



# T H E E C H O

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*"In Christ you also are being built up together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."  
Ephesians 2:22*

During the past few weeks, my sister-in-law, niece, and I have been packing up my mom's apartment, and through that process, we couldn't help but notice what she cherished. We found files of teaching materials, handmade Mother's Day cards, a Betty Crocker Cookbook from 1965 -- including notes on many of the recipes, numerous family pictures, and Christmas ornaments that contained all the baby and school pictures of each of her grandchildren. In the Christmas boxes, we found the Chrismon ornaments she had made with the ladies' group and six different nativity sets, ranging from one made out of candles, another as a souvenir from Alaska -- yes, of black bears, and one of olive wood from Israel. She had begun an Ecclesiastical Embroidery group in Truman, Minnesota, where I'd lived when I was in first through fourth grades, and she'd kept the patterns ever since. We also found her wedding hymnal, TLH of course, with the black leatherette cover and her name embossed in gold letters. There were devotional books with pages folded over and many with handwritten notes. Bibles were in each of the rooms in her apartment and several more on a bookshelf in her bedroom -- Gideon New Testaments; one of just the Gospel of John; RSV, NIV, and ESV translations; one in German; and two in carrying cases, one for the Bible study she led at Village Pointe and the other for the Bible studies she attended at her church. Several Bible study guides held her notes, and I found prayer journals that she had kept throughout the years, finding how often she sought forgiveness, how often she prayed for her children and grandchildren, and how daily she prayed for those who didn't know Jesus.

I could say that all of these things represent what is most important to my mom, but at a recent visit with her, she said, "I think there's a purpose for me here right now. Even though I can't remember my words really well -- I have to rehearse them a few times before they come out -- I can still use what I have to show people Jesus."

Her words hit my heart, and they become my prayer -- that none of us is defined by the things that surround us, even the things we cherish, but that we are filled by our purpose: we can show people Jesus.

Mrs. Joy Yurk, Middle School Teacher

## NOVEMBER

15 Fri End of 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester  
PreK/K PJ Party (6-7pm)  
20 Wed Chapel – Kindergarten (Nauta)  
21-22 Th-Fr PreK/K Feast  
**25-29 Mon-Fri NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break**

## DECEMBER

4 Wed Grades 5-8 Advent Service  
7 Sat Panther Parent Cookie Walk  
11 Wed Gr. 3-4 Advent Service

## Notes from the Principal:



1. Did you have a chance to watch our Veterans Day Chapel? St. Paul members Glenn Dohrman, Ed Werner, Mike Bublitz, Tom Grabow and Mark Zirtzloff shared their experiences as they served and how God protected them and used them to extend his Kingdom. The service can be viewed on the school facebook account and through Vimeo.
2. We've ended the first trimester of the school year. School will be closed the week of Thanksgiving.
3. Christmas season is right around the corner. The first school Christmas program is Wednesday, December 4. This service will be led by grades 5-8.

join us for  
thanksgiving & praise  
**THANKSGIVING EVE**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27**  
4:30pm Traditional  
6:30pm Contemporary  
**THANKSGIVING DAY**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28**  
9:30am Traditional



# SAVE THE DATE!

## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN DAY OF GIVING MAKE AN IMPACT DECEMBER 3



### JOIN IN THE ST. PAUL DAY OF GIVING

Less than 3 weeks until St. Paul Day of Giving!

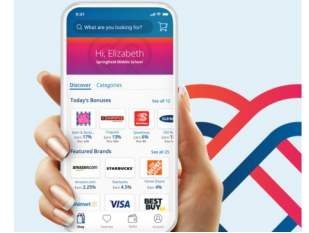
On **December 3**, we will come together in generosity to support our mission and build a brighter future. Every act of giving makes a difference, and we invite you to be part of this special day. Let's start the countdown to giving back! Give securely with Vanco: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT1K/campaign/C-15565>

### Thanksgiving with SCRIP!

It's time to stock up on all your Thanksgiving needs! For those who will be gathering with family and friends out of state, we have gas cards (**BP, Mobil, Kwik Trip**) to help get you there! Are you hosting this year? St. Paul SCRIP carries a variety of local grocery (**Meijer, Pick n'Save, Piggly Wiggly, Sendik's**) and retail stores (**Target, Walmart, Kohl's, TJMaxx**) that will help make all your shopping, cooking and decor needs as easy as pie! Our final order before the Thanksgiving holiday will be placed on **Monday, November 25th at 8:30am!** Please plan accordingly!

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### Christian Day School Singing Schedule



Sun.	Nov. 17	9:30 am	JiVE
Wed.	Dec. 4	6:30 pm	Gr. 5-8 Advent/Christmas
Sun.	Dec. 8	9:30 am	Praise Power
Sun.	Dec. 8	11:00 am	JiVE and JuBellate
Wed.	Dec. 11	6:30 pm	Gr. 3-4 Advent/Christmas
Fri.	Dec. 13	9:00/6:30	Band/Choirs Christmas Concert
Sat.	Dec. 14	9:00/10:30	Pre-K/Kind. Service

### St Paul Lutheran Annual

# Cookie Walk

December 7th  
9:00-11:00am

\$12 per box

Come and select from a variety of holiday cookies, candies, & treats

~ Gluten and nut free options available ~



The Panther Parents annual Christmas Cookie Walk is coming up on **Saturday, December 7th** from **9 AM – 11 AM** (or until cookies run out) in the **FLC**. Mark your calendars and come early to see the beautifully decorated and delicious selection of cookies, candies, & treats. Containers will be provided for you to choose your own items. **\$12 per container**. Bring your friends and family and get into the Christmas spirit. You can get all of your holiday treats for the season at the Cookie Walk! The varieties will be endless & will include gluten free and nut free options!!!

### GIFT A CHILD

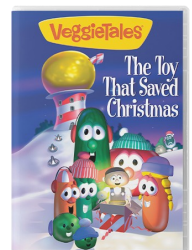
Gift A Child provides Christmas gifts for children in Ozaukee County: something they want, something they need, something to wear, and something to read. A person may sponsor a child, family, or category. Gift A Child also accepts donations of any new items. Please contact Melissa, the Gift A Child coordinator, at 262-235-0715 if you would like to make a donation or become a sponsor.

Gift A Child  
The Food Pantry Inc.



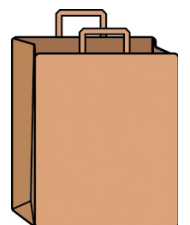
### VEGGIES & ICE CREAM

Families of all ages are invited to come join us on **Friday, December 6** from **6-7pm** as we watch *The Toy that Saved Christmas*. We will also be making some fun crafts and enjoying some ice cream. Sign up here to join the fun: <https://tinyurl.com/VeggiesDec24>



### Paper Grocery Bags Needed

We are collecting paper grocery bags for the Cookie Walk. There will be collection boxes in the south wing and on the lower level by the elevator. Bags will be distributed to classrooms to be decorated for the Cookie Walk.



## GRAFTON CHRISTMAS PARADE

Grafton Christmas Parade  
Float Participants and Decorators  
NEEDED



Looking for an opportunity to serve your neighbor, bring smiles to children and enjoy an afternoon of fun?? Join the BOE as we prepare for the Annual Grafton Christmas Parade on Saturday November 30th. Our TEAM is looking for individuals / families of all ages to walk / ride with the St Paul float during the parade route. All children under the age of seven (7) must be accompanied by an adult. The Parade Theme this year is "Favorite Christmas Story." We are excited to share with our community the true meaning of Christmas as our float will represent many people from the bible. (costumes provided). Please contact Lori Marien at [blmarien@gmail.com](mailto:blmarien@gmail.com) or Kim Edgar at [kim.edgar@splgraffton.org](mailto:kim.edgar@splgraffton.org) for more information. Thank you !

**Interest Day** is a special school day where students attend different hands-on classes in a variety of areas. In the past, we have offered cooking, crafts, woods, sports and music classes, just to name a few. This school year, our Interest Day will be held on the morning of Friday, March 7. We are always looking for any new ideas for classes. We also need volunteers to lead a session. If you have any ideas, or you or someone you know would like to lead a class, please contact one of our committee members:



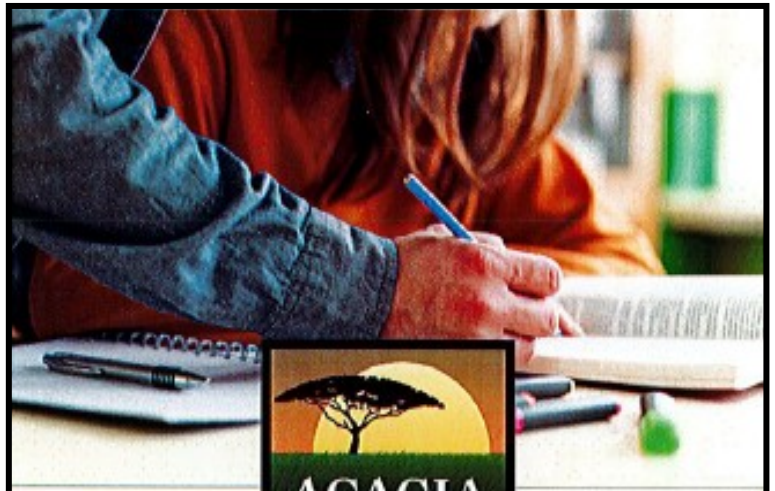
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### Middle School Youth

All 6-8 graders are invited to join us for middle school youth. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month September through May from 3-4:30pm in the youth room. For more information Contact: [tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org)



**11/24:** Join us as we work together to decipher emoji Bible stories, eat too many fruit snacks, and hear about clothes in our devotion. Signup here: [tinyurl.com/MSYNov24](https://tinyurl.com/MSYNov24)



## HELPING STUDENTS GROW IN ACADEMICS AND CHARACTER.

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**83%**

Of students' grades improved while in our program.

**87%**

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### WHAT WE OFFER:

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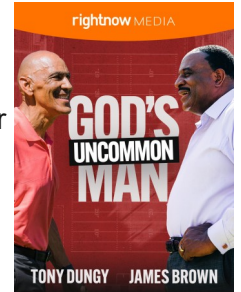


Visit <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/splcas> to create your account. Or you can: **Text-to-Sign-Up: Text SPLCAS to 49775** and receive a direct link to the registration page.

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

## God's Uncommon Man by Tony Dungy & James Brown

Do you ever wonder what it looks like to be a man of faith? In this three-session series, sportscaster James Brown and former NFL coach Tony Dungy will teach us what it means to be an "uncommon man"—a man who follows God faithfully. Are you ready to take the next step in your life of faith? Learn what it takes in *God's Uncommon Man*. [God's Uncommon Man](#)

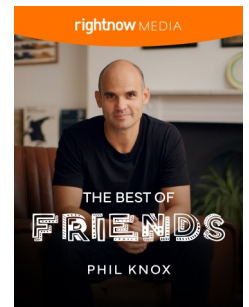


## The Good Gospel by Jennie Allen

So many of us claim to know the gospel, but sometimes we can forget parts of the story. God has created a narrative of salvation that reveals who he is—and so much more. Because of the gospel, we can experience life with God. Because of the gospel, we are free from sin and death. Because of the gospel, we have an eternal hope no matter what happens. Do we live like we believe every part of the gospel? In this six-week study with Jennie Allen, Jamie Ivey, and Jackie Hill Perry, learn about the foundation of our faith to discover how God brings us from death to life, from fallen to free. [The Good Gospel :: RightNow Media](#)

## The Best of Friends by Phil Knox

From 'Let there be light' to the final 'Amen,' God's big story is about friendship — and friendship changes everything. In this inspiring and necessary five-part series, Phil Knox explores the power of friendship and the pressures affecting it. Learn how to manage your relational capacity the way Jesus did and how making friends with a diversity of people proclaims the gospel to a lonely, fractured world. Ultimately, discover the truth that the best of friends is Jesus Himself. [The Best of Friends :: RightNow Media](#)



## Dot Connor: Web Detective (ages 8-12)

Dot Connor is the world's first "webtective," a detective who uses the internet to solve mysteries, and in Dot's experience there are no bigger mysteries than the questions she has about her Christian faith. [Dot Connor: Web Detective :: RightNow Media](#)

## 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. To have your child join us for this year's Sunday School please fill out the registration

form at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/SSregisterate24>. If you have any questions, please contact [tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org).

11/17: This week we will be learning that God values people and so we value people. We will read 1 Samuel 24 & 26 as we look at the story of David values Saul's life.

## Rooted Women

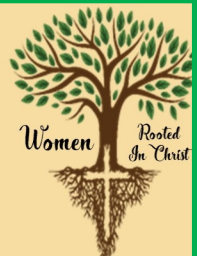
### Advent by Candlelight

Sunday December 8, 2023

6:30PM



Join us as we prepare our hearts & minds this Advent as Dr. Paavola speaks on "The Gifts that Last"



Please Sign Up Here: <https://tinyurl.com/AdventbyCandlelight24>



## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	17-Nov	24-Nov
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00, <b>JiVE sings @ 9:30</b>	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00, Middle School Youth, 3pm
Monday	18-Nov	25-Nov
	Children's Choir, 3:15 6 Boys BB Practice (3:15-4:45) 7/8 Girls BB Practice (4:45-6:15) Archery Practice 6:15-7:45 Worship @ 6:30pm	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>
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Tuesday	19-Nov	26-Nov
	5/6 Girls BB Practice (3:15-4:45) 5 Boys BB Practice (4:45-6:15) 7/8 Boys BB Practice (6:15-7:45)	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>
Wednesday	20-Nov	27-Nov
	<b>CHAPEL - Kindergarten (Nauta)</b> 3/4 Girls BB Practice (3:15-4:45) 7/8 Girls BB Practice (4:45-6:15) 5/6 Girls & 6 Boys BB Practice (6:15-7:45)	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Thanksgiving Break Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 4:30 Traditional Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 6:30 Contemporary
Thursday	21-Nov	28-Nov
	PreK/K Thanksgiving Feast 3-6 POMS Practice (3:15-4:45) 7/8 Girls & 5 Boys BB Practice (4:45-6:15) 7/8 Boys BB Practice (6:15-7:45)	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>Worship Service 9:30am</b>
		
Friday	22-Nov	29-Nov
	PreK/K Thanksgiving Feast 3/4 Boys BB Practice (3:15-4:45) Archery Practice (4:45-6:15) 7/8 Boys Practice (4:45-6:15)	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>
Saturday	23-Nov	30-Nov
	Worship at 5:00pm;	Worship at 5:00pm;