



### **Traditional Worship**

Saturday 5pm  
Sunday 8am  
Sunday 11am  
Monday 6:30pm

### **Contemporary Worship**

Sunday 9:30am

### **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  
Director of Christian Ed: Tracy Krueger

## **TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST COMMITMENT WEEKEND**

November 12, 2023



**EVERY  
GENERATION  
FAITHFUL  
TOGETHER**

**AS WE GATHER...**Every Generation Faithful Together. It's not just a tagline. It's not just a catchy phrase. It is the reality of the Church. The Christian Church, the body of Christ, continues to exist and thrive only because of the work of the Holy Spirit in equipping every generation to be faithful together and to be faithful for the sake of those who will come after. It is a beautiful ripple effect, a faithful chain. As we faithfully gather together on this Commitment Weekend, may we commit ourselves to continuing this chain. Let us be faithful with what every generation before us has given, that we may in turn give the coming generations ample opportunities to remain in that faithfulness and extend it to others, all the while drawing on the unending faithfulness of our God. His steadfast love endures from generation to generation. Praise the Lord!

## **Welcome! We are glad you are worshipping today!**

**Fellowship:** Refreshments are available in the Gathering Hall on Sundays from 9am–10:45am

**Holy Communion:** Celebrated in 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 picked up after offering

**Worship Volunteers:** Sign-up at [tinyurl.com/SPLsignups](http://tinyurl.com/SPLsignups) (Future Acolytes, PowerPoint & Live-stream help)

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES—Saturday 5pm; Sunday 8am, 11am; Monday 6:30pm**

### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

### **LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELLS**

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

**OPENING HYMN** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

LSB 809

### **INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

### **OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 118:1-4*

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**People: for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: Let Israel say,

**People: "His steadfast love endures forever."**

Pastor: Let the house of Aaron say,

**People: "His steadfast love endures forever."**

Pastor: Let those who fear the Lord say,

**People: "His steadfast love endures forever."**

### **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION** *Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17–18; Matthew 25:13*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Merciful Lord, You provide for all of our needs of both body and soul.

**People: Yet we confess that we have wondered about Your care in times of distress and have worried about whether You will continue to provide. Forgive us.**

Pastor: You entrust us with many things, including eternal treasures and blessings, yet we often take them for granted and are not faithful in our stewardship.

**People: We become distracted by the things of this world that do not last, and have given our attention and even devotion to things not beneficial to our faith. Forgive us.**

Pastor: You invite us to open our eyes to the hurts and needs of those around us, that we may use what You have given us to provide for them.

**People: But we are often selfish and possessive with our gifts and are unwilling to share with our neighbors in need. Forgive us.**

Pastor: Though we are faithless, the Lord remains faithful to His promises of provision and assures us of His grace and forgiveness. 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 OF PRAISE** "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

LSB 806

## SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, all that we possess is from Your loving hand. Give us grace that we may honor You with all You have given us. Govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**MUSICAL REFLECTION** (5pm) "My Worth is Not in What I Own," Mixed Choir  
(11am) "Jesus Loves Me Medley," CDS Preschool Students

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 35:4-8, 21-29 *People contribute freely to the Lord. (Holy Bible p. 95)*

Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing that the LORD has commanded.

<sup>5</sup> Take from among you a contribution to the LORD. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze; <sup>6</sup> blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen; goats' hair, <sup>7</sup> tanned rams' skins, and goatskins; acacia wood, <sup>8</sup> oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense. <sup>21</sup> And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the LORD's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments. <sup>22</sup> So they came, both men and women. All who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and armlets, all sorts of gold objects, every man dedicating an offering of gold to the LORD. <sup>23</sup> And every one who possessed blue or purple or scarlet yarns or fine linen or goats' hair or tanned rams' skins or goatskins brought them. <sup>24</sup> Everyone who could make a contribution of silver or bronze brought it as the LORD's contribution. And every one who possessed acacia wood of any use in the work brought it. <sup>25</sup> And every skillful woman spun with her hands, and they all brought what they had spun in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. <sup>26</sup> All the women whose hearts stirred them to use their skill spun the goats' hair. <sup>27</sup> And the leaders brought onyx stones and stones to be set, for the ephod and for the breast piece, <sup>28</sup> and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense. <sup>29</sup> All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work that the Lord had commanded by Moses to be done brought it as a freewill offering to the Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Ephesians 3:14-21 God is able to do far more abundantly than all we think or ask. (Holy Bible p. 1243)*

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA VERSE

LSB 156

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 12:13-21 The parable of the rich fool. (Holy Bible p. 1108)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself,

'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "We Are Called to Stand Together"

LSB 828

**SERMON** "Every Generation Faithful Together," by Pastor Anderson, based on all three readings.

### **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.**

### **OFFERING OF COMMITMENTS**

**OFFERTORY** "We Praise You, O God"

LSB 785, St. 1 & 3

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the people of God in the Bridegroom, Christ Jesus; His Bride, the Church; and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, Your grace enables us to understand we were created for Your purpose, not ours. Bless us with zeal to be generous Christians who live according to Your purpose as we serve You through serving others. Help us to share Your love with those around us. May our love for others never grow cold. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Mighty Lord, You direct us in Your Word to give freely because we have received freely. Although we are nothing but beggars in Your sight; assist us by Your grace and make us channels through which Your blessings can flow. Equip us to make good use of the time, talents, treasures, and opportunities You lay before us this day and always. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful Father, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, especially.... Have mercy upon them and assure them of Your unfailing love and presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*(Additional prayers may be added here. The pastor will end each prayer with "Lord, in Your mercy," and the people will respond, "**hear our prayer.**")*

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and praying together,

**All: Almighty God, together as the faithful community of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, we give thanks to You for calling us to worship, study, and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

**We thank You for the gifts of faith and fellowship; especially for those who through Your guidance prepared the way for us – for their vision, commitment, worship, devotion, and service to our Church and School.**

**Holy Spirit, guide us to boldly meet this ministry opportunity with courage, love and steadfastness to enhance Your Kingdom now and for future generations.**

**We ask this in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## **CLOSING RESPONSE** *Ephesians 3:20-21*

Pastor: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,

**People: according to the power at work within us,**

Pastor: to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus

**People: throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN** “Now Thank We All Our God”

LSB 895

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### **CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE–9:30am**

#### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards will be collected during the opening song)

#### **OPENING SONGS** “Forever;” “Yes and Amen”

#### **INVOCATION**

#### **CONFESSION & WORD OF FORGIVENESS**

#### **SONG OF PRAISE** “Mighty to Save,” Handbells

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** by Tracy Krueger, DCE

#### **WORD OF GOD** *Exodus 35:4-8, 21-2*

(*Holy Bible p. 95*); *Luke 12:13-21 (Holy Bible p. 1108)*

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

#### **PRAYERS / CAMPAIGN PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **WORD OF GOD** *Ephesians 3:14-21* (*Holy Bible p. 1243*)

#### **SERMON** “Every Generation Faithful Together,” by Pastor Anderson, based on all three readings.

#### **OFFERING OF COMMITMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

#### **CLOSING SONG** “Glory Be”



### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

Today we celebrate the gifts provided to us as we make our pledges to the future of St. Paul Church and School. Your prayerful responses are a gift to generations coming after us. In order to celebrate this vision together, please join us in the Family Life Center after worship for refreshments.

**Note:** The box that we are placing our pledge cards in was handcrafted using wood from a broken pew from the original 1871 church that stood west of the railroad tracks.



## BIBLE STUDIES

### SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR 9:30am– Family Life Center

**November 12–NO CLASS**

**November 19–Why Believe the Bible**  
Dr. Randy Ferguson

**November 26**

Understanding the Holy Spirit, Pt. 1  
Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

**December 3**

Understanding the Holy Spirit, Pt. 2  
Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

**December 10**

Understanding the Holy Spirit, Pt. 3  
Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

### PROVIDENCE PLACE BIBLE CLASS

**Topic:** Blessed Are the Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study (using the popular video series)

**Led by:** Stephen Leonard

**When:** Tuesday, 1pm

**Where:** The Providence Place

### THURSDAY MORNING MENS BIBLE CLASS

**Led by:** Bob Kasten

**When:** Thursday, 6:30am

**Where:** Church Front Conference Room

### FALL WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE CLASS

**Topic:** Exodus

**Led by:** Pastor Anderson

**When:** Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm (until 11/15)

**Where:** Family Life Center

### SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Join us for the fun!** Sunday School runs Sundays September-May from 8:15-9:15am, and is open to children ages 3 thru 5th Grade. Register here for Sunday School: [tinyurl.com/SSregister23](http://tinyurl.com/SSregister23)

**11/12:** This week we will learn that God doesn't want us to get hurt and hear about God giving Moses the Ten Commandments from Exodus 20.

*Questions? Contact Tracy Krueger at  
[tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org](mailto: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.

**11/12:** We will be talking about how to find freedom through Jesus. We will be playing kickball and enjoying some fruit snacks together.

**11/24:** We will not have Middle School Youth today. Enjoy the Holiday weekend!

For more information contact Tracy Krueger at [tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org)

### Rooted Women

### Fall Bible Study!

Begins Monday September 18

Join  
Us!!

Fall Dates:

Sept 18

October 2, 16 & 30

November 6 & 20

**6:30pm**



Get your copy  
in the church  
office

### NOVEMBER BULLETIN DEADLINES

The deadline for bulletin announcements will be changing throughout the next two months due to the schedule of our printer. Here are the changes for November:

**November 26:** Due Monday, November 13, 10am

**December 3:** Due Tuesday, November 28, 10am

## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP! THANKSGIVING EVE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

4:30pm Traditional

6:30pm Contemporary

## THANKSGIVING DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:30am Traditional

### MONDAY NIGHT SERVICE HIATUS

The Board of Elders, working with the Pastors and Music Ministry Staff, have decided to pause Monday night services during Advent and Christmas, similar to last year. Monday night services will not be held from **December 4 through January 1, and will resume on January 8.**

Thank you for your understanding!

## SCRIP

It's time to stock up on all your Thanksgiving needs! For those who will be gathering with family and friends out of state, we have gas cards (**BP, Mobil, Kwik Trip**) to help get you there! Are you hosting this year? St. Paul SCRIP carries a variety of local grocery (**Meijer, Pick n'Save, Piggly Wiggly, Sendik's**) and retail stores (**Target, Walmart, Kohl's, TJMaxx**) that will help make all your shopping, cooking and decor needs as easy as pie! Our final order before the Thanksgiving holiday will be placed on **Monday, November 20 at 8:30am!** Please plan accordingly!



### VEGGIES & ICE CREAM

Families are invited to come join us on **Friday, November 17** from **6-7pm** as we watch *The Penniless Princess*. We will also be making some fun crafts and enjoying some ice cream. Signup here to join the fun: [tinyurl.com/VeggiesNov23](https://tinyurl.com/VeggiesNov23)

### CALLING ALL QUILTERS



We will begin quilting again every **Tuesday, from 9am to 12pm** in the Quilting Room. Visitors & newcomers are always welcome!

Questions? Contact  
Maribeth Witkowski at 262-339-4796



### IMPACT HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

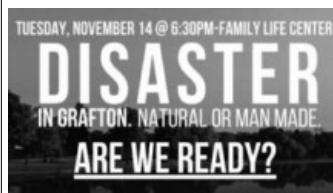
Meets 2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month  
5-6:30PM; Youth Room

### GRAFTON CHRISTMAS PARADE



There are only a few weeks until the annual Grafton Christmas Parade on **Saturday, November 25**. We are looking for donations of candy. Donations can be dropped off in the carport in the bin marked Christmas Parade. Questions? Email the Board of Evangelism at [welcome@splgraffton.org](mailto:welcome@splgraffton.org)

### DISASTER IN GRAFTON. NATURAL OR MAN MADE. ARE WE READY?



Join us on **Tuesday, November 14** at **6:30pm** for a discussion: **Disaster in Grafton. Natural or Man Made. Are We Ready?**

As members of LERT, we understand the significance of preparedness in the face of potential disasters. With our world constantly changing and new challenges emerging, let's come together to evaluate and discuss our community's preparedness level. Your insights, experiences, and suggestions can make a real difference in Grafton when the need arises.

*See you there!*

**Rooted Women  
Service Event**  
**Monday November 13, 2023**  
**6:30PM**

Join us to create/decorate  
greeting cards for seniors for  
Ozaukee Family Services



No sign up-  
come to serve &  
bring your  
scissors/paper  
supplies

### ST. PAUL SENIOR MINISTRY

The St. Paul Senior Ministry group has planned a road trip to the Old World German Christmas Market at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI. We will board the bus at the Providence Place on **Wednesday, December 6 at 10am** and leave around 1:30pm for our trip back. The cost is \$15.00 which includes transportation and admission. There are 12 seats available first come, first serve.

Call Jenny at 377-9900 or e-mail to  
[jgall@theprovidenceplace.org](mailto:jgall@theprovidenceplace.org).  
Sign-up by Monday, December 4

### THANK YOU!

The LWML thanks you for your Thanksgiving/Christmas card orders to support Mission Mites Projects; all donations to the LWML Cards Ministry go to directly support Gospel outreach mission projects here in SE Wisconsin. Single cards for the season will still be available through December in the Gathering Hall and at the Country Fair this weekend.

## QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

The November Voters meeting will take place on **Thursday, November 16 at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center**. At the meeting there will be 2024 elections of officers and board members along with a vision implementation update, Constitution & Bylaws update and Capital Campaign update along with various reports to update you on what is happening here at St. Paul. The agenda and August Voters minutes are available on the church website at [splgraffton.org/church](http://splgraffton.org/church).

## HOW TO BECOME A VOTING MEMBER OF ST. PAUL CHURCH

As we approach important decisions as a congregation and school regarding the Every Generation Faithful Together capital campaign, I wanted to remind all members of St. Paul Church to make sure you are a registered voting member of St. Paul. As a registered voting member you can assure your voice and vote count at a future voter's meetings regarding ministry expansion. The process to join St. Paul's list of official voters is easy. If you are a communicant member of St. Paul who has reached the age of 18, please come to our November 16th Voter's Meeting. Near the beginning of the meeting an announcement will be made to register as a new voting member. At that time you will be asked to sign the official register of St. Paul. You will not be eligible to vote on any matters at the November voter's meeting. You will be eligible to vote at all future voter's meetings. It's that simple.

For additional information please refer to Article V and Article VIII of the Constitution and Article II of the Bylaws of St. Paul Lutheran Church Constitution and Bylaws document. Copies may be requested from the Church Office.

*John Swiertz, Chairman, St. Paul Lutheran Church*

*Save the Date!*

*St. Paul Lutheran*

*Cookie Walk*

*December 2, 2023*

*9:00am – 11:00am*



### THE ST. PAUL CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

The Panther Parents annual Christmas Cookie Walk is coming up on **Saturday, December 2 from 9am to 11am (or until cookies run out) in the Family Life Center.**

Mark your calendars and come early to see the beautifully decorated and delicious selection of cookies, candies, and treats. Containers will be provided for you to choose your own items. \$10 per container.

Bring your friends and family and get into the Christmas spirit. You can get all of your holiday treats for the season at the Cookie Walk! The varieties will be endless and will include gluten free and nut free options!

### PLEASE CHECK YOUR HOMES & GARAGES

We are missing some white six foot tables. If you have borrowed any, please return them as soon as possible!

*Thank You! David Liss*

### PRAYER SHAWL CRAFTERS

We will have a brief meeting on **Monday, November 20 at 1pm** in the teacher's workroom. Try to come, pick up some supplies, share some ideas, and enjoy some fellowship. Thank you for your beautiful projects. They are a blessing to many and a great reminder of God's love and comfort.



### WE ARE HIRING!

Guardian Angel  
Extended Care is looking  
for help Monday-Friday.

**Lunch Help** from 10:30am-1pm

**After school** from 2:30pm-5:15pm

High School students 15 years old may apply  
for afternoon hours (3-5pm)

Questions? Contact Kim Edgar  
at 262 377-7523



### REMINDER: WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

**Thursday, December 7; 12pm**

Your reservation and payment  
for the catered Christmas meal  
is due by **November 15**. The  
amount is \$15.00. Please pay  
Susan Anciaux.

We hope you will join us for an afternoon of  
good food and fellowship!



## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL ALUMNI & FRIENDS



[facebook.com/groups/stpaulgriftonalumni](https://www.facebook.com/groups/stpaulgriftonalumni)

## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL ALUMNI & FRIENDS FACEBOOK GROUP

Exciting news! We are thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new St. Paul Alumni Group - whether you attended for a few years or graduated from St. Paul, this group is for you! Reconnect with classmates, share throwback photos, and stay up to date with alumni events. Let's celebrate our shared legacy and build a future filled with more unforgettable moments. Join the group today and share with other St. Paul classmates and friends! Find us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stpaulgriftonalumni>

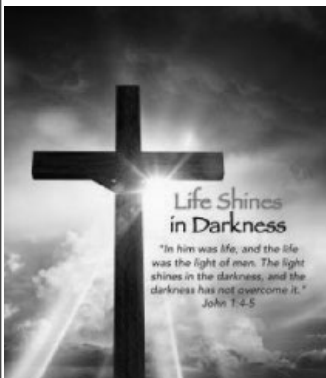
### WELCOME CENTER UPDATE

Over the past several months, the Welcome Center Committee has planned a revision of the area and one of those steps has taken place! Notice the new donation receptacles and the space for the display of messages and forms. A big thanks to Rich Musbach for his work in using the former Welcome Center materials for the new one! Watch for more updates coming soon.

### GRAFTON'S TREE LIGHTING Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 6pm The Lumberyard Plaza

Join us as we light up the start of the Holiday Season with our community tree and decorated elves courtesy of local area businesses. Enjoy Christmas Music, Hot Chocolate and Cookies! Jolly the Elf will be at the Tree Lighting handing out treat bags!

### 2024 LUTHERANS FOR LIFE ESSAY CONTEST



The Lutherans For Life Council of Federation Presidents sponsors an essay contest each year for students in two grade categories: 6-8 and 9-12. This contest is available for students in all states who attend a Lutheran school or a Lutheran church.

Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme **“Life Shines in Darkness”** using the Bible verse “In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:4-5).

This is an excellent opportunity to have students familiarize themselves with the LFL website so they know where to find Biblical answers to life questions!

The LFL website link is <https://lutheransforlife.org/>

**LIFE WEEK 2024** is a great resource. Check out <https://lutheransforlife.org/life-week-2024/>. You will be amazed what information is available for you to use for educating on life issues--**zoom presentations, activity sheets, etc.** Also <https://lutheransforlife.org/store-life-sunday-2024/>

**WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL—Visit [splgrifton.org/church](https://splgrifton.org/church) and Look for the Give Now! Button.**

**Plate:** Offerings may be placed in a collection box near the exits.

**Mail/Drop-Off:** You can mail or drop-off your Offerings at St. Paul. Our address is: 701 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024. Our Office hours are Monday—Friday, 8am to 4pm.

**VancoOnline Electronic Giving:** Visit [splgrifton.org/church/giving](https://splgrifton.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.

**Give+ Text:** Simply text 855.927.0750 (the St. Paul Give+ Text number) the amount you would like to contribute (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.

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

**Music:** Ms. Valerie Bremer  
**Leader:** Rev. Jacob Schultz

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