

**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 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 collected during worship.

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

Traditional Worship

*Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am | Sunday 11am

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****



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2024

Jesus Is My Life.!



AS WE GATHER...On this final Sunday of the Easter season, the apostles are gathered to select as successor to Judas one who had been with them from the beginning and who would become a witness of Jesus' resurrection. In the Epistle, John teaches us the Good News that God testifies concerning Jesus, the Son: "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:12). In the Gospel, Jesus, in His High Priestly Prayer, prays that all who have received His Word may be one and that His joy may be fulfilled in us. He sanctifies us together in the truth of His Word as we live as resident aliens in this world, a world which may hate us for abiding in Christ's Word. Yet in the midst of this animosity, we trust in our Savior who has overcome the world. We trust in our Savior who gives us life.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (5pm) "Polonaise," by Hofmann, Danielle Werner, clarinet

LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

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

HYMN "Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"

LSB 540

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 1:1-3,6*

Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

People: nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

Pastor: but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night.

People: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

Pastor: In all that he does, he prospers. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

People: but the way of the wicked will perish.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help, is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father:

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I 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 (5pm) "Allegro con Moto," Handbells
"This Is the Feast"

LSB 155

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful Father, You have given us Your Word and with it Your Spirit, that by the testimony of the prophets and evangelists, we may know the truth that sets us free from sin and fear and receive life through Your Son. Guard Your Word within us, that by this faithful testimony we may be made bold in witness and faithful in service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

MUSICAL REFLECTION (5pm) "Sonatina," by Clementi, Sophie Werner, flute

FIRST READING Acts 1:12–26 *The Lord chooses Matthias to fill the empty spot among the Twelve created by Judas' death.* (Holy Bible p. 1156)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE 1 John 5:9–15 *Whoever has the Son has life.* (Holy Bible p. 1304)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

LSB 156

HOLY GOSPEL John 17:11b–19 *Jesus prays that we may be one as He and the Father are one.* (Holy Bible p. 1149)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth 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 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

LSB 525

SERMON "A Day to Celebrate Life," by Pastor Anderson, based on 1 John 5:9-15.

APOSTLES' CREED (see screens or back cover of LSB)

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (see screens)

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

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 "The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

LSB 794

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MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE THIS WEEKEND After services on Saturday and Sunday



CELEBRATE LIFE WITH US IN MAY FOR MOTHER'S DAY! Mother's Day weekend, Lutherans for Life would like to help you celebrate and say thank you to your mom or special lady in your life. **Roses will be available after services and a donation will be accepted (suggested donation \$2.50/rose)** to help meet future goals of reaching Lutheran pastors, congregations, educators, schools and young people to be Gospel-motivated voices for **LIFE.**

Thank you to Kevin and Kaye Voss

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE-9:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Goodness of God"

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

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

INVOCATION

OPENING SONGS "Lead On Good Shepherd;"
"A Thousand Hallelujahs"

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE "God Who Bleeds"

MUSICAL REFLECTION "Praise the Lord Every Day" CDS Preschool Students

CHILDRENS MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

WORD OF GOD *John 17:11b-19*
(Holy Bible p.1149)

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

WORD OF GOD *1 John 5:9-15* *(Holy Bible p. 1304)*

SERMON "A Day to Celebrate Life," by Pastor Anderson, based on 1 John 5:9-15.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "The Lamb Has Overcome"

PASTOR WENDORF'S WEEKLY DEVOTION BEST MOTHER'S DAY GIFT EVER

I have no greater joy than to hear that My children are walking in the truth. 3 John 4

Christian mothers are not hard to please and they love their children. Once at a woman's funeral one of the children said with a big smile: "You know, mom said I was her favorite." Why did she smile? Because she knew her mom said that about each of her children and grandchildren! What gives a mom the greatest joy is to know that her children are walking with Jesus. Nothing else really matters. It is nice to send cards, or plants, or pictures for those gifts are so appreciated. But the plants will die, the cards or pictures may fade, but faith in Jesus, that is eternal. Mother's Day is a great time to tell your mom how you love her and Jesus! If your mom is already in heaven, you can thank God that she showed you the love of Jesus.

*You are welcome to contact Pastor Wendorf to share your thoughts regarding his weekly devotions:
pastor.wendorf@splgrifton.org*

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR

9:30am-Family Life Center

May 12:

Topic: Revisiting the Prophets Amos and Obadiah
Led by: Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

May 19:

Topic: Revisiting the Prophets Jonah and Micah
Led by: Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

May 26: NO CLASS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday's 8:15-9:15am; Youth Room

5/12: We will be looking at the Bible story of God sending the Holy Spirit to the early Christians from Acts 2:1-13 this week as we learn that the Holy Spirit gives us power.

5/19: This week's Bible story is about God giving Peter the power to heal a crippled beggar from Acts 3. We will be learning that God helps us be bold. This will be our final week of Sunday School before we break for the summer. Watch for Sunday School to resume in September.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Sunday, June 2, 4-6pm

All 5-8th graders are invited to our final Middle School Youth group of the school year. We are going to be having a Nerf war and BBQ. This year we are challenging the middle school youth from First Immanuel in Cedarburg as well as St. John West Bend. Don't forget to bring your Nerf guns! Sign up here to join the fun and sign up to bring items for the BBQ: tinyurl.com/MSYJune24.



**MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY, MAY 27
NO MONDAY NIGHT
SERVICE
CHURCH & SCHOOL
OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**



EVERY
GENERATION
FAITHFUL
TOGETHER

EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER PROJECT UPDATE

The ministry expansion project continues moving forward. The following was accomplished in April:

- Received Village of Grafton Architectural Review Committee and Planning Commission Committee approval. Next steps are to receive final approval at the Village board meeting in May.
- The terms of the promissory notes were set. Informational meetings will be held on May 21, June 4, and June 19 at 6pm.
- Work continued with the architect on architectural, civil and landscape design development.
- Continued processing gift receipts and pledges.
- Date of June 9th at noon was set for the groundbreaking ceremony.

The need for your continued financial support and commitments is essential as we move forward. Please click [here \(splgraffon.org/faithfultogether\)](http://splgraffon.org/faithfultogether) to visit the Every Generation Faithful Together page where you can obtain more information on giving opportunities. As we move forward together, pray the Holy Spirit guides us to boldly meet this opportunity with courage, love, and steadfastness, enhancing God's Kingdom now and for future generations.

EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Mark your calendars for **June 9 at 12pm** (following the 11am service) to celebrate the groundbreaking of the ministry expansion project! The ceremony will be held in the lower parking lot at the site where the new building will be constructed. There will be a brief program and light refreshments.

Plan to join us as we embark on the construction phase of this exciting expansion!



MINISTRY EXPANSION BUILDING PROJECT – PROMISSORY NOTES

Starting in May, St. Paul will begin to issue promissory notes to those who may be interested in helping further support the financing of our ministry expansion building project.

A promissory note issued by St. Paul is a written promise that St. Paul will pay the noteholder back the amount borrowed to St. Paul at a future date when the noteholder submits a request for repayment. Interest will be payable by St. Paul to the noteholder during the period the promissory note is outstanding. To learn more about what a promissory note is and how the process will work, several general sessions will be available to meet with Jason Hasenstein, St. Paul's Director of Finance, to provide further insight about promissory notes and answer questions. No appointment is needed.

To learn more or decide if entering into a promissory note with St. Paul may be of interest, please consider stopping by the Family Life Center during one of the general sessions below:

- Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between 6:00 and 7:00pm
- Tuesday, June 4, 2024 between 6:00 and 7:00pm
- Wednesday, June 19, 2024 between 6:00 and 7:00pm

If you need an alternative date and time, please contact the St. Paul Finance Office.

HONORING OUR GRADUATES



St. Paul will be listing names of all graduating members (from high schools, technical schools, colleges, and universities any time during 2024) in the bulletin the weekend of June 2. If you or a member in your family will be graduating during this year, please complete the form (found at the Welcome Center, School & Church office or at splgraffon.org/church) and return it to the Office by Tuesday, May 28.

St. Paul Women's Guild

Salad Luncheon

Wednesday, June 5, 2024
11am - 1pm

Salad Buffet Plate, Drink, Dessert \$12.00

For groups of 6 or more, make reservations
by calling Deb at 262-707-8992

STUDENT AID FUND 2024-25
Attention Students Considering or Enrolled in Synodical School

Any congregational member who will attend a synodical school on a full-time basis and will be training for a career as a full-time church worker within the LCMS is eligible to apply for aid.

Application forms are available in the Church Office. **Deadline to apply is May 31.**

Contact Gabriel Metzger (Board of Elders) with any questions at: gmetzger@me.com.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN GOLF CLASSIC
West Bend Lakes Golf Club
Friday, June 7, 2024



Time: Shotgun start at 10:00am

Check-in begins at 8:45am

Gather near golf carts for prayer at 9:45am

Cost: \$125 per golfer / \$500 foursome

(Includes 18-holes, cart, lunch, dinner, prizes and more)

Register your group online at: tinyurl.com/SPLGolf24

- or -

Fill out a Registration Form and drop off at the St. Paul School Office.

Registration forms are available in the St. Paul School Office.

Proceeds support St. Paul Lutheran School. Through the years, proceeds have been used to help purchase unbudgeted school needs such as new computers in the computer lab, student lockers, various curriculum and software programs as well as student aid funding through the Good Samaritan Fund.

Sponsorships and raffle prize donations are also accepted! Contact a member of the St. Paul Golf Committee or review the Registration Form available in the St. Paul School Office for a list of sponsorship opportunities available.

SPRING FLING BBQ & LIVE MUSIC

What: May Senior Adult Ministry Event Dinner & Live Music by Carol Butt

Where: The Providence Place

When: Thursday, May 16; 5pm

Dinner Menu:

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Roasted Red Potatoes
Coleslaw, Fruit, Dessert, Lemonade, Beer & Wine

Cost \$15.00/person (cash)
Includes dinner, refreshments
& live music!

RSVP to Jenny @ 262-377-9900
Sign-up by Monday, May 13th!

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE ST. PAUL GUIDEBOOK

It is time for us to update our database. If your family has had any changes in phone number, address change, email address or adult children moving out on their own? Are adult children still under your membership record? We would like to hear about those changes so that we can clean up our records. We would like to have the most accurate information about you—our members! Forms are in the back of church. Please contact the Church Office by **Monday, June 17.**

We would also like to have updated email addresses as our new system is capable of sending you updates via email.

Call Martha at 262-377-4659, Ext. 332
or email martha.witt@splgrifton.org

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING FAMILIES AFFECTED BY STORMS

In the aftermath of recent storms that have wreaked havoc on communities in Nebraska, Oklahoma, and others, many families are facing the task of rebuilding their lives from the ground up. As our LERT volunteers provide much-needed assistance in the form of debris cleanup, we are reaching out for support in a different way: gift cards.

By handing out gift cards from retailers like Walmart, Home Depot, Visa, and MasterCard to the families the LERT volunteers assist, these families can purchase essential supplies, tools, and materials to aid in their recovery process.

To donate gift cards, please drop them off at **St. Paul Church Office by Monday, May 13.** If you have any questions, contact Polly at 262-377-4846 or pollykm40@gmail.com. Your generosity will directly benefit families in need and point them towards the hope and restoration found in Jesus Christ. Thank you for your generosity during this critical time.

Music: Ms. Valerie Bremer / Mrs. Rinda Bye
Leader: Rev. Timothy Maschke

Altar Guild: Kathy Lubner & Joyce Kroemer
Sermon: Rev. Luke Anderson

SERVICE	ELDERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	Rick Wellman	Joanne Wolf
Sun., 8am	Greg Kern	Ron Kuta
Sun., 9:30am	Gary Hilgendorf	Tim Hallett
Sun., 11am	Mark Papcke	Mark Papcke
Mon., 6:30pm	Brad Dorn	Casey Haas

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Karen Boatman* (friend of Richard and Carolyn Wohlers); *Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Prah); *Robin, David, Dominick, and Larry Gunder* (friends of John & Patty Richmond); *Kelsey Lauer* (friend of Renae Frisque); *Richard Wolf*; *Wendy Zetting*; *Lisa* (niece of Jan Moegenburg)

Long Term Illness / Treatment: *Pam A.* (friend of Maribeth Witkowski); *Samuel Becker* (grandson of Lucille Becker); *Patricia Biedenbender* (grandmother of Nick & Abby Biedenbender); *Jim & Sharon Caulfield* (parents/in-law's of Alison & Steve Eckert); *Christine Capstran* (daughter of Lyle & Terry Sperber); *Cindy C.* (coworker of Jessica Roeder); *Tim Drover* (friend of Lisa Valdez); *Heidi Feucht* (friend of Stephanie Steinert); *Dan Haupt* (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); *Paul Imig* (Civil Engineer for our Ministry Expansion Fund); *Daniel Kekic* (nephew of Paulette Rammel); *Mary Lou Mercer*; *Andy Panasa* (friend of Dennis Kranz); *Patrick Swan* (friend of Liz Dehmel)

Anniversary: *Gerald and Kathy Chromy's* 44th wedding anniversary (May10)

Death: *Dorothy Rutz*

Hospice: *Marion Rieboldt* (mother of Bill Rieboldt)

Rehab: *Darlene Sukowski*, Newcastle

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: Tuesday, May 28**

GIFT & MEMORIAL

A Gift has been given to the Glory of God to St. Paul in honor of *Gerald & Kathy Chromy's* 44th wedding anniversary (May 10) by Gerald & Kathy Chromy.

A Memorial has been given to the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund in memory of *RoseAnn Zylka*.

CHURCH RECORDS

Funeral: *Ronald P. Block*, born May 22, 1945, went to be with Jesus on April 27, 2024. A Christian funeral was held for him at St. Paul on Saturday, May 11, 2024.

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.

Congratulations

St. Paul Lutheran Church 2024 Confirmands



Photo by Matthew Warren

2024 Confirmands (in alphabetical order):

Aiden Josef Anderson, Nicholas John Arentz, Rebecca Kay Babler, Elaina Kristine Bakke, Madelaine Marie Benson, Lawton Howard Billeb, John Michael Boesch, Lillian Renee Braun, Everly Monet Brown, Paxtyn Lake Brown, Jessica Jean Collins, William Donald Dobberpuhl, Chayse Ryan Eigenberger, Aliza Johanna Emanuele, Maya Jean Ertl, Elena Elizabeth Federl, Bohdan Randall Gartman, Savannah Leigh Gartman, Gabriella Nicole Guarnero, Magdalyn Murphie Hartjes, Armella Debra Kegley, Brianna Lynn Krause, Ethan David Krueger, Konner Jackson Krueger, Keegan James Mammen, Natalie Ruth Menzl, Dashton Dean Metzger, Brodie Robert Murphy, Zachary Devin Nusberger, Ellana Carrel O'Connor, Mason Bartlett Rygg, Kinsey Cecilia Schwantes, Parker Aiden Small, Peter Andrew Stec, Isabelle Amanda Viesselmann, Piper Finley Werner, Sophie Ann Werner, Gavyn Michael Williamson

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Come join us for the fun! Our VBS is set for **June 10-14**, from **9am to 12pm**, and is open to children who have COMPLETED 3PK thru 5th Grade. There is a \$20 per child fee for VBS this year, which helps to cover the cost of things such as t-shirts, music, and snacks. Register before 5/20/24 to be sure to get a t-shirt. We can't wait to jump into this faith-filled adventure this Summer as we dive into friendship with God. Space is limited so be sure to sign up today for the best 5 days of the summer! If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org or 262-377-4659 x105. **Sign up your kids up for the fun and learning today: tinyurl.com/SPLVBS2024**

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED

We are collecting a wide variety of items for VBS this summer. Please consider donating one or more of the needed items. All donations need to be returned to the church by **Thursday, May 30**. Thank you for your support!

Questions? Contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org

