## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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## Welcome! We are glad you are worshiping 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

#### Contemporary Worship \*Sunday 9:30am

\*Live-streamed at: splgrafton.org/church/livestream & vimeo.com/event/3215174

#### **Servant Leaders:**

Pastor: Luke Anderson Pastor: Jacob Schultz

Pastor of Care Ministry: Timothy Maschke

Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prahl Pastor Emeritus: John Suelflow Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf

Principal: Michael Yurk

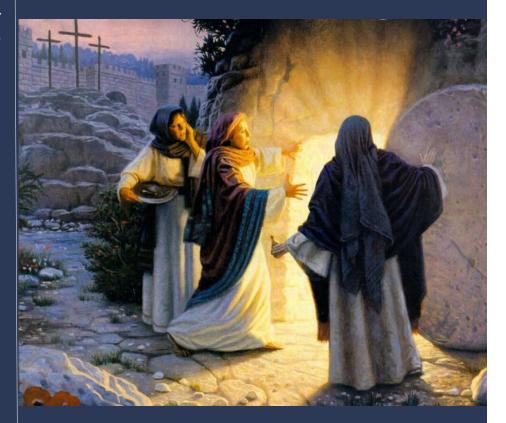
Director of Music: Valerie Bremer

DCE: Tracy Krueger

# EQUIPPING Every Generation to Live Rooted in JESUS



### THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD The Hand of the Lord Who Is Risen April 20, 2025



AS WE GATHER...This day of days, this feast of feasts, is the climax of our Lenten meditations on "The Hand of the Lord." It brings all of God's promises in the Old Testament, all of our Lord's words and works of His earthly ministry, all the peace, all the healing, and all the hope of eternal life now given to you and to each person who comes to the risen and reigning Lord of all in repentance and faith, here where He promises to be through Word and Sacrament for us. We thank the Lord for all His grace and mercy shown to us as we wend our way through the various days and times of our earthly lives. Yet all of that is but a prelude to the great and promised feast of the day of "the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come" (Nicene Creed). As God the Father did not abandon His Son to the corruption of the grave but raised Him bodily to endless life, so also is our certain hope. God will not abandon you now or ever.

#### **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 - SUNDAY 6AM, 8AM, 11AM

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "I will Glory in the Cross"

#### 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 SENTENCES** Psalm 118:24; Romans 6:9

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

People: death no longer has dominion over Him.

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

LSB 457, St. 1, 3, 4

#### INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

#### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The word of life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the

eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us. This is the message we

have heard from Him and proclaim to you,

People: that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

Pastor: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

People: we lie and do not practice the truth.

Pastor: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

People: and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

People: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all

unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then, in full faith and confidence, confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, even in the light and joy of the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus,

we confess to You that we remain sinful and unclean while in this world. It is against You we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against You even as we have failed to do good for others. In short, we have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your punishment both now and even forever. For the sake of Your Son, our crucified, risen, and ascended Lord Jesus, and by His intercession for us at Your right hand, have mercy on us. Forgive us and breathe into us once again Your renewing breath of life so that we may live according to Your will to the

glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: At His ascension into heaven, our Lord Jesus lifted up His hands and blessed His disciples. So now,

upon this your confession, receive the blessing of our Lord. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, announce the grace of God to 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.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

LSB 490, St. 1-3

#### **SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** 

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have

overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

forever.

People: Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION (6am) "With a Voice of Singing," Male Choir

(8am) "The Tomb Stands Open Wide," Mixed Choir (11am) "The Tomb Stands Open Wide," Small Group

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah* 65:17–25 (Holy Bible p. 793)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 15:19–36 (Holy Bible p. 1222)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA VERSE** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

LSB 475, St. 1, 3

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 24:1-12 (Holy Bible p. 1125)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth 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** "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

LSB 466, St. 1-3

**SERMON** "The Hand of the Lord Who Is Risen," by Pastor Anderson, based on Luke 24.

**HYMN** "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

LSB 466, St. 4-5

**NICENE CREED** (see screens or back cover of LSB)

**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** Individual cup is offered on both the lectern and pulpit sides. Non-alcoholic wine (pink) is served in individual cups in the center of the tray.

"Thine the Amen. Thine the Praise" LSB 680 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" LSB 469 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LSB 633

**DISMISSAL** 

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen! People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

#### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord"

LSB 164

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, from Your Son's loving, nail-pierced, and now glorious hands, You have fed us with His own risen body and precious blood, giving us the forgiveness He won for us on the cross as well as a foretaste of the feast to come in the day of the resurrection of all flesh and of our final redemption. We thank You now with hearts and hands and voices, and we pray that You would take us by the hand to lead us faithfully until that day when we celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; 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** "The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done"

LSB 464, St. 1-2, 5

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#### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE-9:30AM

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Gone"

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** "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"

**CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS** 

SONG OF PRAISE "King Of Kings"

CHILDRENS MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

WORD OF GOD Isaiah 65:17–25 (Holy Bible p. 793)

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution / Lord's Prayer / Preparation / Distribution / "My Jesus;" "Living Hope" / Dismissal

**PRAYERS** 

**WORD OF GOD** *Luke 24:1-12 (Holy Bible p. 1125)* 

**SERMON** "The Hand of the Lord Who Is Risen," by Pastor Anderson, based on Luke 24.

**BLESSING** 

**CLOSING SONG** "Christ Is Risen"

Thank you to all volunteers (musicians, ushers, acolytes, media operator's, elders, altar guild, greeters and more) who have shared their time & talents during Holy Week.



#### JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST Today 7-10am in the Family Life Center

Impact High School Youth Ministry students will once again be hosting Easter Breakfast. This is a free event; a free-will offering will be accepted and will support those attending the 2025 National Youth Gathering.

See you at breakfast!

#### **UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES**

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

April 20: No Class Easter

April 27: Jesus as Messiah: Why Don't Jews

Believe?

Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

#### COME AND SEE

Topic: The CHOSEN Led by: Steve Leonard

Day/Time: Monday's at 5:30pm Location: Providence Place



#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

**4/20:** No Sunday school this week. Happy Easter!

4/27: This week's Bible story is from John 19:16-20:18, Jesus has victory over death. We will be learning that God wins and so we have victory over sin and death.

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

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS **RESUMES APRIL 30**

Leader: Pastor Anderson **Topic:** Scripture in Context

When: Wednesdays April 30-May 28; 6:30pm

Location: Family Life Center

Join us for this five week Bible study, as we examine passages of Scripture that are often misunderstood or not fully grasped because the context surrounding the verses are not carefully considered. This study will both shed light on these passages and offer an approach that will aid in one's personal reading of Scripture.

All are welcome to come!

#### THURSDAY MORNING MENS BIBLE CLASS

Topic: Mark

Led by: Bob Kasten When: Thursday, 6:30am

Where: Church Front Conference Room

#### PRAYER SHAWL CRAFTERS RESCHEDULED



We will meet on Monday, APRIL 28, at 1pm in the Teachers Workroom

#### SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. YURK

1. Next weekend our 8th grade students will be traveling to Washington DC for their class trip. Highlights of the trip will include four students laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, an inside tour of the White House, and stops at various monuments and museums.

2. 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!

3. 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 9:00 am and two later in the day at 5:30 (K-4 students) and 6:30 (5-8 students).

# 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. Register at <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/Redeeming25">tinyurl.com/Redeeming25</a> by Friday, April 18 for the session that works best for you!

- Thursdays, April 24, May 1, May 8 and May 15
   6:30-8:00 PM in St. Paul School Library
- Friday, April 25, May 2, May 9 and May 16 8:30
   -10:00 AM in Church Conference Room

Free study materials provided in the first session.



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# SAVE THE DATE Sunday, April 27 after 11am Service in the FLC

Take a break from studying for finals and enjoy a **FREE** meal and fellowship as we wrap up the year!

St. Paul is grateful for you all!

#### 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 <a href="mailto:splgrafton.org">splgrafton.org</a>. Please return completed forms to the church office. Deadline to apply is May 31, 2025. Questions? Contact Gabriel Metzger (Board of Elders) at <a href="mailto:smaller:gen@me.com">gmetzger@me.com</a>.



#### **VBS SAVE THE DATE**

VBS this year is **June 16-20, 9am-12pm**. Child registration will begin the end of April. Check out the volunteer sign-up form here: **tinyurl.com/VBSVolunteer25** 

Questions? Tracy at <a href="mailto:tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org">tracy at <a href="mailto:tracy.krueger.krueger.krueger.krueger.krueger.krueger.krueger.krueger.krueger.krueger



#### 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 from 3-4:30pm in the Youth Room.

**4/27:** We will be playing 9 square in the air and sharing a short devotion. As always snacks will be provided. Don't forget to invite your friends!

Questions? Contact Tracy Krueger at <a href="mailto:tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org">tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org</a>

#### **SAVE THE DATE: WEEKEND OF APRIL 27**

We are recognizing Valerie Bremer as our Director of Music Ministry this weekend.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has designated different times of the year for showing appreciation to our church workers, who serve us in a multitude of ways as they preach, teach and care for God's people in body and soul. We will also have a table in the Gathering Hall for you to write a note of thanks for Valerie or drop a card in one of the boxes.

-Board of Elders



Music: Ms. Valerie Bremer / Mrs. Heide Young Altar Guild: Maribeth Witkowski, Joyce Kroemer

**Leader:** Rev. Jacob Schultz **Sermon:** Rev. Luke Anderson

SERVICE	ELDERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 6am	Matt Stec / Gabriel Metzger	Brian Hadler
Sun., 8am	Greg Kern / Ed Kuerschner	Dean Haas
Sun., 9:30am	Stu Natale / Brian Buske	Chris Hanley
Sun., 11am	Michael Young / Brad Dorn	Jonathan Webster
Mon., 6:30pm	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: Jeremy Albers Sr.; Pamela Anschuetz; Sandra Ashenden; Debbie Biedenbender (wife of Steve Biedenbender); Connie Borchardt; Roger Butt; Norma Debroux; Jean Dorman (niece of Norma Prahl); Sharon Erdmann; Peter & Midge Faris (friends of Michelle & Tony Palabrica); Sharon Karl (grandmother of Nick Biedenbender); Kris Lindsay; Darren Giese (son of Elroy & Linda Giese); Cindy Hilgendorf (sister of Gail Goetter); Tom Kiener (brother of Larry Kiener); Melissa Kern (sister of Greg Kern Sr.); Roger Kison (friend of Keith & Gail Goetter); George Krueger; Ron Kuta; Robin M. (family of Rick, Dawn & Caden Sinur); Natalie Mellendorf; Dale Poisson; Megan Rockrohr (daughter of Rob & Renae Frisque); Marion Spiekerman; Jean Stickney; Doris Tetzlaff (mother of Kathy Chromy); Sue Truchan; Robert Ulig; Audrey Wollner; Wendy Zettinig

Long Term Illness / Treatment: Drew Bartell (son of Mona Bartell); Jesse Bartell (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)

Death: Glenn Dohrmann; Connie Eernisse

Safe travels for St. Paul 8th graders and Adults traveling to Washington D.C.

#### CHURCH RECORDS

**Funeral:** Dennis L. Grogan born October 2, 1940, went to be with Jesus on February 2, 2025. A Christian funeral was held for him at St. Paul on Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

#### WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL

Visit splgrafton.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 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.



Our world is stressed and hurting. People around you need spiritual and emotional care. Join LCC and St. Paul Lutheran to learn how you can become an effective spiritual first responder, right where God has placed you. Jesus taught us to love and serve our neighbors. Discover how you can be the empathetic, helping presence He has called you to be.

- Learn the basics of Spiritual First Aid™, a biblically informed framework for crisis care
- ✓ Gain practical helping skills through applied activities and role-playing
- ✓ Understand research-backed tactics, trauma care practices, and field-tested tools

Friday, May 2 & Saturday, May 3 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. St. Paul Lutheran Church





# LWML Spring Rally Saturday, April 26

St. Paul Lutheran Church

701 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024

Brunch @ 9am

### **Devotion & Bible Study**

"Perfection Welcomes Failure" Bible study led by Rev. Dr. Paavola

### Ingathering for Orphan Grain Train

Powdered infant formula, new Adult Underwear and cash donations to pay for shipping, food, water, Bibles and other needed supplies - checks made out to:

Orphan Grain Train - Wisconsin Branch.

Questions?

Polly Morrison: 262-377-4846 or pollykm40@gmail.com



# 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)

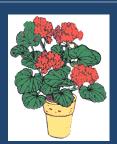
Time: Shotgun start at 10:00am Check-in begins at 8:30am Gather near golf carts for prayer at 9:45am

REGISTER YOUR GROUP TODAY: tinyurl.com/SPLGolf25

-OR-

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.



#### ST. PAUL ANNUAL YOUTH PLANT SALE MAY 10, 2025

Catalogs and order forms are available in the School & Church Office, Narthex and Welcome Center.

Advanced orders due April 20th



## APRIL QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

Tuesday, April 22 at 6:30pm in the FLC Please plan to attend as there will be the approval of the 2025/2026 budget, as

well as the Endowment Fund requests. The February Voter's Meeting minutes and the April agenda will be posted on the church website at **splgrafton.org/church** and on the bulletin boards in the back of church.



#### **WELCOME BACK MONDAY NIGHT WORSHIP**

Our Monday Traditional Worship Service will resume on **Monday**, **April 28 at 6:30pm**. We hope you will join us!