

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

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**Welcome! We are glad you are
worshipping today!**

Fellowship: Refreshments are
available in the Gathering Hall on
Sundays from 9am–10:45am

Holy Communion: Celebrated in all
Worship Services on the first, third &
fifth weekends each month

Parents With Children:

Children's bulletins & Busy Bags are
available. There is a quiet room in the
back of church.

We Care Cards: Everyone attending is
asked to complete a card found in the
pew rack and collected during worship.

PowerPoint & Live-stream

Volunteers: 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/3209874

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



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 11, 2026



AS WE GATHER...Being called a gracious host or hostess is a compliment, for it means you care about your guests and see that they are well cared for. It means you know how to throw a good party! Today's Scripture readings talk a lot about parties, and in each instance, the Lord is the host. Our Old Testament lesson talks of "a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine" (*Isaiah 25:6*). The Psalm praises our Shepherd, saying, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies" (*Psalms 23:5*). In our Gospel text, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to "a king who gave a wedding feast for his son" (*Matthew 22:2*). This feast is open to us and to all people everywhere. Christ's Kingdom in Motion is all about passing the invitation along, so that many more may hear the Good News and join us at the eternal feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CHILDREN'S HOPECHEST LAUNCH DAY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

OPENING HYMN "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LSB 816

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 25:6, 8–9*

Pastor: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,

People: He will swallow up death forever.

Pastor: It will be said on that day,

People: "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.

Pastor: This is the Lord; we have waited for Him;

People: let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord God, in Your Word, You instruct us, saying, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (*Philippians 4:8*). However, our thoughts and actions are often far from pure and soiled with sin. We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean from birth and in need of Your forgiveness. Thus, we take refuge in Your mercy, seeking Your grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." (*Philippians 4:4*) 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 "This Is The Feast"

LSB 155

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, gracious host, in Baptism, You clothe us with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all our sin. Grant that we remain firm in the faith anticipating the day we enjoy the eternal banquet that You have prepared for all who believe in Your name and be a people in motion who pass along the invitation to the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION (11am) "God is Big and He Loves Me," Preschool CDS Students

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 25:6–9* *Death is swallowed up forever. (Holy Bible p. 745)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 23; 5a The Lord is my shepherd.*

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

Lectern Side: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Pulpit Side: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

Lectern Side: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Pulpit Side: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Lectern Side: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Pulpit Side: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

EPISTLE *Philippians 4:4–13 Rejoice in the Lord always. (Holy Bible p. 1250)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

LSB 156

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 22:1–14 The wedding feast of the king. (Holy Bible p. 1051)*

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

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

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN “How Shall They Hear,’ Who Have Not Heard”

LSB 831

SERMON “Christ’s Kingdom in Motion,” by Pastor Anderson, based on Philippians 4:4-13.

APOSTLES’ CREED *(see screens)*

OFFERTORY “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”

LSB 830

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(see screens)*

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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.

Pastor: Christ sends you out to be His Kingdom in motion. Go in peace; serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN “Lift High the Cross”

LSB 837

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE- 9:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Send Me;" "Always"

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CHILDREN'S HOPECHEST

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

INVOCATION

OPENING SONGS "Follow You;" "From the Inside Out" Anderson, based on Philippians 4:4-13.

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE "Disciples of Christ," Mixed Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6-9
(Holy Bible p. 745)

EPISTLE READING Philippians 4:4-13
(Holy Bible p. 1250)

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PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:1-14
(Holy Bible p. 1051)

SERMON "Christ's Kingdom in Motion," by Pastor Anderson, based on Philippians 4:4-13.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Send Me"

BIBLE STUDIES, SERVANT MINISTRY MEETINGS AND MORE!



SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR

October 11: Apologetics—Why I am A Christian by
John Scott (in the Timothy Room)
Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

October 18: Baptism and the Mamluks
Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

October 25: Discerning Law & Gospel in the Bible
Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Topic: Revelation

Led by: Bob Kasten

Meets: Thursdays, 6:30am

Location: Front Conference Room

WOMEN'S THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

September 17 – October 22

Topic: Walking with God

Led by: Amy Swiertz & Pat Kuerschner

Meets: Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Timothy Room

VIEWING OF THE CHOSEN Bible Roundtable

Led by: Karen Leonard

Day/Time: Mondays, 1pm

Location: Providence Place

ROOTED WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY

Topic: A New Song- Psalms of the Messiah

Led by: Tracy Krueger

Meets: 1st & 3rd Mondays at 6:30pm through Nov. 30

Location: Timothy Room

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS September 2-November 18

Topic: Luke's Gospel Account

Led by: Pastor Anderson

Meets: Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm

Location: Family Life Center



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School runs Sundays September-May from 9:30-10:30am and is open to children ages birth through 4th Grade, and 5th-8th grade will meet in the Religion Classroom #117. To have your child join us please fill out the registration form at the following link:

tinyurl.com/SSregister26

10/11: This week's Bible story is from Genesis 29:1-30, Jacob waits for Rachel. We will be learning that patience is a fruit of the Spirit.

10/18: This week we will be learning that kindness is a fruit of the Spirit. We will read Genesis 18:1-15 as we look at the story of Abraham showing hospitality.

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

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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

All 6-8 graders are invited to join us for Middle School Youth. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month September through May, 3-4:30pm in the Youth Room. Please watch for email updates and reminders throughout the year.

10/11: This week we will be playing floor hockey, sharing a devotion, and enjoying some rice crispy treats.

10/25: Join us for a Reformation themed escape room, a devotion, and fruit snacks.

YOUTH SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Calling all youth who are looking for service opportunities? Come help at this year's Fall Fun Fest on **Saturday, October 24 from 10-11:30am**. Sign up here to help: tinyurl.com/FallFestVolunteers26

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

LERT MEETING — TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 6PM; TIMOTHY ROOM

Join us for our next Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) meeting on Tuesday, October 13, at 6pm in the Timothy Room. We welcome Living Word High School Executive Director Dave Miskimen, who will share about an opportunity for our LERT team to serve by helping remove trees and overgrowth around the school's north pond. Come hear more about the project, and connect with the team. We'd love to have you with us!

LWML THANK YOU!

Thank You for the donations and Mite Boxes received during the past LWML Sunday Weekend in support of the current mission project of the LWML South Wisconsin District, which is church work scholarships for all church work positions. At any time, filled Mite Boxes can be emptied into the Mite Boxes in the Gathering Hall & in front of Church Bulletin Boards at the Church exits. *Thank you for sharing your treasures!*

FALL FUN FEST



Looking for a fun fall event for the whole family? Join us for this year's Fall Fun Fest on Saturday, October 24 from 10-11:30am in the Family Life Center.

There will be fall-themed games, crafts, snacks, candy, and more! To join in the fun, sign up here:

tinyurl.com/FallFunFest2026

IMPACT HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month
5-6:30pm; Youth Room



VEGGIES & ICE CREAM

Families of all ages are invited to come join us on **Friday, November 13 from 6-7pm** as we watch *VeggieTales: Abe and the Amazing Promise*. We will also be making some fun crafts and enjoying some ice cream. Sign up here to join the fun: tinyurl.com/VeggiesNov26

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER ST. PAUL CHURCH GEAR!

This is your only chance this year to grab St. Paul Church spirit wear from Burghardts! The online store will be open through **October 12**, with a fantastic selection of apparel and items featuring the St. Paul church logo and the 175th anniversary logo. All orders will arrive before Christmas, so it's the perfect time to shop for holiday gifts! NEW LINK:

<https://bsq.chipply.com/stpaulchurchlegacy>

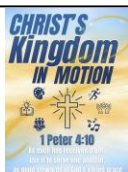
LUNCH BAGS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES & HOMELESS IN MILWAUKEE

Our Church has volunteered to supply bag lunches for The Gathering meal site on October 24 and October 31 so people can have a meal on Sundays when meal sites are not open. Please help by donating the following food items for these lunch bags:

- individual packages of tuna or chicken (these are most needed)
- individual bags of salty snacks
- individual applesauce
- individually packaged desserts: store-bought or homemade or granola bars
- monetary donations to purchase fruit, bread, bottled water and other needed items.

Food donations can be placed in the bin in the Welcome Center. Monetary donations can be made to St. Paul with a special note that it is for The Gathering. The Middle School Youth Group will be assembling the bags with adult volunteers on Thursday, October 22 starting at 3:15pm in the Family Life Center. Adult volunteers are welcomed to help on October 29 at 3:30pm. **PLEASE DONATE BY October 20.**

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



SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. YURK

1. Our annual Veterans Day Chapel will take place on Wednesday, November 11. If you have a family member or friend that we could send a special invite out to, please drop off their name and address in the school office.
2. Do you have skills with coding and 3D printing? If so, please reach out as I'm looking to see how we can add this to our educational offerings.
3. This week members of our Grafton Fire Department met with students in 4K-4th grade, talking about fire prevention. We're grateful for their service to our school and community.

COLLEGE MINISTRY EVENT SAVE THE DATE- Sunday, October 25

Following the 11am service in the FLC
If you are not already on our email list please email
Pastor Schultz at pastor.Schultz@splgraffton.org
Thank You!

ADDRESSES NEEDED FOR VETERANS DAY CARDS

As Veterans Day approaches, LWML would like to take the opportunity to recognize and honor those who have served our country.

If you are a Veteran or have a family member, friend, colleague, or loved one who has served, we would be honored to recognize and celebrate them. Please send their name and mailing address to hondabluefish@yahoo.com

Thank you to all who have served, and to the families and loved ones who have supported them.



Plan your Visit!

Middle school families are invited to schedule a personal tour or shadow day and experience life at Living Word!



www.lwlhs.com/visit

EXPLORE LIVING WORD FOR HIGH SCHOOL!

8th grade families, applications to Living Word Lutheran High School are now open! **Apply before December 31 and receive \$450 off freshman year tuition.** Visit www.lwlhs.com/apply.

Still exploring your high school options? Come see what Living Word has to offer! Schedule a personal tour or shadow day at www.lwlhs.com/visit. or download our Parent Info Packet at: www.lwlhs.com/parentinfopacket



THE MOMCO

**Come and join in fellowship with
other moms!**

Second Thursday of the month

8:45 am - 10:30 am

Questions? Contact: Kelsey Metzger
(parish.education@splgraffton.org)

PASTOR APPRECIATION

We Appreciate All You Do!

October 24-26

WALKING GROUP

**Every Tuesday in FLC
9:00 am - 10:00 am**



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

Altar Guild: Carolyn Wohlers, Sue Hauschel, Candi Unger
Sermon: Rev. Luke Anderson

SERVICE	ELDERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	Michael Young	JoAnne Wolf
Sun., 8am	Jim Meyer	Chris Johnson
Sun., 9:30am	Brian Buske	Tim Hallett
Sun., 11am	Gabriel Metzger	Dan Bert
Mon., 6:30pm	Ed Kuerschner	

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Ron Anschuetz; John Boudnik; Lindsay Chase* (granddaughter of Eva Groppe); *Frank Dohrwardt* (friend of Dave & Judy Kuczynski); *Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Pahl); *Rob Frederick* (son-in-law of Joyce Dobberpuhl); *Teri Fredrich; Karl Goettl* (brother of Louanne Hockstad); *Danna Hoffmann; Steven Janke* (son of Richard & JoAnn Janke); *Arlene Kaul; Larry Luckjohn; Ken Luckjohn* (son of Larry Luckjohn); *Diane Lunde* (friend of Maribeth Witkowski); *Annette Mentzel; Susan Micha; Jeffrey Mierow* (son of Steve & Kathy Mierow); *Sandra Patterson; Russ Pahl* (brother-in-law of Larry & Catherine Kiener); *Allen Prochnow; Terry Robinson* (brother of Bonnie Robinson); *Austin Ryan* (friend of Jeremy Albers Jr.); *Lauren Schaper* (daughter of Joanne Wolf); *Kay Sissom* (friend of Karen Leonard); *Lenore Wolff; Audrey Wollner; Mike Zettinig* (son of Wendy Zettinig)

Long-Term Illness / Treatment: *Jeremy Albers Sr.; Lana Amenda; Samuel Becker* (grandson of Lucille Becker); *Harold Brockberg; Delaine Bussard* (sister of Debra Kelley); *Liam Cody* (son of Bobby and Katelyn Cody); *Stacy Fairbert* (niece of Jody Reiter); *Mary Rose Haley* (sister of Larry Kiener); *Dan Haupt* (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); *Lisa Giuliani* (niece of Jan Moegenburg); *Larry Kiener; Daniel Kekic* (nephew of Paulette Rammel); *Eli Luckjohn* (grandson of Larry Luckjohn); *Laurie McGraw* (friend of Brian & Shari Buske); *Nancy Mertz; Sydney Miracle; Patti Mueller* (friend of Liz Dehmel); *Matthew Thumann* (grandson of Russ & Melissa Meier); *Kay Ryder* (sister of Kevin Zirtzlauff); *Cindy Steffen; Ty Timperley* (friend of Tom Lubner); *Mark Wainwright* (friend of the Tom Lubner family); *Mike Woollen* (father of Shari Buske); *Rev. Dr. Kurt Ziemann* (son of Gordy & Mary Ann Ziemann)

Anniversary: *Joel & Sharon Hawkins* 50th wedding anniversary.

Birthday: *Arnold (Hunsie) Kaul's* 93rd birthday

FLOWERS & GIFT

Flowers next to the pulpit are given in celebration of *Joel & Sharon Hawkins* 50th wedding anniversary.

A Gift has been given to The Joshua Fund in honor of *Glenn & Kathy Pape's* 50th wedding anniversary from Frank & Bernice Haupt.

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.
- **VANCO ONLINE 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.

CHRIST'S KINGDOM IN MOTION



This is the weekend! St. Paul is officially launching our partnership with Children's HopeChest and the CarePoint in Los Amates, Guatemala. We have an incredible opportunity to Equip Every Generation to Live Rooted in Jesus, from Grafton to Guatemala. We can ignite hope in children and families in Los Amates by building relationships through sponsorship, letter writing, and prayer.



This weekend is the official launch of our partnership! You are encouraged to join us in the Family Life Center after worship where you can sign up to be a HopeChest Friend. Enrollment is easy, we will walk you through the steps. If you cannot sign up in person, please use this QR code or link to access the enrollment site: hopechest.org/los-amates-3. You can also pick up a brochure at the tables for instructions on how to complete your sponsorship.

For many children living in impoverished communities, decisions are made for them. This process is different. And here's what makes it different: **the children choose you to become their sponsor!** By becoming HopeChest Friends, we let the children lead. The photo you take or upload today will be provided to the CarePoint of Los Amates. At the end of November, a few St. Paul members will travel to Guatemala and attend the exciting process of Match Day. This is when your sponsored child chooses YOU to be their HopeChest Friend (sponsor). This experience lets children have a part in their story and starts the relationship with mutual respect, not charity.

We believe when one community partners with another, demonstrating the love of Jesus through prayer and partnership, we can transform lives! **Come be part of what God is building between St. Paul and Los Amates.** Please join us as we start this journey together!

Matthew 9:38 (ESV) "therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."



Looking forward to a fun-filled fundraising event at the St. Paul Church and School Auction on **Saturday, October 17**. The theme is "Roll Out the Red Carpet" and will include a silent and live auction. Ticket information is available at splgraffton.org/church/auction. Reserve your table and admission tickets early. Reservation forms will also be available in the church and school office. A catered buffet meal by Prime Minister is included in the ticket admission. Donations of new items, gift cards, theme baskets, wine, cash etc. are still being accepted. Questions? Contact us at auction@splgraffton.org.



OCTOBER- DECEMBER 2026 PORTALS OF PRAYER

Portals of Prayer are available for pick up in the Narthex and Welcome Center