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March 21, 2025

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

Are We Like Gold or Diamonds?

There are a number of shows on TV where people are trying to make it big by separating dirt and rock from something precious. These people will spend their life savings to try to get rich. Precious metals and gems like gold and diamonds are found in the ground or in streams mixed with rocks and sand. While the dirt is worthless, the gold and diamonds are valuable and need to be separated. Are we like gold or diamonds?

As God’s children here on earth, we live in the world; yet we are separate from the ways of the world. We eat and sleep, play and learn the same as everyone around us. God separated us from the world when we were baptized. Our faith makes us different.

Matthew 3:11-12

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

We can’t separate ourselves from the world by trying to look or act different or by wearing Christian symbols or do good things. We can wear crosses around our necks and give lots of money to the church or school and still be part of the world.

Jesus is what separates us from the evil of this world. He came down to our world and lived the perfect life so that we can be spotless before our Heavenly Father. We cling to Jesus, and He will take us to heaven. The evil will stay behind, but what is valuable to God will be separated. Jesus makes us valuable to God. We are **PRECIOUS!!!**

Jeremy Kell
Middle School Teacher



MARCH

21 Fri End of 3rd Quarter
21 Fri 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 March Madness
5-6 Sa-Su World of Discovery Fair
7-30 Mo-We MAP Testing (Reading)
9 Wed Chapel – 3rd Grade (Clemens)
10 Thu Literacy Night (6pm)
16 Wed Chapel – 2nd Grade (Shull)

World of Discovery Fair

Display Viewing
April 5: 4:45-7pm & April 6: 9am-1pm



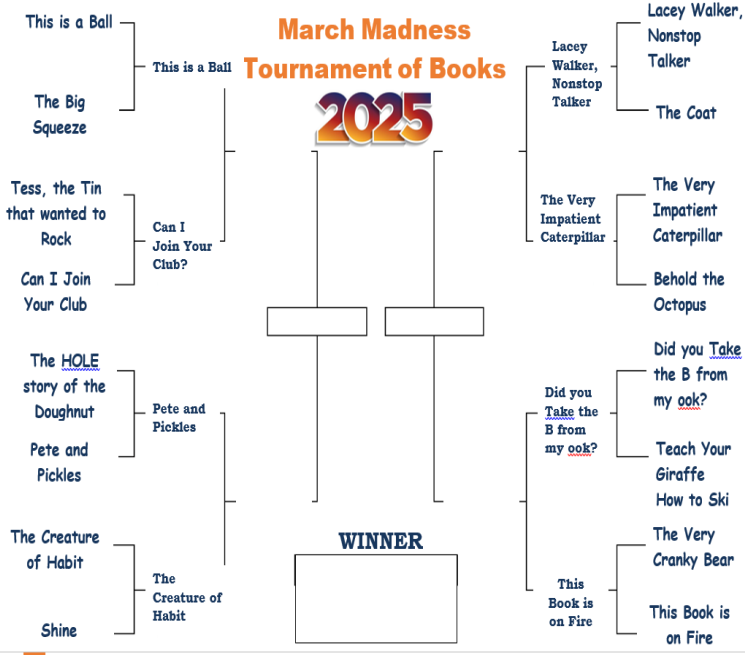
Many interesting projects created by the students of St. Paul will be on display.

Notes from the Principal:



1. Thank you auction supporters. This past Monday we hosted the Trinity Irish Dancers for an assembly on St. Patrick’s Day. Proceeds from the 2024 auction covered the cost of the presentation.
2. The second annual St. Paul Archery Tournament was a huge success. Around 130 archers participated. Congratulations to Hunter Z. for taking 1st place in the Middle School Division and to Landon K. for taking 3rd place in the Elementary Division. The archery team travels to the Dells over spring break to participate in the state archery meet.
3. Enrollment in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program closes on April 17. Please call the school office with questions regarding the program.
4. School is on Spring Break the week of March 24.

MARCH MADNESS has begun! This week we voted on the Elite 8 Books for the Tournament of Books! The next vote is after Spring Break! Here are the winners this week!



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

PK – 8th grade

LITERACY



Thursday, April 10th

6 – 7:15 PM

Please join us for some family fun!

Each grade will have activities for the whole family!

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION



June							July						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
29	30						27	28	29	30	31		

■ Session A – June 23 to July 2*
■ Session B – July 7 to July 17
■ Session C – July 21 to July 31

Summer School classes are held Monday through Thursday
 *Session A is only 7 days in length

Due to ongoing construction at the middle school, the 2025 Grafton Summer Learning Academy will be held at Grafton High School.

More information about specific dates for registration will be available by March 7. Once classes are finalized, we will post all class information here and notify parents in all newsletters. We are aiming for registration to take place the first week in April.

For more information about Grafton Summer School opportunities visit: <https://www.grafton.k12.wi.us/district/summer-school.cfm>.

If you need more information about remedial classes, please contact denise.gieschen@splgraffon.org



Click below for more information:

<https://www.pwssd.org/families/summer-school.cfm>

JUNE 2025							JULY 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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■ SESSION 1 ■ SESSION 2

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



ST. PAUL ANNUAL YOUTH PLANT SALE MAY 10, 2024

Catalogs and order forms are available in the School & Church Office, Narthex and Welcome Center.

Advanced orders due April 20th

Christian Day School Singing Schedule



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



Rooted Women

Lenten Breakfast

Saturday April 5 8:30-10:00AM

Youth Room

Ladies! Please join us (& bring a friend) for a delicious breakfast and focus on Jesus during this Lenten season

Please register here by **March 31** so we can plan for you!
<https://tinurl.com/LentBreakfast25>

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.splgraffton.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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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!



PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 13

Saturday: 5pm / Sunday: 8am, 9:30am (Cont), 11am

Rev. Larry Prah

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

VBS — Save the Date

VBS this year is June 16-20, 9am-12pm. We are still looking for a number of volunteers to help with VBS this summer. We will start child registration at the end of April. Please contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org if have any questions about VBS.



Check out the volunteer sign up form here: <https://tinyurl.com/VBSVolunteer25>

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



3/23: No middle school youth this week. Enjoy spring break!

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 tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org.
Thanks for your help with this event!

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.

3/23: No Sunday school this week. Enjoy spring break!

3/30: This week's Bible story is from Luke 8:40-56, Jesus heals Jairus' daughter. We will be learning that Jesus is dependable.

4/6: Join us as we learn that Jesus stands up for God as we look at Matthew 21:12-17.

JELLY BEAN JAMBOREE

APRIL 5, 2025
9:00 - 12:00

FREE Indoor Event - Refreshments

Visit ozaukee.bunnybreakfast.weebly.com for more information

Event Location:
Circle B Recreation
6261 Hwy 60, Cedarburg

See the Bunny

Crafts and Games

Ages 10
and under



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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



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



CINCINNATI REDS

VS

MILWAUKEE BREWERS

SATURDAY | APRIL 5 | 6:10 PM

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE

OR CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL/CHURCH OFFICE

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lutheranschools25>
Or visit the SWD website — swd.lcms.org



SCAN ME

\$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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SWD.LCMS.ORG



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.

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



Youth Feeder Programs at Living Word High School

Open to ALL kids in the community & feeder schools.



FOOTBALL - Boys in 5th-8th Grade

- Play in the GMMYFL from August to October
- Teams available for 5th/6th and 7th/8th grades
- Mandatory Equipment Try-On & Season Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2025



BASKETBALL - Boys/Girls in 2nd-8th Grade

- Teams play in local leagues and tournaments from October to March.
- Tryouts: Sunday, August 24, 2025.



VOLLEYBALL - Girls in 5th-8th Grade

- Compete in the Greater Metro Power League from September to October.
- Tryouts: May 6-8, 2025

We collaborate with our feeder schools to ensure that students can prioritize their school teams while also participating in our club teams.



REGISTER ONLINE

Scan QR code to Register
OR, visit:
www.lwlhs.com/jrwolves

Questions?

Billy Bynum,
Junior Wolves Director
bbynum@lwlhs.com



LUWISOMO

Youth Camps Summer 2025

Luwisomo Youth Camps provide campers with faith-growing opportunities and unique learning experiences while having fun in a beautiful Christ-centered outdoor ministry setting.

KinderCamp

For campers Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 1 preferring to spend the weekend with their parents or grandparents

JuniorCamp

For campers Kindergarten to Grade 3 ready to spend a weekend away from their parents

Youth Camp

A 5-night camp for campers in Grades 2-8
Age groups vary for each camp week

Lutheran Band Camp

A 6-night camp for students in Grades 5-9 with experience playing a band instrument

High School Camp

A 5-night camp for students in Grades 8-11

Counselor In Training (CIT)

For high school students wanting to be leaders at camp

Details & Registration Information @
www.luwisomo.org



UNIT SIX >>> UNIQUELY YOU
CONNECT THROUGH CONVERSATION

© KEY VERSES

"BODY AND SOUL, I AM MARVELOUSLY MADE!"

PSALM 139:14 (MSG)

"FOR WE ARE GOD'S MASTERPIECE. HE HAS CREATED US ANEW IN CHRIST JESUS, SO WE CAN DO THE GOOD THINGS HE PLANNED FOR US LONG AGO."

EPHESIANS 2:10 (NLT)

>>> UNIT SIX <<<

We are more than halfway through the year! We've already learned and grown so much. This month's Friendzy unit, Uniquely You, celebrates the truth that God designed each of us with purpose and intention. The goal of this unit is for students to know that they are God's masterpiece, uniquely created with a purpose. This unit teaches students that true beauty comes from the inside and that our differences are beautiful and make the world an exciting place.


>>> CONVERSATION STARTERS <<<

- > What do you see when you look in the mirror? Do you like what you see?
- > What is the difference between your appearance, your body, and your character? Do they all come from God?
- > Why is it important to see yourself in a positive way? What are some ways you can build yourself and others up?



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	23-Mar	30-Mar
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00,	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00,
Monday	24-Mar	31-Mar
	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break 	
Tuesday	25-Mar	1-Apr
	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break	
Wednesday	26-Mar	2-Apr
	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break Lenten Worship Services at 4:30pm & 6:30pm Dinner 5:15pm-6:15pm	CHAPEL - Camp LuWiSoMo Children's Choir sings @ 4:30 service Lenten Worship Services at 4:30pm & 6:30pm Dinner 5:15pm-6:15pm
Thursday	27-Mar	3-Apr
	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break	Panther Parent Meeting, 6:30pm
Friday	28-Mar	4-Apr
	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break	March Madness, 6pm
Saturday	29-Mar	5-Apr
	Worship at 5:00pm;	World of Discovery Fair Rooted Women Lenten Breakfast (8:30-10:00am) Worship at 5:00pm;

**Trauma is complex.
Helping doesn't
have to be.**

 SPIRITUAL FIRST AID



 **St. Paul Lutheran Church**
701 Washington St, Grafton, WI 53024


May 2-3
Register by April 24

**SPIRITUAL FIRST AID
2-DAY TRAINING EVENT – BE PREPARED TO HELP!**

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School wants to support the community, and you are invited to help minister and care. Learn what to say and how to help hurting people around you at this 2-day training event. Join us here at St. Paul for this FREE Spiritual First Aid training on **Friday, May 2 from 6-9pm** and **Saturday, May 3 from 9am to 4pm** with lunch provided.

Sign up to attend:
<https://lcc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1360/responses/new>

Register by Thursday, April 24



PLAY AND PRAISE

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
701 Washington St. Grafton. WI



JOIN US WITH
YOUR CHILD!

SPRING 2025 (DATES
ON SIGNUP LINK)
9:00-10:30 A.M.
WELCOME!



JOIN US WITH
YOUR CHILD!



New incoming and interested families for next year's 2 and 3 Pre-K classes. Activities led by Mrs. Schumacher -2K teacher
contact:
amy.schumacher@splgrafton.org



ACTIVITIES:

Free play

songs and story

art project

large and fine motor

SIGN UP HERE- FREE

Space is limited
to 12
participants.



Get
EGGcited



Help Us Crack
Hunger!

Family Sharing purchases 800 dozen eggs
monthly for our pantry clients.

\$5 provides one dozen eggs!

Challenge your friends to give to those in need!

Be an EGGcellent supporter.
Donate today.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL INTEREST DAY 2025

Thank you to our Interest Day committee and to each volunteer who participated and led classes for our students. The commitment to our mission of being Focused on Excellence...Centered on Christ was evident throughout the building!



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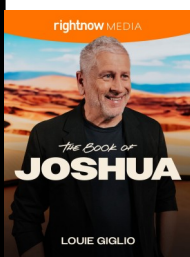
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Visit <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/splcas> to create your account. Or you can: **Text-to-Sign-Up: Text SPLCAS to 49775** and receive a direct link to the registration page.

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

Moms, Let's Talk: Conversations We Must Have with Our Kids by Jenny Worsham and Friends
Moms, you are already talking to your kids a lot, but are you talking to them about the topics they need to hear about the most? How do you know what to say, and when and how to say it? In this nine-session series from Gather Moms, learn how to have some of the most challenging conversations you need to have with your kids. The timely topics covered in this series include gender identity, screens, emotions, trauma, and faith. Discover how to navigate these difficult and sensitive topics with wisdom, love, and grace. [Moms, Let's Talk](#)

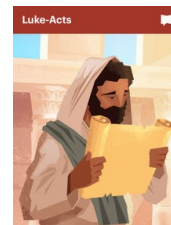


The Book of Joshua by Louie Giglio

Courage for Everyday People: After roaming the wilderness for decades, God's people finally reached the Promised Land. But there were still obstacles that stood in their way. Securing the land God had promised them would require strength, courage, and faith. In this eight-session series, pastor Louie Giglio shows us that our story today isn't too far removed from Joshua and the Israelites: we need the same strength, courage, and faith to face the challenges in our lives. Join Louie and learn what it means to follow God faithfully, no matter what obstacles are before you. [The Book of Joshua :: RightNow Media](#)

Luke - Acts by Tim Mackie

Dive into the two-part work of Luke and Acts and gain a unique perspective on the life of Jesus and the early Church. [Luke-Acts](#)



Tinley's Treehouse - Season 1 (ages 6-12)

Tinley from *The Creators* is back in a show of her own called *Tinley's Treehouse*. Join Tinley and her neighbor Max as they document their adventures in nature while learning important truths from God's Word. Engaging enough for the whole family, *Tinley's Treehouse* will have you laughing and learning right alongside this delightful duo. Come and explore God's world with *Tinley's Treehouse*! [Tinley's Treehouse - Season 1 :: 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 disciplining 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 Strohfeltd 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](#)