



# 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**

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Round Robin BB Tournament
- 9 Sun A Girls Basketball Tournament
- 12 Wed Chapel – Camp Luther
- 14 Fri Pre-K & K Pajama Party
- 19 Wed Chapel – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (Haas)
- 17-21 Mo-Fr Pre-K Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 20-21 Th-Fr K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 21 Fri 1/2 Day of School 11:40am Dismissal  
NO 3&4 Pre-K AM Classes PM classes attend in AM  
End of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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



**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](mailto:dauna.werner@splgraffton.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: [karen.brueggemann@splgrafton.org](mailto:karen.brueggemann@splgrafton.org)  
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### Sunday School

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

All children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to join us at JAM Sunday school. Signup [HERE](#) for the fun.

For more information or to volunteer to help with JAM Sunday school contact [tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org)



### Middle School Youth

**Sunday, January 9 3-4:30pm**

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 [HERE](#) to join the fun. For more information or to volunteer to help with middle school youth contact Tracy at: [tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org](mailto: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 [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 or Austin: 608-335-0747

**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"



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 3323 University Dr., Sheboygan  
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**A High School Experience Above and Beyond the Diploma!**



## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



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

### Approved 2022-2023 Calendar

|                  |                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| August 22 (Mon)  | Orientation/Picture Day          |
| August 24 (Wed)  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Classes   |
| September 2-5    | Labor Day Weekend (Fri-Mon)      |
| November 18      | End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester |
| November 21-25   | Thanksgiving Break               |
| Dec. 23 - Jan. 2 | Christmas Break                  |
| February 20      | President's Day (No School)      |
| March 2          | End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester |
| March 27-31      | Spring Break                     |
| April 7-10       | Easter Weekend                   |
| May 26           | PreK Graduation                  |
| June 2           | 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 2:30-5:15 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.

