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"In Christ you also are being built up together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit." Ephesians 2:22

Easter Without Good Friday? Not Possible!

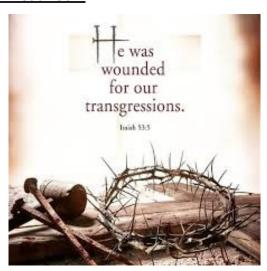
Have you ever used the phrase "Don't put the cart before the horse?" This statement is an analogy referring to the fact that you need to do things in a specific order. In a figurative meaning this phrase criticizes someone who attempts to achieve something without taking the necessary steps or doing the proper preparation.

As I think about the events 2000 years ago, I'm drawn to the fact that Easter could not have taken place if Good Friday didn't happen first. Isaiah 53:5 says: "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." The death of Jesus is an atonement for all of our sins and it paves the way for us to receive forgiveness and reconciliation with God.

As we go through this Holy Week, it's understandable to want to jump right to the celebration of Easter. However, it is important to go through the pain of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We need to live through the betrayal, mockery, whipping, humiliation and ultimate death of Christ for our sins to truly make Easter a day when we can pronounce that Christ Has Risen! Alleluia! Because of Good Friday we can sing together "Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three day prison, Our faith had been in vain; But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, grisen, arisen, aris

A solemn Good Friday and Blessed Easter to all of you.

Mr. Yurk Principal



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1	Thu	Panther Parent Meeting
4	Sun	Confirmation 2:00pm Service
5-16	Mo-Fr	MAP Testing (Math)
	Mo-Fr	
7	Wed	Chapel – 5 th Grade (Wulfkuhle)
8 9	Thu	Spring Concert
	Fri	PreK Day with Mom
15	Thu	Gr. 3 to Milwaukee Public Museum
		PreK Meet & Greet
23	Fri	3&4 Pre-School Closing Service
		1/2 Day of School 11:40am Dismissal
26	Mon	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
29	Thu	Track & Field Day
30	Fri	Last Day of School 10:00am Dismissal

Approved Calendar Dates 2025-26 School Year					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>				
Aug 14	Teachers Report				
Aug 21 (Thu)	Orientation Day				
Aug 25 (Mon)	First Day of Classes				
Aug 29	No School (Labor Day Weekend)				
Sept 1	Labor Day No School				
Oct 6-8	Outdoor Éducation (7 th)				
Oct 31	No School				
Nov 21	End of 1 st Trimester				
Nov 24-28	Thanksgiving Break – No School				
Dec 22-Jan 2	Christmas Break – No School				
Jan 30	P/T Conferences – No classes				
Feb 20	Half Day – 11:40 dismissal				
Feb 23	No School – Winter Break				
Mar 6	End of 2 nd Trimester / Interest Day				
Mar 30–Apr 6	Spring Break/Easter – No School				
May 22	Half Day – 11:40 dismissal				
May 25	Memorial Day – No School				
May 29	PreK Closing Service				
June 5	K-8 Closing Service/10am dismissal/				
	Graduation				
June 12	Teachers Last Day				

Notes from the Principal:

- 1. Next weekend our 8th grade students will be traveling to Washington DC for their class trip. Highlights of the trip will include four students laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, an inside tour of the White House, and stops at various monuments and museums.
- 2. We're going to need help! Hopefully that caught your attention. We're starting to think about the transition into the new building. The school year ends on May 30. We need to completely move out of the south wing by Wednesday, June 4. That means teachers will be packing up their classrooms and we'll be putting their items in their new rooms. Exact moving information will be shared in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!

St. Paul Lutheran School

3. End of the school year events are in the process of being planned. Our annual Spring Concert will be held on Thursday, May 8. All of our St. Paul school choirs and bands will be performing. One concert will take place at 9:00 am and two later in the day at 5:30 (K-4 students) and 6:30 (5-8 students).

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION



Due to ongoing construction at the middle school, the 2025 Grafton Summer Learning Academy will be held at Grafton High School

More information about specific dates for registration will be available by March 7. Once classes are finalized, we will post all class information here and notify parents in all newsletters. We are aiming for registration to take place the first week in April.

For more information about Grafton Summer School opportunities visit: https:// www.grafton.k12.wi.us/district/summerschool.cfm.

If you need more information about remedial classes, please contact denise.gieschen@splgrafton.org



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Click below for more information: https://

www.pwssd.org/ families/summerschool.cfm



Watch For It!!!



Coming home this week with the youngest child is a special **secret** white envelope addressed to parents. This is a note to parents asking you to write a letter of encouragement to your child to SHOW WHAT THEY KNOW on the upcoming MAP testing. Please write a quick note and send it back in the envelope with your child's name on it to your child's teacher. We will be sharing your notes with your children on the first day of their MAP testing! If you have a 5th - 8th grade student please send it back ASAP, as they will be testing early due to the trip to Washington.

We are down to TWO BOOKS for the BOOK OF THE YEAR! Today we revealed the last two books! I wonder if your child / children have a favorite?? Next week we will vote on the book of the year...will it be This is a Ball OR The Very Impatient Caterpillar?



VEGGIES & ICE CREAM

Families are invited to come join us on Friday, May 2 from 6-7pm as we watch A Snoodle's Tale: A Lesson in Self Worth. We will also be making some fun crafts



and enjoying some ice cream. Signup here to join the fun: https://tinyurl.com/VeggiesMay25

Christian Day School Singing Schedule



Sun. Thu.			PraisePower Spring Band/Choirs
	•		Concert
Sat.	May 10	5:00 pm	JuBellate
Sun.	May 11	9:30 am	Pre-K Sings
_	Mav 18	8:00 am	Children's Choir

VBS — Save the Date

VBS this year is June 16-20, 9am-12pm. We are still looking for a number of volunteers to help with VBS this summer. We will start child registration at the end of April. Please contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org if have any questions about VBS.



Check out the volunteer sign up form here: https://tinyurl.com/VBSVolunteer25

EASTER EGG HUNT

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday**, **April 19 beginning at 10am** in the gym. Everyone is invited! Please sign up to participate at <u>tinyurl.com/</u> **Easteregg25**



Questions? Contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org. Thanks for your help with this event!

Middle School Youth

All 6-8 graders are invited to join us for middle school youth. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month September through May from



3-4:30pm in the youth room. For more information Contact: tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org

4/27: We will be playing 9 square in the air and sharing a short devotion. As always snacks will be provided. Don't forget to invite your friends!

We will not meet in May due to Confirmation, Mother's Day, Graduation, and Memorial Day weekend.

Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come join us for the fun! Sunday School runs Sundays September-May from 8:15-9:15am, and is open to children ages 3 thru 6th Grade. 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/SSregistrate24. If you have any questions, please contact tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org.

4/20: No Sunday school this week. Happy Easter!

4/27: This week's Bible story is from John 19:16-20:18, Jesus has victory over death. We will be learning that God wins and so we have victory over sin and death.

5/4: Join us as we learn that Jesus is powerful and he gives us power as we look at Psalm 68:18-20 and Acts 1:1-20.



St. Paul Lutheran Golf Classic Friday, June 6, 2025 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 8:30am Gather near golf carts for prayer at 9:45am

Register your group today!
Online at: tinyurl.com/SPLGolf25

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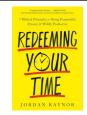
Complete a Registration Form. Registration Forms are available in the St. Paul School Office. Please submit completed Registration Forms to the St. Paul School Office.

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.

New! Women's Bible Study: Redeeming Your Time by Jordan Raynor

Our schedules can be 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 key principles and practices, rooted in the example of Jesus, that will help us use the time we have in the best way.

Register <u>HERE</u> by Friday, April 18 for the session that works best for you.

- Thursday evenings April 24, May 1, May 8 and May 15 – 6:30-8:00 PM in St. Paul School Library
- Friday mornings April 25, May 2, May 9 and May 16 8:30-10:00 AM in Church Conference Room

Free study materials will be provided in the first session.



Faith Stepping Stones

Faith Stepping Stones is faith based parenting education from cradle to high school graduation through eight short-courses, which pull parents into the role of primary faith mentors for their own children every night through blessing, prayer, scripture, Highs & Lows, and faith dialogue (FAITH 5).

Stone 6: Surviving Adolescence

This class consists of three sessions on "Surviving Adolescence" where 5 & 6 grade youth and parents learn and commit to talking about their faith and how they see God at work in their lives on a daily basis. Adding this to the previous faith practices of confession/absolution, Bible reading, Highs & Lows, prayer and blessing. This class will start Wednesday, April 23 at 6pm and run through Wednesday, May 7 in the youth room. Signup here or for more information contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org.



Our world is stressed and hurting. People around you need spiritual and emotional care. Join LCC and St. Paul Lutheran to learn how you can become an effective spiritual first responder, right where God has placed you. Jesus taught us to love and serve our neighbors. Discover

- Learn the basics of Spiritual First Aid™, a biblically informed framework for crisis care
- Gain practical helping skills through applied activities and role-playing
- Understand research-backed tactics, trauma care practices, and field-tested tools

Friday, May 2: 6pm to 9pm Saturday May 3: 9am to 4pm



St. Paul Lutheran Church 701 Washington Street





THIS TRAINING IS FOR EVERYONE!

Be ready to help others when it matters most

Everyone faces struggles, whether it's a friend, neighbor, family member, or even the person sitting next to you in church. You don't need prior training to make a difference! There is no commitment required after the training, just a heart to care and a willingness to learn.

If you have questions, contact Dawn Sinur at <u>dawn.sinur@splgrafton.org</u> or 262-366-1310.



ST. PAUL ANNUAL YOUTH PLANT SALE MAY 10, 2024

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

Advanced orders due April 20th



UNIT SEVEN >>> SORT IT OUT CONNECT THROUGH CONVERSATION

KEY VERSES

"GO TO THIS FRIEND AND MAKE THINGS RIGHT. THEN AND ONLY THEN, COME BACK AND WORK THINGS OUT WITH GOD."

"THEREFORE, AS GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE, HOLY AND DEARLY LOVED, CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH COMPASSION, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, GENTLENESS AND PATIENCE. BEAR WITH EACH OTHER AND FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER IF ANY OF YOU HAS A GRIEVANCE AGAINST SOMEONE. FORGIVE AS THE LORD FORGAVE YOU."

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>>> UNIT SEVEN <<<

As we start to wrap up the year, Unit Seven, Sort It Out, addresses the important topic of conflict resolution. Conflict is a normal part of being in relationship with others. Depending on how we respond in conflict, it can hurt a relationship, or it can make a relationship stronger. In this unit students learn to build connections in relationships through sorting out their problems and differences.

>>> CONVERSATION STARTERS <<<

- Why does it matter to know how to resolve conflicts? How do you think conflict could make a friendship stronger?
- > Why is it important to use active listening skills when we are working to solve a problem?
- Why is it important to say how we really feel in a conflict?



PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 13 Saturday: 5pm / Sunday: 8am, 9:30am (Cont), 11am Rev. Larry Prahl

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 17 4:30pm & 6:30pm Serves and Feeds Us: John 13:1–17, 31b–35 and 1 Corinthians 11:23–32 Rev. Dr. Timothy Maschke

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE | APRIL 18 1pm & 6:30pm Was Pierced for Us: Isaiah 52:13–53:12 Rev. Jacob Schultz

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 20* 6am, 8am, 9:30am (Cont), 11am Is Risen: Psalm 16; Luke 24:1–12 Rev. Luke Anderson

*Easter Breakfast 7-11am in the FLC Hosted by IMPACT High School Youth Free-will offering accepted.

No Worship Service: Saturday, April 19 & Monday, April 21.

Monday Night Worship Service Hiatus: March 10-April 21 Worship Services resume on April 28

Pick up Your Lenten Devotional in the Narthex.



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Siving word Lutheran High School Youth SUMMER CAMPS

SPORTS, MUSIC, ART & MORE! | OPEN TO ALL KIDS IN 1ST-8TH GRADE







WWW.LWLHS.COM/CAMPS

IT'S TIME! Youth Summer Camp registration is now open at Living Word Lutheran High School.

We have various camp offerings for all kids in the community in 1st-8th grade, plus some camps open to incoming 9th graders, including:

Boys: Basketball, Football Girls: Volleyball, Basketball Co-Ed: Art, Runners/Track, Soccer, Theater, Band, Speed/Agility Training PLUS: Our Junior Wolves Basketball Program is running their Annual "Scoring Camp" for boys and girls in August!

Need a break for lunch? For those attending both a morning and afternoon camp on the same day, we have a 1-hour lunch break in our cafeteria for students to bring their own lunch to eat.

> Find out camp dates & details at: www.lwlhs.com/camps

2025 Grafton Girls **Basketball Youth Camp**

The Grafton Girls High School Basketball program is hosting its annual girls youth basketball camp from June 16-19th at Kennedy Elementary School.



Sign your daughter up! Incoming Grades 3rd-5th will be held from 1:00-2:30pm, while Incoming Grades 6th-9th will be 3:00-4:30pm.

To sign up today, please complete the form HERE

The cost is \$70 per person, which includes a Camp T-Shirt. Any questions can be directed to Coach Matt D'Amato at damatom316@gmail.com

Registration deadline is May 30th.



Youth Feeder Programs at Living Word High School

Open to ALL kids in the community & feeder schools.



- Boys in 5th-8th Grade

- Play in the GMMYFL from August to October
- Teams available for 5th/6th and 7th/8th grades
- Mandatory Equipment Try-On & Season Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2025



BASKETBALL - Boys/Girls in 2nd-8th Grade

- Teams play in local leagues and tournaments from October to March.
- Tryouts: Sunday, August 24, 2025.



- Girls in 5th-8th

- Compete in the Greater Metro Power League from September to October.
- Tryouts: May 6-8, 2025

We collaborate with our feeder schools to ensure that students can prioritize their school teams while also participating in our club teams.



REGISTER ONLINE

Scan QR code to Register OR, visit: www.lwlhs.com/jrwolves

Questions?

Billy Bynum, Junior Wolves Director bbynum@lwlhs.com



LUWISOMO



Youth Camps Summer 2025

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



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



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



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



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



Counselor In Training (CIT)

For high school students wanting to be leaders at camp

Details & Registration Information @

www.luwisomo.org



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	20-Apr	27-Apr
	Worship at 6:00, 8:00; 9:30; 11:00,	Worship at 6:00, 8:00; 9:30; 11:00,
	Easter Breakfast 7am-11am	PraisePower sings @ 9:30
		8th Grade to Washington D.C.
		Middle School Youth, 3pm
Monday	21-Apr	28-Apr
		8th Grade to Washington D.C.
	NO SCHOOL	
		Childrens Choir, 3:15pm
	NO Maradan Marabia	Track Meet @ KHLHS
	NO Monday Worship	Worship at 6:30pm
Tuesday	22-Apr	29-Apr
	Track Meet @ KMLHS; 5pm	8th Grade to Washington D.C.
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Wednesday	23-Apr	30-Apr
		8th Grade returns from Washington D.C.
	CHAPEL - Mr. Kell	CHAPEL - Kindergarten (Nelsen)
	Boys VB vs. Trinity Freistadt; 4:30 & 5:30	
		Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures, 4pm
	Stone 6: Surviving Adolescence 6pm	Stone 6: Surviving Adolescence 6pm
Thursday	24-Apr	1-May
	Parent Teacher Conferences by request	
	Boys VB Tournament @ Immanuel Brookfield	Panther Parent Meeting, 6:30pm
Friday	25-Apr	2-May
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	Boys VB Tournament @ Immanuel Brookfield	Veggies & Ice Cream, 6pm
Saturday	26-Apr	3-May
	8th Grade Leave for Washington DC	
	Worship at 5:00pm;	Worship at 5:00pm;



HOMESCHOOL CO-OP

Summer Music Camp

9:00 - 2:30 p.m. July 28-August 1, 2025

Immanuel Lutheran Church 1634 Illinois Ave, Sheboygan, WI 53081

> Camp Concert 2:00 p.m. August 2, 2025

Sheboygan Lutheran High School Auditorium 3323 University Dr., Sheboygan, WI 53081 Ice cream Social to follow concert

Camp is open to students ages 10-18 years

Space is limited to 120 students! Get your registration in as soon as possible!

Registration due before June 1, 2025 - \$100 Registration after June 1, 2025 - \$130 Registration fee covers camp t-shirt Students will need to bring a sack lunch each day

Registration form found here: https://forms.gle/GrUkPpArn4d4y191A





YOUTH Volleyball Tune-up!

at Living Word Lutheran High School

Saturday, April 26 | 2:30-4:00 PM Current 4th-8th Graders \$25 per Athlete

Youth Girls Volleyball Tune Ups!

Join us for a Youth Volleyball Tune-Up at Living Word Lutheran High School on April 26th from 2:30-4:00 PM! Designed for athletes currently in 4th-8th grade, this clinic is the perfect opportunity to refine your skills, boost your confidence, and get ready for the next season or your current club season.

REGISTER ONLINE

Date: Saturday, April 26th Time: 2:30-4:00 PM

Location: Living Word Lutheran High School

Cost: \$25 per athlete

Space is limited!

Don't miss this chance to train with the best — see you

on the court!



Coming soon!

Just in time for Mothers Day
Amy's Apples is generously donating 30% of apple sales to St Paul

More information to come mid-April



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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.

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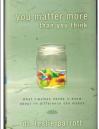


Excavating the Evidence for Jesus – The Top-10 List for Easter by Titus Kennedy (ages 8-12) Archaeologist and author Dr. Titus Kennedy explores the scripture, history, archaeology, and evidence for the ancient world surrounding the trial, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The home base for the series is Dr. Kennedy's research lair, a secret basement where he stores maps, slides, tools, and artifacts from his various excavations and adventures. In addition to teaching with a collection of resources, Titus treks outside his lair for special visits to Israel's archaeology sites and museums. Designed for all ages, Excavating the Evidence is fun and educational, encouraging families to dig deeper into the Gospels together. Excavating the Evidence for Jesus – The Top-10 List for Easter:: RightNow Media

Easter by J.D. Greear

The resurrection is the most important moment in history, but it is more than an event we remember on Easter Sunday. Join pastor J.D. Greear as he takes a deeper look at Jesus's life, death, and resurrection in the Gospel of Matthew, revealing the ways we should see ourselves in Jesus's story. Jesus died for us so that he could be alive in us today. Easter changes everything. <u>Easter</u>:: <u>RightNow Media</u>





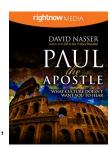
You Matter More Than You Think by Leslie Parrott

Does your life really matter? At any given time, women may be asking, "Does my life really matter?" Maybe you are stuck at a job that is not rewarding. Maybe you're with your kids all day and feel trapped in a routine. Maybe you're going through a divorce and trying to find your identity. Many women are afraid to open up and share their struggles because we look around and think that everyone else has it all together. In this video Bible study Leslie Parrott shares about her insecurities despite being a best-selling author, wife and mother of two sons. Leslie's on-screen teaching, the testimonies of other women plus the Bible study combine to communicate to women that even in the darkest of moments in life, YOUR LIFE REALLY DOES MATTER. You Matter More Than You Think ::

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Paul the Apostle by David Nasser

Has anything really changed in 2000 years? Americans live in a culture that places high emphasis on entertainment, achievement and self. It's increasingly difficult for Scriptural Truth to cut through the noise and sink into our hearts. But when we stop and study Scripture, the culture we live in faces the same problems as the early church. In these four video Bible study sessions, David Nasser uses the life of Paul to highlight how followers of Christ can stand up to cultural "norms" and stand firm in Christ. David Nasser teaches from several historical places including the Coliseum, the road to Rome, Mamertime Prison, and more. Paul the Apostle:: RightNow Media



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The Art of Neighboring by Dave Runyon & Jay Pathak

What comes to mind when you think about your neighbors? Maybe you don't know them very well or, if you're honest, maybe you think the lady across the street is a bit weird. For many of us, it can be tempting to keep our distance and mind our own business in our neighborhood. But is that really how God wants us to live? As followers of Jesus, we've been called to love both God and our neighbors. It's easier said than done, but if we push past the fear, time barriers, and pride that can keep us from engaging with others, we can build deep connections with the people in our neighborhood and, most importantly, please God. In this four-session series based on their book *The Art of Neighboring, Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon help us focus on the people within our neighborhood and learn what it means to be a good neighbor. They discuss the importance of pushing through the uncomfortable feelings that come with communicating, investing in, and caring for the people who live near us. What*

would our communities look like if we took Jesus's command to love our neighbors as ourselves seriously? <u>The Art of Neighboring :: RightNow Media</u>