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“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” 1 John 4:11

Praise God in all Circumstances!

Do we praise God in all circumstances? As Christians we always talk about praising God in all circumstances. It is so easy to praise God during the good times. When everything seems to be going just great, the kids are in a good mood, we are on time for our activities that day and maybe the family can all sit down for supper together. During these days it is easy to praise God. But even during these times do we thank God enough? We probably don't.

If it is hard to praise God during the good times, imagine praising God during the bad times in our lives. We are all faced with different challenges whether it is physical, financial, relational, or something else. Because of our human nature we are quick to worry and forget that “in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

“Do everything without complaining or arguing.”
Philippians 2:14

In all circumstances we need to praise God. It is not always easy and can be very difficult at times but remember that God is always on our side looking out for our well-being. Even during those challenging times, don't we become closer to God and rely more on Him? Sometimes it is almost like a wake-up call, a reminder that we **NEED** God.

Next time a problem occurs in your life try praising God and cast your burdens on Him. See how He will then bless you though the problem. Our Lord will take care of us and provide for our needs so praise Him in good times and in bad times.

Praise The Lord!!

Jeremy Kell, Middle School Teacher

DECEMBER

- 10 Fri Band & Choirs Christmas Concert (2:00/6:30)
- 12 Sun Jesus Is the Reason Breakfast
- 15 Wed Grades 5-8 Advent Service
- 18 Sat Pre-K/K Christmas Service
- 22 Wed Chapel – PreK/Kindergarten
- 22 Wed 1/2 Day of School 11:40am Dismissal
- 23-Jan2 Th-Su Christmas Vacation – NO SCHOOL

JANUARY

- 3 Mon Classes Resume
Progress Reports

Christian Day School Singing Schedule



- Fri. Dec. 10 2:00/6:30 Band/Choirs Christmas Concert
- Sun. Dec. 12 9:30 am Praise Power
- Sun. Dec. 12 11:00 am JiVE and JuBellate
- Wed. Dec. 15 6:30 pm Gr. 5-8 Advent/Christmas
- Sat. Dec. 18 9:00/10:30 Pre-K/Kind. Service
- Sun. Dec. 19 8:00 am Children's Choir
- Lutheran School's Week**
- Sun. Jan. 23 9:30 am (K-8) Last name A-K Sing With JiVE

St. Paul Lutheran Church Advent & Christmas Schedule

Wednesday Advent Services 6:30pm

- December 1, Grades 3-4
- December 8, Grades 1-2
- December 15, Grades 5-8

- Lessons & Carols Adult Music Groups**
Saturday, December 11: 5pm
Sunday, December 12: 8am
- Soloists & Small Groups**
Sunday, December 12: 9:30am, 11am

- Pre-K & K Christmas Service**
Saturday, December 18
9am & 10:30am

- Christmas Eve**
Friday, December 24
12pm, 2pm Traditional
4pm Contemporary
7pm, 11pm Candlelight

- Christmas Day**
Saturday, December 25
9:30am Traditional/Communion

- Sunday, December 26**
9:30am ONLY (Blended)

- New Year's Eve**
Friday, December 31
5pm, Traditional/Communion
(* No New Years Day Service)

- Sunday, January 2**
Normal Schedule



Rooted in grace; bearing fruit with love.

St. Paul Lessons & Carols
Adult Music Groups
Saturday, December 11: 5pm
Sunday, December 12: 8am

Soloists, Small Groups & Congregational Singing
Sunday, December 12:
9:30am (Contemporary), 11am

THANK YOU for all your help! The Panther Parents would like to thank everyone that helped brighten the Christmas season for so many families right here in our community. Without your generosity, these families would not have had much this Christmas. Thank you and have a very Merry Christmas!



This Advent season, we have the opportunity to reach out into the community and share with others less fortunate. We as a school community are collecting items for **Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge**. The organization is in need of cash donations, used clean coats, hats, mittens, sheets, sleeping bags, pants and hotel size soaps and shampoo. Look at the flyer (page 6 of the Echo) for a complete listing of items. If you have items in your closets that you no longer need, please consider donating them to our Mr. Bob's Drive. Items will be collected in the South Wing by the elevator in the Black Bins marked Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. Thank you for your help reaching those in need this Christmas season!

Christmas Shopping with SCRIP

With gift cards from more than **750 top brands**, find gifts for everyone on your list! The travelers (Kwik Trip, BP, Mobil, Speedway). The foodies (Culver's, Noodles, Qdoba, Panera, Eaton's, Buffalo Wild Wings). The caffeine aficionados (Starbucks). The trendsetters (TJMaxx, Ulta, Target, Walmart). The home improvement DIY-ers (Home Depot, Menards, Fleet Farm) and the on the fly-ers (Amazon). Plus so much more! Stop in the School Office to see all of our in stock retailers – if we do not have what you are looking for, we can order it! Our final order will be placed on December 13th at 8:30am to ensure delivery before Christmas! Don't delay!



AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

Are you an Amazon shopper? Visit

smile.amazon.com and

designate St. Paul Lutheran Church and School to receive your donation. Amazon will remember your selection and it will result in a donation to St. Paul. This is an easy way to support our church and school because Amazon donates a portion of your purchase price to us. If you are a current Amazon shopper, you can use the same account that you already use. If you have any questions, please contact Jenni Locke in the Finance Office at 262-377-4659, Ext. 335 or jennifer.locke@splgraffton.org.



Performers Needed!!

On Sunday, December 12th grades 3 & 4 will be hosting the Jesus is the Reason Breakfast from 8:45-10:45am. We are looking for children to assist with entertainment. Your child can play an instrument or sing 1-3 Christmas songs by themselves or in small groups. Please note that it should be well rehearsed. If your child has an interest in performing a musical number (singing, piano, or other instrument), Click [HERE](#) to choose a time slot.

Your child will be responsible for showing up 5 minutes early for their performance and should be dressed festively or have church attire. [Note: A piano, CD player, music stand and microphone will be available.]

Free Estate Pre-Planning

appointments are now available! These will be 60-minute, in-person or virtual appointments. **Monday, December 13th:** 5pm, 6pm, and 7pm. To schedule an appointment, click [HERE](#).



Interest Day 2022

Interest Day is a special day where students attend different hands-on classes in a variety of areas. In the past we have offered cooking, craft, woodworking, sports and music classes, just to name a few. Our Interest Day will be held on the morning of Friday, March 4. We are always looking for any new ideas for classes. We also need volunteers to lead a session. If you have any ideas or you or someone you know would like to lead a class, please contact one of our committee members:

Mrs. Brueggemann: karen.brueggemann@splgraffton.org

Jenny Clemens: jennifer.clemens@splgraffton.org

Lisa Frinzi: lisa.frinzi@splgraffton.org

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St. Paul Lutheran

2K, 3K & 4K Preschool & Kindergarten....
... a Great Place to Learn and Grow!

Information Night January 12, 2022

6:00PM

Registration Opens January 15, 2022

<https://www.splgraffton.org/school/>



Focused on Excellence + Centered on Christ

JESUS is
the Reason
for the
Season.

Come join us in Fellowship
to celebrate the
Reason for the Season
Jesus Birthday Breakfast
Sunday, December 12
From 8:45am - 10:45am
In the Family Life Center



Free will offering will be accepted

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School 2021 Advent/Christmas Worship Services

St. Paul Band/Choir Christmas Concert
Friday, December 10 at 2:00pm & 6:30pm



Lessons &
Carols

Lessons & Carols Worship Service
Saturday, December 11 at 5pm
Sunday, December 12 at 8, 9:30 & 11am

The Reason for the Season Breakfast
Sunday, December 12 8:45-10:45am (FLC)

JESUS is
the Reason
for the
Season.



Grades 5-8 Christmas Service
Wednesday, December 15 at 6:30pm

Pre-K/Kindergarten Christmas Service
Saturday, December 18 at 9:00 / 10:30am

Christmas Eve Services
Traditional, 12pm
Traditional, 2pm
Contemporary, 4pm
Candlelight, 7pm & 11pm



Christmas Day Service
Traditional/Communion, 9:30am



Note: Sunday, December 26
9:30 ONLY (Blended)

New Years Eve Service
Friday, December 31 at 5:00pm

2022

CELEBRATE THE
HOLIDAY SEASON WITH US!

St. Paul Middle
School Youth

Christmas Party Extravaganza

Join friends for Chili, Games,
Cookies, and White Elephant
exchange. Please bring a white
elephant gift to share. Please sign
up here:

<https://forms.gle/aM5aAwFbGFGKku4U9>

DECEMBER 19, 2021 | 4-6 PM
ST. PAUL UNDERCROFT



Rooted in grace, bearing fruit with love.

The Church and School
Offices will be closed:

Friday, December 24
Monday, December 27
Thursday, December 30
Friday, December 31

We Are Growing

With the growth of our school, Extended Care is serving an increased number of children. At this time, we have a variety of positions to fill so we can offer care to more families in the future. We have openings at the following times: 6:30 AM -1:00 PM and 230-5:15 PM. The days of the week may vary but candidates need to be able to commit to a two day work week minimum. Candidates should have prior experience working with children, a willingness to work as a team, be energetic and have great communication skills. High School students aged 15 and older may apply. For more details and information, please call Extended Care at 262-377-7523.



Powerpoint, Sound, Camera, Worship!!!

Will YOU be part of our team to run media for worship, livestream and recordings?

Skills needed vary according to position, but may include: advancing through slides, using a remote, attentively following the service, learning a software, listening for balance of musicians. Training will be on the equipment in the church balcony and arranged at your convenience. Your gifts are needed for church!

1. **Powerpoint Operators** - Help needed at all services.
2. **Video Operators** - Need especially for 5pm & 9:30am services for livestreaming. Familiarity with the flow of a service, using a joystick remote, and
3. **Soundboard Operators** - Need especially to work with contemporary worship teams at practice & 9:30am service.

Questions? Contact Valerie Bremer at: music@splgraffton.org. Choose when to serve by signing up at tinyurl.com/SPLSignups.

Volleyball opportunities for all ages in the area.

For the younger kids just starting out with volleyball or wanting to get an early start in the club scene! We have kids ranging from 7 - 12 years old led by fun and energetic staff. Two 6 week sessions remain in this outstanding learning opportunity (Feb-March or March-April) See [Development Series](#) for more information.

For boys grades 7 - 12 that are interested in volleyball but may not have time or experience for a club team. There are 3 different 5 week series that begin in early 2022 that offer instruction as well as game play each day. See [Boys Volleyball](#) for more information.

Contact I AM Volleyball staff:
Jarrod: 262-208-6345
Austin: 608-335-0747



LIVING WORD
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Christmas CONCERT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 | 3:00 PM
AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
MENOMONEE FALLS, WI

Christmas Concert - Living Word HS
The Living Word Music Department will perform their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 12 at 3:00 PM at Grace Lutheran Church in Menomonee Falls, WI. This event is open to the public and is free to attend. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Youth DANCE CLINIC

ONE-DAY CLINIC &
SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

**GIRLS IN
3RD-8TH
GRADE**

ONE-DAY CLINIC **TUESDAY, JANUARY 4**
5:00-8:00 PM

PERFORM **FRIDAY, JANUARY 7**
ON **APPROX AT 7:45 PM**
(HALF-TIME OF BOYS
BASKETBALL GAME)




COST **\$30** (INCLUDES T-SHIRT,
SNACK AT CLINIC)

REGISTER: LWLHS.COM/DANCECLINIC



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	12-Dec	19-Dec
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00 PraisePower sings @ 9:30, JIVE & JuBellate @ 11 <i>Jesus is the Reason Breakfast</i> Living Word BB Tournament - AG & A1B	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00 Childrens Choir sings @ 8
Monday	13-Dec	20-Dec
	BB @ St. John Plymouth; B1G-4:30, B2B-5:30, B1B-6:30, A1B-7:30	BB @ St. John WB; B2G-4:00, B2B-5:00, B1B-6:00, A1B-7:00
Tuesday	14-Dec	21-Dec
		Gr. 5-8 Field Trip to Circle B
Wednesday	15-Dec	22-Dec
	CHAPEL - Gr. 5-8 Christmas Program 8:25am/6:30pm	CHAPEL - PreK & K Christmas Program 1/2 Day of School - 11:40am Dismissal
Thursday	16-Dec	23-Dec
	BB vs. Grace MF; BG6-4:30, B1B-5:30, AG-6:30, A1B-7:30	 NO SCHOOL Christmas Vacation
Friday	17-Dec	24-Dec
		CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 12pm, 2pm—Traditional 4pm—Contemporary 7pm, 11pm—Candlelight 
Saturday	18-Dec	25-Dec
	PreK & K Christmas Program 9:00/10:30am Hales Corners BB Tournament - AG, 10am Worship at 5:00pm	 CHRISTMAS DAY 9:30 am Worship



Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Items Needed:

Winter Gloves

Winter Hats

Winter Jackets – all sizes

Hand warmers

Women's Pants

Men's pants

Jeans

Sweatpants

Kid's Winter Clothing

T-shirts

Hoodies / Sweatshirts

Socks

Clean Sheets (can be used)

Pillows

Blankets / Comforters

Shoes

Sleeping Bags

Hygiene Products:

✓ travel sized bar soap

✓ shampoo

✓ conditioner

✓ lotion

✓ toothpaste

✓ toothbrushes

✓ washcloths

As a reminder, these items go straight to our homeless friends, so clean items are appreciated.

Items will be collected from December 1st to the 20th.