

**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 during 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, 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**

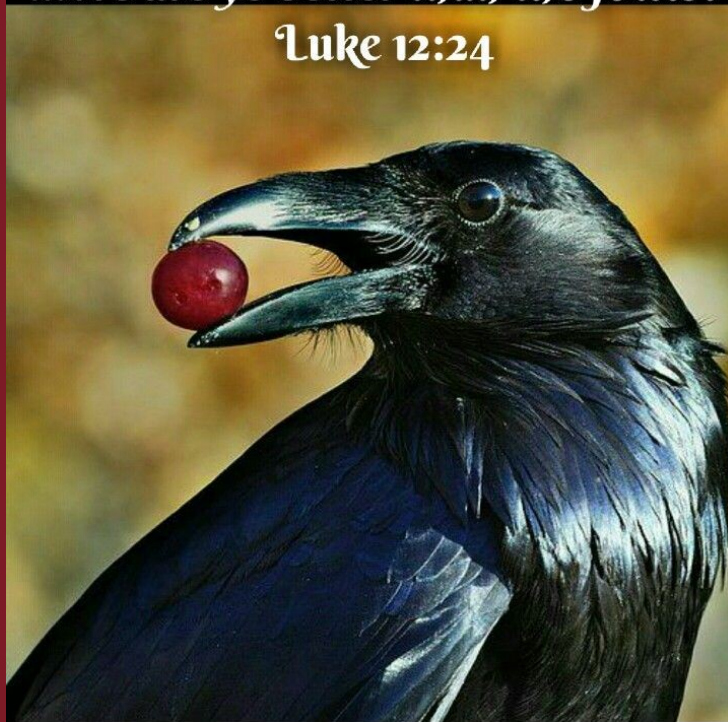


NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 2025

**"Consider the ravens: for they
neither sow nor reap; which
neither have storehouse nor barn;
and God feedeth them: how much
more are ye better than the fowls?"**

Luke 12:24



AS WE GATHER...How easy it is to become anxious when things go differently than we had hoped. We worry about ourselves and our loved ones. We experience everyday anxieties and big cosmic ones too. Sometimes anxiety can become so serious that professional help is needed. Paul writes in Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Easier said than done, Paul! Jesus invites us to let anxiety be. Concerning the things most of us worry about—like food, clothing, provisions—Jesus observes that just as the birds, the lilies, and the grass are well-provided for, we will be taken care of as well. The adventure of life is one of faith: entrusting ourselves to the care of God, seeking first God's reign, and experiencing the rich provision enjoyed by all of creation as a gift.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELL

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

OPENING HYMN “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”

LSB 750

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

BAPTISM (5pm) *Peyton Rae McCarthy*

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 34:1–4, 8, 22*

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Pastor: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

People: I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

People: The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

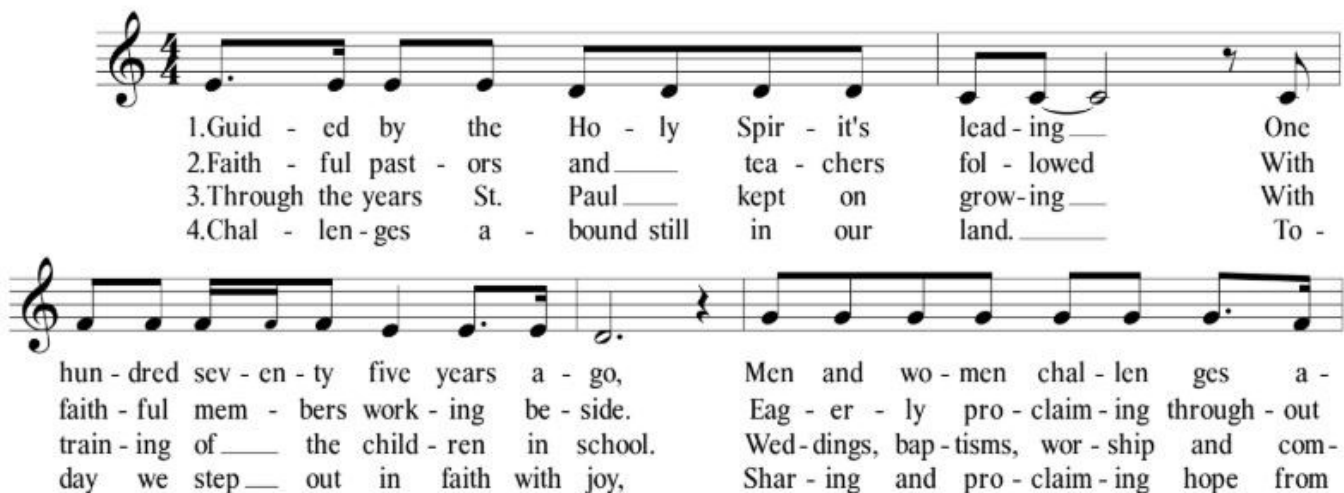
People: We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have given in to anxiety and have not always put our trust in God and His gracious provision for our lives. We have not always been good stewards of the many gifts that God graciously gives us and have focused on keeping things for ourselves rather than sharing them with others. We have missed opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us and have not sought out the best for the people of our family circles, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We pray our God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, to lead us into lives of growing faith and finally to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: God is faithful and keeps His promises of full pardon for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, granting mercy and forgiveness for those who repent and turn to Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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 “Step by Step” *(Written for the 175th Anniversary Celebration of St. Paul on July 28, 2026)*



1. Guid - ed by the Ho - ly Spir - it's lead - ing One
2. Faith - ful past - ors and tea - chers fol - lowed With
3. Through the years St. Paul kept on grow - ing With
4. Chal - len - ges a - bound still in our land. To -

hun - dred sev - en - ty five years a - go, Men and wo - men chal - len ges a -
faith - ful mem - bers work - ing be - side. Eag - er - ly pro - claim - ing through - out
train - ing of the child - ren in school. Wed - dings, bap - tisms, wor - ship and com -
day we step out in faith with joy, Shar - ing and pro - claim - ing hope from



bound-ing, — Laid foun - da - tions for a church — and a school.
all the land Je - sus' mes - sage of His out - stand - ing love.
mun - ion, — Point - ing to God's Word in all — that is done.
God a - bove. We're the ones who are now called to lead the way.

Step by step in faith we go to-day. Trust-ing in our God to guide the way. — Pro-

claim-ing the grace that Christ a - lone does give Know-ing hea-ven not earth is our home.

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SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, Jesus Christ, You have directed us to trust in You for all that is needful in our lives. Preserve us by Your perpetual mercy and lead us to trust in Your gracious guidance in all things. As the Spirit works in our lives and days, lead us to whatever is profitable for our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 15:1–6 God makes a special promise to Abraham.*
(Holy Bible p. 13)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *Hebrews 11:1–16 The examples of faith exhibited by some of God's people.*
(Holy Bible p. 1283)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

LSB 156

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 12:22–34 Jesus calls His disciples to rely on the provision of the Father.*
(Holy Bible p. 1108)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth 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 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

LSB 725

SERMON "Don't Be like a Duck; Be like a Bird," by Pastor Anderson, based on Luke 12:22-34.

APOSTLES' CREED *(8am & 6:30pm only) (see screens or back of LSB)*

OFFERTORY HYMN "Seek Ye First"

LSB 712

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(The pastor will end each prayer with "Lord, in Your mercy, and the congregation will respond, "hear our prayer.")*

LORD'S PRAYER *(see screens or back 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 “Lord of All Hopefulness”

LSB 738

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE—9:30am

PRE-SERVICE

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

INVOCATION

OPENING SONGS “Step by Step;” (see pg. 2-3 for music;) “Come Jesus Come”

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE “Trust In God”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

WORD OF GOD *Hebrews 11:1–16*
(Holy Bible p. 1283)

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

WORD OF GOD Luke 12:22-34 (Holy Bible p. 1108)

SERMON “Don't Be like a Duck; Be like a Bird,” by Pastor Anderson, based on Luke 12:22-34.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG “Today Is The Day”

August 3, 2025

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE—11AM

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Offerings may be placed in collection boxes on the sidewalk.)*

INVOCATION

OPENING SONG “Step by Step” *(see page 2 of the bulletin)*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

EPISTLE READING *Hebrews 11:1–16 The examples of faith exhibited by some of God's people.*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:22–34 *Jesus calls His disciples to rely on the provision of the Father.*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (spoken) Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' 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.

SONG "10,000 Reasons"

Chorus: Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

1. The sun comes up it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes **Chorus**

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find **Chorus**

3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore **Chorus**
Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name, Worship Your holy name

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SERMON "Don't Be like a Duck; Be like a Bird," by Pastor Anderson, based on Luke 12:22-34.

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER *(The pastor will end each petition with "Lord, in Your mercy," and the congregation will respond, "hear our prayer.")*

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father"

1. Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

2. God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.

LSB 725

3. Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

BIBLE STUDIES, SERVANT MINISTRY MEETINGS AND MORE!



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

August 3-24: Your Favorite Bible Verses
Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson



Congregation-wide
Bible Study!

CONGREGATION WIDE BIBLE STUDY THIS FALL

This fall, St. Paul will begin a
Congregation-wide Bible Study!
If you are interested in leading a small group or have
questions,

contact: tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org or
parish.education@splgraffton.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
HELPERS NEEDED!



SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS
Sunday school for children ages 3 through 6th
grade will be starting up again in September. In
order to make Sunday school a success we are
looking for volunteers to help with teaching,
assisting, and check-in/out. Sunday school
meets **Sundays from 9:30-10:30am**,
September through May. Provided lessons are
simple to prepare and lead.

Sign up here to help: tinyurl.com/SSvolunteers25.

For more information contact:

Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN



Registration for Sunday School 2025-26 is now
open. Come join us for the fun! Sunday School
runs **Sundays September-May from 9:30-
10:30am**, and is open to children ages 3 thru
6th Grade. Our first day of Sunday school this
year will be **September 21 at 9:30am** in the Youth

Room. To have your child join us for this year's Sunday
School please fill out the registration form at the following
link: tinyurl.com/SSregister25.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Krueger at
tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org.

SMALL GROUP LEADER CLASS

Interested in learning more about leading a
small group, join us for the opportunity to ask
questions and receive resource materials.
Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/smallgroupclass>

When: Saturday, August 23, 2025

Time: 10 AM

Location: Family Life Center

Questions?

Tracy Krueger: tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org
Kelsey Metzger: parish.education@splgraffton.org

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: First Peter
When: Thursday's through August 14*
Time: 6:30- 7:30pm
Where: Providence Place
Led by: Pastor Larry Prael

SAVE-THE-DATE!



On **Sunday, August 24**,
during the 9:30 & 11am
services we will have a
special blessing during worship for our
Backpack Blessings. We will also have Teacher
Installation at these services.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR USHERING

Men, women, and your children: we are in a
continual need of additional ushers for all
services. Ushers provide assistance with
worship services. Duties include distributing
bulletins, gathering the offering, and guiding
people from their pews for Holy Communion.
Head ushers lead the teams. Schedules are
flexible. You can volunteer at the service where
you/your family usually attend. This is a great
way to demonstrate to your children your faith in
action.

Please contact Marty Hauser
at servantministries@splgraffton.org or
262-377-4659 Ext. 375.

LERT MEETING

Tuesday, August 12 at 6:30pm

Our next Lutheran Early Response Team
(LERT) meeting is set for Tuesday, August 12 at
6:30pm in the Family Life Center. We will share
updates and discuss upcoming service projects.
Whether you've been involved before or are just
curious about disaster response ministry, you're
invited to join us!

Questions: LERT@splgraffton.org

AUGUST QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

Thursday, August 28 at 6:30pm
Church Sanctuary

The April Voter's Meeting minutes and the
August agenda will be posted on the church
website at splgraffton.org/church and on the
bulletin boards in the back of church

8TH GRADE BRAT FRY



We will have brats & hotdogs on
**Sundays, August 17; 9—
12:30pm**. Proceeds go towards
their 2026 Washington D.C. trip.

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

Altar Guild: Joyce Kroemer & Maribeth Witkowski
Sermon: Rev. Luke Anderson

SERVICE	ELDERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	Brad Dorn	Joanne Wolf
Sun., 8am	Ed Kuerschner	Chris Johnson
Sun., 9:30am	Rick Wellman	Tim Hallett
Sun., 11am	Michael Young	--
Mon., 6:30pm	Greg Kern	--

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Elfrieda Albers; Ron Anschuetz; Nancy Baehmann; Sandy Chow* (friend of Lenore Wolf); *Tim D'Agastino; Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Prah); *Lisa Giuliani* (niece of Jan Moegenburg); *Dorothy Grady* (friend of Lenore Wolf); *Nancy Groth; April Krueger* (cousin of Darlene Sukowski); *Kris Lindsay; Larry Luckjohn; Melissa Luckjohn; Diane Lunde* (friend of Maribeth Witkowski); *Michael Meyers; Jeffery Mierow* (son of Steve & Kathy Mierow); *Shawna Peterson* (sister of Derek Kratz); *Peter Roeder; Priscilla Skoug; Robert Tuskiewicz; Ryan Voss* (son of Kevin & Kaye Voss)

Long Term Illness / Treatment: *Jeremy Albers Sr.; Drew Bartell* (son of Mona Bartell); *Samuel Becker* (grandson of Lucille Becker); *Dave Boehm* (friend of Tim & Jenny Clemens); *Delaine Bussard* (sister of Debra Kelley); *Christine Capstran* (daughter of Lyle & Terry Sperber); *Stacy Fairbert* (niece of Jody Reiter); *Dan Haupt* (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); *Daniel Kekic* (nephew of Paulette Rammel); *Jesse Liebe* (nephew of Mona Bartell); *Laurie McGraw* (friend of Brian & Shari Buske); *Nancy Mertz; Patti Mueller* (friend of Liz Dehm); *Dennis Muehling* (friend of John & Patty Richmond); *Matthew Thumann* (grandson of Russ & Melissa Meier); *Kristi Otto* (daughter of Susan Otto); *Cindy Ovokaitys* (niece of Chris Fricke); *Kay Ryder* (sister of Kevin Zirtzloff); *Pat Stifter; Mark Wainwright* (friend of Tom Lubner family)

Anniversary: *Steve and Karen Leonard's* 45th wedding anniversary.

Baptism: *Peyton Rae McCarthy*

Death: *Sarah Reiss*

Hospice: *Nancy Mielotz*, Lincoln Village (mother of Melissa Mielotz)

FLOWERS

Flowers next to the pulpit are given to the glory of God in celebration of *Steve and Karen Leonard's* 45th wedding anniversary.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptism: *Peyton Rae McCarthy*, born August 29, 2021, daughter of Dan and Jenna (nee Pritzlaff) McCarthy will be baptized at St. Paul during the 5pm service on August 9, 2025.

Baptism: *Charles Ramon Beckett*, born March 26, 2025, son of Alex Beckett and Michelle Schumann was baptized at St. Paul during the 5pm service on July 12, 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 3pm.
- **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.

EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER MINISTRY EXPANSION UPDATE

The finishing details are being completed as we prepare for occupancy and the beginning of the school year. For the last month, the committees reported the following:

Building Committee:

- South wing was razed.
- Phase 2 remodel of the connector corridor and bathrooms has been completed.
- Final punch list completed.
- Lower parking lot paved.
- Final inspections in progress along with occupancy permit. Landscaping in progress and being completed.



Finance Committee:

- St. Paul has paid nearly \$5.6 million towards the ministry expansion project. Approximately \$0.9 million remains to be paid to Catalyst Construction and GROTH Design Group, which will substantially be paid over the next three months.
- To date, St. Paul has issued nearly \$2.1 million in promissory notes. For those interested, St. Paul continues to issue promissory notes.
- St. Paul is borrowing from Lutheran Church Extension Fund ("LCEF") to assist in financing the remainder of the ministry expansion project through its completion. During the construction phase, St. Paul will pay LCEF interest only. As of July 31, 2025, St. Paul has borrowed \$740,294 in principal from LCEF and paid interest to LCEF of \$11,001. In the coming months, we prepare for our construction loan to be converted to a permanent loan as construction is completed and we begin to occupy the new facility.

Please reach out to Jason Hasenstein (jason.hasenstein@splgraston.org) if you have any questions, would like a more in-depth review of the building expansion related finances, terms of external financing available through LCEF, or would like more information about the promissory notes continuing to be offered.

*Please continue to visit the Every Generation Faithful Together website for more information.
<https://www.splgraston.org/faithfultogether>*



BENEDICTION LUTHERAN SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Let's help the children of Benediction Lutheran have a successful school year by providing backpacks filled with brand-new school supplies! Our mission this year is to **help 200 children!** We are seeking donations of:

- Backpacks
- Crayons
- Markers (washable)
- Dry Erase Markers (low odor)
- Scissors
- No. 2 Pencils
- Pencil Pouches
- Pocket Folders
- Erasers (large pink)
- Spiral Notebooks (college/wide ruled)
- Rulers (12" with inches/cm)
- Loose Leaf Paper Packs (college/wide ruled)
- Highlighters (various colors)
- Pens (blue, black, red)
- 3-Ring Binders (various sizes)

Through **Sunday, August 10**, drop items off in the bins in the Welcome Center.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

SAVE THE DATE!

We are excited to announce the weekend of **August 16-17** as the official **commissioning** weekend of the new school building. After many months of prayers, financial support, and construction, the building is ready for students. An **open house** will take place after each service August 16 and August 17. Please plan to spend some time exploring this new space that will bring the message of Jesus to our students. An official commissioning service will take place immediately following the 11am service on **Sunday, August 17**. The service will be held in the lower parking lot (weather permitting). Refreshments will be served.

GRIEFSHARE ANNOUNCEMENT

A GriefShare support group will be offered this Fall. We will offer the program at Providence Place at two times--at 10-11:30am or at 6:30-8pm on Mondays beginning **August 25 through November 24** (with no meeting on Labor Day). Our first session **and registration day is August 25**. At GriefShare you'll watch a weekly video with counsel and insights from respected grief experts and relatable personal stories—followed by a time of sharing and support. Session topics include what's normal in grief; how to handle difficult emotions; and what to do with regrets, questions, and worries.

For more information, contact Pastor Maschke or the Church Office at 262-377-4659.

GriefShare.org/Findagroup