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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

The weekend of Valentine's Day I witnessed my newest niece join God's family through baptism. It flowed nicely into our week at Extended Care as our Bible Account for the week for was Jesus' Baptism.

On Monday, Mrs. Neuman had set up time with Pastor Anderson to meet us by the baptismal font and teach us a bit more about baptism. As Pastor shared why we use water, how many times it is poured over the head, and how many baptisms he has done, many of the students had questions and comments to share.

Most simply had statements about the last time they washed their hands, if they knew they had been baptized or not, but one student knew that baptism is how we wash away our sins. Then she asked a great question. She asked about baptizing animals. This gave Pastor the opportunity to refer back to creation and how God breathed His spirit into people and how when Jesus came to Earth, He took on human form- not a dog, or cat, or bird. We can still love our pets and animals, but this love is not the same as the love God has for us, His people. God has created baptism for us as a way to join His eternal family.

This question, and the reply, point out in quite simple terms how important we are to God. He created us uniquely against every other part of creation. He gave us the ability to learn, speak, and know Him on a personal level. He sent His only Son to save us and promises a place for us to live eternally. What a joy to know that we are fearfully and wonderfully made as David says in Psalm 139.

Mrs. Jess Koch **Extended Care**



FEBR	UARY			
28	Fri	End of 2 nd Trimester		
MARCH				
5	Wed	ASH WEDNESDAY Chapel – 4 th Grade (Anderson)		
6 7	Thu Fri	Panther Parent Meeting Interest Day – 11:40am Dismissal NO 3&4PK PM Classes Panther Parent Skateland Event		
7-9 12 15 21	Fr-Su Wed Sat Fri Fri	LSA State Basketball Tournament Chapel – 8 th Grade (Schumann) Archery Tournament End of 3 rd Quarter Family Day 10:45am Dismissal NO TAKE HOME BUSING		
24-28	Mo-Fr	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL		
APRIL 3 Thu Panther Parent Meeting				
4	Fri	Panther Parent Meeting March Madness		
5-6 7-30		World of Discovery Fair MAP Testing (Reading) Chapel – 3 rd Grade (Clemens) Literacy Night (6pm) Chapel – 2 nd Grade (Shull)		

Notes from the Principal:

- 1. Our SPL Archery Team continues to show great improvement. This past weekend at the West DePere Tournament Olivia R. (5th Grade) placed 2nd in the Elementary Girls Division; Emma S. (8th Grade) placed 7th in Middle School Girls; Hunter Z. (7th Grade) placed 3rd, Toby M. (8th Grade) placed 4th, and Joey K. (8th Grade) placed 10th in the Middle School Boys Division. We are hosting our 2nd Annual Archery Tournament March 15.
- 2. Next Friday we will be holding one of our most anticipated special days of the school year - Interest Day. A special thank you to everyone that is planning special activities that our students will be participating in next week.
- 3. Good luck to our A Girls Basketball Team as they compete in the LSA State Tournament March 7-9.



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.

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: splgrafton.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.

Data



Approved Calendar Dates 2025-26 School Year

Event

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
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

OPEN GYM!

All 3rd-5th grades are invited to an afternoon of open gym on **Sunday, March 2** 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

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VEGGIES & ICE CREAM

Families are invited to come join us on Friday, March 14 from 6-7pm as we watch Celery Night Fever. We will also be making some fun crafts and enjoying some ice cream.

Signup here to join the fun: tinyurl.com/VeggiesMar25.

HELP FEED 120 PEOPLE IN NEED! Community Meal at Ozaukee Food Alliance Saturday, March 1

St. Paul is stepping up to serve 120 meals for those in need in Ozaukee County, and we need your help to make it happen!

How Can You Help? We need pans of lasagna, cookies, and bars.

- Food Donations: Contact Polly Morrison at pollykm40@gmail.com or 262-377-4846
- Monetary Gifts: Donate directly to St. Paul Lutheran Church (note: Saukville Meal)

Help us help our neighbors in Ozaukee County!

March 8 Walther Christian Academy Choir Host Families Needed

HOST FAMILIES WANTED

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

Can vou:

- 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@splgrafton.org).



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 Art Runners/Track Soccer

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.

<u>Lutheran State Basketball</u> <u>Tournament Workers Needed</u>

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@splgrafton.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 PURCH. NEC. MI, OH, IL, IN, and WI residents only; 21+. Ends 3/31/25. One (1) drawing. Enter by blood donation or online. See Official Rules and online entry form at versiti.org/savecation.



NEW CLASS

WEDNESDAY'S AT 6-7:15PM CHURCH FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM

SESSION 1 - MARCH 5
THE ECUMENICAL CREEDS

SESSION 2 - MARCH 12 HOLY BAPTISM & HOLY COMMUNION

SESSION 3 - MARCH 19 LIVING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

SESSION 4 - APRIL 2
ORIENTATION & TRANSFERS

*MARCH 26-NO CLASS DUE TO SPRING BREAK

FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE.
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
TINYURL.COM/LENTCHILDCARE



SIGN UP NOW! 262-377-4659, EXT. 332 MARTHA.WITT@SPLGRAFTON.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.

"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."

"'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."

>>> 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?

Christian Day School Singing Schedule



Sat. Mar. 1 5:00 pm Gr. 6-8 w/ Concert Band 4:30 pm Wed. Mar. 5 PraisePower 9:30 am Sun. Mar. 9 Children's Choir Mar. 16 8:00 am Sun. JiVE Wed. Mar. 19 4:30 pm JuBellate Wed. Apr. 2 4:30 pm Children's Choir Wed. Apr. 9 4:30 pm **JiVE** (K-8) Last name L-Z Sing Sun. Apr. 13 8:00 am

With JuBellate

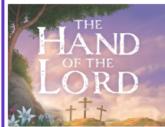


<u>Accepting Endowment Fund Grant</u> Applications - Fiscal Year 2025-2026

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.

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Hands are used to heal, mend, build, teach, comfort, and so much more. Yet, as humans, our hands are sinful and unclean. Christ's hands are the ones that can transform our dirty, sinful hands into beautiful, clean ones for His plans. Spend this Lent exploring God's Word to see how His hands are used in both the New and Old Testaments, from creation to crucifixion and eternal life.

WEDNESDAYS | 4:30PM & 6:30PM

ASH WEDNESDAY | MARCH 5 Freely Gives: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson Meal host: Women's Guild Ashes will be available (optional) prior to service

MIDWEEK 1 | MARCH 12 Creates and Saves: Matthew 14:22–33 Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Kevin Voss Meal host: LWML

MIDWEEK 2 | MARCH 19 Casts Out Demons: Luke 9:37–43; 11:14–23 Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Jason Soenksen Meal host: 8th Grade

MIDWEEK 3 | MARCH 26 Heals the Sick: Matthew 8:1–4, [5–17] Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oberdeck Meal host: LERT & HMC

MIDWEEK 4 | APRIL 2 Raises the Dead: Luke 7:11–17 Guest Preacher: Rev. Jonathon Bakker Meal host: IMPACT High School Youth

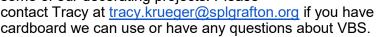
MIDWEEK 5 | APRIL 9 Holds All Things: John 3:11–18, 22–36 Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. James Kroemer Meal host: Elders

Lenten dinners served 5:15PM-6:15PM

NEW THIS YEAR: Free-will offering accepted; no tickets needed.
Thank you for your support of our ministries!

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



EASTER EGG HUNT

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday**, **April 19 beginning at 10am** in the gym. Everyone is invited! Please sign up to participate at **tinyurl.com/Easteregg25**



If you would like to make a donation of candy or other items to place in eggs, or prizes for the prize table, please take one or more of the donation eggs from the board in the Gathering Hall. All items donated should be returned no later than **Sunday**, **April 6**

Volunteers are needed to help with stuffing eggs on **Sunday, April 6** and with setup, running crafts/games, and helping with the egg hunt on Saturday, April 19. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at **tinyurl.com/ Eggvolunteers25**

Questions? Contact Tracy at <u>tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org</u>. Thanks for your help with this event!



PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 13 Saturday: 5pm / Sunday: 8am, 9:30am (Cont), 11am Rev. Larry Prahl

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 17 4:30pm & 6:30pm Serves and Feeds Us: John 13:1–17, 31b–35 and 1 Corinthians 11:23–32 Rev. Dr. Timothy Maschke

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE | APRIL 18 1pm & 6:30pm Was Pierced for Us: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Rev. Jacob Schultz

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 20* 6am, 8am, 9:30am (Cont), 11am Is Risen: Psalm 16; Luke 24:1–12 Rev. Luke Anderson

*Easter Breakfast 7-11am in the FLC Hosted by IMPACT High School Youth Free-will offering accepted.

No Worship Service: Saturday, April 19 & Monday, April 21.

Monday Night Worship Service Hiatus: March 10-April 21 Worship Services resume on April 28

Pick up Your Lenten Devotional in the Narthex.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH 701 WASHINGTON ST. GRAFTON, WI 53024 SPLGRAFTON.ORG | 262-377-4659

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

3/9: Join us this week as we play prison ball. We will also have a short devotion and enjoy some snacks together. Hope to see you there!

Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL

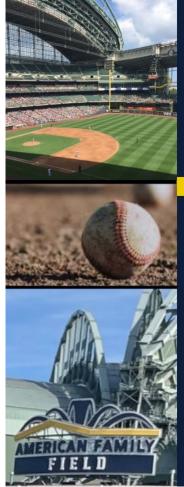
Come join us for the fun! Sunday School runs Sundays September-May from 8:15-9:15am, and is open to children ages 3 thru 6th Grade. To have your child join us for this year's Sunday School please fill out the

registration form at the following link: https://tinyurl.com/SSregistrate24. If you have any questions, please contact tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org.

3/2: Join us as we learn that Jesus is our friend and as we look at Matthew 9:9-13.

3/9: This week's Bible story is from Mark 3:1-6, Jesus heals on the Sabbath. We will be learning that Jesus is bold.

3/16: This week we will be learning that Jesus is compassionate. We will read Luke 7:11-17 as we look at the story of Jesus bringing a widow's son back to life.





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VS

MILWAUKEE BREWERS

SATURDAY | APRIL 5 | 6:10 PM



https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lutheranschoo Or visit the SWD website – swd.lcms.org



\$17.50-\$67

Terrace Box/Infield, Loge Outfield/Infield Field Infield Box

Order tickets by March 28.

For groups of 10+ or other ticket questions, contact Teddy Sibilsky | Milwaukee Brewers 414-902-4657

Event Questions? Robin | SWD | mueller@swd.lcms.org

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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	2-Mar	9-Mar
	Vorship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00,	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00,
		Children's Choir sings @ 9:30
	Gr. 3-5 Open Gym, 3pm	State Basketball Tournament
		Daylight Savings Time Begins March 9, 2025 • Set your clock ahead!
		Middle School Youth, 3pm
Monday	3-Mar	10-Mar
c	Children's Choir, 3:15pm	Children's Choir, 3:15pm
v	Norship at 6:30pm	Worship at 6:30pm
Tuesday	4-Mar	11-Mar
Wednesday	5-Mar	12-Mar
	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	CHAPEL - 4th Grade (Anderson)	CHAPEL - 8th Grade (Schumann)
	PraisePower sings @ 4:30pm Service	
	Lenten Worship Services at 4:30pm & 6:30pm	Lenten Worship Services at 4:30pm & 6:30pm
	Dinner 5:15pm-6:15pm	Dinner 5:15pm-6:15pm
Thursday	6-Mar	13-Mar
F	Panther Parent Meeting, 6:30pm	
Friday	7-Mar	14-Mar
	Interest Day 44440 AM Dispute of	
	Interest Day - 11:40 AM Dismissal	
	Panther Parent Skateland Event, 12:30-2:30pm	
	State Basketball Tournament	
E	Blood Drive (1-4pm)	
Saturday	8-Mar	15-Mar
s	State Basketball Tournament	Archery Tournament

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



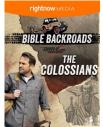


5 Steps to Stress-Free Parenting by Kari Russo

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 Strohfeldt

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

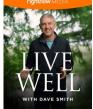


BIBLE BACKROADS™ - The Colossians by Dave Stotts (ages 8-18)

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