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January 10, 2025

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

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Happy New Year!!

It is the beginning of a new year and I am wondering what this new year will bring? I looked on the internet to see the most common resolutions people make since many people talk about New Year's Resolutions. The top five were: save more money, eat healthier, exercise more, lose weight, spend more time with family and friends. Saving more money was number one which surprised me and I was happy to see spending more time with family and friends made the top five. The others were not big surprises. What did surprise me was of the 1050 Americans surveyed, 43% said I am not making a resolution.

Thinking about the new year also reminded me of the Back to the Future movies and in number two, Doc and Marty travel from 1985 thirty years to the future, which is 2015. At that time, they envisioned there would be flying cars, hoverboards, self-tying shoes, pizza rehydration, and a lot of voice activated items. Now 2015 has come and gone and most of the things they imagined did not become reality.

In 1985, did I think there would be phones you could fit in your back pocket and walk around with no cord? Absolutely not. Did I think I would have a computer I could walk around with and put in my lap? No way. Could I access information from my computer on something called the Internet? Not a chance. It is 2025 and we definitely have come a long way. Although many things have changed, Jesus our Lord has not and His promises still hold true today.

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths"

<u>Isaiah 40:31</u> "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint"

Mrs. Shelby Nauta, Kindergarten Teacher

JANU	ARY	
8-17	We-Fr	MAP Testing
9	Thu	A Girls Basketball Tournament
		PreK/K Information Night
		Panther Parent Meeting
11	Sat	5 th /7 th Round Robin BB Tournament
12	Sun	A Girls Basketball Tournament
	Fri	End 2 nd Quarter
20-24	Mo-Fr	Pre-K Parent/Teacher Conferences
22	Wed	Chapel – 1 st Grade (Boyce)
23-24	Th-Fr	K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
24	Fri	NO SCHOOL
25-26	Sa-Su	B Boys Basketball Tournament
26-31	Su-Sa	National Lutheran Schools Week
FEBR	UARY	
6	Thu	Panther Parent Meeting
	8-17 9 11 12 17 20-24 22 23-24 24 25-26 26-31	9 Thu 11 Sat 12 Sun 17 Fri 20-24 Mo-Fr 22 Wed 23-24 Th-Fr 24 Fri 25-26 Sa-Su

PreK Day with Dudes Chapel – 1st Grade (Pingel)

A Boys Basketball Tournament

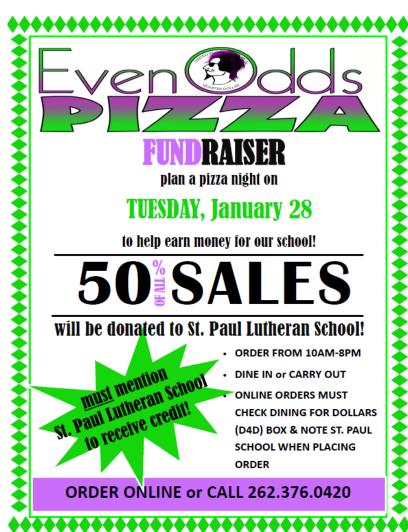
1/2 Day of School 11:40am Dismissal

Chapel – 4th Grade (Steiner)

NO 3&4Pre-K AM Classes PM classes attend in AM NO SCHOOL (Winter Break) End of 2nd Trimester

Notes from the Principal:

- 1. Registration for the 2025-26 school year opens up for new families on Wednesday, January 15. Please contact the school office for more information. Registration for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program will open up February 1.
- 2. Basketball season is in full swing and we are hosting tournaments January 25-26 and February 14-16. We could use help working the scorer's book, clock, taking tickets, and in the concession stand. If interested in helping, please contact Mr. Kell at jeremy.kell@splgrafton.org.
- 3. Congratulations to Mrs. Hilary Collins for completing her Colloguy and being able to accept a Call to continue her service as 4K teacher here at St. Paul. Mrs. Collins was commissioned during chapel on January 8.





Approved Calendar Dates 2025-26 School Year

<u>Date</u>	Day of Week	<u>Event</u>
August 14 August 21 August 25 August 29 September 1 October 6-8 October 31 November 21 November 24-28 Dec. 22 – Jan. 2 January 30 February 20 February 23 March 6 March 30 – April 6 May 22 May 25 May 29 June 5 June 12	Thursday Thursday Monday Friday Monday MonWed. Friday Friday MonFri. MonFri. Friday Friday Monday Friday Monday Friday Monday Friday Monday Friday Friday Monday Friday	Teachers Report Orientation Day First Day of Classes No School (Labor Day Weekend) Labor Day No School Outdoor Education (7 th) No School End of 1 st Trimester Thanksgiving Break – No School Christmas Break – No School Parent/Teacher Conferences – No classes Half Day – 11:40 dismissal – Winter Break No School – Winter Break End of 2 nd Trimester / Interest Day Spring Break / Easter Monday – No School Half Day – 11:40 dismissal – Memorial Day Weekend Memorial Day – No School PreK Closing Service K-8 Closing School Service / 10 am dismissal / Graduation Teachers Last Day

EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER UPDATE

As we begin the new year. There is steady progress on our ministry expansion project. In the last month, the committees reported the following:

Building Committee:

- Second floor concrete slab has been poured.
- Exterior wall framing has been completed.

During the next 30 days

- Interior wall framing will begin.
- Exterior wall sheathing will be installed, then air/weather barrier.
- Roofing will begin.
- Interior mechanicals will get started.

Finance Committee:

- Cumulatively to date, St. Paul has paid nearly \$1.7 toward the construction of the new building to its architect and general contractor.
- Over \$1.5 million in promissory notes have been issued by St. Paul to date. For those that remain interested, we are continuing to issue promissory notes. Please reach out to the Finance Office to learn more.
- We have addressed the final information requests from Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) and anticipate being able to close on financing through LCEF.
- At the end of December, St. Paul had more than \$2.0 million of funds on hand to satisfy construction costs for the next few months.
- Please reach out to Jason Hasenstein (jason.hasenstein@splgrafton.org) with any questions or if you would like a more in depth review of the new building related finances.

Please continue to visit the Every Generation Faithful Together website for more information. splgrafton.org/faithfultogether

On Sunday, January 26 at the 8am and 9:30am worship services, St. Paul will be recognizing the following staff members for significant years of service to St. Paul.



Kim Edgar 30 years



Alan Wellna 15 years



Lisa Frinzi 25 years



Martha Witt 15 years



Jeremy Kell 25 years



Heidi McNabb 10 years



GENERATION

FAITHFUL

TOGETHER



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 or for more information contact Tracy at 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 or for more information contact Tracy at 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:

Amy Steiner: amy.steiner@splgrafton.org

Jenny Clemens: jennifer.clemens@splgrafton.org

Lisa Frinzi: lisa.frinzi@splgrafton.org

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Rachel Nelsen: rachel.nelsen@splgrafton.org

Amy Schumacher: amy.schumacher@splgrafton.org

<u>Accepting Endowment Fund Grant</u> Applications - Fiscal Year 2025-2026

In accordance with the distribution policy and bylaws of the St. Paul Endowment Fund, a total of \$42,400 will be available to distribution from the St. Paul Endowment Fund during the 2025-2026 fiscal year (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026). Endowment grant applications are now being accepted by the St. Paul Endowment Committee. A copy of the endowment grant application is available through the St. Paul Endowment website (https:// www.splgrafton.org/church/endowment/), in the St. Paul Finance Office, or by contacting Jason Hasenstein, Director of Finance. One of St. Paul's Boards must sponsor each endowment grant application. Please direct any questions regarding endowment grant applications and/or submit any grant applications to Jason Hasenstein, Director of Finance. Grant funds will be distributed as long as endowment funds remain available in the fiscal year.

Endowment Fund Committee:

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Travis Keshemberg tlkcfa@me.com
Sue Putterman sue@sehmercpa.com
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Wayne Wiertzema wwiertzema1@gmail.com

Advertising Space is available in the tournament book for the St. Paul Invitational A Boys' Basketball Tournament being held the weekend of February 14-16, 2025. This tournament provides a great deal of funding for the Athletic Department, for gym classes, and teams. If you are interested ad in the book for your business for a nominal

gym classes, and teams. If you are interested in placing an ad in the book for your business for a nominal fee, please contact Mrs. Diane Schumann, ext. 133, by Wednesday, January 22. Thank you for your support!

Christian Day School Singing Schedule



Sat. Jan. 18 5:00 pm Lutheran School's Week		•	Children's Choir	
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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	
Sun.	Apr. 13	8:00 am	(K-8) Last name L-Z Sing With JuBellate	



UNIT FOUR >>> BOUNCE BACK CONNECT THROUGH CONVERSATION

>>> UNIT FOUR <<<
This Friendzy unit is all about resilience. Resilience is a person's ability to bounce back in response to hard or challenging times. It is working through things that are hard and not giving up. This unit teaches students to understand the concept and importance of resilience and develop skills that will help them bounce back from

KEY VERSES

"BEING CONFIDENT OF THIS, THAT HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL CARRY IT ON TO COMPLETION UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS."

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

"EVEN YOUTHS GROW TIRED AND WEARY, AND YOUNG MEN STUMBLE AND FALL; BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH."

>>> CONVERSATION STARTERS <<<

- > How has God given you the ability to bounce back when things are difficult? How are you remaining hopeful?
- > Who are the people in your life that help you to be resilient and bounce back?
- > Take some time to remember the 4 R's of Resilience taught in this unit. Which of the Four R's of Resilience are you good at? Which do you need to work on? Explain.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT Save the Date!

JANUARY 24 6PM MORE
DETAILS TO
COME AFTER
THE NEW YEAR

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

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!

1/26: We will be hearing a devotion and playing "Bad Bible Translator." As always you won't want to miss the snacks.

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.

1/5: Join us as we learn that God is our provider so we depend on him and hear about God providing for Elijah in 1 Kings 17:1-6.





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.

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

PLEASE CONTACT STACEY MAMMEN WITH QUESTIONS 262-689-8494



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

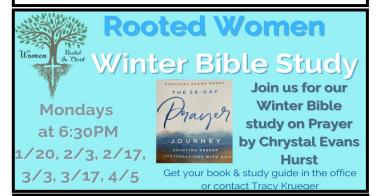


Sunday	12-Jan	19-Jan
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00,	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00,
	Middle School Youth, 3pm	3rd-5th Grade Open Gym (3:00-4:30pm)
	7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Home	7/8 Boys BB Tournament @ Mount Olive Appleton
		5/6 Girls BB Tournament @ Good Shepherd WB
Monday	13-Jan	20-Jan
	MAP Testing	PreK Parent/Teacher Conferences
	Children's Choir, 3:15p	Children's Choir, 3:15p
	BB vs. St. John Plymouth; 5/6G-4:30, 6B-5:30 BB vs. St. John Plymouth; 7/8G-6:30, 7/8B-7:30	BB @ Bethelehem Sheboygan; 5/6G-4:30, 6B-5:30 BB @ Bethelehem Sheboygan; 7/8G-6:30, 7/8B-7:30
Tuesday	14-Jan	21-Jan
	MAP Testing	PreK Parent/Teacher Conferences
Wednesday	15-Jan	22-Jan
	MAP Testing	PreK Parent/Teacher Conferences
	CHAPEL	CHAPEL - 1st Grade (Boyce)
		BB vs. FIL; 5G-4:15, 6G-5:15
		BB vs. FIL; 7/8G(B)-6:15, 7/8G(A)-7:15
		BB @ FIL; 5B-4:15, 6B-5:15, 7/8B-6:15
Thursday	16-Jan	23-Jan
	MAP Testing	
	BB vs. Trinity Freistadt; 5/6G-4:15, 5B-5:15	Pre-K & K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
	BB vs. Trinity Freistadt; 7/8G-6:15, 7/8B-7:15	7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Hales Corners
Friday	17-Jan	24-Jan
	MAP Testing	
	End of 2nd Quarter	Pre-K & K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
	BB @ Peace Hartford; 6B-6:00, 7/8G-7:00	NO SCHOOL
	7/8 Boys BB Tournament @ Mount Olive Appleton	7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Hales Corners
Saturday	18-Jan	25-Jan
	7/8 Boys BB Tournament @ Mount Olive Appleton	7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Hales Corners
	5/6 Girls BB Tournament @ Good Shepherd WB	6 Boys BB Tournament @ Home
	Worship at 5:00pm; Children's Choir sings	Worship at 5:00pm;

All 3rd-5th grades are invited to an afternoon of open gym on Sunday, January 19 from 3-4:30pm. We will meet in the gym for fun and lots of high energy activities. We will close our time



together with snacks and a short devotion. Sign up here to join the fun: tinyurl.com/opengym3-5



Please join Rooted Women as we dive into a 5 session study on prayer beginning January 20. We'll be using the study The 28 Day Prayer Journey by Chrystal Evans Hurst. Together we'll explore the 4 postures of prayer: Thanksgiving & Praise, Repentance, Asking, & Yielding. Hope you can join us as we join in a prayer journey to increase and change our conversations with God. Books/Workbooks available in the office or contact Tracy Krueger tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org



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



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

OPEN TO GIRLS IN **2ND-8TH GRADE**

\$40 (includes shirt) Register online at...

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.

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!



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

Faith Moves: Leaving Comfort for Your Calling by W. Seth Martin

To honor God, we must be willing to decisively step into the unknown. Why? Because the greatest hindrances to us walking into our destiny are complacency and familiarity. Many of us have audacious, God-given dreams, but fear and uncertainty aim to discourage us from pursuing them. This series is designed to deal with the voices that plague our mind, tempting us to play it safe. Whether it's family, relationships, financial security, or past successes, Faith Moves encourages us to abandon our need for security and venture into the unknown. It crystallizes the reality that faith isn't stagnant but active. God wants you to break free from comfortable surroundings to experience his divine calling for your life. So, take a leap of faith! You'll find that your destiny is waiting for you when you leave familiarity and live by faith. Faith Moves: Leaving Comfort for Your Calling:: RightNow Media



Live Well by Dave Smith

Wellbeing isn't just a trendy, twenty-first century buzzword. It originates in the heart of God. This timely – and timeless – five-part series is centered on God's plan for your wellbeing. Dave Smith takes a holistic, biblical approach to how to live with shalom – wellbeing in every area of life – exploring six different but interrelated areas of our lives – physical, emotional, spiritual, relational, financial, and vocational wellbeing. Live Well: RightNow Media

The Gospel According to Isaiah By Jon Kehrer

Jon Kehrer (Old Testament and biblical languages professor at Ozark Christian College) will teach the good news about Jesus according to what Isaiah has to say. Jon will show the glorious picture of what God laid out for us in the coming of the Messiah and how his coming can transform our lives today.

The Gospel According to Isaiah - Jon Kehrer



Drive Thru History® - BIBLE BACKROADS™ (ages 8-12)

BIBLE BACKROADS™ is a new show from Drive Thru History®, which explores the people, places, and events of the New Testament. Hosted by Dave Stotts, each series is designed as a Bible teaching tool for churches, schools, and families. The home base for the show is Dave's Garage™, a state-of-the-art, extended reality lair where almost anything is possible. In addition to using maps, timelines, animations and artifacts in his garage, Dave goes on-location to Israel and the Mediterranean region for many of his adventures. BIBLE BACKROADS™ was created as a non-denominational resource, which focuses on Bible history, archaeology, and apologetics, while encouraging viewers to dig deeper into the scriptures themselves. Drive Thru History® - BIBLE BACKROADS™ :: 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



Isaiah

NEXT ?

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL MOTHER/SON ROCKIN'



hruary 7

when Friday, February 7 7:00-8:30 pm

WHERE Circle B Recreation Center

6261 Wisconsin Hwy 60, Cedarburg, Wil 53012

GRADES: 3PREK THROUGH 5TH

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY!!

\$11.00 Per Person REGISTRATION DUE BY: Wlednesday, January 29

FEATURING

- 1.5 hours of bowling
- Shoe rental
- Snacks
- Soda (1 per person)
- Give-away-bag

REGISTRATION FORM	
Names:	
Grades of students:	
Cost: Attendees * \$11.00 = (checks payabl	to St. Paul Lutheran School)
Request Bumpers: Yes or No (circle one) We will do our best to gi	ve bumpers if available
Request of other family whom you would like to share a lane with	(if possible):
REGISTRATION MUST BE RETURNED BY WEDNESD	Y, JANUARY 29

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED DUE TO NUMBER OF PEOPLE