

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

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Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping today!

Fellowship: Refreshments available in the Gathering Hall Sundays 9am-10:45am.

Holy Communion: Celebrated during all Worship Services on the first, third & fifth weekends each month.

Parents With Children: Children's bulletins & Busy Bags are available. There is a quiet room in the back of church.

We Care Cards: Everyone attending is asked to complete a card found in the pew rack and collected during worship.

Volunteers (Acolytes, Live-stream & PowerPoint help): Sign-up at tinyurl.com/SPLsignups.

Traditional Worship

*Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am | Sunday 11am (Outdoor)

Monday 6:30pm

Contemporary Worship

*Sunday 9:30am

*Live-streamed at:

splgraffton.org/church/livestream &
vimeo.com/event/3215174

Servant Leaders:

Pastor: Luke Anderson

Pastor: Jacob Schultz

Pastor of Care Ministry: Timothy Maschke

Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prah

Pastor Emeritus: John Suelflow

Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf

Principal: Michael Yurk

Director of Music: Valerie Bremer

DCE: Tracy Krueger

**EQUIPPING
Every Generation
to *Live Rooted*
in **JESUS****



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 8, 2024

**JESUS
IS A PRECIOUS
CORNERSTONE
FOR A SURE
FOUNDATION**

AS WE GATHER... Since the fall and expulsion from Eden, the ramifications of sin have been quite evident. People do not have to be worse sinners than anyone else to become blind, deaf, lame, or mute. They need not sin more than other people to find themselves unfairly treated in court. How can those problems be reversed? It takes God's power. The Gospel tells of how Jesus casts out demons and healed the deaf. He seeks to even make such great reversals today! Through the letter to the Ephesians, we, as God's faith-filled people, are encouraged to be instruments in service to our neighbors. But the inability of the disciples in the Gospel reading to exorcize a demon is a startling reminder that all things are possible only for God, to whom we must entrust all our problems.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS / GRIEFSHARE VIDEO

(Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during sermon hymn.)

HYMN “Earth and All Stars”

LSB 817, St. 1,2,4,6

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 146:7b–8; James 2:17–18*

Pastor: The LORD sets the prisoners free;

People: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

Pastor: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

People: the LORD loves the righteous.

Pastor: So also faith by itself,

People: if it does not have works, is dead.

Pastor: But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.”

People: Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

HYMN “Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”

LSB 737, St. 1 & 2

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 35:4–7a God will come; His people will be saved.*

(Holy Bible p. 756)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 2:19–22 Christ is the builder. (Holy Bible p. 1242)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE *Psalm 147:2–3*

Pastor: Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

People: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7:24–37 Jesus exorcizes a demon and heals a blind man. (Holy Bible p. 1072)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

People: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

LSB 842

SERMON “God’s Instruments,” by Pastor Schultz based on Ephesians 2:19–22.

APOSTLES’ CREED *(see screens or back cover of LSB)*

OFFERTORY HYMN “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”

LSB 830, St. 1,6

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(see screens)*

LORD’S PRAYER *(see screens or back cover of LSB)*

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look on you with his favor and give you his peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

LSB 912

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE–9:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “Brick After Brick”

WORD OF GOD *Ephesians 2:19–22*
(Holy Bible p. 1242)

**WELCOME / GRIEF SHARE VIDEO /
COMMISSIONING OF CASSANDRA MAMMEN**
*(Offerings may be placed in collection box near the
exits. We Care Cards collected during opening song.)*

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS / LORD’S PRAYER

INVOCATION

WORD OF GOD *Mark 7:24–37 (Holy Bible p. 1072)*

OPENING SONGS “Today Is The Day,” “God So Loved”

SERMON “God’s Instruments,” by Pastor Schultz
based on Ephesians 2:19–22.

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

BLESSING

SONG OF PRAISE “Cornerstone”

CLOSING SONG “Amen”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

ST. PAUL BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE



Members: We all have a role to play as part of the body of Christ. As you consider the gifts God has given you, please consider serving on one of our congregational boards. We have openings on the following boards which will be voted on in November: Elders, Evangelism, Christian Day School, Parish Education, Personnel, and Parish Properties. If interested in serving, please contact Director of Servant Ministry Marty Hauser, Congregational Chairman John Swiertz, or Congregational Vice-Chairman Jonathan Schulz by contacting the church office.

You can also visit the various Boards at the church picnic! Thank you for your prayerful consideration of how you can serve here at St. Paul.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024
OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE-11am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME (*Offerings may be placed in collection boxes on the sidewalk.*)

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN "Earth and All Stars"

LSB 817, St. 2,4,6

2 Hail, wind, and rain!
Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees!
Loud rustling dry leaves!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

6 Knowledge and truth!
Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son!
Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

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Refrain He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise Him with a new song!

4 Engines and steel!
Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams!
Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN OF PRAISE "Brick after Brick" *St. Paul 2024-25 School Theme Song (CDS Gr. K-8 students will sing a verse, chorus, and after a 2nd verse everyone joins us in singing when directed):*

Brick after brick,
God is building His temple
Brick after brick, He is making it strong
With Christ the sure foundation
and His people as the stones
He is building a place He can live
Brick after brick

SERVICE OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

EPISTLE READING *Ephesians 2:19-22* Christ is the builder. (*Holy Bible p. 1242*)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7:24-37* Jesus exorcizes a demon and heals a blind man. (*Holy Bible p. 1072*)
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the seventh chapter.
People: (spoken) Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (spoken) Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SONG "There is One Reason"

1 There is one reason
why we're gathered here
Your love is causing us to sing
All of Your people
through Your Son draw near
Sinners before their holy King
The church of God bought by blood

2 There's a foundation
that we're building on
Rooted in Jesus Christ alone
Every believer firmly fixed upon
Our everlasting cornerstone
The church of God, built by love

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CHORUS: We love You, Father
God of all, our God forever
We praise You, Jesus
Christ our Lord, the Son, our Savior
We're here together
In Your Holy Spirit gathered
for Your glory

BRIDGE: One body, one baptism
One hope to which we have been called
One faith, one Lord, one Spirit
One sovereign ruler over all (repeat)
We love You, Father
We praise You, Jesus
We're here together
For Your glory

SERMON "God's Instruments," by Pastor Schultz based on Ephesians 2:19–22.

PRAYERS *(The pastor will end each prayer with "Lord, in Your mercy," and the congregation will respond, "hear our prayer.")*

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN "Christ is our Cornerstone"

LSB 912

1 Christ is our cornerstone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

2 Here may we gain from heav'n
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n,
Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.

3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.

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BIBLE CLASS INFORMATION

SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR

9:30am—Family Life Center

September 8: NO CLASS (Picnic)

September 15: Postmodernism: How Did We Get Here?
Dr. Randy Ferguson

COME and SEE

Topic: The CHOSEN - Season One

Led by: John Anciaux & Steve Leonard

Starts: Wednesday, September 4th thru November 20

Time: 6:30-8pm in the Family Life Center

THURSDAY MORNING MENS BIBLE CLASS STARTING SOON!

Topic: First Thessalonians

Led by: Bob Kasten

Starts: Thursday, September 5

Time: 6:30am in the Front Conference Room

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Topic: Chasing Vines by Beth Moore

Led by: Amy Swiertz & Pat Kuerschner

Starts: Wednesday, September 18


Time: 6:30-8pm in the School Library

tinyurl.com/WomensFall by 9/13

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Public School Confirmation begins **Sunday, September 15, from 5-6:30pm** with a Parent Informational Meeting **6pm**. Letters were sent out last week so if your child is going into 7th or 8th Grade and you have not received a letter, please email **Pastor Schultz** at pastor.schultz@splgraffton.org.

REGISTER NOW FOR 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. Our first day of Sunday school this year will be **September 15 at 8:15am** in the youth room. To have your child join us for this year's Sunday School fill out the registration form at tinyurl.com/SSregisterate24.

9/15: Join us as we hear the story of creation and how God created us in His image from Genesis 1-2:24. We will learn that God is creative...so we're creative.

Questions?

Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

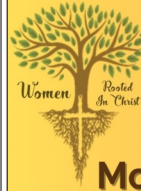
 All 6-8 graders are invited to join us for middle school youth. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month September through May from 3-4:30pm in the youth room. Please watch for email updates and reminders throughout the year. Our first meeting will be **September 22 at 3pm** in the youth room. Don't forget to bring your completed release form with you. If you haven't received a release form or for more information contact: Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org

9/22: Come play nine-square in the air and stay for devotions and popcorn. Signup here: <https://tinyurl.com/MSYSept24>

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare is a support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. Please join us on **Mondays September 9 to December 2 at 6:30-8:30pm** at Providence Place, 815 Washington Street, Grafton, WI.

Contact Pastor Maschke or Marty Hauser at the Church Office or visit: griefshare.org/groups/242269.



Rooted Women

Fall Kickoff!

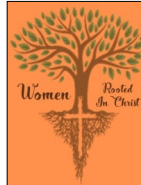
Monday, September 16, 6:30PM

Join us as we highlight Bible

studies & events for the

upcoming '24-25 season plus fall fellowship & fun!

Just come-
No sign up
needed!



Rooted Women

Fall Bible Study

Mondays 9/30,

10/7, 10/21,

11/4 & 11/18

at 6:30PM



Join us for our
Fall Bible study
Unexpected by
Christine Caine

Get your study guide at our Fall Kickoff
9/16 or in the office!

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Led by: Amy Swiertz & Pat Kuerschner

Starts: Wednesday, September 18

Time: 6:30-8pm in the School Library

Register: tinyurl.com/WomensFall by
September 13.

Cost: \$6

NEW MEMBER CLASS

SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM
CHURCH FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM

SEPTEMBER 15	APOSTLES' CREED
SEPTEMBER 22	TEN COMMANDMENTS & CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
SEPTEMBER 29	LORD'S PRAYER & LUTHERAN WORSHIP
OCTOBER 6	SACRAMENTS
OCTOBER 13	ST. PAUL ORIENTATION

SIGN UP NOW! 262-377-4659, EXT. 332

Music: Ms. Valerie Bremer
Leader: Rev. Timothy Maschke

Altar Guild: Kathy Lubner & Sharon Hawkins
Sermon: Rev. Jacob Schultz

SERVICE	ELDERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	Randy Klotka	Jo Wolf
Sun., 8am	Greg Kern	Ron Kuta
Sun., 9:30am	Greg Kern	Tim Hallett
Sun., 11am	Rick Wellman	Mark Papcke
Mon., 6:30pm	Jim Wegner	

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: Cheryl Boesch; Jason Boesch (son of Cheryl Boesch); Jean Dorman (niece of Norma Prah); Bob Fleischmann (godson of Darlene Sukowski); Dick Frisque (father of Rob Frisque); Cassie Gebauer (granddaughter of Marv & Connie Borchardt); Cindy Hilgendorf (sister of Gail Goetter); Ann L. (friend of Catherine Kiener); Peter Leivhn; Ken Luckjohn family; Robert Marshall (father of Chris Marshall); Annette Mentzel; Ruth McCutcheon; Chris Micha (brother of Vince Micha); Harriet Otto (grandmother of Kristen Nelson); Ted Otto; Lois Poisson; Lisa (niece of Jan Moegenburg); Michelle Reedy (daughter of Beverly Kelling); Jean Stickney; Darlene Sukowski; Wendy Zetting

Long Term Illness / Treatment: Samuel Becker (grandson of Lucille Becker); Jim & Sharon Caulfield (parents/in-law's of Alison & Steve Eckert); Christine Capstran (daughter of Lyle & Terry Sperber); Heidi Feucht (friend of Stephanie Steinert); Christine Groth; Dan Haupt (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); Daniel Kekic (nephew of Paulette Rammel); Mary Lou Mercer; Tom Miller; Andy Panasa (friend of Dennis Kranz); Kay Ryder (sister of Kevin Zirtlaff); Brian Schroeder; Pastor Smiles (friend of Larry Luckjohn); Patrick Swan (friend of Liz Dehmel); Joy (friend of Bev Schinker); Bob Willegal (friend of Tom Lubner)

Mission Trip: Cassandra Mammen for her mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

GIFT

A Gift has been given to the glory of God to the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund in memory of Dennis Przekurat by Sharleen M. Przekurat.

CHURCH RECORDS

Funeral: Cheryl Hafemann born January 7, 1948, went to be with Jesus on August 21, 2024. A Christian funeral was held for her at St. Paul on Friday, September 6, 2024.

2024– 2025 GUIDEBOOK & DIRECTORY

Please watch your mailbox for the 2024–2025 Guidebook & Directory.
If you do not receive one in the next week or so, contact the Church Office at 262-377-4659, Ext. 332 or email at martha.witt@splgrafton.org.

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL—Visit splgrafton.org/church and Look for the Give Now! Button.

- **Plate:** Offerings may be placed in a collection box near the exits.
- **Mail/Drop-Off:** 701 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024. Office hours are Monday—Friday, 8am to 4pm.
- **VancoOnline Electronic Giving:** Visit splgrafton.org/church/giving (then click Online Giving).
- **Vanco Mobile App:** Vanco Mobile is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for “Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement” to download the app.
- **Text-to-Give:** Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute to 855.927.0750 (example: 25 for \$25). You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text “repeat” to make it a recurring donation.
- **Text-to-Give directly to the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund:** Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute followed by the letters EGFT, to 855.927.0750. For example, text “25 EGFT” to contribute \$25. You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text “repeat” to make it a recurring donation. Every contribution sent to this number will go directly to the Every Generation Faithful Together fund.

Thank you for supporting St. Paul. If you have questions, contact St. Paul Finance Office at 262- 377-4659.



EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER UPDATE

Our ministry expansion program continues to move forward. In the month of August, the Building Committee reported the following progress:

Construction officially started with topsoil stripping, East vestibule entrance was replaced with a temporary Barrier, Foundations are nearing completion.

Planned activity:

Mezzanine roof south of the gym will be replaced to accommodate drainage away from the new construction. Masonry firewall and elevator shaft will be built, Site utilities and connections will begin.

Finance Committee August updates include:

Loan application preparation has been the primary focus, \$590,000 in promissory notes have been secured. If you are still interested in a promissory note, please reach out to Jason Hasenstein 920-226-0743 jason.hasenstein@splgraffton.org or Jean Steinke 262-377-4659 jean.steinke@splgraffton.org.

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

PRINCIPALS CORNER



1. Thank you to everyone that has helped get this school year off to a great start. We welcome Mrs. Kristen Ernest, our new second grade teacher, to our team.

2. Congratulations to our entire St. Paul community for receiving NLSA Accreditation in good standing for the next five years. We received a final score of 3.09 out of 4.0. The national average of the 104 schools that received accreditation this year was 2.84 out of 4.0. God has surely blessed our ministry here at St. Paul.

3. Have you ever thought about being a substitute teacher or aide? If so, please contact me and let's set up a conversation.

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 3: ENTRY INTO SCHOOL (KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES)

This is a three week class geared towards parents of children entering kindergarten, that covers the physical, emotional, and spiritual development of children at this age. This class will be taught on **August 28, September 4 and 11 from 6-7:15pm** in the Youth Room. Sign up: tinyurl.com/FaithStone3.

STONE 4: MY BIBLE

September 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6. This class is for children going into 2nd and 3rd grade along with their parents. This class will run for eight weeks and be taught on Wednesday evenings at **6pm starting on Wednesday, September 18** in the Youth Room. At the end of this class children will receive a Bible from the church. Children and parents commit to read a Bible verse nightly, and continue with Highs & Lows, prayer and blessing nightly. Check out the link to sign up tinyurl.com/FaithStone4.

STONE 8: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Three sessions spread over the fall, winter, and spring where high school seniors and their families look back at God's blessings, look to the moment, and look to the future of their new callings. Classes: **September 23, 2024 @ 6pm / January 27, 2025 @ 6pm / May 5, 2025 @ 6pm**. Sign up at tinyurl.com/FaithStone8.

Questions? Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org

NEW PODCAST SERIES LAUNCH

We are excited to announce the launch a new monthly podcast series beginning on **Monday, September 16**. The series will dive in to the rich history and steadfast faith that have shaped St. Paul Lutheran Church and School. The podcast will offer stories and discussions designed to deepen your connection to the St. Paul legacy. Be sure to tune in each month to celebrate our past while looking forward to a future built on a strong foundation of faith.



PRAYER SHAWL CRAFTERS

We will meet on **Monday, September 16** at 1pm in the faculty workroom. We could use more crafters, so come and see the details of this ministry. Materials and patterns will be available.

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS CARDS

The LWML Thanksgiving and Christmas card orders will be offered again this year; samples for review will be in the Gathering Hall this weekend. *Orders are due October 5.*