

# T H E E C H O

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***“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***

## Think Positive

So are you going through the congregational devotional and Bible Study called Serving Challenge? If not, there is still time to jump on board and join a group. Last week one of the devotions shared a statistic with the readers and I haven't been able to get it out of my mind: the average adult has 12,000-60,000 thoughts per day. Wow, that is a lot of thoughts that go through our mind every day. I wonder, how do they measure this? Out of all those thoughts, 80% of them are repetitive thoughts or negative thoughts. That leaves only 20% of our thoughts each day full of positivity - kind of scary isn't it. We live in a world that is full of negativity.

So what is the alternative? The Bible is full of verses that tell us that as Christians we have much more to live for than what the world can provide. Here are just a few simple examples that should lift us up:

**John 16:33** ...*be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*

**I Thessalonians 5:16** ... *Rejoice always.*

**Isaiah 41:13** ... *"Fear not, for I am the one that helps you."*

**Romans 8:31**...*If God is for us, who can be against us?*

**Philippians 4:19** ...*And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in Christ Jesus.*

I'm sure you have your own go to verse from the Bible that helps you when the negativity of life gets you down. As we go through these last few weeks of the 2023-24 school year, let's do all we can to lift each other up on that same love that Jesus lifts us up every day of our life.

Mr. Michael Yurk, Principal

### APRIL

24 Wed Chapel – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (Wulfkuhle)

25-29Th-Mo Washington DC Trip 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### MAY

- 2 Thu Gr. 4 Field Trip to Madison Panther Parent Meeting
- 5 Sun Confirmation 2:00pm Service
- 6-10 Mo-Fr Teacher Appreciation Week
- 6-17 Mo-Fr MAP Testing
- 7 Tue Gr. K-2 to Milwaukee Symphony
- 8 Wed Chapel – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (Anderson)
- 9 Thu Gr. 3 Field Trip to Public Museum
- 10 Fri PreK Day with Mom
- 15 Wed Gr. 5&6 Field Trip to Riveredge
- 17 Fri Band & Choirs Spring Concert
- 20-21Mo-Tu PreK Field Trip to Roden Farm
- 22 Wed Chapel – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (Wellna)
- 23 Thu Band Recruitment (3:30-6pm)
- 24 Fri 3&4 Pre-School Closing Service  
1/2 Day of School 11:40am Dismissal
- 27 Mon Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
- 28 Tue Gr. 5&6 to Boundless Adventure  
Gr. K-2 to Camp Y-Koda  
Gr. 3 to Shalom Wildlife
- 30 Thu Track & Field Day
- 31 Fri Last Day of School 10:00am Dismissal  
Closing Chapel - 8:25am  
8th Grade Graduation 6:30pm

### NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL:



1. This weekend our 8th grade students are visiting Washington D.C. At 3:15 on Sunday four of our students will be laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. We plan to stream it live on our school Facebook account.

2. We are currently taking names for a new Kindergarten teacher for next school year. Please contact me if you have questions or a name you would like to submit.

3. Congratulations to our Boys Volleyball Team for winning the Consolation Championship last weekend at the Immanuel Brookfield Tournament.

## March Madness Tournament of Books 2024



The Tournament of Books ended today in an EPIC finish!

One vote separated the two books!  
The Book of the year is.....

# This Way Charlie!

A book order form came home Wednesday with your child. If you would like to order either book, please return the form to Mrs. Gieschen. Books will be sent home with your children with a commemorative sticker!

Thank you for following our journey!  
So many great books at the library!

## VBS 2024

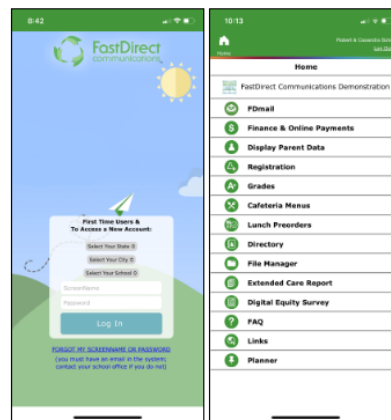
VBS will be June 10-14 this year and we are still looking for volunteers. We still need 9 elementary Crew Leaders and one adult to lead the preschool KidVid station that teaches the Bible verse of the day. Check out the volunteer sign up form here: <http://tinyurl.com/SPLVBSVolunteers24>.



Registration is NOW OPEN for this year's VBS, Scuba. Come join us for the fun! Our VBS is set for June 10-14, 2024 from 9am to 12pm, and is open to children who have COMPLETED 3PK thru 5th Grade. There is a \$20 per child fee for VBS this year, which helps to cover the cost of things such as t-shirts, music, and snacks. Register before 5/20/24 to be sure to get a t-shirt. We can't wait to jump into this faith-filled adventure this Summer as we dive into friendship with God. Space is limited so be sure to sign up today for the best 5 days of the summer! If you have any questions, please contact [tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org) or 262-377-4659 X105. Check out the registration link to sign your kids up for the fun and learning today: <http://tinyurl.com/SPLVBS2024>

## The FastDirect App for Families is now Available to Download for Mobile Users!

After following the simple steps to download the app to their phones, parents will have easy access to their FastDirect accounts, including saved login information! Additionally, we are actively building a road map for future enhancements including NOTIFICATIONS, which is in development now!



Download the app, open it, and just follow the prompts! Once done, your login will be remembered.

Easy access to each of the different components for parents.



FastDirect for Families  
is now available on the Go!



Download your FastDirect App today!



## 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.

**4/28:** Join us as we watch the movie *Cool Runnings* based on a true story about the Jamaican bobsled team and enjoy some popcorn. Please note we will start right at 3pm this week to ensure we have enough time for the movie and pick up will be at 4:45pm this week only. Don't forget to invite your friends! Signup here: <https://tinyurl.com/MSYApril2024>



## 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.

**4/28:** We will be talking about Jesus talking with Peter from John 13:31-38 as we learn that Jesus believes in us.

**5/5:** Join us as we hear the story of the great commission and learn that Jesus is always with us from Matthew 28.

**5/12:** We will be looking at the Bible story of God sending the Holy Spirit to the early Christians from Acts 2:1-13 this week as we learn that the Holy Spirit gives us power.

**5/19:** This week's Bible story is about God giving Peter the power to heal a crippled beggar from Acts 3. We will be learning that God helps us be bold. This will be our final week of Sunday school before we break for the summer. Watch for Sunday school to resume in September.

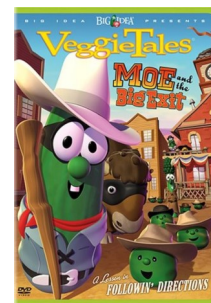
## Christian Day School Singing Schedule



Sat.	Apr. 27	5:00 pm	Gr. 2-3 Sings
Sun.	May 5	8:00 am	Children's Choir
Sun.	May 12	9:30 am	Pre-K Sings
Fri.	May 17	9, 5:30, 6:30	Spring Band/Choirs Concert
Sun.	May 19	8:00 am	(K-8) Last name L-Z Sing With JuBellate

## VEGGIES & ICE CREAM

Families are invited to come join us on **Friday, May 10** from **6-7pm** as we watch *Moe and the Big Exit*. We will also be making some fun crafts and enjoying some ice cream. Sign up here to join the fun: <https://tinyurl.com/VeggiesMay24>.



## Youth Flower Sale Saturday, May 11 9am-3pm

Help support the Youth of the congregation!

Catalogs and order forms are available in the Church Office, Narthex and Welcome Center.

**Advanced orders due April 21.**



## WE ARE HIRING!

Guardian Angel Extended Care is looking for help during the hours of 10:30-1pm Monday-Friday



High School students 15 years old may apply for afternoon hours (3-5pm).

Questions? Contact Kim Edgar at 262 377-7523

## Approved 2024-2025 Calendar

August 19 (Mon)	Orientation/Picture Day
August 21 (Wed)	1 <sup>st</sup> day of classes
Aug. 30-Sept. 2	Labor Day Weekend (Fri-Mon)
November 4	No School: Teacher's PD
November 15	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break
Dec.23-Jan. 3	Christmas Break (two full weeks)
February 21	Half Day – Winter Break
February 24	No School – Winter Break
February 28	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester
March 24-28	Spring Break
April 18	Good Friday – No School
May 23	PreK Graduation
May 26	Memorial Day
May 30	Last day of School/Graduation



**St. Paul Lutheran Golf Classic  
Friday, June 7, 2024  
West Bend Lakes Golf Club**

Cost: \$125 per golfer / \$500 foursome  
(Includes 18-holes, cart, lunch, dinner, prizes and more)

Time: Shotgun start at 10:00am  
Check-in begins at 8:45am  
Gather near golf carts for prayer at 9:45am

**Register your group today!**

Online at: [tinyurl.com/SPLGolf24](https://tinyurl.com/SPLGolf24)

- or -

**Fill out a Registration Form and drop off at the St. Paul School Office. Registration forms are available in the St. Paul School Office.**

Proceeds support St. Paul Lutheran School. Through the years, proceeds have been used to help purchase unbudgeted school needs such as new computers in the computer lab, student lockers, various curriculum and software programs as well as student aid funding through the Good Samaritan Fund.

**Sponsorships and raffle prize donations are also accepted!** Contact a member of the St. Paul Golf Committee or review the Registration Form available in the St. Paul School Office for a list of sponsorship opportunities available.

# Salad Luncheon

Sponsored by St. Paul Women's Guild

Salads Galore & Desserts

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024

11AM - 1PM

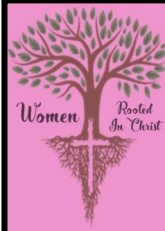
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
701 Washington Street  
Grafton, WI

Salad Buffet Plate, Drink, Dessert  
\$12.00

Tickets may be purchased in the School Office during office hours (8am to 4pm) or at the luncheon.

For groups of 6 or more, make reservations by calling Deb at 262-707-8992

Proceeds benefit the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund



## Rooted Women

# Mother Daughter Tea

Saturday May 4,

10:00-11:30AM



Join us as we enjoy tea, treats, & fellowship with each other & our daughters (age 5+)



Please find more details & sign up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/rootwomentea24>



UNIT SEVEN >>> STOP THE GOSSIP  
CONNECT THROUGH CONVERSATION

KEY VERSES

"WITHOUT WOOD A FIRE GOES OUT;  
WITHOUT GOSSIP A QUARREL DIES  
DOWN."  
PROVERBS 26:20

"WATCH YOUR TONGUE AND KEEP  
YOUR MOUTH SHUT, AND YOU WILL  
STAY OUT OF TROUBLE."  
PROVERBS 21:23 (NLT)

>>> UNIT SEVEN <<<

To gossip is to talk about other people's private lives. It is sharing information about someone that is not appropriate to be shared, or sharing information about another person that is not true (this is a rumor). Stop the gossip by asking the question, "Why are you telling me this?" This communicates that we are not interested in engaging in gossip. Friendly Unit Seven helps students understand what gossip is and recognize the destructive nature of gossip in friendships.

>>> CONVERSATION STARTERS <<<

- > SHARE: Was there a time in your life when gossip either hurt you or someone you loved?
- > Why is gossiping so hurtful to others?
- > What are some ways that you can stop gossip from happening?
- > Pick a Key Verse and discuss what it means and how to apply it to your life today.



Kinder Camp



Junior Camp



Youth Camp



High School Camp



Band Camp



## Camp LuWiSoMo Summer 2024 Youth Camps

LuWiSoMo Youth Camps provide campers with faith-growing opportunities and unique learning experiences while having fun in a beautiful Christ-centered outdoor ministry setting.

### KinderCamp

For campers Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 1 preferring to spend the weekend with their parents or grandparents

### JuniorCamp

For campers in Kindergarten to Grade 3 ready to spend a weekend away from their parents

### Youth Camp

A 5-night camp for campers in Grades 2-8  
Age groups vary for each camp week

### Lutheran Band Camp

A 6-night camp for students in Grades 5-9 with experience playing a band instrument

### High School Camp

A 5-night camp for students in Grades 8-11

### CIT Program

For high school students wanting to be leaders at camp

Details & Registration Information @  
[www.luwisomo.org](http://www.luwisomo.org)

**T** is it TRUE?  
**H** is it HELPFUL?  
**I** is it INSPIRING?  
**N** is it NECESSARY?  
**K** is it KIND?





## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday	28-Apr	5-May
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00; 8th Grade to Washington D.C. Middle School Youth, 3pm	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00; Children's Choir sings @ 8 Confirmation Service, 2pm
Monday	29-Apr	6-May
	8th Grade returns from Washington D.C.  WCHSA Track Meet @ Kettle Moraine HS, 4:15pm Children's Choir, 3:15pm Worship at 6:30pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAP Testing</b> <b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b></p> Stone 8: High School Graduation, 6pm Children's Choir, 3:15pm Worship at 6:30pm
Tuesday	30-Apr	7-May
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAP Testing</b></p> Gr. K-2 to Milwaukee Symphony Boys VB vs. Grace MF; 6th-4:15, 7/8-5:15
Wednesday	1-May	8-May
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPEL - Pastor Schultz</b></p> Gr. 4 Field Trip to Madison Panther Parents, 6:30pm Intro to Middle School Night, 6:30pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAP Testing</b> <b>CHAPEL - 4th Grade (Anderson)</b></p>
Thursday	2-May	9-May
	Boys VB vs. FIL; 4:15-7th/8th	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAP Testing</b></p> Gr. 3 Field Trip to Public Museum
Friday	3-May	10-May
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAP Testing</b></p> PreK Day with Mom Veggies and Ice Cream, 6pm
Saturday	4-May	11-May
	Mother/Daughter Tea, 10:00am  Worship at 5:00pm;	Lumen Christi Track meet @ Homestead HS, 9am Youth Plant Sale, 9am Worship at 5:00pm;

# RightNow Media

RightNow Media is the world's largest video-streaming library of biblical resources. Every person in our church can access Biblically-based videos on topics like marriage, parenting, youth, recovery, leadership, finances and much more. You can also choose from more than 2,000 wholesome, educational, and entertaining videos in the RightNow Media library designed specially for children. Stream them at home or on the go with the RightNow Media app. To sign up via **Online Registration**:



Visit <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/splcas> to create your account. Or you can: **Text-to-Sign-Up: Text SPLCAS to 49775** and receive a direct link to the registration page. **QR Code Access:** A quick scan with your smartphone will take you directly to the registration page.



Already signed up to use RightNow Media, but looking for some ideas of what to watch?

## **Divided We Stand: How to Love When We Disagree** by TRUEFACE +5

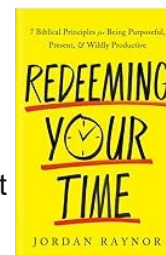
How do you love people when you disagree with them? We live in divided times. The tension of disagreement can be felt at dinner tables, in board rooms, at church gatherings, and in our communities. It can be hard to know how to engage with each other when the gap between us feels like it's widening. Jesus lived in divided times, too. He modeled for us what it looks like to love across political, gender, religious, and cultural lines. Jesus's life was marked by loving people who were wildly different from him, and he calls us to do the same. Join Robby Angle, Tyler Burns, Juni Felix, Jennifer Jukanovich, and Tommy Nixon in this four-part group study as they tackle topics such as curiosity, humility, and justice. Each week you will watch a roundtable video and then use this guide for your group discussion, application, and reflection reading as you explore what it means to love like Jesus when you disagree.



[Divided We Stand: How to Love When We Disagree :: RightNow Media](#)

## **Redeeming Your Time** by Jordan Raynor

Our schedules are overwhelming. Even with the countless time-management resources available to us, our ability to find balance between work and life can feel fruitless. But when we look at the lifestyle of Jesus, we see an example of what it looks like to be efficient while finding balance. In this four-session series, bestselling author Jordan Raynor discusses seven principles, rooted in the example of Jesus, that will help us use the time we have in the best way.



[Redeeming Your Time :: RightNow Media](#)

## **Adulthood** by Jonathan Pokluda

After strenuous studies, you walk across the stage, gripping your diploma—you've arrived. Adult at last. But all of a sudden, instead of a diploma you hold a paycheck in one hand and a stack of bills in the other. You find yourself swimming in the treacherous seas of adulthood surrounded by 401ks, insurance, bosses, potential spouses, and everything in between. How can you begin to navigate your 20s and 30s, and still honor God in the process? In this 6-part series, pastor Jonathan Pokluda speaks to young adults on the art of "adulthood" for Christ. He'll walk through how to discern God's will for your life right now and specify how you can best glorify Him through your career, relationships, and commitments.



[Adulthood - RightNow Media](#)

## **NUA: Influencers** by Phil Howe +3

NUA: Influencers is a three-episode series aimed for teenagers. Who influences you the most? What would life look like if Jesus was your greatest influence? What do you think of the fact that Jesus was voted the number one greatest influencer of all time? [NUA: Influencers :: RightNow Media](#)



## **Stories from the Storyteller** by Jonathan Evans

Join the Evans family as Jonathan leverages the ministry of Jesus to teach life lessons to his five children (ages 3-13) through everyday activities and family adventures. Seemingly normal activities—such as a fun family cooking competition, camping in the great outdoors, a trip to a theme park, or a hands-on homeschool activity—turn into hysterical adventures and epic teachable moments. Jonathan and Kanika follow up the day's events with a bedtime Bible lesson that connects their experience to the teachings of Jesus in a way their children will never forget! Whenever the kids realize they are about to hear the *Stories from the Storyteller*, they'll be begging for bedtime!



[Stories from the Storyteller - RightNow Media](#)



NEW YORK YANKEES  
VS  
MILWAUKEE BREWERS

SATURDAY | APRIL 27 | 6:10 PM

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE

<https://fevogn.com/event/Lutheranschools24>  
Or visit the SWD website - [swd.lcms.org](http://swd.lcms.org)



SCAN ME

**\$15-\$59**

Terrace, Loge Outfield/Infield Box  
Field Outfield/Infield Box

Order tickets by April 12.

For groups of 10+ or other ticket questions, contact  
Teddy Siblsky | Milwaukee Brewers  
414-902-4657

Event Questions? Robin | SWD | [mueller@swd.lcms.org](mailto:mueller@swd.lcms.org)

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LIVING WORD

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

**Seussical**  
The Musical

TICKETS SOLD ONLINE AT  
[WWW.LWLHS.COM/DRAMA](http://WWW.LWLHS.COM/DRAMA)

THURSDAY, MAY 16  
7:00 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 18  
1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

PERFORMED AT  
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY  
WISCONSIN THEATER  
12800 N. LAKESHORE DR,  
MEQUON, WI

**Spring Musical is one month away!**

The Living Word Drama Department proudly presents "Seussical" for this year's spring musical. This musical features stories and songs from Dr. Seuss' beloved children's stories. You're sure to enjoy this fun and exciting show!

**NEW DATES:** Thursday, May 16 (7pm) & Saturday, May 18 (1pm & 7pm)

**NEW LOCATION:** Concordia University Wisconsin Theater

[Click here to purchase tickets online.](#)



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

**Youth SUMMER CAMPS**

VARIOUS CAMP OFFERINGS! | GRADES 1-8 | REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



MORE DETAILS AT: [WWW.LWLHS.COM/CAMPS](http://WWW.LWLHS.COM/CAMPS)

**Youth Summer Camps**

Registration remains open for our LWLHS Youth Summer Camps! We have various sports, band, theater, and art camps available for kids in 1st-8th grade.

[Click here](#) to register or learn more.



**Junior Winds**

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN  
YOUTH HONORS ENSEMBLE

6TH-8TH GRADERS WITH MUSIC EXPERIENCE

[WWW.LWLHS.COM/JUNIORWINDS](http://WWW.LWLHS.COM/JUNIORWINDS)

Registration for the Junior Winds Youth Band for the 2024-2025 school year has now opened!

Open to all students in the community in 6th-8th grade who are interested in band experience outside of their school band. Students will have weekly practices on Monday evenings and be part of two performances.

[Click here](#) to register online or to learn more about the program.