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March 1, 2024

“So then you are no longer strangers or aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.” Ephesians 2:19-20

This week our school had Interest Day. It is a day when students get to explore classes that might interest them like cooking, robotics, art, music and so much more. It is a wonderful opportunity to see the passion and interest of the students emerge through these special classes. It is also wonderful to see parents and volunteers step up to make a day like this possible. This event, and many other events at Saint Paul are only possible by the entire community coming together. Thank you!

This reminds me of what Saint Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

According to Saint Paul, we need each other, our abilities, passions, and interests. All these gifts from God are given not just to help us, but to help those around us. Christians are called to live a life of service. So what are your passions and gifts? What brings you joy? What skills and interests has God given to you so that you might help others in the body of Christ? Oftentimes these passions and interests develop over the course of a lifetime but there are some that we simply fall into.

Regardless of the gifts that God has given to you, I invite you today to pray for the members of this body of Christ, that we would stay one and continue to build on the foundation of Christ. I would ask that you pray for Saint Paul Lutheran Church and School, that God might continue to use this church and school to care for others. I ask that you pray to turn hearts to repentance and faith in Christ. There is a world in desperate need of the gospel, and without God’s mercy, we are all lost. It is Christ who makes us part of his body. Continue to pray that God would enlarge and preserve his family. And finally, as we conclude this devotion, I wanted to offer one final concrete prayer to guide our collective prayer life this week. This prayer is what our church has been praying in public worship throughout the course of the capital campaign. This prayer is intended to call on God for his guidance and mercy. And when you pray this prayer today, I ask that you also see that this prayer is intended to care for the body of Christ, so that we might collectively use our gifts to share the matchless name of Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, together as the faithful community of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, we give thanks to You for calling us to worship, study, and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. We thank you for the gifts of faith and fellowship; especially for those who through Your guidance prepared the way for us - for their vision, commitment, worship, devotion, and service to our Church and School. Holy Spirit, guide us to boldly meet this ministry opportunity with courage, love and steadfastness to enhance Your kingdom now and for future generations. We ask this in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MARCH		
1	Fri	Interest Day – 11:40am Dismissal NO 3&4PK PM Classes
1-3	Fr-Su	State Basketball Tournament
6	Wed	Chapel – 1 st Grade (Pingel)
7	Thu	Panther Parent Meeting
8	Fri	March Madness
13	Wed	Chapel – 4 th Grade (Steiner) 5th/6th Grade Junk Box Wars @ LWLH
20	Wed	Chapel – 8 th Grade (Schumann)
22	Fri	Family Day 10:45am Dismissal NO TAKE HOME BUSING
25-4/1Mo-Mo Spring Break – NO SCHOOL		

You are a child of God, loved and saved through Jesus. You are a member of the body of Christ. Care for others and trust in Christ.

Pastor Schultz

2024—2025 LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE INFORMATION



If you are thinking of, or will be, enrolling your child at Living Word, Milwaukee Lutheran, or Sheboygan Lutheran High School for the 2024/2025 school year, St. Paul offers tuition assistance. You must fill out an application in order to be considered to receive tuition assistance from St. Paul Lutheran Church. Application forms are available in the reception/school office or online at splgraffton.org/church. Applications are due in the office on **Friday, March 15, 2024**. Applications received after this date will be reviewed for assistance if funds are available.

Contact Amanda Chang at amandaklein24@hotmail.com or David Schulz at davidcschulz1007@gmail.com.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

St. Paul Lutheran School



1. Are you a Thrivent member? Do you have Thrivent Choice Dollars that need to be allocated before March 31? Please consider having those dollars sent to St. Paul Lutheran School.

2. Next weekend members of our St. Paul Band and Choirs will be participating in the WSMA Solo and Ensemble Competition.

3. Congratulations to our B Girls Basketball Team for taking 1st place at the St. John's Plymouth Tournament last weekend.

VBS 2024

VBS will be **June 10-14** this year and we are starting to look for volunteers.



This year's theme will have us diving into a friendship that will last forever as we learn about God's never-ending love for us!

Check out the volunteer sign up form here: <http://tinyurl.com/SPLVBSVolunteers24>.

Watch for student registration to open in mid-April.



**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A
MAGICAL NIGHT...**

SAVE THE DATE

St. Paul Literacy Night
Thursday, April 11th
6 - 7:15

EASTER EGG HUNT

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, March 30 beginning at 10am** in the gym. Everyone is invited! Please sign up to participate at <http://tinyurl.com/Easteregg24>



If you would like to make a donation of candy or other items to place in eggs, or prizes for the prize table, please take one or more of the donation eggs from the board in the Gathering Hall. All items donated should be returned no later than Sunday, March 17th.

Volunteers are needed to help with stuffing eggs on Sunday, March 17 and with setup, running crafts/games, and helping with the egg hunt on Saturday, March 30. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/EggVolunteer24> If you have any questions, please contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org. Thanks for your help with this event!



Panther Parents invite you to:

**Schools Out Skate at
Skateland**

Friday March 1st 12pm-2pm
\$8 to skate
Skate rentals included
Concessions will be available for purchase

**STUDENTS 4TH GRADE AND YOUNGER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

St. Paul is once again gracious enough to host some of the Lutheran Sports Association basketball games for the Tournament of Champions State Championships. LSA thanks St. Paul for its generosity. LSA will have games here March 1-2. We are in need of help to man the admissions table and the concessions stand. Please click on the [link](#) or reach out to Jenny Clemens at jennifer.clemens@splgraffton.org to sign up. We really appreciate your help!



Sunday School

Sunday school meets each Sunday 8:15-9:15am in the youth room. Children ages 3-5th grade are encouraged to join us. To have your child join us for this year's Sunday School please fill out the registration form at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/SSregister23>. If you have any questions, please contact tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org.

3/3: Join us as we learn that Jesus loves even his enemies and hear about Jesus being betrayed and arrested in Matthew 26:47-56 and John 29:1-11.

3/10: This week we will learn that Jesus understands suffering and hear about Jesus being put on trial in Matthew 27:15-31 and Luke 23:1-25.

3/17: Join us as we learn that Jesus loves us so much that he died for us. We will hear the story of Jesus crucified from Matthew 27:32-61 and Luke 23:26-56.



Middle School Youth

A reminder that Middle school youth meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 3-4:30pm in the youth room.

3/10: We will be discussing the contrasts of praise and distress for our devotion this week based on Psalm 118:19-29, Psalm 31:9-16. We will also be having a party as we look forward to Easter. We will have snacks and too much candy. Sign up here to join the fun: <http://tinyurl.com/MSYMarch24>

3/24: No middle school youth this Sunday. Enjoy spring break!

Christian Day School Singing Schedule



Sun.	Mar. 3	9:30 am	PraisePower
Wed.	Mar. 6	4:30 pm	JuBellate
Sat.	Mar. 9	5:00 pm	Gr. 6-8 Sing w/ Concert Band
Sun.	Mar. 17	11:00 am	JiVE
Wed.	Mar. 20	4:30 pm	Children's Choir

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

03/15 | 6-9PM

@ MJ'S BAR AND GRILL - SAUKVILLE

LIGHT APPETIZERS PROVIDED BY PANTHER PARENTS

OTHER FOOD OPTIONS & DRINK AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THIS ADULT ONLY EVENT!

**See email for more details and to RSVP*

Are you looking for an adult night out to have some fun and get to know parents just like you? Well, you are in luck! Panther Parents is hosting a Parents' Night out at MJ's Bar and Grill March 15th from 6-9 pm!

Light appetizers will be provided along with laughs and good times!

Drinks and other food options are available for purchase.

Please complete the [Parents' Night Out](#) form so we can plan for appetizers!

For questions contact Amanda Sevener at: a.kay.w88@gmail.com

Endowment Fund Grants for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

In accordance with the distribution policy and bylaws of the St. Paul Endowment Fund, a total of \$41,300 will be available for distribution for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Grant applications for the 2024-2025 fiscal year are now being accepted by the St. Paul Endowment Committee. Please complete a grant application available on the St. Paul Endowment website at <https://www.splgraffton.org/church/endowment/>, or by picking one up from the St. Paul Finance Office. One of St. Paul's boards must sponsor each grant application. Please submit your grant application to Jason Hasenstein. Grant funds will be distributed as long as funds remain available. If you have questions, contact a member of the

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WWW.LWLHS.COM/CAMPS



Living Word Lutheran High School | 2230 Living Word Ln | Jackson, WI 53037

HELP SUPPORT FAMILY SHARING

food pantry/upscale resale



Suggested items:

canned peas, canned carrots,
canned fruit (any kinds, low sugar is great!)
Individual servings of oatmeal.



Registration is OPEN!

T-BALL SOFTBALL

*We are looking for 1st and
2nd grade girls for our
softball rookies teams!*

Registration for T-Ball and
Challenger programs are also
open through 3/24.



Discover. Learn. Grow. Synergy Equine Horsemanship Week

Horsemanship Week is more than a summer camp – it's an experience your child will treasure for a lifetime!

Weeklong sessions offer up-close, hands-on time in the company of horses. Your child will learn the basics of riding, horse care, feeding and grooming. Our experienced trainers and school horses provide opportunities for children to develop confidence and learn responsibility in a fun, safe environment. Each week wraps up with a "fun show" so the kids can show off their horsemanship skills to family and friends.

Our Beginner's session is designed for children 6-12 with minimal horse-related experience.

2023 Beginners Sessions:

- June 17-21
- June 24-28
- July 15-19
- July 22-26

Sessions run from 9am to noon, Monday through Friday.

To register: Visit <https://lakefieldfarm.com/horsemanship-weeks.html> or call 262-227-6047 for more information.



We're located in the Town of Grafton, just 20 minutes north of Milwaukee, just a few minutes off of I-43.





ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

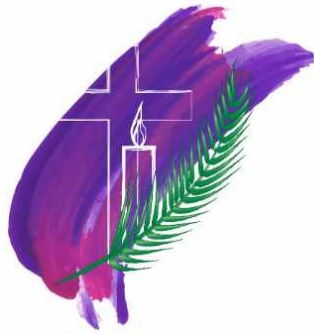


Sunday	3-Mar	10-Mar
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00; PraisePower sings @ 9:30 State Basketball Tournament	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00; Middle School Youth, 3pm
Monday	4-Mar	11-Mar
	Children's Choir, 3:15pm No Monday Worship	Children's Choir, 3:15pm No Monday Worship
Tuesday	5-Mar	12-Mar
Wednesday	6-Mar	13-Mar
	CHAPEL - 1st Grade (Pingel) JuBellate plays @ 4:30pm Lenten Worship Services at 4:30pm & 6:30pm Dinner 5:15pm-6:15pm	5th/6th Grade Junk Box Wars @ Living Word CHAPEL - 4th Grade (Steiner) Lenten Worship Services at 4:30pm & 6:30pm Dinner 5:15pm-6:15pm
Thursday	7-Mar	14-Mar
	Panther Parents, 6:30pm	<i>NLSA Visitation</i>
Friday	8-Mar	15-Mar
	March Madness, 6:30pm	<i>NLSA Visitation</i> Parent's Night Out @ MJ's, 6-9pm
Saturday	9-Mar	16-Mar
	Rooted Women Lenten Breakfast, 8:30am Living Word Timberwolf Archery Challenge Worship at 5:00pm; Gr. 6-8 Sings with Concert Band	St. Paul Archery Tournament Worship at 5:00pm;

Starting Monday March 25 - Extended Care will begin accepting Registration for **Summer Daycare**. These forms will be available on the Extended Care web page or you may pick up in the daycare classroom. Families new to the program will be eligible to start after July 1st..

Extended Care Forms for the 2024-25 School Year , will be available early June. Please call 262 377 7523 or email kim.edgar@splgrifton.org if you have any questions. Thank you





2024 LENTEN & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

THE "IFS" OF LENT: There are many ifs in life. Often a person will say: If I had only known! In the Bible we see some wonderful assurances and warnings around the word IF. We start with the words of John 8. If you continue in My word, then you are My disciples indeed and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. One author stated it this way: "God lets us know His will; IF we heed it, all is well. He tells us the Way; IF we walk it, we shall reach the goal. But when we fail, God is faithful. There's no ifs, ands, or buts about it! IF we fail, it is because we have not hearkened to His voice."

WEDNESDAYS | 4:30PM & 6:30PM

ASH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 14

The Proving "IF" - John 13:35
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola
Meal host: WOMEN'S GUILD
Ashes will be available (optional) prior to service

MIDWEEK 1 | FEBRUARY 21

The "IF" of Submission - Matthew 26:42
Guest Preacher: Rev. Steve Smith
Meal host: 8TH GRADE

MIDWEEK 2 | FEBRUARY 28

The Doubting "IF" - Luke 22:67-68
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Kevin Voss
Meal host: LERT

MIDWEEK 3 | MARCH 6

The Evasive "IF" - John 18:29-20
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. James Kroemer
Meal Host: IMPACT HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

MIDWEEK 4 | MARCH 13

The Threatening "IF" - John 19:12
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Jason Lane
Meal host: LWML

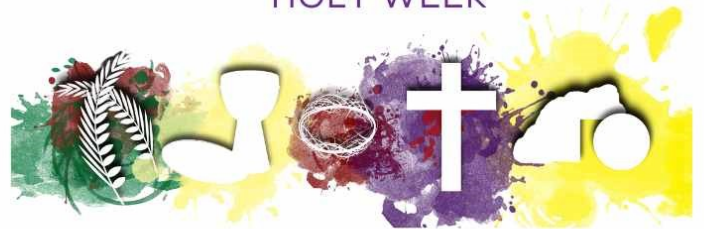
MIDWEEK 5 | MARCH 20

The Comparative "IF" - Luke 23:31
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Jason Soenksen
Meal host: ELDERS

Lenten dinners served 5:15PM-6:15PM

Tickets for these meals will be sold
the night of the dinner

HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 24

The Crying "IF" of Palm Sunday - Luke 19:40
Saturday: 5pm / Sunday: 8am,
9:30am (Cont), 11am
Rev. Dr. Timothy Maschke

MAUNDY THURSDAY | MARCH 28

4:30pm & 6:30pm
The "IF" of Cleansing - Luke 13:8
Rev. Larry Prah

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE | MARCH 29

1pm & 6:30pm
Four "IFs" and a BUT - Matthew 27:40;
Luke 23:35; Luke 23:37; Luke 23:39
Rev. Luke Anderson

EASTER SUNDAY | MARCH 31**

6am, 8am, 9:30am (Cont), 11am
The "IF" of Easter - 1 Corinthians 15:14
Rev. Jacob Schultz

**Easter Breakfast 7-11am in the FLC.
Free-will offering accepted.

No Worship Service on Saturday, March
30 & Monday, April 1.

Services online at splgrifton.org/church/livestream & vimeo.com/event/3215174

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When they build a customized Glow Box, campers discover different forms of light, finding inspiration in illuminating inventions and animals that glow!

GAMES & LUNCH

Half the campers head outside to play action-packed games while the others eat lunch — and then they switch.



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Grades: 1st - 6th

Location: St. John's Lutheran School
899 South 6th Avenue, West Bend, WI 53095

Date: June 17 - 21, 2024

Time & Cost: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
\$270 (before discount)

Extended Day Hours Available: 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM
Additional \$100

Camp Director: Marcia Milam
mmilam@sjswb.org

Exciting news for this location: We are offering an Extended Day experience, making our program schedule more convenient for busy families. With Extended Day, your program will run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with an additional cost of \$100 per week. To sign up for this program schedule, please select the Extended Day option during checkout.

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This Is the Day by Tim Tebow

Have you ever felt stuck? Sometimes life feels rigid—as if nothing could ever really change. Maybe we're afraid of taking a step of faith. Or maybe we're too injured from the past to move forward. Or maybe life threw us a curveball and we still don't know how to react. No matter where you find yourself, you can make the most of today. In this inspirational series, Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow shares stories from his life to illustrate what it means to seize each day for God's glory. He challenges us to step out in courage because this is the day to act. [This is the Day:: RightNow Media](#)

Psalm 23 by Matt Chandler

Many people are familiar with Psalm 23. But because we all know it, we often breeze through the psalm without slowing down long enough to rest in the assurance it offers. In this 6-part series on Psalm 23, pastor Matt Chandler introduces us to the great shepherd, the Lord, who promises to provide for every need of his flock. Though only six verses long, this psalm teaches us profound truths about our loving and protective God. By studying Psalm 23, we'll encounter a life-transforming question: Do you trust the Lord to care for your needs? [Psalm 23 :: RightNow Media](#)

The Sex Dilemma by Joanna Hyatt

Overwhelmed by the bombardment of messages to your kids pushing them towards sex? Unsure of how to begin talking, or if you're even the best person for the job? In this five-part series, you'll get a clear understanding of why it's so important for you (yes, you!) to engage your kids in these conversations, what to talk about and how to get started. [The Sex Dilemma :: RightNow Media](#)

YourLife: Financial Stewardship for Teens By Crown Ministries

Crown's new teen study is *YourLife: Finding Success Through Stewardship*. In this course, teens will learn how to be faithful stewards with their money. Lessons included are God's role vs. our role, budgeting, giving, financial integrity, and the importance of attitude. Each video-driven lesson consists of questions, thoughtful sessions, and daily action steps designed to bring true heart transformation to the student. With biblical wisdom and principles throughout each section, students are sure to learn what God has to say about money and how to practically apply His word to their lives. [YourLife: Financial Stewardship for Teens :: RightNow Media](#)

Bibleman: The Animated Adventures Ages:5-12

Bibleman is back in a new animated series for the whole family! Join Bibleman and his team as they fight evil with the power of God's Word! The Bible Team is here to save the day by bringing kids to Jesus. Join Bibleman and Biblegirl to use the Word of God to defeat the villains Dr. Fear, the Baroness, the Master of Maybe, and many more! [Bibleman: The Animated Adventures :: RightNow Media](#)

Parenting & Technology by Kathy Koch

Technology is everywhere, it can connect people around the world, but it also has the power to disconnect us from those around us. For many parents, deciding how to use technology in their home can be challenging. Hear from Dr. Kathy Koch, Matt Herd, and Michael Sherrard as they answer common questions about the use of technology. They share about bridging generational gaps, healthy use of technology in the home, managing chaotic lives and more. [Parenting & Technology :: RightNow Media](#)