

"So then you are no longer strangers or aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone." Ephesians 2:19-20

When touring in Washington DC one of our stops is at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. I thought I'd start this devotional thought by including excerpts from the four students who were our wreath bearers.

"The ultimate way to honor and thank all veterans, including the unidentified soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, is the laying of the wreath ceremony." - Armella

"We may never know their back stories or how they ended up in those battles. We might never know their true identities. But we know that they fought and that's enough to know they should always be honored." – Evelyn

"The tomb stands as a reminder to never forget those who we might not know. A reminder of those who sacrificed their lives . . ." – Brodie

"It is important to never forget and continue to teach the younger generations about the sacrifices made by those who came before us to protect the freedoms we have today." – Izzy

The words of these eighth graders really help us understand clearly what the Tomb of the Unknown represents. As I've been thinking about this devotion and how our day at Arlington focuses on soldiers and their service to our country, I've been drawn to a song. Many of you might know this song, 'Whom Shall I Fear", by Chris Tomlin. The chorus goes like this: "I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind, the God of Angel armies is always by my side. The one who reigns forever, He is a friend of mine, the God of Angel Armies is always by my side. ... Whom shall I fear?"

Isn't this a magnificent picture? Our God is a God of angel armies. I picture all of God's angels under His direction, and they are surrounding me, keeping me safe. And what about us? We are part of God's army, we are His soldiers. As we fight our earthly battles, He never leaves our side. He knows each of us, we are NOT unknown to Him. He knows exactly who we are and what we need. Every day is a new battle. We battle on and He is always there. He is a friend of ours. The song goes onto say, "My strength is in your name, for you alone can save. You will deliver me. Whom shall I fear?" In Exodus 14:14 it says, "The Lord will fight for you, you need only to be still." What comforting words to hear! Our God is always there, fighting for us. When you think He is not, be still. Wait for Him.

In closing, I have a few encouraging thoughts about our God, the God of Angel Armies.

- The eyes of the Lord are on us at all times. He sees everything! We are never beyond His care.
- The Spirit of God is in all places, at all times. He knows everywhere we go, everything we do and is intimately acquainted with all our ways.
- Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows ALL His sheep and loses none.
- He is attentive to the needs of the birds of the air and lilies of the field. His presence and provision for us is constant.

God's Blessings on your week, Mrs. Schumann

| MAY | | | | | | |
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| 6-1 | 7 Mo-Fr | MAP Testing | | | | |
| 10 | Fri | PreK Day with Mom | | | | |
| 15 | Wed | Gr. 5&6 Field Trip to Riveredge | | | | |
| 17 | Fri | Band & Choirs Spring Concert | | | | |
| 20-21Mo-Tu | | PreK Field Trip to Roden Farm | | | | |
| 22 | Wed | Chapel – 6 th Grade (Wellna) | | | | |
| 23 | Thu | Band Recruitment (3:30-6pm) | | | | |
| 24 | Fri | 3&4 Pre-School Closing Service | | | | |
| | | 1/2 Day of School 11:40am Dismissal | | | | |
| 27 | Mon | Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL | | | | |
| 28 | Tue | Gr. 5&6 to Boundless Adventure | | | | |
| | | Gr. K-2 to Camp Y-Koda | | | | |
| | | Gr. 3 & 4 to Shalom Wildlife | | | | |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SERVICE!

We will be doing recognition for years of service at St. Paul at the <u>school closing chapel service on</u> <u>Friday, May 31, 2024.</u>

Staff receiving recognition at this service are:



Diane Schumann 35 years



Valerie Bremer 20 years



Shelby Nauta 15 years



Denise Gieschen 10 years

Christian Day School Singing Schedule



| May 12 | 9:30 am | Pre-K Sings |
|--------|---------------|--------------------------|
| May 17 | 9, 5:30, 6:30 |) Spring Band/Choirs |
| | | Concert |
| May 19 | 8:00 am | (K-8) Last name L-Z Sing |
| | | With JuBellate |
| | 11:00 am | (K-8) Last name A-K Sing |
| | | With Concert Band |
| | May 17 | |



St. Paul Lutheran Golf Classic Friday, June 7, 2024 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 8:45am Gather near golf carts for prayer at 9:45am

Register your group today!

Online at: <u>tinyurl.com/SPLGolf24</u> - or-Fill out a Registration Form and drop off at the St. Paul School Office. Registration forms are available in the St. Paul School Office.

Proceeds support St. Paul Lutheran School. Through the years, proceeds have been used to help purchase unbudgeted school needs such as new computers in the computer lab, student lockers, various curriculum and software programs as well as student aid funding through the Good Samaritan Fund.

Sponsorships and raffle prize donations are also accepted! Contact a member of the St. Paul Golf Committee or review the Registration Form available in the St. Paul School Office for a list of sponsorship opportunities available.



Sunday School

Sunday school meets each Sunday 8:15-9:15am in the youth room. Children ages 3-5th grade are encouraged to join us.

5/12: We will be looking at the Bible story of God sending the Holy Spirit to the early Christians from Acts 2:1-13 this week as we learn that the Holy Spirit gives us power.

5/19: This week's Bible story is about God giving Peter the power to heal a crippled beggar from Acts 3. We will be learning that God helps us be bold. This will be our final week of Sunday school before we break for the summer. Watch for Sunday school to resume in September.

Financial Assistance Forms for the upcoming 2024-2025 School Year are available in the school office or on the St. Paul Website <u>HERE</u>. Please complete the form and return in a sealed envelope to the attention of Jean Steinke, Business Manager by Friday, May 31, 2024. Your information will be reviewed and you will be notified if you qualify for financial assistance. Please be assured that all information will remain strictly confidential. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Steinke at <u>jean.steinke@splgrafton.org</u> or <u>262-377-4659 ext.</u> <u>339</u> on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

As We Come To The Close Of Another School

Year, please remember that all fees (lunch, library late book fees, etc.) and tuition balances must be paid before the last day of school on Friday, May 31st for K-8th grade families. Any fees and tuition balances that are outstanding will initiate the process to hold end of the year report cards and registration for the next school year. Please contact Jean Steinke, Business Manager at 262.377.4659 x339, for any questions or to make special arrangements. Thank you!



SCRIP ROLLOVER

Hello St. Paul families & friends! Time is ticking—make sure to get your SCRIP orders submitted & filled by *Friday, June 28, 2024!* Orders received after this date will go towards next year's rebate credit. If you are ordering

cards that we do not stock, make sure to allow time for them to arrive-cards that are awaiting fulfillment do not count toward your rebate credit! Participating families will see their SCRIP rebate credit on their *first* tuition statement for the 2024-2025 school year!



Sponsored by St. Paul Women's Guild

Salads Galar<mark>e & Desserts</mark>

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024 11AM - 1PM

St. Paul Lutheran Church 701 Washington Street Grafton, WI

Salad Buffet Plate, Drink, Dessert \$12.00

Tickets may be purchased in the School Office during office hours (8am to 4pm) or at the luncheon. For groups of 6 or more, make reservations by calling Deb at 262-707-8992

Proceeds benefit the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund



Port Washington-Saukville

Port Washington is offering Summer School!

Registration for summer school is open through May 25th. If you need remedial classes, there is a teacher recommendation needed. Please contact Mrs. Gieschen to get that email completed. There are lots of fun classes offered! Summer School Classes are Monday through Thursday!





UNIT EIGHT >>> I AM FOR YOU CONNECT THROUGH CONVERSATION

>>> UNIT EIGHT <<<

Life can be hard sometimes! It is even harder when you are going at it alone. Carrying each other's burdens does not mean being able to take away the weight someone is carrying or fix the problem. Rather, it means to walk through it with them, supporting and encouraging them as they go through their struggles. Friendzy Unit Eight teaches students how they can support each other by being empathetic and understanding.

KEY VERSES

"CARRY EACH OTHER'S BURDENS, AND IN THIS WAY YOU WILL FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST." GALATIANS 6:2

"LET US THINK OF WAYS TO MOTIVATE ONE ANOTHER TO ACTS OF LOVE AND GOOD WORKS." HEBBEWS 10:24 NLT

>>> CONVERSATION STARTERS <<<

- SHARE: Tell about a time when a friend was there for you in a difficult time. What were you struggling with? How did they help you? How did it make you feel to have support?
- Is there anyone you can think of that is struggling right now? How can you set the example and help carry their burden?
- > Is there anything you're struggling with that you can ask others to help you with this month?
- Read the Key Verses and discuss what they mean to you.

HOW TO SUPPORT My Friends



- 2. EMPATHY
- 3. COMPASSION
- 4. ACTION

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

1. We are currently taking names for a new Second Grade teacher for next school year. Please contact me if you have questions or a name you would like to submit.



VEGGIES & ICE CREAM

Families are invited to come join us on **Friday, May 10** from **6-7pm** as we watch Moe and the Big Exit. We will also be making some fun crafts and enjoying some ice cream. Signup here to join the fun: https://tinyurl.com/VeggiesMay24.



Youth Flower Sale Saturday, May 11 9am-3pm Help support the Youth of the congregation!



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

VBS 2024

VBS will be June 10-14 this year and we are still looking for volunteers. We still need a few elementary Crew Leaders Check out the volunteer sign up form here:<u>http://tinyurl.com/</u> <u>SPLVBSVolunteers24</u>.



Registration is NOW OPEN for this year's VBS, Scuba. Come join us for the fun! Our VBS is set for June 10-14, 2024 from 9am to 12pm, and is open to children who have COMPLETED 3PK thru 5th Grade. There is a \$20 per child fee for VBS this year, which helps to cover the cost of things such as t-shirts, music, and snacks. Register before 5/20/24 to be sure to get a t-shirt. We can't wait to jump into this faith-filled adventure this Summer as we dive into friendship with God. Space is limited so be sure to sign up today for the best 5 days of the summer! If you have any questions, please contact tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org or 262-377-4659 X105. Check out the registration link to sign your kids up for the fun and learning today: <u>http://</u> tinyurl.com/SPLVBS2024

VBS Donations

We are collecting a wide variety of items for VBS this summer. Please consider donating one or more of the needed items. All donations need to be returned to the church by **Thursday, May 30**. Thank you for your support!

The FastDirect App for Families is now Available to Download for Mobile Users!

After following the simple steps to download the app to their phones, parents will have easy access to their FastDirect accounts, including saved login information! Additionally, we are actively building a road map for future enhancements including NOTIFICATIONS, which is in development now!



Download the app, open it, and just follow the prompts! Once done, your login will be remembered.





FastDirect for Families is now available on the Go!





Google Play



Download your FastDirect App today!



Middle School Youth

A reminder that Middle school youth meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 3-4:30pm in the youth room.

Sunday, June 2, 4-6pm

All <u>5-8</u> graders are invited to our final Middle School Youth group of the school year. We are going to be having a Nerf war and BBQ. This year we are challenging the middle school youth from First Immanuel in Cedarburg. Don't forget to bring your Nerf guns! Sign up here to join the fun and sign up to bring items for the BBQ: <u>https://tinyurl.com/MSYJune24</u>.

EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER PROJECT UPDATE



GENERATION The ministry expansion project continues moving forward. The following was TOGETHER accomplished in April:

- Received Village of Grafton Architectural Review Committee and Planning Commission Committee approval. Next steps are to receive final approval at the Village board meeting in May.
- The terms of the promissory notes were set. Informational meetings will be held on May 21, June 4, and June 19 at 6pm.
- Work continued with the architect on architectural, civil and landscape design development.
- Continued processing gift receipts and pledges.
- Date of June 9th at noon was set for the groundbreaking ceremony.

The need for your continued financial support and commitments is essential as we move forward. Please click here (<u>splgrafton.org/faithfultogether</u>) to visit the Every Generation Faithful Together page where you can obtain more information on giving opportunities. As we move forward together, pray the Holy Spirit guides us to boldly meet this opportunity with courage, love, and steadfastness, enhancing God's Kingdom now and for future generations.

EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Mark your calendars for **June 9 at 12pm** (following the 11am service) to celebrate the groundbreaking of the ministry expansion project! The ceremony will be held in the lower parking lot at the site where the new building will be constructed. There will be a brief program and light refreshments. *Plan to join us as we embark on the construction phase of this exciting expansion!*

MINISTRY EXPANSION BUILDING PROJECT – PROMISSORY NOTES

Starting in May, St. Paul will begin to issue promissory notes to those who may be interested in helping further support the financing of our ministry expansion building project.

A promissory note issued by St. Paul is a written promise that St. Paul will pay the noteholder back the amount borrowed to St. Paul at a future date when the noteholder submits a request for repayment. Interest will be payable by St. Paul to the noteholder during the period the promissory note is outstanding. To learn more about what a promissory note is and how the process will work, several general sessions will be available to meet with Jason Hasenstein, St. Paul's Director of Finance, to provide further insight about promissory notes and answer questions. No appointment is needed.

To learn more or decide if entering into a promissory note with St. Paul may be of interest, please consider stopping by the Family Life Center during one of the general sessions below:

- Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between 6:00 and 7:00pm
- Tuesday, June 4, 2024 between 6:00 and 7:00pm
- Wednesday, June 19, 2024 between 6:00 and 7:00pm

If you need an alternative date and time, please contact the St. Paul Finance Office.



Congratulations

St. Paul Lutheran Church 2024 Confirmands





Grafton Gladiators Flag Football Fall 2024

For: Open to all students entering 1st – 4th grades for the 2024/2025 school year

Registration: To register, please visit <u>www.grafton-football.com</u> and click on the Flag Registration button.

Schedule: Practice starts in August. Games will be held twice a week from late August through October.

Questions: For any questions or for volunteers interested in coaching, please contact Stefanie Bachrach at <u>Stefanie.bachrach@gmail.com</u>

Grafton Gladiators flag football program was developed to introduce kids to the great game of football in a fun & safe environment.

Do you know a current Senior at Grafton High School? Would you like to help them celebrate this big occasion in a special way? Then Grad Grams are for you!



The Grafton Scholarship Group, which provides scholarships for Grafton HS graduates, has a fundraiser called Grad Grams. You can purchase already created Grad Grams, or buy the blank ones. These Grad Grams then will be given to the graduate on their special day in a unique hand-bound book. You can pick them up at ACE Hardware, or get order form online. Click <u>HERE</u> for the order form.

Check out the link <u>here</u> or go to the Grafton School District Website. Please make checks payable and mailed to: GCSF PO Box 468 Grafton, WI 53024 Grad Grams can be returned to the Grafton High School office.

Email <u>GraftonCSF.info@gmail.com</u> for more information

All proceeds from the sale of the grad grams go directly back into the scholarship fund for all current and future graduates!

ALL GRAD GRAMS ARE DUE MAY 20th.

It's that time of the year to get your daughter signed up for the annual **Grafton Girls Basketball Youth Camp**!

Camp will be at Grafton High School June 17-20.

Grade 3rd-5th will be held from 1:00-2:30pm, while Grade 6th -9th will be 3:00-4:30pm.

Incoming freshman for the 2024-25 academic year are now included in this camp! The cost is \$65 per person, which includes a Camp T-Shirt

Payment Options:

 Drop off check at the Grafton High School Main Office (Checks made out to Grafton Girls Basketball)
Club's Venmo account: @GraftonGirls-Hoops

Any questions can be directed to Coach Matt D'Amato at <u>damatom316@gmail.com</u>

To sign up today, please complete the form <u>HERE</u>













Camp LuWiSoMo Summer 2024 Youth Camps

LuWiSoMo Youth Camps provide campers with faith-growing opportunities and unique learning experiences while having fun in a beautiful Christ-centered outdoor ministry setting.

KinderCamp

For campers Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 1 preferring to spend the weekend with their parents or grandparents

JuniorCamp

For campers in Kindergarten to Grade 3 ready to spend a weekend away from their parents

Youth Camp

A 5-night camp for campers in Grades 2-8 Age groups vary for each camp week

Lutheran Band Camp

A 6-night camp for students in Grades 5-9 with experience playing a band instrument

High School Camp A 5-night camp for students in Grades 8–11

CIT Program

For high school students wanting to be leaders at camp

Details & Registration Information @ www.luwisomo.org



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Visit https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/splcas to create your account. Or you can: Text-to -Sign-Up: Text SPLCAS to 49775 and receive a direct link to the registration page. **QR Code Access:** A quick scan with your smartphone will take you directly to the registration page.

Already signed up to use RightNow Media, but looking for some ideas of what to watch?

The Gospel of Mark by Francis Chan

The Gospel of Mark chronicles Jesus's journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. Along the way, the Messiah gathers a ragged band of disciples. As crowds grow and dwindle on the road to Jerusalem, only a few stick by the Suffering Savior on the road of discipleship. In this 11-part series on the Gospel of Mark, author and speaker Francis Chan invites us to walk with him along the ancient ways of the Master. Tracing the steps of Jesus and the Twelve through Israel, Francis explores the major themes of the Gospel of Mark, and asks: Are we willing to take this journey to embrace discipleship? The Gospel of Mark :: RightNow Media

The Book of Job by Francis Chan

The world teaches us to revolve our actions, thoughts, and beliefs around ourselves. "It's all about you!" we are encouraged to think. In the world's philosophy, we become the author and hero of our story. But the Bible teaches a different view, one where another hero—the actual Author of life—takes center stage. In the book of Job, God asserts his preeminence and displays his power. Join Francis Chan in this eight-session series on Job as he explores the overriding truth that we exist not for ourselves but to glorify the God who deserves all worship and praise. The Book of Job :: RightNow Media

What the Women Saw by Jennie Allen +3

Do women matter to the kingdom of God? Jesus was surrounded by both men and women during his ministry on earth. He saw, valued, and cared for women, and he still does today. Each one of us has a significant role. Through this six-session study, you will discover who Jesus is through the unique perspective of women in the Bible. As you study the lives of Mary, Martha, Mary Magdalene and others, you will learn from their faith and failures and be reminded that Jesus cared for and valued the women he was surrounded by. He equipped them, listened to them, walked with them, healed them, and empowered them. And he does the same for you now. What the Women Saw :: RightNow Media

Together by Sadie Robertson Huff & Christian Huff

Point all your relationships toward Christ. We are wired for relationships. But relationships are anything but easy to maintain—even close friendships can fall apart. In a world where people quickly write each other off, where isolation has become the norm, and marriages dissolve overnight, what is God's hope for our relationships? In this six-session series. Sadie and Christian Huff will dig into God's Word to show us how to live holy and healthy lives together—with God, with our close circle, and in our community. Together :: RightNow Media

Paws & Tales (ages 4-6)

Animated adventures little children love with God-centered lessons parents applaud! Welcome to Wildwood! Here the folks live just like you and me. They love fun and adventure, enjoy their work and family, and try to learn each day what it means to be like Christ. With Paws & Tales, kids can enjoy meaningful adventure stories and fun animation while they learn biblically based concepts like being thankful, overcoming fear, putting others first, and obeying God's rules. Paws & Tales :: RightNow Media

iBIBLE (ages 10+)

iBIBLE is the world's first animated version of the entire Biblical narrative from Genesis to the final Revelation. These animated pages bring the one story of Scripture to life in chronological order for a sight-and-sound generation. With over 3,000 animated pages and over 150 chapters, once completed, this animated presentation of God's redemptive plan will present the story of Scripture like never before. iBIBLE :: RightNow Media



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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



| Sunday | 12-May | 19-May |
|-----------|---|--|
| | Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00; | Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00; |
| | PreK sings @ 9:30 | (K-8) Last name L-Z Sing @ 8:00 with JuBellate |
| | PreK sings @ 9:30 | (K-8) Last name A-K Sing @ 11:00 with Concert Band |
| Monday | 13-May | 20-May |
| | MAP Testing | PreK Field Trip to Roden Farm |
| | Track Meet @ Kettle Moraine HS | |
| | Children's Choir, 3:15pm | Children's Choir Party, 3:15pm |
| | Worship at 6:30pm | Worship at 6:30pm |
| Tuesday | 14-May | 21-May |
| | MAP Testing Boys VB vs. St. John WB; 6th-4:15, 7/8-5:15 | PreK Field Trip to Roden Farm |
| Wednesday | 15-May | 22-May |
| | MAP Testing CHAPEL - Mrs. Clemens Gr. 5-6 Field Trip to Riveredge | CHAPEL - 6th Grade (Wellna) |
| Thursday | 16-May | 23-May |
| | MAP Testing PreK Summer Fun Packet Meet & Greet, 6pm | Band Recruitment 3:30-6:00pm |
| Friday | 17-May | 24-May |
| | MAP Testing | 1/2 Day of School - 11:40 am Dismissal |
| | Spring Band/Choirs Concert 9am/5:30pm/6:30pm | PreK Closing Service 8:30am & 10am |
| Saturday | 18-May | 25-May |
| | State Track Meet @ Kettle Moraine HS | |
| | Worship at 5:00pm; | Worship at 5:00pm; |