

# T H E E C H O

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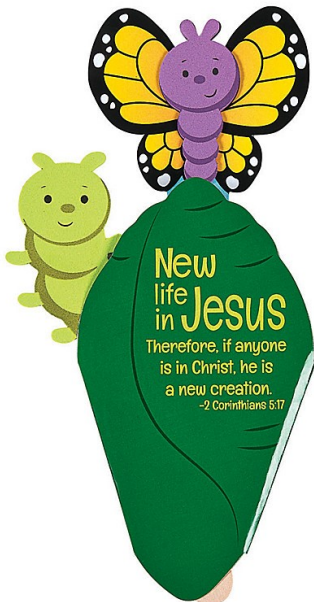
***“So then you are no longer strangers or aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.” Ephesians 2:19-20***

## The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Eric Carle’s story begins with, “One Sunday morning the warm sun came up and pop! Out of the egg came a tiny and very hungry caterpillar.” Just like this caterpillar, God created you for a purpose. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:14.

But life wasn’t always easy for the caterpillar. He had to be careful of predators like spiders, wasps and one time a bird even tried to eat him, but he camouflaged himself on a leaf. Caterpillars may make use of camouflage to evade their predators, but very few eggs and caterpillars survive. Like that caterpillar, there is a predator in our life that tries to stop us from living the life for which we are created. The predator we face is Satan. You may think that you are destined to crawl around and eat whatever the world throws at you, trying to avoid sin and death, thinking that there’s nothing you can do about your life and you’re right! We can’t do anything to save ourselves, . . . but God can and did.

When we trust in Christ, something new is activated from within. Our old life is gone, but in His hands, we are made new. We are a new creation. The story of the cocoon and chrysalis reminds us that on Sunday morning after Jesus had been crucified and taken to the grave, the disciples came to the tomb and saw Jesus’ graveclothes lying there, much like an empty chrysalis. An angel told the startled disciples, “He is risen.” The very hungry caterpillar changed into a very beautiful butterfly. With Christ in our life, we too can be transformed, by grace, to live a beautiful life here on Earth and to look forward to eternal life with Him in heaven.



Mrs. Michelle Pingel  
1st grade teacher

### MAY

17	Fri	Band & Choirs Spring Concert
20-21	Mo-Tu	PreK Field Trip to Roden Farm
22	Wed	Chapel – 6 <sup>th</sup> 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
30	Thu	Track & Field Day
31	Fri	Last Day of School 10:00am Dismissal Closing Chapel - 8:25am 8th Grade Graduation 6:30pm

### Approved 2024-2025 Calendar

August 19 (Mon)	Orientation/Picture Day
August 21 (Wed)	1 <sup>st</sup> day of classes
Aug. 30-Sept. 2	Labor Day Weekend (Fri-Mon)
November 4	No School: Teacher’s PD
November 15	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break
Dec.23-Jan. 3	Christmas Break (two full weeks)
February 21	Half Day – Winter Break
February 24	No School – Winter Break
February 28	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester
March 24-28	Spring Break
April 18	Good Friday – No School
May 23	PreK Graduation
May 26	Memorial Day
May 30	Last day of School/Graduation

### In Honor of Memorial Day

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

**Friday, May 24, 2024**  
**1/2 Day of School**  
**11:40 AM Dismissal**

**Monday May 27, 2024**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**Remember to thank a  
veteran today!**

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SERVICE!

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

Staff receiving recognition at this service are:



**Diane Schumann**  
35 years



**Jenny Willman**  
25 years



**Valerie Bremer**  
20 years



**Kris Schroeder**  
20 years



**Shelby Nauta**  
10 years



**Denise Gieschen**  
10 years

## Christian Day School Singing Schedule



Fri.	May 17	9, 5:30, 6:30	Spring Band/Choirs Concert
Sun.	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

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL:



1. Supporting Our Troops. Our school family has a parent that has recently been deployed to Iraq and will be serving there through October. We are putting together care packages to send to him and those that he serves with. Items we are collecting include: trail mix, beef jerky, nuts, gum, non-melting candy, greeting cards, cookies, Twizzlers, coffee, puzzles, single serve hydrating drink mixes, toothbrushes, disposable razors, shaving lotion and shampoo. If you would like to send any of these items in our care packages, please drop off items in the Welcome Center by June 3.

2. The Board of Christian Day School has extended a Call to Ms. Katarina Hinck to serve as a 2nd grade teacher here next school year. Ms. Hinck is currently serving in the St. Louis area. Please pray for Ms. Hinck as she deliberates her Call to St. Paul and her current Call to St. Paul's Des Peres, MO.



**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: [tinyurl.com/SPLGolf24](https://tinyurl.com/SPLGolf24) - 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.




**Financial Assistance Forms for the upcoming 2024-2025 School Year** are available in the school office or on the St. Paul Website [HERE](#). 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 [jean.steinke@splgraffton.org](mailto:jean.steinke@splgraffton.org) or 262-377-4659 ext. 339 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!

*Salad Luncheon*  
Sponsored by St. Paul Women's Guild  
*Salads Galore & Desserts*  
**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**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

**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!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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SEMESTER 1 NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAY BREAK SEMESTER 2

 **FRIENDZY**  
FRIENDZY.CO

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

**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."  
HEBREWS 10:24 NLT

**>>> 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. Friendly Unit Eight teaches students how they can support each other by being empathetic and understanding.

**>>> 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**

**SEEK TO**

- 1. UNDERSTAND**
- 2. EMPATHY**
- 3. COMPASSION**
- 4. ACTION**

## EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER PROJECT UPDATE



EVERY  
GENERATION  
FAITHFUL  
TOGETHER

### EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Mark your calendars for June 9 at noon (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

A promissory note is similar to a traditional mortgage or loan agreement, but it is quite a bit simpler. It is a financial instrument that contains a written promise by one party (the borrower or issuer) to pay another party (the noteholder or payee) a definite sum of money, either on demand or at a specified future date. St. Paul would be the borrower and you would be the noteholder.

For those interested, St. Paul will issue promissory notes to support the financing of our ministry expansion building project. To learn more about the promissory note terms or decide if entering into a promissory note with St. Paul may be of interest, please attend one of the general sessions below:

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

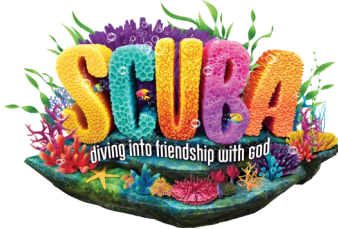
If you are interested in entering into a promissory note with St. Paul, please reach out to either of the following parties:

Jason Hasenstein (920) 226-0743 [jason.hasenstein@splgraffton.org](mailto:jason.hasenstein@splgraffton.org)

Jean Steinke (262) 377-4659 [jean.steinke@splgraffton.org](mailto:jean.steinke@splgraffton.org)

## 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: <http://tinyurl.com/SPLVBSVolunteers24>.



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@splgraffton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org) or 262-377-4659 X105. Check out the registration link to sign your kids up for the fun and learning today: <http://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!

## 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.

**5/19:** 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.

## 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 5-8 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: <https://tinyurl.com/MSYJune24>.





## Grafton Gladiators Flag Football Fall 2024

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

**Registration:** To register, please visit [www.grafton-football.com](http://www.grafton-football.com) 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 [Stefanie.bachrach@gmail.com](mailto:Stefanie.bachrach@gmail.com)

*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 [HERE](#) for the order form.

Check out the link [here](#) 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 [GraftonCSF.info@gmail.com](mailto:GraftonCSF.info@gmail.com) 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:

- 1) Drop off check at the Grafton High School Main Office (Checks made out to Grafton Girls Basketball)
- 2) Club's Venmo account: [@GraftonGirls-Hoops](https://www.venmo.com/GraftonGirls-Hoops)

Any questions can be directed to Coach Matt D'Amato at [damatom316@gmail.com](mailto:damatom316@gmail.com)

To sign up today, please complete the form [HERE](#)



## 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](http://www.luwisomo.org)

# RightNow Media

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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](#)



## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	19-May	26-May
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00; (K-8) Last name L-Z Sing @ 8:00 with JuBellate (K-8) Last name A-K Sing @ 11:00 with Concert Band	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00;
Monday	20-May	27-May
	PreK Field Trip to Roden Farm Children's Choir Party, 3:15pm Worship at 6:30pm	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;"><b>Memorial Day NO SCHOOL</b></p> <p>NO Monday Worship</p> </div> <div style="flex: 1; text-align: center;"> <p style="font-size: small;">MEMORIAL DAY HONORING ALL WHO SERVED</p> </div> </div>
Tuesday	21-May	28-May
	PreK Field Trip to Roden Farm	Gr. K-2 Field Trip to Camp Y-Koda Gr. 3-4 Field Trip to Shalom Wildlife Gr. 5-6 Field Trip to Boundless Adventure
Wednesday	22-May	29-May
	<b>CHAPEL - 6th Grade (Wellna)</b>	
Thursday	23-May	30-May
	Band Recruitment 3:30-6:00pm	<p style="color: red;">Track and Field Day - AM</p> <p>School Picnic Lunch</p> <p style="color: red;">Service Projects - PM</p>
Friday	24-May	31-May
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1/2 Day of School - 11:40 am Dismissal</b></p> PreK Closing Service 8:30am & 10am	<p style="color: red;"><b>Last Day of School - 10AM Dismissal</b></p> <p><b>Closing Chapel - 8:25am</b></p> <p><b>8th Grade Graduation 6:30pm</b></p>
Saturday	25-May	1-Jun
	Worship at 5:00pm;	Worship at 5:00pm;

