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January 7, 2022

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

Open Doors

In many retellings of the Christmas story, after arriving in Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph are told that there was "no room for them in the inn," but instead, they were given a place to stay with the animals where Jesus, God's son and the world's savior, was born. Imagine being the innkeeper, the one who is forever known as the one whose inn -perhaps even a guest room -- had no room for Jesus. The next morning, was his inn too full with other guests and their needs and his business that he didn't even give Jesus more than a thought, his birth being just a one-time occurrence, another child to add to the census ordered by Caesar Augustus? Or did the innkeeper have regrets? Did he realize what he had done, that he had closed the door on his own Messiah, giving him only what remained?

I need to ask myself these same questions. Do I give Jesus a place in my life that simply remains unfilled for the moment, a space that nothing else "wanted"? When Jesus is right there, wanting to be in my life -- my family, my friendships, my teaching, do I open the doors and include him? And time -- do I give him my time, or do I find myself "too busy" to dedicate it to him? My answers tell me one thing: I am the innkeeper. Many times, I have filled the rooms in my heart with pride, fear, or a "to-do" list, shutting the door on Jesus. Perhaps your answers are similar to mine.

Yet, closed doors cannot contain our Messiah. On the first Christmas, angels proclaimed his birth and shepherds told of it. Upon his death, the curtain was torn in two. At his resurrection, Jesus shattered the doors of death and pain, bringing us salvation and peace. Now he knocks at our closed doors, and the Holy Spirit opens them up. In pours forgiveness, and he doesn't see us as the innkeepers, but as his children.

Let us open our doors to weekly worship where Jesus will fill the rooms of our hearts rather than our selfishness, worries, or busy-ness. Let us open our doors to the Word which offers guidance for truly everything. Let us open our doors to others who need encouragement, need forgiveness, need healing, need Jesus. As this new year begins, imagine what God can do in and through us -- with our doors open.

Mrs. Joy Yurk, Seventh Grade Teacher

JANUARY

4-18 Tu-Tu MAP Testing 8 Sat 5th/7th Round Robin BB Tournament

A Girls Basketball Tournament Sun

12 Wed Chapel - Camp Luther Pre-K & K Pajama Party Chapel – 3rd Grade (Haas) Fri 14 19 Wed

17-21Mo-Fr Pre-K Parent/Teacher Conferences 20-21Th-Fr K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences 21 Fri 1/2 Day of School 11:40am Dismissal

NO 3&4Pre-K AM Classes PM classes attend in AM End of 2nd Quarter

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



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@splgrafton.org or 377-4659

Ext. 327.

Thank you for all your donations for Bob's Under the Bridge! We collected 739 items for our winter drive. Especially in these cold winter months, WARM blankets and clothing items are always needed and can be dropped off at 360 Dakota Drive in Grafton



Monday evenings from 4-6pm and Thursday evening from 5-7pm.

Advertising Space is available in the tournament

book for the St. Paul Invitational A Boys' Basketball Tournament being held the weekend of February 18-20, 2022. This tournament provides a great deal of funding for the Athletic Department for all gym classes and teams. If you are interested in placing an ad in the book for your business for a nominal fee, please contact Mrs. Diane Schumann, ext. 133, by Tuesday, January 25. Thank you for your support!

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: <u>karen.brueggemann@splgrafton.org</u>

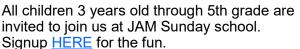
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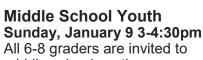
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Sunday School Sunday, January 9 & 23, 2022 8:15-9:15 AM



For more information or to volunteer to help with JAM Sunday school contact tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org



All 6-8 graders are invited to middle school youth group as we dig into God's Word, play games, and build our own original Facebook. Please bring a printed photo of



yourself that you like. Signup <u>HERE</u> to join the fun. For more information or to volunteer to help with middle school youth contact Tracy at:

tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org

Christian Day School Singing Schedule



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

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 <u>Development Series</u> 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

instruction as well as game play each day. See Boys

Volleyball for more information. Contact I AM Volleyball staff:

Jarrod: 262-208-6345 or Austin: 608-335-0747

week series that begin in early 2022 that offer

Sheboygan Lutheran High School
Open House for 5th — 8th graders
and Freshman Registration
Tuesday, January 25, 2022
5 - 6:45 p.m.





You are invited to join us for:

- → Classroom tours
- → Visit our brand new Fine Arts Center Theatre, Robotics & Science Labs
- Opportunities to meet teachers
- Each visiting family can register for the FREE Registration drawing (one registration fee to be waived for one year)
- Information on the School Choice voucher program and other tuition assistance options
- ➡ Freshmen: Register* for classes for next Fall
- *Call to make an appointment to register for Freshmen classes at (920) 452-3323

We invite you to see what a Lutheran High School experience can provide for your entire family. Sheboygan Lutheran High is "Preparing Christian Leaders-One Student at a Time"



Sheboygan Lutheran High School 3323 University Dr., Sheboygan www.lutheranhigh.com 920.452.3323

A High School Experience Above and Beyond the Diploma!



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL **UPCOMING EVENTS**



		7 4
Sunday	9-Jan	16-Jan
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00
		Grace Shootout BB Tournament (BG6, B1B)
		East Central BB Tournament (A1B)
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Monday	10-Jan	17-Jan
	MAP Testing	MAP Testing
		PreK Parent/Teacher Conferences
	BB vs. St. Francis Borgia; B2B-4:30, B1B-5:30, A1B-	
	6:30	
	BB @ St Francis Borgia; BG5-4:30, BG6-5:30, AG-	
	6:30	
Tuesday	11-Jan	18-Jan
Tuesuay		
	MAP Testing	MAP Testing
		PreK Parent/Teacher Conferences
		BB @ Grace, MF; BG6-4:30, B1B-5:30, AG-6:30, A1B-7:30
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Wednesday	12-Jan	19-Jan
-	MAP Testing	PreK Parent/Teacher Conferences
	CHAPEL - Camp Luther	CHAPEL - 3rd Grade (Haas)
	PreK & K Information Night 6:00pm	, ,
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Thursday	13-Jan	20-Jan
_	MAP Testing	
	BB vs. Trinity Freistadt; B2G-4:00, B1B-5:00, AG-	
	6:00, A2B-7:00	
	Grace Shootout BB Tournament (BG6, B1B)	Pre-K & K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday	14-Jan	21-Jan
	MAP Testing	
		Pre-K & K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
	Grace Shootout BB Tournament (BG6, B1B)	1/2 Day of School 11:40am Dismissal
	East Central BB Tournament (A1B)	NO 3&4 Pre-K AM Classes
	PreK & K Pajama Party	
Saturday	15-Jan	22-Jan
	Grace Shootout BB Tournament (BG6, B1B)	
	East Central BB Tournament (A1B)	
	Worship at 5:00	

Approved 2022-2023 Calendar

August 22 (Mon) August 24 (Wed) September 2-5 November 18 November 21-25 Dec. 23 - Jan. 2 February 20 March 2 March 27-31 April 7-10 May 26

June 2

Orientation/Picture Day 1st Day of Classes

Labor Day Weekend (Fri-Mon) End of 1st Trimester Thanksgiving Break Christmas Break

President's Day (No School) End of 2nd Trimester

Spring Break

Easter Weekend **PreK Graduation**

Last Day of School (Graduation)

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.