



T H E E C H O

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

Cookie Cutters Tell the Story of Christmas

written in the 1940's by Iris Hammett

As we bake our Christmas cookies, we see the story of the Savior's birth and purpose in our lives. What a wonderful way to gather the little ones around and tell them of God's love for us. As we roll and cut the dough and mold it into shapes, we tell over and over the story that never grows old.

First, we make an angel, for it was an angel who came to Mary and told her that she would have a baby boy and should call his name Jesus, for he would save his people from their sins.

Second, we make a donkey, for it was a little donkey that Mary rode into Bethlehem where the baby Jesus was to be born.

Third, we cut a star for the star that shone in the East to guide the Shepherds to where they would find the Baby Jesus. The wise men had seen this star in the East and knew it told of the birth of the Savior.

Fourth, we cut more angels for the angels who sang Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. The angels also brought the good news to the shepherds as they watched their sheep during the night. So then we make candy cane cookies to represent the shepherd's staff.

Fifth, we make a camel because the wise men traveled over many miles of sandy desert on camels that they might find the young child.

Then we come to some of the cookie cutters which we can't find in the Bible, but which have wonderful meaning by which we tell God's love for us.

We make a wreath for it is round and has no end, even as God's love has no end. He gave to us eternal life which has no end. We think of the wreath being made of evergreen and so we frost it green. The evergreen is a symbol of the eternal life which Christ bought for us on Calvary.

Then comes the Christmas tree, again an evergreen tree, the symbol of everlasting life. It stays green in winter and summer as no other tree. It tells of the love of Christ which goes on and on, and of the eternal life which he gives us if we believe in him as our Savior.

Last of all we make the bells, for the bells ring out the glad news that a Savior is born this day in the City of David.

Submitted by Michelle Pingel, 1st grade teacher

DECEMBER

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
 4-18 Tu-Tu MAP Testing
 6 Thu A Girls Basketball Tournament
 8 Sat 5th/7th Round Robin BB Tournament
 9 Sun A Girls Basketball Tournament

Christian Day School Singing Schedule



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
		11:00 am	(K-8) Last name L-Z Sing
Sun.	Feb. 6	8:00 am	PraisePower
Sun.	Feb. 6	9:30 am	Children's Choir
Sat.	Feb. 12	5:00 pm	Gr. K-2 Sing
Sun.	Feb. 27	8:00 am	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.



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!



**Mr. Bob's
Under the Bridge**
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

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 5 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!

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.

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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Rachel Nelsen: rachel.nelsen@splgraffton.org
Amy Schumacher: amy.schumacher@splgraffton.org

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

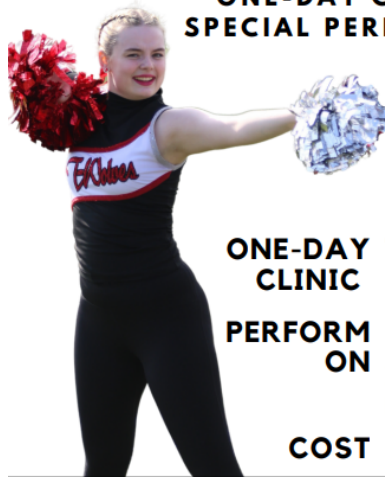
SAVE THE DATE! St. Paul Preschool & Kindergarten Information Night
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6pm

Join our Early Childhood Staff as we share our unique program based upon our Christian foundation. Learn about our curriculum, goals for our students and our commitment to educating your child in a Christian environment. For more information, contact Dauna Werner at dauna.werner@splgraffton.org or 377-4659 Ext. 327.

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Youth DANCE CLINIC

ONE-DAY CLINIC &
SPECIAL PERFORMANCE



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

**ONE-DAY TUESDAY, JANUARY 4
CLINIC 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

CHRISTMAS EVE

12pm, 2pm Traditional
4pm Contemporary
7pm, 11pm Candlelight

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30AM Traditional/Communion

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 31
5PM

The Church and School
Offices will be closed:

Friday, December 24

Monday, December 27

Thursday, December 30

Friday, December 31

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/>



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



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



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.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	19-Dec	26-Dec
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00 Childrens Choir sings @ 8	Worship at 9:30
Monday	20-Dec	27-Dec
	BB @ St. John WB; B2G-4:00, B2B-5:00, B1B-6:00, A1B-7:00	Daycare CLOSED NO SCHOOL Christmas Vacation
Tuesday	21-Dec	28-Dec
	Gr. 5-8 Field Trip to Circle B	Daycare CLOSED NO SCHOOL Christmas Vacation
Wednesday	22-Dec	29-Dec
	CHAPEL - PreK & K Christmas Program 1/2 Day - 11:40am Dismissal	Daycare CLOSED NO SCHOOL Christmas Vacation
Thursday	23-Dec	30-Dec
	 NO SCHOOL Christmas Vacation	Daycare CLOSED NO SCHOOL Christmas Vacation
Friday	24-Dec	31-Dec
	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 12pm, 2pm—Traditional 4pm—Contemporary 7pm, 11pm—Candlelight 	Daycare CLOSED NO SCHOOL Christmas Vacation New Years Eve Worship at 5pm 
Saturday	25-Dec	1-Jan
	 CHRISTMAS DAY 9:30 am Worship	



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.