



# 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*

## Accessible or Available?

This week I was reviewing some of my notes and observations from my period of sabbatical and there was one line that I wrote which jumped out to me. After a few weeks without email and cell phone contact and after reading about technology and the way it affects our relationships (for my Doctor of Ministry project), I wrote the following words: We are more accessible than ever, but we are not more meaningfully available.

With the devices that we have, we are now readily accessible 24/7. We can work from anywhere at any time. We can catch up with people from around the globe at the drop of a hat. Our days are constantly interrupted by the “dings” and vibrations and sounds which signal that someone is reaching out to us. We are incredibly accessible.

But I think this accessibility makes us less available... especially to the people right in front of us. How often do we neglect the people before us or give them our half-hearted attention because we are glued to our devices, feeling the need to stay accessible? (And I am certainly pointing the finger at myself here, too!) Perhaps it is time that we pledge ourselves to become a little less accessible, so that we might be more meaningfully available to the people God has placed around us. More meals without devices, more limitations on when we can be reached, more resistance to answering a request that can honestly wait a few hours or a few days—these are pieces of a path toward a less hurried life and richer relationships.

As we strive to be more available, the Good News of this Christmas season is that God has made Himself 100% available to us. He has always been (and always will be) accessible to us through prayer, but the beauty of Christmas is that He places Himself right in front of us—in our very skin—to be available to us in our greatest needs. And when we feel crushed by the demands of our constant accessibility, we can rest in His readily available presence and take a much needed break. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Anderson

### DECEMBER

13 Fri Band & Choirs Christmas Concert  
14 Sat Pre-K/K Christmas Service  
15 Sun Panther Parent Meeting (4:30pm)  
18 Wed Grades 1-2 Advent Service  
19 Thu Gr. 5-8 Field Trip to Circle B  
23-Jan 3 Christmas Vacation – NO SCHOOL

### JANUARY

6 Mon Classes Resume  
8-17 We-Fr MAP Testing  
9 Thu A Girls Basketball Tournament  
PreK/K Information Night  
Panther Parent Meeting

### Notes from the Principal:



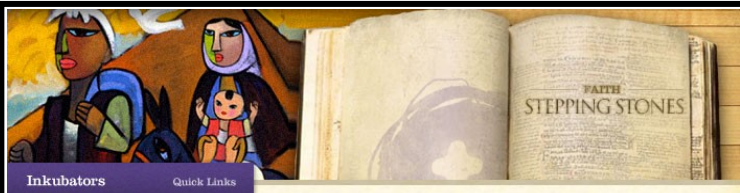
1. Congratulations to the 6th Grade Boys Basketball Team for taking 2nd place at the Living Word Tournament last weekend and the 5th/6th Grade Girls Team for taking 3rd place.
2. Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year is right around the corner. A special PreK & K Information Night is scheduled for Thursday, January 9 at 6:00 pm. Registration for new families will open on January 15. Those interested in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, enrollment will open up February 1.
3. School will be on Christmas Break December 21 through January 5. Merry Christmas to our entire St. Paul family.

**St. Paul Lutheran**  
**Prek & Kindergarten**  
**Information Night**  
**January 9, 2025 @ 6PM**

2025 Registration Begins January 15th

**Enrollment Information**

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## 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 1: Raising a Healthy Baby

This is a class where parents of infants and/or pregnant parents will learn about the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of infants. Parents will also be taught to give their children a nightly blessing. This class will begin on **Wednesday, January 8 at 6PM in the youth room and run through Wednesday, January 22.**

Check out the link to sign up [tinyurl.com/FaithStone1](http://tinyurl.com/FaithStone1) or for more information contact Tracy at [tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org).

### Stone 2: Raising a Healthy Preschooler

You are invited to join us for Stone 2: Raising a Healthy Preschooler. In this class there will be three sessions on physical, emotional and spiritual needs of preschoolers. Parents are also taught how to do a nightly blessing and prayer as a family faith practice. This class will meet in the youth room and run

**Wednesday, February 5, 12, and 19 from 6-7:15pm.**

Check out the link to sign up [tinyurl.com/FaithStones2](http://tinyurl.com/FaithStones2) or for more information contact Tracy at [tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org).

**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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## ST. PAUL ADVENT + CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Wednesday Advent 6:30pm  
 December 4; Grades 5-8  
 December 11; Grades 3-4  
 December 18; Grades 1-2

Pre-K & Kindergarten  
 Christmas Service  
 Saturday, December 14  
 9am & 10:30am

Lessons & Carols  
 Adult Music Groups  
 Saturday, December 7; 5pm  
 Sunday, December 8; 8am  
 Soloists & Small Groups  
 Sunday, December 8  
 9:30am, 11am

Weekend of December 22  
 Saturday 5pm  
 Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am

Christmas Eve  
 Tuesday, December 24  
 12pm, 2pm Traditional  
 4pm Contemporary  
 7pm, 11pm Candlelight



Christmas Day  
 Wednesday, December 25  
 9:30am Traditional/Communion

Weekend of December 29  
 Saturday 5pm  
 Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am

New Year's Eve  
 Tuesday, December 31  
 5pm Traditional/Communion

No Monday Night Services November 25 - December 30. Resumes January 6, 2025.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased. Luke 2:14

**THANK YOU** for all your help! The Panther Parents would like to thank everyone that helped brighten the Christmas season for so many families right here in our community. Without your generosity, these families would not have had much this Christmas. Thank you and have a very Merry Christmas!



## Christian Day School Singing Schedule



Fri.	Dec. 13	9:00/6:30	Band/Choirs Christmas Concert
Sat.	Dec. 14	9:00/10:30	Pre-K/Kind. Service
Sun.	Dec. 15	11:00 am	Children's Choir
Wed.	Dec. 18	6:30 pm	Gr. 1-2 Advent/Christmas
Sat.	Jan. 18	5:00 pm	Children's Choir
<b>Lutheran School's Week</b>			
Sun.	Jan. 26	8:00 am	(K-8) Last name A-K Sing With JiVE
		9:30 am	(K-8) Last name L-Z Sing
Sun.	Feb. 2	8:00 am	PraisePower
Sat.	Feb. 8	5:00 pm	JiVE
Sat.	Feb. 15	5:00 pm	Gr. K-1 Sings
Sat.	Mar. 1	5:00 pm	Gr. 6-8 Sing w/ Concert Band
Wed.	Mar. 5	4:30 pm	PraisePower
Sun.	Mar. 9	9:30 am	Children's Choir
Sun.	Mar. 16	8:00 am	JiVE
Wed.	Mar. 19	4:30 pm	JuBellate
Wed.	Apr. 2	4:30 pm	Children's Choir
Wed.	Apr. 9	4:30 pm	JiVE



**UNIT THREE >>> STRESS LESS-BREATHE EASY  
CONNECT THROUGH CONVERSATION**

**>>> UNIT THREE <<<**

We all have times in life when we feel stressed and anxious. When we are stressed it affects our minds, emotions, and bodies. This month's third Friendzy unit equips students with strategies to stay calm when stress and anxiety arise. Students will learn tools to help them work through stress and uncertainty.

**>>> CONVERSATION STARTERS <<<**

> Can you remember a time when you experienced stress

**KEY VERSES**

LOOK AT THE BIRDS. THEY DON'T PLANT OR HARVEST OR STORE FOOD IN BARN, FOR YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER FEEDS THEM. AND AREN'T YOU FAR MORE VALUABLE TO HIM THAN THEY ARE? CAN ALL YOUR WORRIES ADD A SINGLE MOMENT TO YOUR LIFE?  
MATTHEW 6:26-27

"GIVE ALL YOUR WORRIES AND CARES TO GOD, FOR HE CARES ABOUT YOU."  
1 PETER 5:7

or anxiety? What happened and what was your response?

- > What tools and strategies have you learned in this unit to overcome stressful situations? Remember and utilize the C.A.L.M. acronym taught in this unit.
- > What is a strategy for stress that you can put into place this week in your life?

**C.A.L.M. TO CALM**



Try taking 5 deep breaths. Inhale slowly and deeply through your nose.



When you are stressed, it's a great idea to move our bodies to release nervous energy and clear our brains.



Listen to your feelings and present them to God.



Stop the stress by intentionally making an interruption in it.



FRIENDZY

UNIT 3 | C.A.L.M. TO CALM

**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@splgrafton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org)



**12/22:** Enjoy Christmas break!

**1/12:** Join us this week as we play the floor is lava. We will also have a short devotion and enjoy some snacks together. Hope to see you there!

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH SCRIP**



With gift cards from more than **750 top brands**, find gifts for everyone on your list! **The travelers** (Kwik Trip, BP, Mobil, Speedway). **The foodies** (Culver's, Noodles, Qdoba, Panera, Eaton's, Buffalo Wild Wings). **The caffeine aficionados** (Starbucks). **The trendsetters** (TJMaxx, Ulta, Target, Dick's Sporting Goods, Walmart). **The home improvement DIYers** (Home Depot, Menards, Fleet Farm) and the on **the fly-ers** (Amazon). Plus so much more! Our final order before the Christmas holiday will be placed on **Friday, December 20 at 8:30am!**

Questions? Contact Meagan Steinke at 262-377-4659.

**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/SSregistrate24>. If you have any questions, please contact [tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org).

**12/15:** This week we will be learning that Jesus is humble, so we show humility. We will read Luke 2:1-7 as we look at the story of Jesus born in a stable.

**12/22:** No Sunday school this week. Merry Christmas!

**NIGHT OF PRAISE  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025**

**6:30PM-7:15PM  
FLC for REFRESHMENTS**

**7:15PM-8:15PM  
SANCTUARY for PRAISE & SING  
- freewill offering -**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF  
FELLOWSHIP, MUSIC & PRAISE!  
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT STUDENTS ATTENDING THE  
LUTHERAN YOUTH GATHERING  
IN SUMMER 2025 IN NEW ORLEANS.**

**\*CHILD CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE.  
\$5 PER CHILD OR \$10 MAX PER FAMILY\***

**PLEASE CONTACT STACEY MAMMEN WITH QUESTIONS  
262-689-8494**

# Middle School Youth Christmas Party



The St. Paul Panther Parents would like to **THANK EVERYONE** who put even a morsel of time and effort into the Christmas Cookie Walk!!

We are proud to share that the Cookie Walk was a success! It was exciting to see a huge line waiting before we opened. We appreciate the continued support that takes care of our students here at St. Paul!

As you enjoy your holiday treats, we wish you all a loving, joyful, &

## 2024 Cookie Walk



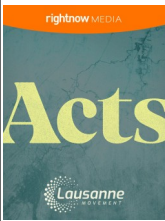
# RightNow Media

RightNow Media is the world's largest video-streaming library of biblical resources. Every person in our church can access Biblically-based videos on topics like marriage, parenting, youth, recovery, leadership, finances and much more. You can also choose from more than 2,000 wholesome, educational, and entertaining videos in the RightNow Media library designed specially for children. Stream them at home or on the go with the RightNow Media app. To sign up via **Online Registration**:



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.

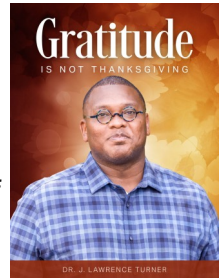
Already signed up to use RightNow Media, but looking for some ideas of what to watch?



**Acts** by Francis Chan, Anne Zaki, Chadwick Mohan, Anand Mahadevan, and Kwasi Amofo  
In this compelling six-part series from the book of Acts, church leaders from nations around the world equip us to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Join Francis Chan, Anne Zaki, Chadwick Mohan, Anand Mahadevan, Jorge Salazar, and Kwasi Amofo, and be inspired to lead as servants, overcome opposition in community, face persecution with boldness, and reframe your workplace as your mission field. [Acts :: RightNow Media](#)

## **Gratitude Is Not Thanksgiving** by Jason Turner

The only appropriate response to the faithfulness and goodness of God is GRATITUDE. In this study, Pastor Jason Turner will convey a biblical understanding of the necessity for authentic gratitude in the life of a faithful follower of Jesus. Jason will explore how we express it to God and communicate it to those through whom God works to bring about His good and perfect will for our lives. Gratitude is a worshipful disposition toward a good and gracious God. Jason will explore four main characteristics of what gratitude is not in moving us to understanding that gratitude is something that Christ Followers should model in their everyday life. [Gratitude Is Not Thanksgiving :: RightNow Media](#)

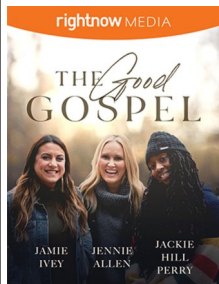
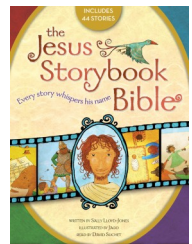


## **Fire and Faithfulness** by Sadie Robertson Huff (youth)

We live in a world that doesn't care what God wants. Sure, they may not say it that way, but the messages that parade across social media declare that God's way just isn't worth it. But as Christians, we're committed to following Jesus in every aspect of our lives. Is it possible to live—or maybe even thrive—as a believer in our world today? In this four-session series with Sadie Robertson Huff, discover the lost art of faithfulness in the face of a world that wants nothing to do with God. Trek through the story of four young Israelites who, when ripped from their homes, faced a choice: remain faithful followers in a foreign land, or bow before an empire that hated God. [Fire and Faithfulness :: RightNow Media](#)

## **The Jesus Storybook Bible** (ages 5 and under)

The Jesus Storybook Bible tells the Story beneath all the stories in the Bible. At the center of the Story is a baby, the child upon whom everything will depend. Every story whispers his name. From Noah to Moses to the great King David—every story points to him. The Jesus Storybook Bible invites children to join in the greatest of all adventures, to discover for themselves that Jesus is at the center of God's great story of salvation—and at the center of their Story too. [The Jesus Storybook Bible :: RightNow Media](#)



## **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](#)



## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	15-Dec	22-Dec
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00, <b>Children's Choir sings @ 11</b> 7/8 Boys & Girls BB Tournament @ Living Word Panther Parent Meeting, 4:30pm	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00,
Monday	16-Dec	23-Dec
	BB vs. Brookfield Christian; 5B-4:30, 6B-5:30, 7/8B-6:30 BB @ Brookfield Christian; 5/6G-4:30, 7/8G-5:30	 Daycare CLOSED <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Christmas Vacation</b>
Tuesday	17-Dec	24-Dec
		<b>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES</b> <b>12pm, 2pm—Traditional</b> <b>4pm—Contemporary</b> <b>7pm, 11pm—Candlelight</b> 
Wednesday	18-Dec	25-Dec
	<b>CHAPEL - Gr. 1-2 Christmas Program</b> 8:25am/6:30pm	 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b>
Thursday	19-Dec	26-Dec
	Gr. 5-8 Field Trip to Circle B BB @ St. John WB; 5G-4:30, 6G-5:30, 7/8G-6:30 BB vs. St. John WB; 5B-4:30, 6B-5:30, 7/8B-6:30	Daycare CLOSED <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Christmas Vacation</b>
Friday	20-Dec	27-Dec
	<b>Last Day of Classes</b>	Daycare CLOSED <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Christmas Vacation</b>
Saturday	21-Dec	28-Dec
	Worship at 5:00pm;	Worship at 5:00pm;

# Christmas CONCERT

LIVING WORD  
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 4:00 PM

AT FIRST IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

W67N622 EVERGREEN BLVD | CEDARBURG, WI

FEATURING:  
basiC, Concert Choir, Concert Band,  
Symphonic Band, Una Voce

DIRECTORS:  
Mr. Zachary Roeglin  
Ms. Katharine Wierschem

ACCOMPANIST:  
Ms. Valerie Bremer

"THIS WILL BE A SIGN FOR YOU: YOU  
WILL FIND A BABY WRAPPED IN  
SWADDLING CLOTHES AND LYING IN A  
MANGER" LUKE 2:12

"Come to the Manger"

Join us for "Come to the Manger" on Sunday, December 15th, at 4:00 PM at First Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cedarburg. Featuring basiC, Concert Choir, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Una Voce.

Free admission – all are welcome!



Building Tomorrow's  
T-Wolves Today!

## INTEREST SURVEY

for incoming 5th-8th graders

### YOUTH PROGRAMS



Girls Volleyball

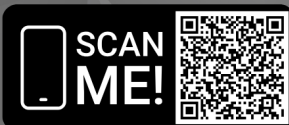
Football



Ski Club



Band / Choir



Complete the survey if  
you're interested in  
learning more!

Living Word Lutheran is exploring youth program opportunities for incoming 5th–8th graders!

Potential programs include Girls Volleyball, Football, Ski Club, and Band/Choir.

If you're interested in getting more information or possibly joining next fall, please complete our survey.

[INTEREST SURVEY LINK](#)



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

# Youth DANCE CLINIC

1-DAY CLINIC

Sunday, January 26  
2:30-5:30 PM @ LWLHS

PERFORM ON

Tuesday, January 28  
Arrive at 6:00 PM  
Performance around 7:35 PM

Halftime of Varsity Girls  
Basketball Game

Pink Theme!

OPEN TO GIRLS IN  
2ND-8TH GRADE

\$40 (includes shirt)

Register online at...

[LWLHS.COM/EVENTS](http://LWLHS.COM/EVENTS)

Girls in 2nd-8th grade are invited to participate in a fun-filled 1-Day Dance Clinic with a Pink Theme at Living Word!

### [REGISTRATION LINK](#)

#### 1-Day Clinic Info:

When: Sunday, January 26

Time: 2:30–5:30 PM

Where: Living Word Lutheran High School

#### Performance Info:

Participants will perform at the halftime show of the Varsity Girls Basketball Game on Tuesday, January 28.

Arrival Time: 6:00 PM

Performance: Around 7:35 PM

Cost: \$40 (includes a clinic T-shirt and dinner the night of the performance)

The incoming freshman application is now OPEN and our early application discount window is closing soon!

To apply online, visit [www.lwlhs.com/apply](http://www.lwlhs.com/apply). **If you apply before December 31, you'll receive a \$450 tuition credit.**

Use our [Admissions Checklist](#) to stay updated on your application process.

Our mission is to make an education at Living Word [affordable](#) for all families. We do this through a variety of programs:

- Wisconsin & Milwaukee Choice Program SNSP voucher for students with IEPs
- Association Church assistance program
- Tuition Assistance through Living Word Lutheran High School

In short, we will work with your family to make an education at LW affordable!

