"

LSB 868, St. 1, 2, 5

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm* 90:12, 2 *Peter* 3:8-9, *Matthew* 6:33-34

Pastor: Teach us to number our days

People: that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Pastor: Do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years,

People: and a thousand years as one day.

Pastor: The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you,

People: not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Pastor: Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,

People: and all these things will be added to you.

Pastor: Do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself.

People: Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father, beginning with a time for silent prayer.

(In a time of silence, we reflect on our great need for Jesus' saving work.)

Pastor: With confidence in Christ, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Merciful God, You never fail to come to us by Your Word and Spirit. Your Word alone gives life, but we are distracted from receiving and obeying Your Word. We often do not use our time well and fail to prioritize that which is most important. In our thinking, speaking, and doing, we have done what Your Word forbids, and we have failed to do what Your Word commands. Forgive us and bring us again to the foot of Jesus' cross that we may receive the forgiveness we so desperately need. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His great mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for Jesus' sake, He forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN "When in the Hour of Deepest Need"

LSB 615, St. 1, 2, 6

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, as You once entered the home of Martha and Mary both to share Your hospitality and to invite all to take time to hear Your Word, open our homes and hearts to slow down and welcome You in faith, open our ears to listen to You in obedience, and open our hands to serve You gladly and willingly in our callings; we pray all this in Your holy name, Lord Jesus, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 There is a time for everything. (Holy Bible p. 705)

EPISTLE Ephesians 5:8-16 Make the best use of time in these evil days. (Holy Bible p. 1244)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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LENTEN VERSE

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42 Mary and Martha respond differently to a visit by Jesus. (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 "Be Still, My Soul" LSB 752

SERMON "Authentic Relationships: Taking the Time," by Pastor Anderson.

NICENE CREED (see screens)

OFFERTORY HYMN "Evening and Morning"

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: You, we adore. O blessed and eternal God, the Father. Son, and Holy Spirit, and to You we give thanks and praise, that in the fullness of time You delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer, and by His suffering and death restored us to You, that we may serve You in righteousness here below, until we shall stand before You on high. With the saints of old, the angels and archangels, and the whole company of heaven, we join in their unending hymn of praise:

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy"

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (see screens or LSB 179)

LSB 726, St. 1 & 4

LSB 161

People: Thanks be to God.

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LSB 157

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.

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"

PREPARATION (see screens or top of Page 2)

DISTRIBUTIONCommon 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."One Thing's Needful""Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"LSB 536LSB 619

DISMISSAL and POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father and Savior of the world, we give thanks to You, in the power of Your Holy Spirit, that You have stepped into this time and refreshed us with Your true body and blood in this Sacrament. And now we ask You, in Your mercy, to strengthen us with Your holy gift, so that we prioritize You all the days of our lives and share Your love with one another and all people. We pray all this, Lord Jesus, in Your holy name, for You live with the Father and the 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 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

LSB 733

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PRE-SERVICE "Crowns Down"	NICENE CREED (see screens)	
WELCOME (Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during opening song).	SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT Words of Institution / Lord's Prayer / Preparation / Distribution / "I've Witnessed It;" "I'm Listening" / Dismissal	
INVOCATION	Distilissa	
OPENING SONG "Attention"	PRAYERS	
	WORD OF GOD Luke 10:38-42 (Holy Bible p. 1105)	
CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS	CERMON "Authentic Deletionships, Taking the Time"	
SONG OF PRAISE "Called Me Higher"	SERMON "Authentic Relationships: Taking the Time," by Pastor Anderson.	
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE	BLESSING	
WORD OF GOD Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 (Holy Bible p. 1244)	CLOSING SONG "Crowns Down"	

People: Amen.

LSB 163

BIBLE STUDIES & MORE



SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR

9:30am-Family Life Center

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

April 6: "I am the True Vine" 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



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

NEW! WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: REDEEMING YOUR TIME BY JORDAN RAYNOR

Our schedules can be overwhelming. Even with the countless time-management resources available to us, our ability to find balance between work and life can feel fruitless. But when we look at the lifestyle of Jesus, we see an example of what it looks like to be efficient while finding balance. In this four-session series, bestselling author Jordan Raynor discusses key principles and practices, rooted in the example of Jesus, that will help us use the time we have in the best way. Register at <u>tinyurl.com/Redeeming25</u> by Friday, April 18 for the session that works best for you!

- Thursdays, April 24, May 1, May 8 and May 15 6:30-8:00 PM in St. Paul School Library
- Friday, April 25, May 2, May 9 and May 16 8:30-10:00 AM in Church Conference Room

Free study materials provided in the first session.



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.

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

4/6: Join us as we learn that Jesus stands up for God as we look at Matthew 21:12-17.

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

4/13: Join us this week for our Easter party. We will also have a short devotion and enjoy some snacks together. Hope to see you there!

4/27: We will be playing 9 square in the air and sharing a short devotion. As always snacks will be provided. Don't forget to invite your friends!

Questions? Tracy Krueger at <u>tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org</u>



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: <u>splgrafton.org/church/lert</u>

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.

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 6: Surviving Adolescence

This class of three sessions on "Surviving Adolescence" where 5th & 6th grade youth and parents learn and commit to talking about their faith and how they see God at work in their lives on a daily basis. Adding this to the previous faith practices of confession/absolution, Bible reading, Highs & Lows, prayer and blessing. This class will start **Wednesday, April 23 at 6pm and run through Wednesday, May 7** in the Youth Room. Signup here or for more information contact Tracy at <u>tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org</u>.

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 <u>tinyurl.com/splrooms</u> or in the church Narthex.

Thank you!

2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL BUDGET

Interested in exploring the details of St. Paul's financial budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year? If yes, consider attending a session to be held on Monday, April 7, 2025 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the church conference room to review the financial budget. St. Paul's Director of Finance will walkthrough details of St. Paul's financial budget for next fiscal year. The final financial budget for 2025-2026 will be presented to the Voters Assembly for approval at our next Voters Assembly meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Looking to start a Bible study? Check out the Bible Study application on our website at <u>splgrafton.org/church/bible-study</u> or contact the Board of Parish Education at <u>parish.education@splgrafton.org</u>



ST. PAUL ANNUAL YOUTH PLANT SALE MAY 10. 202

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

Advanced orders due April 20th



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. Check out the volunteer sign-up form here: **tinyurl.com/VBSVolunteer25**

Please contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org

WOMENS GUILD MEETING Thursday, 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.

All Men and Women are invited!

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.

ST. PAUL ADULT SENIOR MINISTRY IS HOSTING A PIZZA & BINGO EVENING Thursday, April 10 @ 5:30pm at Providence Place

Join us for a light dinner followed by some BINGO fun! We will have a variety of pizzas from Even Odds as well as refreshments to enjoy. Following our pizza dinner, the BINGO calling will begin! Cost is \$10/person (cash).

Contact Jenny at 262-377-9900 by Tuesday, April 8 to reserve a seat!

Music: Mrs. Michelle Soenksen / Greg Batiansila **Leader:** Rev. Jacob Schultz Altar Guild: Ann Mueller, Candy Pape Sermon: Rev. Luke Anderson

ELDERS / COMMUNION SERVERS	HEAD USHERS	
M. Young / M. Stec / N. Gierach / T. Kohlwey / R. Schultz	Brian Hadler	
E. Kuerschner / R. Wellman / L. Kiener / M. Hauser	Bob Utecht	
G. Metzger / B. Eggold / V. Micha	Dave Schmidt	
M. Papcke / M. Stec / W. Cheeseman / R. Wellman	Matt Stec	
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: Jeremy Albers Sr.; Pamela Anschuetz; Sandra Ashenden; Debbie Biedenbender (wife of Steve Biedenbender); Connie Borchardt; Roger Butt; Norma Debroux; Jean Dorman (niece of Norma Prahl); 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; Robin M. (family of Rick, Dawn & Caden Sinur); Natalie Mellendorf; Dale Poisson; Russ Prahl (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)

Hospice: Glenn Dohrmann

FLOWERS & MEMORIAL

Flowers next to the pulpit are given to the glory of God in memory of *Myrtle Boedecker* mother of Karen Boedecker.

A Memorial has been given to the glory of God to the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund in memory of *Kurt K. Gierach.*



APRIL—JUNE 2025 PORTALS OF PRAYER

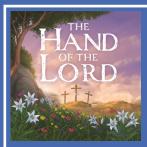
Portals of Prayer are available for pick up in the Narthex and Welcome Center.

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.



LENTEN SERIES MIDWEEK 4

THE HAND OF THE LORD **Raises the Dead:** Luke 7:11-17

April 2: 4:30 & 6:30pm Guest Preacher: Rev. Jonathon Bakker

Lenten Meal served 5:15-6:15pm Host: IMPACT High School Youth

Freewill Offering Going towards: National Youth Gathering 2025

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 GOLF CLASSIC Friday, June 6, 2025 West Bend Lakes Golf Club

Cost: \$125 per golfer / \$500 foursome (Includes 18-holes, cart, lunch, dinner, prizes and more)

Time: Shotgun start at 10:00am Check-in begins at 8:30am Gather near golf carts for prayer at 9:45am

> Register your group today! tinyurl.com/SPLGolf25

> > -OR-

Complete a Registration Form. Registration Forms are available in the St. Paul School Office. Please submit completed Registration Forms to the St. Paul School Office.



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.



EASTER EGG HUNT

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

All items donated should be returned no later than Sunday, April 6

Volunteers are still 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!

NEW PODCAST EPISODE—MARCH 24



Join us as we chat with St. Paul members AI & Marilyn Goeman in our latest Building Faith podcast episode, Building Faith launched Monday, March 24.





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 an refreshments provided.

> Sign up to attend: https://lcc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1360/responses/new

> > Register by Thursday, April 24