



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-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 19, 2023

Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11



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

AS WE GATHER... The Last Day may come soon, but in the meantime, many people are neglecting to use their abilities and opportunities for God's purposes. Zephaniah writes that it will be a day of wrath and mourning. But for those who have realized God's blessings over the years, as Psalm 90 recalls, though the times are mean, each day is an opportunity to "encourage one another and build one another up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Today is an opportunity to hear God's very gracious Word, "well done!" and be strengthened to respond by using the talents He has loaned to us.

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 (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 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

LSB 338

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Zephaniah 1:7b; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Matthew 25:29a*

Pastor: The LORD has prepared a sacrifice

People: and consecrated His guests.

Pastor: Encourage one another

People: and build one another up.

Pastor: To everyone who has will more be given,

People: and he will have an abundance.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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 in all honesty hear His Word again and confess our sins.

The Lord has consecrated His guests,

People: but we have been more attentive to the things of this world. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

Pastor: Build one another up,

People: but we are used to the darkness of this world and fear His coming like a thief in the night. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

Pastor: To everyone who has will more be given,

People: but we seldom recognize the abilities and opportunities He has given. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

Pastor: The favor of the Lord is on you! 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Christ the Eternal Lord"

LSB 829, St.1

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You.

People: Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Zephaniah 1:7–16 A day of wrath is coming. (Holy Bible p.1001)*

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.⁸ And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire."⁹ On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.¹⁰ "On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills."¹¹ Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off.¹² At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.'¹³ Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them."¹⁴ The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.¹⁵ A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,¹⁶ a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

Pastor: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

People: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Pastor: Blessed are those whose strength is in You,

People: in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 Encourage one another to live in God's light. (Holy Bible p.1257)*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you.² For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.³ While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.⁴ But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.⁵ For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE *Matthew 25:29a*

Pastor: Alleluia. For to everyone who has will more be given,

People: and he will have an abundance. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14–30 God gives talents, expecting them to be used for His purposes.*

(Holy Bible p. 1055)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property.¹⁵ To one he gave five talents to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more.¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more.¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.'²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

LSB 516

SERMON "An Encouraging Word," by Pastor Maschke based on 1 Thessalonians 5:10-11.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church around the world, for ourselves in this place, for people in positions of authority, for families, and for all in need. Guide and protect Your Church, Lord Jesus, as it endeavors to share the Gospel in the many circumstances of this sin-ridden world. Embolden leaders to speak Your Word with conviction, open the ears of those who hear the Good News in all circumstances, and grant increase of faith and numbers wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament.

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, strengthen this congregation so that we are a beacon of Your gracious love, calling one and all to join us to celebrate the Good News shining in this darkened world.

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

Pastor: Lord over all, guide and protect the officers of nations; armed forces deployed and police at home; leaders of large corporations; those who work in the media; those who grow, tend, and distribute food; and all who respond in emergencies, that together they work for the common good.

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, grant peace and love in families, give wisdom to parents and willingness to learn to children, and provide faithful congregations, caring friends, and extended relatives to support them through all the changes in life.

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

Pastor: Lord our God, hear the prayers of Your people near and dear to us, *including...*, as well as those known only to You. As fits Your gracious plans for them, give healing, relief, and comfort, so that they may live out each day in peace and joy.

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 783, St. 1 & 4

SACRAMENT

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB 161

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER (see screens or the back cover of the LSB)

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

PREPARATION *As you prepare to receive the Lord's Body and Blood, please review these questions:*

1. Am I sorry for my sins and do I repent of them?
2. Do I believe in Jesus as my Savior and that His body and blood are truly present together with the bread and the wine?
3. Do I want to live as a forgiven Christian, in love to God & neighbor, with the help of the Holy Spirit?
4. Am I a member of an LCMS congregation or a congregation in fellowship with the LCMS?

If you are not in agreement with these questions, please refrain from communing or speak with a pastor before communing.

DISTRIBUTION *Common and individual cup will be offered on both sides. Please assist the pastor when receiving the chalice. Non-alcoholic wine (pink) is served in the middle of the trays.*

"Your Table I Approach"

LSB 628

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

LSB 563

"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

LSB 627

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

LSB 164

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

People: **and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

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 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

LSB 411

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you for your generous and gracious response during Commitment Weekend. If you did not get a chance to return your pledge card, please either drop it at the Office or put it in the offering box. We ask that you continue to keep the Capital Campaign in your prayers as the steering committee continues to work toward a final proposal. We will provide updates on the website: www.splgraston.org/faithfultogether.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE-9:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INVOCATION

OPENING SONG "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

CONFESSION & WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE "The Lion and The Lamb"

CHILDRENS MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

WORD OF GOD *Matthew 25:14-30*
(*Holy Bible p. 1055*)

NICENE CREED (*see screens*)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution / Lord's Prayer / Preparation / Distribution / "Take My Life;" "Even So Come" / Dismissal

BIBLE PRESENTATION (Stepping Stone 4)

PRAYERS

WORD OF GOD *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*
(*Holy Bible p. 1257*)

SERMON "An Encouraging Word," by Pastor Maschke based on 1 Thessalonians 5:10-11.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "We Are"

BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR

9:30am—Family Life Center

November 19—Why Believe the Bible

Dr. Randy Ferguson

November 26

Understanding the Holy Spirit, Pt. 1

Dr. Randy Ferguson

December 3

Understanding the Holy Spirit, Pt. 2

Dr. Randy Ferguson

December 10

Understanding the Holy Spirit, Pt. 3

Dr. Randy Ferguson

THURSDAY MORNING MENS BIBLE CLASS

Topic: Acts of the Apostles

Led by: Bob Kasten

When: Thursday, 6:30am

Where: Church Front Conference Room

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. For more information contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org

11/26: We will not have Middle School Youth today. Enjoy the Holiday weekend!

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 5th Grade. Register here for Sunday School:

tinyurl.com/SSregister23

11/19: Join us as we learn that God loves us even when we go along with the crowd. We will hear the story of God seeing Aaron making the golden calf from Exodus 32.

11/26: There will be no Sunday School today. Enjoy the holiday weekend! Sunday school will resume on Sunday, December 3rd.

Questions? Contact Tracy Krueger at 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rooted Women Advent by Candlelight

Sunday December 3, 2023

6:30PM



Join us as we prepare for the
Faith, Hope, Love, & Peace
of the Advent Season

Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/AdventbyCandlelight23>



We invite you to join us on **Sunday, December 3 at 6:30pm** for Advent by Candlelight. Please join us as we prepare our hearts in hope, love, joy, and peace that this season has to offer. Darcy Paape - Director of the Women's Leadership Institute - will be leading our time.

Sign up at tinyurl.com/AdventbyCandlelight23

We look forward to enjoying the Christmas season together. You may bring a dessert to share if you would like.

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!

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.

DECEMBER 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 and December;

December 3: Due Monday, November 27, 10am

December 10: Due Tuesday, November 28, 10am

December 17: Due Monday, December 4, 10am

December 31: Due Monday, December 18, 10am

Thank you!

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.

Sign-up by Monday, December 4



**WOMEN'S GUILD
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**
Thursday, December 7; 12pm

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS ST PAUL CHURCH AND SCHOOL!

Well, it may be a little early to start singing Deck the Halls, but it's never too early to start your holiday shopping! With the challenges we've been faced with this year, for some, this year has been especially difficult. Winter is fast approaching, and there are many local families that are struggling to have what they need for winter, much less purchase Christmas gifts for their children. Your support and generosity are greatly needed. Help the Panther Parents to make Christmas special for families in our community by purchasing a gift (or two!!) from the Giving Tree. The gifts will go to several local families, children from Benediction Church, as well as the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative and Place of Refuge Women's Shelter.

The Giving Tree and tags can be found in the carport entrance. Please turn in the gifts (left unwrapped) by Monday, December 4th. Please attach the tags to the gifts when dropping off the items. Items can be turned in to the school office or under the tree to be collected daily.

If you have questions contact Samantha McCarthy at samccarthy09@gmail.com or 262-227-4777

SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. YURK



1. We've closed out the first trimester of the 2023-24 school year. School will not be in session the week of Thanksgiving. As we look forward to the upcoming holiday, I give thanks to the St. Paul community for the prayers and support given to our staff as we live out our motto of being Focused on Excellence...Centered on Christ.
2. As we begin preparations for Christmas, please join us for our Christian Day School Christmas programs. Programs will take place at 8:25 am and 6:30 pm the following Wednesdays: December 6 (Gr. 1-2), December 13 (Gr. 3-4), December 20 (Gr. 5-8) and on Saturday, December 16 (9 & 10:30 am / Gr. PreK-K). Our Band and Christmas Concert is Friday, December 8 at 9 am & 6:30 pm.
3. Registration for the 2024-25 school year will open up in January. Call the school office for more information.

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!

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!

GRAFTON CHRISTMAS PARADE

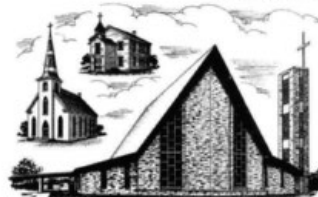


There are only a few weeks until the annual Grafton Christmas Parade on **Saturday, November 25.**

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.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL
ALUMNI & FRIENDS



facebook.com/groups/stpaulgrafftonalumni

IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO LEND A HAND!

We have a few ways you that could really make a difference:

Transportation - Can you offer a ride to those with medical appointments?

Shut-in member support - A simple visit or phone call can brighten someone's day.

Ushers - Welcome and assist worshipers at our services. Due to the additional services during the holidays, there is a greater need for Ushers.

Interested in any of these roles or have additional questions?

Contact Marty Hauser, Director of Servant Ministries at
262-377-4659, Ext. 375 or servantministries@splgraffton.org.

Music: Mrs. Irma Brockberg / Phil Greve
Leaders: Rev. Jacob Schultz

Altar Guild: Sharon Hawkins & Maribeth Witkowski
Sermon: Rev. Timothy Maschke

SERVICE	ELDERS / COMMUNION HELPERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	Brad Dorn / Jim Schroeder / Chuck Meunier	Brian Hadler
Sun., 8am	Gary Hilgendorf / Rick Wellman	Dean Haas
Sun., 9:30am	Stu Natale / Vince Micha / Marty Hauser	Chris Hanley
Sun., 11am	Mark Papcke / Randy Klotka	Marty Hauser
Mon., 6:30pm	Gabriel Metzger	Casey Haas

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Drew Bartel* (son of Mona Bartel); *Timothy Brauer* (father of Nicholas Brauer); *Jean Dormann* (niece of Norma Prah); *Kathy Gruszecki*; *Diane Hostetter*; *Elaine Hurley* (sister of Joanne Wolf); *Paul Klotka* (son of Randy & Lois Klotka); *Marcia Krenek* (friend of Joan Suelflow); *Rev. James Kroemer*; *Kris Lindsay*; *Susan Metzger*; *Shirley Neubauer*; *Ted Otto*; *Darlene Sukowski*; *Susan Swanson* (sister & sister-in-law of Catherine & Larry Kiener); *Julie Vandermause* (special friend of Richard & Evonne Musbach); *Joanne (Jodie) Wolf*; *Randy Zachow*

Long Term Illness/Treatment: *Pam A.* (friend of Maribeth Witkowski); *Kathy Bruskewitz*; *Jim & Sharon Caulfield* (parents/in-law's of Alison & Steve Eckert); *Christine Catspram* (daughter of Lyle & Terry Sperber); *Cindy C.* (coworker of Jessica Roeder); *Bonnie Guse* (sister of Brian Hadler); *Dan Haupt* (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); *Tim Hubacek* (grandson of Frank & Bernice Haupt); *Daniel Kekic* (nephew of Paulette Rammel); *Mary Lou Mercer*; *Andy Panasa* (friend of Dennis Kranz); *Patrick Swan* (friend of Liz Dehmel)

Death: *Paul Brunnquell*; *Dottie Andrews*

Baptism: *Klaus Leander Neureuther*

Hospice: *John Eckhart*, Lasata; *Dorothy Rutz*, Harbor View

Please Note: If you have a Prayer Request listed in either "Strength and Healing" or "Long-term Illness/Treatment" please notify the church office at (377-4659 x332) with any updates. At the end of each month any requests that we do not receive an update on is removed. **Deadline: Monday, November 27.**

GIFTS, MEMORIALS & PLEDGES

A Gift has been given to the Glory of God in memory of *Stephen Allen Mierow Jr.* to the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund by his parents, Steve and Kathy Mierow.

A Gift has been given to the Glory of God to the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund in memory of *Jerry Irwin* from Phyllis Irwin and family.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptism: *Klaus Leander Neureuther*, born May 10, 2017, son of Michael and Carolyn (nee Knickerbocker) McNerney, will be baptized after the 5pm service on Saturday, November 18, 2023.

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