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February 14, 2025

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

Searching for Wisdom

Last week, my students had the opportunity to review the Bible story of the Calling of Matthew. After reading it, rereading it, talking through it, and working through what it means to completely and blindly trust Jesus, we had Pastor Schultz come in. He talked more about this concept and helped us relate our callings in the here and now.

Pastor Schultz gave us three questions to ask ourselves as we listen to the voice of Jesus amidst decisions big and small.

1. What gifts has God given you?
2. What are the needs of those around you? (and how do your gifts support/help)
3. Make a decision (prayerfully) and don't look back (trust God to see you through).

"Proverbs 19:8 Whoever gets sense loves his own soul; he who keeps understanding will discover good."

We might think of wisdom as something that comes naturally from some people, or maybe it comes with cumulative experience over time. Both could be true, certainly. However, Scripture also says that wisdom is something we can go and get from The Word and through prayer! When we ask God for wisdom, He is ready to give it. It is a good challenge for us to learn and actively pursue ways of knowing how to make good decisions with the help of God's Word and prayer.

Trust God with your life; He will not fail you. He has equipped you, sends Godly support to encourage and pray for you, and He will see you through the decision. Don't look back! Look at Jesus and lean into His goodness.

Mrs. Sarah Anderson
4th Grade Teacher



FEBRUARY

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| 14-16 | Fr-Su | A Boys Basketball Tournament |
| 18 | Tue | Winter Sports Pictures (3:15pm) |
| 19 | Wed | Chapel – 4 th Grade (Steiner) Group/Club Pictures |
| 21 | Fri | 1/2 Day of School 11:40am Dismissal NO 3&4Pre-K AM Classes PM classes attend in AM |
| 24 | Mon | NO SCHOOL (Winter Break) |
| 28 | Fri | End of 2 nd Trimester |

MARCH

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| 5 | Wed | ASH WEDNESDAY Chapel – 4 th Grade (Anderson) |
| 6 | Thu | Panther Parent Meeting |
| 7 | Fri | Interest Day – 11:40am Dismissal NO 3&4PK PM Classes Panther Parent Skateland Event |
| 7-9 | Fr-Su | LSA State Basketball Tournament |
| 12 | Wed | Chapel – 8 th Grade (Schumann) |
| 15 | Sat | Archery Tournament |
| 21 | Fri | End of 3 rd Quarter |
| 21 | Fri | Family Day 10:45am Dismissal NO TAKE HOME BUSING |
| 24-28 | Mo-Fr | Spring Break – NO SCHOOL |

Notes from the Principal:



1. Welcome to our guests that are with us this weekend that are participating in the 63rd Annual St. Paul Classic.

2. Our St. Paul Archery Team continues to show improvement. Last weekend at the Hortonville Tournament we had some archers finish in the top 10 in their respective classes: Hunter Z. (7th grade) placed 5th in middle school boys and Ben H. (8th grade) placed 7th. Olivia R. (5th grade) placed 9th in the elementary girls division.

3. Did you know students in our 6th-8th grade are required to do community service every year? One of our 7th graders, Hazel, is working with Versiti and will be hosting a Blood Drive here at St. Paul on March 7. See the advertisements around campus to sign up. Our students are learning early on the importance of following Jesus command to "serve others."

Winter Sports Pictures

3rd and 4th grade basketball team pictures will be taken on Tuesday, Feb. 18th at 2:50 (right before dismissal). Please send your child's uniform to school for pictures.



Middle School basketball team and individual pictures as well as archery and poms will be taken immediately after school Tuesday, Feb. 18th beginning at 3:15. Athletes should wear their uniforms for the pictures. Athletes should be ready for pickup by 4:00 at the latest.

Middle School Youth Service Opportunity

All middle schoolers are invited to help pack lunches for The Gathering on Thursday, February 20 immediately after school (3:15-4pm).



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.

Panther Parents invite you to:

Schools Out Skate at Skateland

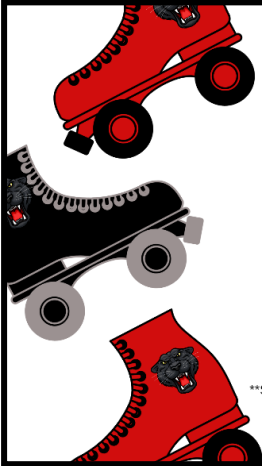
Friday March 7th 12:30pm-2:30pm

\$8 to skate

Skate rentals included

Concessions will be available for purchase

**STUDENTS 4TH GRADE AND YOUNGER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.



Approved Calendar Dates 2025-26 School Year

| Date | Event |
|--------------|---|
| Aug 14 | Teachers Report |
| Aug 21 (Thu) | Orientation Day |
| Aug 25 (Mon) | First Day of Classes |
| Aug 29 | No School (Labor Day Weekend) |
| Sept 1 | Labor Day No School |
| Oct 6-8 | Outdoor Education (7 th) |
| Oct 31 | No School |
| Nov 21 | End of 1 st Trimester |
| Nov 24-28 | Thanksgiving Break – No School |
| Dec 22–Jan 2 | Christmas Break – No School |
| Jan 30 | P/T Conferences – No classes |
| Feb 20 | Half Day – 11:40 dismissal |
| Feb 23 | No School – Winter Break |
| Mar 6 | End of 2 nd Trimester / Interest Day |
| Mar 30–Apr 6 | Spring Break/Easter – No School |
| May 22 | Half Day – 11:40 dismissal |
| May 25 | Memorial Day – No School |
| May 29 | PreK Closing Service |
| June 5 | K-8 Closing Service/10am dismissal/ Graduation |
| June 12 | Teachers Last Day |

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).



UNIT FIVE >>> KNOW YOUR LIMIT
CONNECT THROUGH CONVERSATION

>>> UNIT FIVE <<<

This month's unit teaches the importance of knowing our limits. Learning to set healthy boundaries in our relationships is an essential life-long skill. When boundaries are healthy, we know our limits. This unit teaches students to know their limits by listening to their mind, heart, and body and to set healthy boundaries to stay within those limits.

KEY VERSES

"LORD, YOU ALONE ARE MY PORTION AND MY CUP; YOU MAKE MY LOT SECURE. THE BOUNDARY LINES HAVE FALLEN FOR ME IN PLEASANT PLACES; SURELY I HAVE A DELIGHTFUL INHERITANCE."

PSALM 16:5-6

"I HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO ANYTHING; YOU SAY-BUT NOT EVERYTHING IS BENEFICIAL. I HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO ANYTHING'-BUT NOT EVERYTHING IS CONSTRUCTIVE."

1 CORINTHIANS 10:23

>>> CONVERSATION STARTERS <<<

- > What are two personal boundaries you have set for yourself? Why are they important to you?
- > What are some thoughtful questions you can ask your friends to understand their boundaries?
- > How can you model social awareness and responsible decision making in honoring someone else's boundary that is different from yours?

FEBRUARY Baptism Remembrance

Hope Anderson
 Atreyu Biedenbender
 Easton Cramey
 Layla Dobberpuhl
 Mattie Doyle
 Ayden Ertl
 Rebekah Griffiths
 Claire Hansen
 Landon Karrels
 Eloise Koch
 Declan Lacy
 Grayson Liegler
 Oliver Loppnow
 Ezra Schultz

Isaiah Schultz
 Liliana Senkbeil
 Madeleine Steinke



A HUGE thank you to all who participated in our recent Even Odds Pizza Fundraiser on January 28! It was a great night to enjoy some delicious pizza...and boy did we! With your help, we earned *drum roll*...\$1056.07 for our school! A special thanks to Even Odds Pizza for partnering with St. Paul- we appreciate it!

THANK YOU!

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.

Endowment Fund Committee:

Jason Hasenstein jason.hasenstein@splgrafton.org

Travis Keshemberg tlkcf@me.com

Sue Putterman sue@sehmercpa.com

James Meyer jimpmeyer1@gmail.com

Wayne Wiertzema wwiertzema1@gmail.com



DINE OUT. DO GOOD.

Join us for a benefit day in support of



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

NEW FORTUNE ASIAN CUISINE
 W62 N547 WASHINGTON AVE
 CEDARBURG, WI

WHEN YOU PRESENT A PRINTED OR ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THIS FLYER NEW FORTUNE WILL DONATE 20% OF YOUR ORDER BACK TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH! VALID FOR DINE-IN, TAKE-OUT, OR GIFT CARD ORDERS ON 02/19/25.

Christian Day School Singing Schedule



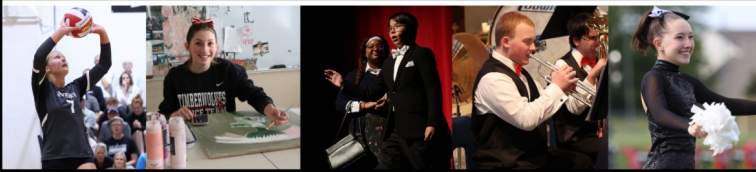
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| Sat. | Feb. 15 | 5:00 pm | Gr. K-1 Sings |
| Sat. | Mar. 1 | 5:00 pm | Gr. 6-8 Sing w/ Concert Band |
| Wed. | Mar. 5 | 4:30 pm | PraisePower |
| Sun. | Mar. 9 | 9:30 am | Children's Choir |
| Sun. | Mar. 16 | 8:00 am | JiVE |
| Wed. | Mar. 19 | 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 |



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Youth SUMMER CAMPS

SPORTS, MUSIC, ART & MORE! | OPEN TO ALL KIDS IN 1ST-8TH GRADE



MORE DETAILS AT: WWW.LWLHS.COM/CAMPS

IT'S TIME! [Youth Summer Camp](#) registration is now open at Living Word Lutheran High School.

We have various camp offerings for all kids in the community in 1st-8th grade, plus some camps open to incoming 9th graders, including:

Boys: Basketball, Football
Girls: Volleyball, Basketball

Co-Ed: Art, Runners/Track, Soccer, Theater, Band, Speed/Agility Training

PLUS: Our Junior Wolves Basketball Program is running their Annual "Scoring Camp" for boys and girls in August!

Need a break for lunch? For those attending both a morning and afternoon camp on the same day, we have a 1-hour lunch break in our cafeteria for students to bring their own lunch to eat.

Our teachers and coaches are thrilled to offer these opportunities to compete, create, perform, and excel this summer!

Find out camp dates & details at:
www.lwlhs.com/camps

[Click here](#) for our camp flyer.

Lutheran State Basketball Tournament Workers Needed

Date: March 7&8

Locations: St. Paul and Our Savior's Grafton

Needed: Admissions Table, Concessions, Scorer's Table

Sign up [HERE](#): Or Email Jenny

Clemens: jennifer.clemens@splgraffton.org

High School Students Welcome!!



DONATE BLOOD

HAZEL'S BLOOD DRIVE!

Hosted at St. Paul Lutheran Grafton Family Life Center | 701 Washington St, Grafton, WI 53024

Blood transfusions are a lifeline for countless individuals. From accident victims to cancer patients, those who need blood transfusions often face life-threatening situations. Every donation has the potential to save multiple lives. Whether you're battling a chronic illness, recovering from surgery, or simply helping a neighbor in need, blood transfusions can be the difference between life and death.

Friday

March 7

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Donate blood for a chance to win a trip to Hawaii!*

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT: Visit the link below or call 877.232.4376 to secure your spot today:



tinyurl.com/hazel3725



*NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Open to WI residents only. Ends 3/31/25. One (1) drawing. Enter by blood donation or online. See Official Rules and online entry form at versiti.org/avection. Sponsor: Versiti, Inc., 638 N. 18th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233.



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!



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requirements.

VBS Save the Date

VBS this year is June 16-20, 9am-12pm. We will start volunteer sign up in March and child registration will begin the end of April. We are also in need of cardboard for some of our decorating projects. Please contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org if you have cardboard we can use or have any questions about VBS.



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



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 the snacks and don't forget to invite your friends.

EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER UPDATE

The ministry expansion project continues to make great progress. For the last month, the committees reported the following:



Building Committee:

- Exterior wall sheathing has been completed.
- Air and water barrier being applied.
- Roofing has been completed on the main roof.
- Interior framing has been completed and will be inspected by the Village.
- Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC and Sprinkler rough-ins in progress.

Next 30 days:

- Mechanical rough-ins will be completed and inspected.
- Insulation will be installed.
- Drywall will begin.
- Interior stairs will be installed.
- Exterior masonry will begin.

Finance Committee:

- Cumulatively to date, St. Paul has paid nearly \$2.4 towards the construction of the new building.
- At the end of January, St. Paul had more than \$1.7 million of funds on hand to satisfy upcoming construction costs for the next couple of months.
- More than \$1.6 million in promissory notes have been issued to date.
- Regarding any financing needed through Lutheran Church Extension Fund at the end of January, LCEF reported that all loan closing conditions have been addressed and satisfied. LCEF is preparing the final Loan documents to be executed in February.
- Please reach out to Jason Hasenstein (jason.hasenstein@splgraffton.org) with any questions or if you would like a more in-depth review of the building expansion related finances.

Please continue to visit the Every Generation Faithful Together website for more information.

<https://www.splgraffton.org/faithfultogether>

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@splgraffton.org.

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.

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



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS



| Sunday | 16-Feb | 23-Feb |
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| | Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00, 7/8 Boys BB Home Tournament | Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00, |
| Monday | 17-Feb | 24-Feb |
| | | NO SCHOOL Winter Break |
| Tuesday | 18-Feb | 25-Feb |
| | Winter Sports Pictures, 3:15pm | BB vs. St. John WB; 5B-4:30, 6B-5:30, 7/8B-6:30 BB @ St. John WB; 5G-4:30, 6G-5:30, 7/8G-6:30 |
| Wednesday | 19-Feb | 26-Feb |
| | Club and Group Pictures CHAPEL - 4th Grade (Steiner) BB @ Grace MF; 5/6G-4:15, 6B-5:15, 7/8G-6:15, 7/8B-7:15 | CHAPEL - Mr. Kell |
| Thursday | 20-Feb | 27-Feb |
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| Friday | 21-Feb | 28-Feb |
| | Half Day - 11:40 dismissal Winter Break 5/6 Girls BB Tournament @ St. John Plymouth 6 Boys BB Tournament @ Bethlehem Sheboygan | End of 2nd Trimester |
| Saturday | 22-Feb | 1-Mar |
| | 5/6 Girls BB Tournament @ St. John Plymouth 6 Boys BB Tournament @ Bethlehem Sheboygan Worship at 5:00pm; | Worship at 5:00pm; Gr. 6-8 Sing w/ Concert Band |

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**:

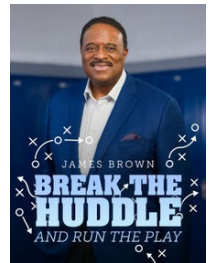


Visit <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/splcas> to create your account. Or you can: **Text-to-Sign-Up: Text SPLCAS to 49775** and receive a direct link to the registration page.

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

Break the Huddle and Run the Play by James Brown

Every Sunday, millions tune into CBS Sunday Afternoon sports to watch James Brown deliver bold commentary on what is taking place on the field. Brown turns to his true vocation, teaching God's Word, to help us understand how important it is to break the huddle and run the plays that God has laid before us. Walking through James 2:14-26, Brown illustrates that, while we know we are saved through grace, faith without action is dead. But we don't need to be afraid of breaking the huddle, because we know who calls the plays and that God will block for us. We only need to be obedient and run the plays He has laid out for us. [Break the Huddle and Run the Play :: RightNow Media](#)

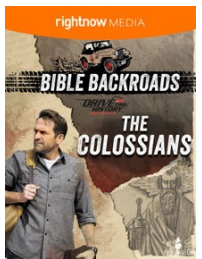
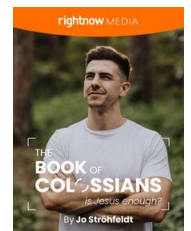


5 Steps to Stress-Free Parenting by Kari Russo

In a recent survey, seventy percent of parents described their role as a parent as being stressful. It's no secret that parenting is the toughest role that one will ever have. In this series, Kari Russo will apply her twenty-five years of counseling parents and adolescents and walk the audience through how to not only parent well but to navigate the challenging times that we live in. Kari admits that parenting can be tough, however, she also believes that God would have never assigned parents to the task of discipling and leading their children well if God didn't believe that they could do it. [5 Steps to Stress-Free Parenting :: RightNow Media](#)

The Book of Colossians: Is Jesus enough? By Jo Strohfeltd

There has never lived a more compelling person than Jesus of Nazareth. But is he *enough*? *Enough for your salvation, your character, your purpose? Enough for your whole life?* In this five-part series, Jo Ströhfeldt walks through Paul's words in the book of Colossians to remind us that when we put Jesus at the centre of everything, everything changes. [The Book of Colossians: Is Jesus enough? :: RightNow Media](#)

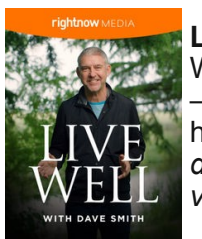
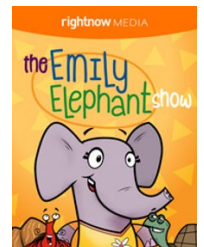


BIBLE BACKROADS™ - The Colossians by Dave Stotts (ages 8-18)

Dave Stotts, host of *Drive Thru History*®, explores the scripture, history, geography, archaeology, and impact of Paul's letter to the Colossians in the New Testament. The home base for the series is Dave's Garage™, a state-of-the-art, extended reality lair where almost anything is possible. In addition to teaching with a collection of monitors, maps, animations and artifacts, Dave treks outside his garage for special adventures throughout the Mediterranean region. Designed for all ages, BIBLE BACKROADS™ is fun, fast-paced, and educational, encouraging families to dig deeper into the Biblical accounts together. [BIBLE BACKROADS™ - The Colossians :: RightNow Media](#)

The Emily Elephant Show by Phil Vischer (ages 8 and under)

Emily the Elephant has her very own show! Join Emily and her friends as they answer big questions about God, learn Bible stories, and sing songs about biblical truths. Enjoy this show from Phil Vischer, founder of Jellyfish Labs and co-creator of the acclaimed *VeggieTales*, with your whole family. [The Emily Elephant Show :: 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](#)