

**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 Pahl

Pastor Emeritus: John Suelflow

Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf

Principal: Michael Yurk

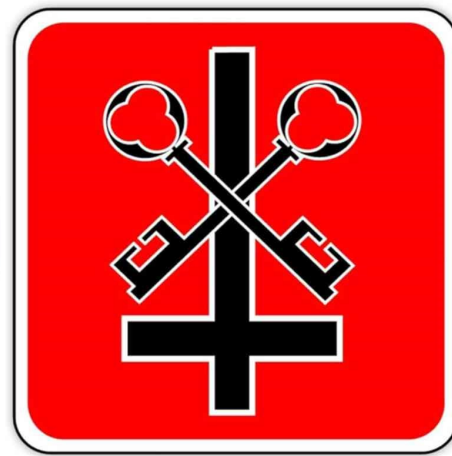
Director of Music: Valerie Bremer

DCE: Tracy Krueger

EQUIPPING
Every Generation
to Live Rooted
in JESUS



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 4, 2025



AS WE GATHER... God's Word is always effective; we cannot truly hear it and remain as we were. What a revelation! Today's scripture readings all reflect this truth. In Acts, Saul, once responsible for the stoning of Stephen, is changed into the apostle Paul, the human author of much of the New Testament. In the vision in Revelation, John's sorrow is drowned out by the hosts of heaven as they praise the Lamb who is worthy to receive all our praise. And in the Gospel, Peter is forgiven for his weak faith on Holy Thursday and given the gracious invitation to follow his Lord. Now it is our turn to be changed—into people freed from sin and death to serve our living Lord.

COMMUNION STATEMENT

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.*

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 sermon hymn)*

OPENING HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

LSB 463

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

BAPTISM *(8am) Dean Thomas Brunnquell*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We have come to worship our great God. However, in our sinful condition, we struggle to draw near to Him. We are unworthy to stand before Him. Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

People: I confess to You, heavenly Father, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and actions. I am unable to save myself, to turn from my errors, and to atone for my sins. I plead to God for grace and mercy.

Pastor: By the grace of God, there is One who is worthy to take our requests for forgiveness to God's throne of grace. Jesus Christ alone is worthy, for He is God's own Lamb and has ransomed us from our sins by dying for us and rising in glory. He declares us to be saints, able to go to God in all confidence, and priests, offering our prayers for one another and all people. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE *(Incorporating Revelation 5:11–14, The assigned Epistle lesson for the day)*

Pastor: We echo the countless hosts of heaven in their ceaseless praise of our Lord, the Lamb, for whose sake God shows us mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy on us.

Pastor: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

People: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Christ, have mercy on us.

Pastor: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

People: "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" Lord, have mercy on us and grant us Your peace.

Pastor: And the four living creatures said,

People: "Amen!"

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, through the sacrifice of Your Son on our behalf, You made us worthy to approach You in confident faith. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to give You all the praise each day in what we think, say, and do; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION (8am) “On that Great, Great Mornin,” Mixed Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 9:1–25 *Jesus appears to Saul, who then proclaims Him to be the Son of God.* (Holy Bible p. 1167)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

LSB 156

HOLY GOSPEL John 21:1–14 *Jesus visits the disciples a third time after Easter as they fish.* (Holy Bible p. 1154)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first 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 “Come Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

LSB 688

SERMON by Pastor Prael, based on today’s readings.

NICENE CREED (5pm, 11am & 6:30pm) (see screens or back cover of LSB)

OFFERTORY HYMN “Lamb of God”

LSB 550

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (see screens)

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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (see screens or LSB 179)

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.

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

PEACE

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"

LSB 163

PREPARATION *(see screens or top of page 2)*

DISTRIBUTION *Common cup and individual cup are offered on both the lectern and pulpit sides.*

Please assist the pastor or server when receiving the chalice for common cup. Non-alcoholic wine (pink) is served in individual cups in the center of the tray.

"Just as I am, without One Plea"

LSB 570

"The Lamb"

LSB 547

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

People: **Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;**

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.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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 "Blest the Children of Our God"

LW 370

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UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES



SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR

9:30am—Family Life Center

May 4: Jesus as Messiah: Why Don't Jews Believe?

Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

May 11: Jesus as Teacher: Why So Many Parables?

Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

COME AND SEE

Topic: The CHOSEN

Led by: Karen Leonard

Day/Time: Monday's at 5:30pm (Ends on June 2)

Location: Providence Place

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

Topic: Scripture in Context

Led by: Pastor Anderson

Day/Time: Wednesdays April 30-May 28; 6:30pm

Location: Family Life Center

THURSDAY MORNING MENS BIBLE CLASS

Topic: Mark

Led by: Bob Kasten

When: Thursday, 6:30am

Where: Church Front Conference Room

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE-9:30AM

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "A Thousand Hallelujahs"

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 "10,000 Reasons"

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE "What A Friend," Male Choir

CHILDRENS MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

WORD OF GOD Acts 9:1-25 *(Holy Bible p. 1154)*

NICENE CREED

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution / Lord's Prayer / Preparation / Distribution / "Thank You Jesus For The Blood;" "Resurrecting" / Dismissal

PRAYERS

WORD OF GOD John 21:1-19 *(Holy Bible p.1167)*

SERMON by Pastor Prah, based on today's readings.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Me On Your Mind"

BIBLE STUDIES, SERVANT MINISTRY MEETINGS AND MORE!

NEW! WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: REDEEMING YOUR TIME BY JORDAN RAYNOR

Our schedules can be overwhelming. Even with the countless time-management resources available to us, our ability to find balance between work and life can feel fruitless. But when we look at the lifestyle of Jesus, we see an example of what it looks like to be efficient while finding balance. In this four-session series, bestselling author Jordan Raynor discusses key principles and practices, rooted in the example of Jesus, that will help us use the time we have in the best way.

- Thursdays, April 24, May 1, May 8 and May 15; 6:30-8pm in St. Paul School Library
- Fridays, April 25, May 2, May 9 and May 16; 8:30-10am in Church Conference Room

MAY LERT MEETING

Please join us on **Tuesday, May 13 @ 6:30pm** in the Family Life Center.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays 8:15-9:15am; Youth Room

5/4: Join us as we learn that Jesus is powerful and he gives us power as we look at Psalm 68:18-20 and Acts 1:1-20.

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



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

We will not meet in May due to Confirmation, Mother's Day, Graduation, and Memorial Day weekend.

Sunday, June 1, 4-6pm

All 5-8 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. 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/MSYJune25.

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



On behalf of the Board of Parish Education, we would like to share an update for the Fall 2025 Sunday School hour. Starting in January our board began looking more in depth at our current Bible class offerings here at St. Paul along with the demographic those classes are reaching. We have several different offerings during the week at different times, but St. Paul does not offer any classes in which adults and kids can attend at the same time. We currently have Sunday school for 3 years olds to 6th graders at 8:15 – 9:15 and an adult class

offered at 9:30. As a board we discussed and prayed how we could find ways to simultaneously serve all generations here at St. Paul and better align with our core values of Biblical Teaching and Authentic Relationships. As a result of these discussions, we unanimously voted to move the current 8:15 – 9:15 am children's Sunday school to the same time as the adult class at 9:30 coming this fall. With this change there will be more class offerings running on Sunday to reach all generations. In addition, this will give us the opportunity for each age group to study the same topic at the same time leading to further discussions outside these church walls.

SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. YURK



1. We're going to need help! Hopefully that caught your attention. We're starting to think about the transition into the new building. The school year ends on May 30. We need to completely move out of the south wing by Wednesday, June 4. That means teachers will be packing up their classrooms and we'll be putting their items in their new rooms. Exact moving information will be shared in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!

2. End of the school year events are in the process of being planned. Our annual Spring Concert will be held on Thursday, May 8. All of our St. Paul school choirs and bands will be performing. One concert will take place at 9am and two later in the day at 5:30pm (K-4 students) and 6:30pm (5-8 students).



EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER—FAITHFUL TO THE FINISH

Thank you for your ongoing prayerful and financial support as we expand our ministry and facility. The new building is close to completion, and we will be enjoying this expanded space at the end of the summer! As we approach the end of this school year and prepare to decommission the south wing building, we are asking for your help to

stay Faithful to the Finish for Every Generational Faithful Together.

We will begin accessing our loan and can lower the amount needed through contributions provided in May. Every additional \$1 given today is worth \$1.80 over the 20-year life of the loan.

Together we can make an impact...if

- 100 people give \$1000 = \$100,000
- 200 people give \$500=\$100,000
- 400 people give \$250=\$100,000

If you have already made a pledge, it would also be helpful to receive any of those commitment funds early. This will also help reduce the amount we need to borrow.

Ways to Give:

- Give securely online using Vanco: secure.myvanco.com/L-YT1K/campaign/C-15F96
- Send via Venmo: @spl-grafton (note: Faithful; last 4 Digits: 0360)
- Use the yellow "Building Fund" envelopes and drop in the offering boxes in the Narthex.

Your gift before May 31, 2025 will help reduce the debt needed, secure our financial future, and provide the resources needed to serve our church, school, and community for years to come.

Together we are Faithful to the Finish for Every Generation.

If you're curious about our progress, click here to see a brief video, "A Look Inside" vimeo.com/1077412412

STUDENT AID FUND 2025-2026

Attention Students Considering or Enrolled in a 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 online at splgraffton.org. Please return completed forms to the church office. Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2025**. Questions? Contact Gabriel Metzger (Board of Elders) at gmetzger@me.com.

LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILY VOLUNTEERS!

Want to make a difference in the life of an international student? Become a Host Family Mentor! No housing required—just catching coffee on campus, and a monthly meet-up over dinner, a weekend outing, or a holiday gathering. It's a fun, low-commitment way to share our culture, learn about another, and build lasting friendships. Interested or want to learn more? Contact Rebecca Hasbani at studentwellness@cuw.edu.

Let's help our international students feel at home—one meal, one memory at a time!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be held on **Sunday, May 4 at 2pm**. You are welcome to join us! We will be live-streaming the ceremony at splgraffton.org/church/livestream & vimeo.com/event/3215174



LWML CARD MINISTRY

Mother's Day, Confirmation, Graduation, and Teacher Thank You Cards are now available at the LWML Card Ministry table in the Gathering Hall

Music: Mrs. Michelle Soenkson
Leader: Rev. Timothy Maschke

Altar Guild: Marlene Hartung & Ann Mueller
Sermon: Rev. Larry Prah

SERVICE	ELDERS / COMMUNION SERVERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	J. Wegner / E. Kuerschner / R. Klotka / J. Brooks / J. Kell	Brian Hadler
Sun., 8am	R. Wellman / B. Buske / R. Schultz / L. Kiener	Bob Utecht
Sun., 9:30am	G. Metzger / V. Micha / M. Benson	Dave Schmidt
Sun., 11am	M. Papcke / M. Stec / B. Marien / J. Schroeder	Matt Stec
Mon., 6:30pm	G. Krueger	

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Prah); *Lisa Giuliani* (niece of Jan Moegenburg); *Mari LaGrange* (daughter of Dan & Sue Hueppchen); *Kris Lindsay*

Long-Term Illness / Treatment: *Drew Bartell* (son of Mona Bartell); *Jesse Liebe* (nephew of Mona Bartell); *Samuel Becker* (grandson of Lucille Becker); *Dave Boehm* (friend of Tim & Jenny Clemens); *Delaine Bussard* (friend of Debra Kelley); *Christine Capstran* (daughter of Lyle & Terry Sperber); *Sharon Caulfield* (mother/mother-in-law of Alison & Steve Eckert); *Stacy Fairbert* (niece of Jody Reiter); *Tom Fitzgerald* (friend of Tom Lubner); *Dan Haupt* (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); *Daniel Kekic* (nephew of Paulette Rammel); *Laurie McGraw* (friend of Brian & Shari Buske); *Sarah Reiss*, *Kay Ryder* (sister of Kevin Zirtlaff); *Pat Stifter*; *Rev. Kurt Ziemann* (son of Gordy & Mary Ann Ziemann)

Baptism: *Dean Thomas Brunnquell*

Prayers for our *2025 Confirmands*; *Thanksgiving* for our teachers during *Teacher Appreciation Week*.

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 26.**

FLOWERS & MEMORIALS

Flowers next to the pulpit are given to the glory of God in celebration of our *2025 Confirmands* by the Confirmands' families.

A Memorial has been given to the glory of God to St. Paul Lutheran Church in memory of *Ruth Goeden*.

Memorials have been given to the glory of God to the St. Paul Lutheran Church & School Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund in memory of Denis Grogan.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptism: *Reid William Sheaffer*, born April 7, 2025, son of Matthew & Lauren (nee Frisque) Sheaffer was baptized at St. Paul after the 5pm service on April 27, 2025.

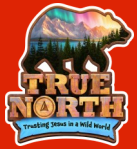
WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL

Visit splgraffton.org/church and Look for the **Give Now! Button**

- IN-PERSON:** 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.
- VENMO:** Search for: @SPL-Grafton. Please note for: Offering; Last 4 Digits: 0360
- VANCOONLINE ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Visit splgraffton.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.

This past week, St. Paul Lutheran School's 8th Grade class went on a trip to Washington D.C. Thank you so much to all those who have supported us through attending or participating in our many brat frys, meals, and fundraisers.



VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

VBS this year is **June 16-20, 9am-12pm**. We are still looking for a number of volunteers to help with VBS this summer. Check out the volunteer sign up form at tinyurl.com/VBSVolunteer25.

Registration is NOW OPEN for this year's VBS, True North. Come join us for the fun! Our VBS is set for June 16-20, 2025 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, which helps to cover the cost of things such as t-shirts, music, and snacks. Register before May 20, 2025 to be sure to get a t-shirt. We can't wait to jump into this faith-filled adventure this Summer as we learn to trust Jesus in a wild world. Space is limited so sign up today for the best 5 days of the summer!

Register your kids up for the fun and learning today: tinyurl.com/SPLVBS2025



VBS DONATIONS

We are collecting a wide variety of items for VBS this summer, see the bulletin board in the carport entry way. Please consider donating one or more of the needed items. All donations need to be returned to the church by **Sunday, June 1**. Thank you for your support!

Questions? Contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org or 262-377-4659 x105.



**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
GOLF CLASSIC**
Friday, June 6, 2025
West Bend Lakes Golf Club

Cost: \$125 per golfer / \$500 foursome
(Includes 18-holes, cart, lunch, dinner, prizes and more)

Time: Shotgun start at 10:00am

Check-in begins at 8:30am

Gather near golf carts for prayer at 9:45am

REGISTER YOUR GROUP TODAY:
tinyurl.com/SPLGolf25

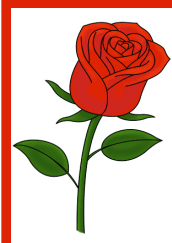
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Complete a Registration Form. Registration Forms are available in the St. Paul School Office. Please submit completed Registration Forms to the St. Paul School Office.

YOUTH GROUP PLANT SALE PICK UP SATURDAY, MAY 10

Stop by the west lawn from 9am to 3pm for the Youth Group Plant Sale on **Saturday, May 10**. Beautiful flowers and plants will be available while supplies last. Every purchase helps our youth who are attending Lutheran Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE



Ozaukee Lutherans For Life will be having their annual Mother's Day Rose Sale following the Saturday & Sunday services on **May 10 & 11**. A free-will donation will be accepted.

Thank you to Kevin & Kaye Voss for organizing this sale to benefit Lutherans for Life.