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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***

Endure

In an CNN sports article titled “*The Remarkable Journey of Kenya’s Distance Running Superstars*”, it begins “*Kenya is the pre-eminent Olympic nation in Africa. Kenyan runners boast more gold medals than any other African nation across all sports. The rise of its athletes has inspired Kenya and the world, with runners like Eliud Kipchoge redefining our understanding of human potential.*” (Coppack, 2024) *This is an amazing feat! These Kenyan athletes are special. They have run the race with ENDURANCE!*

Endure is the theme for our Lutheran Schools Week Celebration. It is also the theme for the upcoming Lutheran Youth Gathering this summer. From Hebrews 12:1-3 it states, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, **and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us**, 2 *looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.* 3 **Consider him who endured** from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.”

Notice how often the word Endure is written in these three verses. The author wanted us to look to Jesus who endured the ultimate sacrifice for us. This example allows us to endure through any problem or situation that we have ahead of us. Jesus is the founder and perfecter of our faith. Because of this, we can Endure! Jesus has got us!

Lutheran Schools have endured for hundreds of years throughout our country. This week we celebrate God’s work among us in our 1,800 schools all over the nation. We have been journeying to Kenya through our Gospel Adventures and we have been learning so much about how God is at work in that nation.

What a privilege we have to provide great education while sharing Jesus’ amazing love! So whether you are dealing with medical issues, money problems, social dilemmas, or running a race for the gold medal, Jesus is with us! Through any trouble, we can Endure!

*Psalm 8:1
O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens*

Mrs. Jenny Clemens, 3rd Grade Teacher

Coppack, S., Tewell, T., Lee, W. (2024). From grassroots to glory: The remarkable journey of Kenya’s distance running superstars. CNN Sports. <https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2024/sport/kenya-distance-running-superstars/#>.

FEBRUARY

6	Thu	Panther Parent Meeting
7	Fri	PreK Day with Dudes
12	Wed	Chapel – 1 st Grade (Pingel)
14-16	Fr-Su	A Boys Basketball Tournament
19	Wed	Chapel – 4 th Grade (Steiner)
21	Fri	1/2 Day of School 11:40am Dismissal NO 3&4 Pre-K AM Classes PM classes attend in AM
24	Mon	NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)
28	Fri	End of 2 nd Trimester

Notes from the Principal:



1. Congratulations to the A Girls Basketball Teams for taking home the Consolation Championship trophy last weekend at the Hales Corners Tournament. In just two weeks we will be hosting the 63rd Annual St. Paul Classic for our A Boys. Sixteen teams will be competing in the three day tournament. Lots of helping hands will make this tournament a huge success. If interested in helping, please sign up on these sites: Book or Clock: <https://tinyurl.com/u4yf2wk5> or Concessions & Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/3f9hmtff>
2. Enrollment through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program opens on February 3. Please call the school office with questions.
3. This past week we celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week. Thank you to everyone that makes faith based education a reality here at St. Paul.

Father Daughter Dance 2025

BEACH PARTY!

All girls 3PreK- 5th grade along with their dad, grandpa, uncle or other special friend are invited to dance the night away!

January 31, 2025
7:00pm - 8:30pm
St. Paul Family Life Center
 Tickets will be available for purchase Jan. 20-24 before school at the main entrances from 8:00am - 8:15am or after school in the school office.

The cost is \$15.00 per family. After January 24, tickets will cost \$20.

for more info contact diane.schumann@splgraffton.org

St. Paul 7/8 Grade Boys Tournament Feb. 14-16

St. Paul is hosting a 16 team tournament Feb. 14-16. We have teams coming from across Wisconsin and Northern Illinois. In order for this to be a great tournament and wonderful experience for the teams that are attending we need your help. It takes an army of volunteers to make this a successful and enjoyable tournament. Also all the money raised goes right back into our Athletic Program and Physical Education classes. Help is needed in ticket sales, concessions, scorebook and clock.
 Book & Clock Sign-Up: [HERE](#)
 Tickets & Concessions Sign-Up: [HERE](#)

LHS TUITION ASSISTANCE INFORMATION
2025/2026 Financial Support

If you are thinking of, or will be enrolling your child at Living Word, Milwaukee Lutheran, or Sheboygan Lutheran High Schools for the 2025/2026 school year, St. Paul offers tuition assistance. You must fill out an application in order to be considered to receive tuition assistance from St. Paul Lutheran Church. Application forms are available at the School Office (open 8am through 4pm; Monday through Friday), in the carport entrance and online at: splgraffton.org/church.

Applications are due in the office no later than **Friday, February 28**. Applications received after this date will receive Tuition Assistance only if funds are available.

Questions? Contact the Church Office at 262- 377-4659, Ext. 332.

CANDY GRAM SALE

CANDY GRAMS

It's getting close to Valentine's Day and that means it's time for Candy Grams. Stop by the Gathering Hall between worship services the weekend of February 8 and 9 to purchase our candy grams for the low cost of \$1.00, for your favorite student, your best friend, that special St. Paul employee, or your secret crush.

Starting Thursday, February 6, thru February 13, Candy Grams will be available before school from 8:00-8:15 am near the school entrances. You may also order a Candy Gram by sending an email to: diane.schumann@splgraffton.org with all the information. Don't forget to include the special message you would like attached. The payment for Candy Grams ordered by email, should be dropped off at the school office.

All Candy Grams will be delivered on Friday, February 14. We realize that some preschool classes have their party before the 14th and we will deliver on the days those classes have their Valentine's Day party. We truly appreciate your support of the 8th Grade Washington DC trip.

LOVE

March 8
Walther Christian Academy Choir Host Families Needed

St. Paul will host the Walther Christian Academy Choir from Chicago for a Saturday night in March.

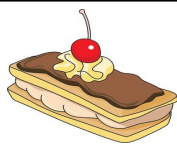
Can you:

- enjoy a concert at St. Paul on Saturday night, March 8 at 6:30pm
- provide a bed and breakfast for 2 - 4 high school students
- take home students after the concert (about 8:30pm) for relaxing Saturday evening
- bring them to St. Paul for worship on Sun, March 9 about 7:30am

Please sign up using tinyurl.com/WaltherChoir2025, calling the reception office or contacting Valerie Bremer by phone (377-4659 x.110) or email (music@splgraffton.org).

Calling All Torte Makers!!

The 63rd St. Paul Invitational Tournament is February 14-16 and we can't serve our delicious tortes without help from you. If you are willing to make a torte, I'll supply you with one or more of the famous recipes. Just call Diane Schumann (377-4659 x133) or email diane.schumann@splgrafton.org and you will be given all the details. Thanks!

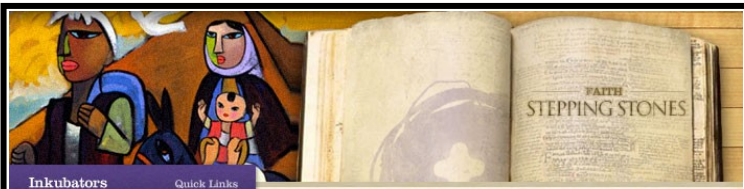


VEGGIES & ICE CREAM

Families are invited to come join us on **Friday, February 7** from **6-7pm** as we watch *Princess and the Popstar*. We will also be making some fun crafts and enjoying some ice cream.



Signup here to join the fun: <https://tinyurl.com/VeggiesFeb25>.



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 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.

Accepting Endowment Fund Grant 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.

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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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Christian Day School Singing Schedule



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
		11:00 am	(K-8) Last name A-K Sing With Concert Band
Sun.	Apr. 27	9:30 am	PraisePower
Thu.	May 8	9, 5:30, 6:30	Spring Band/Choirs Concert



UNIT FOUR >>> BOUNCE BACK
CONNECT THROUGH CONVERSATION

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."
ISAIAH 40:30-31A

>>> UNIT FOUR <<<

This Friendly 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 challenges.

>>> 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.

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



2/9: Join us this week as we go on a scavenger hunt. We will also have a short devotion and enjoy some snacks together. Hope to see you there!

2/23: We will be hearing a devotion and playing two truths and a lie Bible edition. As always you won't want to miss

LUTHERAN HIGH DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



FEBRUARY 21 - 7:00 PM
FEBRUARY 22 - 7:00 PM
FEBRUARY 23 - 2:00 PM

AT THE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT LUTHERANHIGH.COM/PAC
SCAN QR CODE FOR TICKETING INFORMATION



Sponsored and Supported by Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association—A Team of Active 4-H Volunteers.

Ozaukee 4-H Dance
Saturday, February 15

6:00pm to 10:00pm

Open to the Public

- Bring the entire Family!!! There will be music for all ages!!!
- Sally-down the Alley—7:00pm
- Dance off (5th Grade & Younger) -7:30pm
- Mr. & Miss Ozaukee 4-H Court Introductions - 8:00pm
- Dance off (6th Grade & Up) - 8:30pm

Ozaukee Pavilion
Ozaukee County Fairgrounds

Music by: DJ Dan Bichler

Admission is FREE!!!!
There will be a concession stand,
So bring money for some tasty treats!



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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.

2/2: Join us as we learn that God is our creator and as we look at Psalm 139:1-18.

2/9: This week's Bible story is from Luke 1:5-25, 57-66, God hears Zechariah's prayer. We will be learning that God hears our prayers and so we trust his timing.

2/16: This week we will be learning that Jesus is amazing and so we believe in him. We will read John 4:43-54 as we look at the story of Jesus healing an official's son.

2/23: This week's Bible story is from Matthew 5-7, Jesus teaches us to live differently. We will be learning that Jesus is different and so we live differently.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	2-Feb	9-Feb
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00, PraisePower sings @ 8 7/8 Boys & Girls BB Tournament @ Peace Hartford	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00, Middle School Youth, 3pm
Monday	3-Feb	10-Feb
	Children's Choir, 3:15p BB vs. FIL; 5B-4:15, 6B-5:15, 7/8B-6:15 BB @ FIL; 5G-4:15, 6G-5:15, 7/8G(B)-6:15, 7/8G(A)-7:15	Progress Reports Children's Choir, 3:15p BB vs. Aquinas Academy; 5/6G-4:30, 5B-5:30, 7/8B-6:30
Tuesday	4-Feb	11-Feb
		BB @ Brookfield Christian; 7/8G-6:00
Wednesday	5-Feb	12-Feb
	CHAPEL - Living Word Stone 2: Raising a Healthy Preschooler, 6pm	CHAPEL - 1st Grade (Pingel) BB @ Immanuel Brookfield; 5B-4:30, 6B-5:30, 5B-6:30 Stone 2: Raising a Healthy Preschooler, 6pm
Thursday	6-Feb	13-Feb
	BB vs. St. John WB; 5G-4:30, 6G-5:30 BB @ St. John WB; 5B-4:30, 6B-5:30, 7/8B-6:30 Panther Parent Meeting, 6:30pm	
Friday	7-Feb	14-Feb
	PreK Day with Dudes 7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Bethlehem Sheboygan Veggies & Ice Cream, 6pm Mother/Son Bowling, 7pm	7/8 Boys BB Home Tournament
Saturday	8-Feb	15-Feb
	7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Bethlehem Sheboygan Worship at 5:00pm; JiVE sings	7/8 Boys BB Home Tournament Worship at 5:00pm; Gr. K-1 Sings

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**:

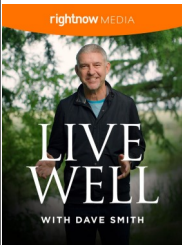
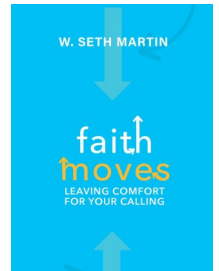


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Already signed up to use RightNow Media, but looking for some ideas of what to watch?

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](#)



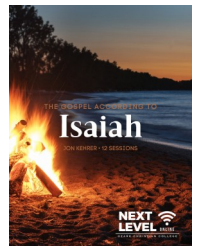
Live Well by Dave Smith

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](#)

