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May 16, 2025

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

## Enjoy God's Creation

Spring is in the air! After months of winter chill and icy-cold mornings, nature is starting to thaw. Flowers are blooming, bees are buzzing, birds are singing and warm winds are wafting. The sky is bluer and the grass is greener. It's certainly easy to behold the beauty of God's creation when it erupts in color, the songs of birds and new life. It's not only a delight for our senses, but uplifting for our souls.

In fact, recent studies suggest that living close to nature, or "greenspace" has significant and wide-ranging health benefits, such as lower rates of cardiovascular disease, type-2 diabetes, and stress. Observe the beauty of the trees, which were made pleasing to the eye and good for food (Gen. 2:9). Take time to smell the roses, and be amazed by the myriads of flowers with different colors and scents. Jesus told us to consider the lilies of the field. Not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of them (Matt 6:28-29).

Consider the blue sky. Peaceful, soft blue colors cause the body to produce calming chemicals. In fact, blue is the most calming color in the world. Strong blues stimulate clear thought, and softer blues calm the mind and aid concentration.

In Psalm 23 we read God makes us lie down in green pastures. Green is perhaps the most perfect contrast color. It reflects nature and vitality. According to scientists, there are at least a million hues of green that the human eye can perceive. (Being able to distinguish between them is another story.)

So next time you find yourself outdoors, take time to enjoy the beauty of God's creation this Spring, and meditate on His wisdom and creativity. And why don't you plan some quiet time with God in His cathedral of creation.

*He has made everything beautiful in its time ...  
(Eccl. 3:11).*

Submitted by Mrs. Pingel, 1st Grade Teacher  
from Our Daily Bread Ministries

## MAY

19	Mon	Gr. 5-6 to American Family Field PreK to Birchwood Stables
20	Tue	PreK to Birchwood Stables
23	Fri	<b>3&amp;4 Pre-School Closing Service</b> <b>1/2 Day of School 11:40am Dismissal</b>
26	Mon	<b>Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL</b>
27	Tue	Gr. K-2 to Betty Brinn Gr. 3-4 to Maritime Museum
29	Thu	Track & Field Day
30	Fri	<b>Last Day of School 10:00am Dismissal</b> Closing Chapel - 8:25am 8th Grade Graduation 6:30pm

## Notes from the Principal:

St. Paul Lutheran School



1. We are entering the last few weeks of school. On Friday, May 23 our PreK students will be finishing their year with their closing school service. On Friday, May 30 our K-8 students' school year ends with a closing chapel at 8:30 am and graduation at 6:30 pm.
2. We're ready to move in! Moving from the south wing to the new wing will begin on Saturday, May 31. Can you help us move? If so, click on this link and sign up for a time slot. <https://tinyurl.com/yfv5yz97>
3. As we close out this school year, please join me in thanking God for the many blessings of the year including a congregation that fully supports Christian education, teachers and staff that are dedicated to sharing the redemptive love of Jesus with their students every day and to our school families that prioritize a faith-filled education for their children. Together we live out our mission of being Focused on Excellence... Centered on Christ.

## In Honor of Memorial Day

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

**Friday, May 23, 2025**  
**1/2 Day of School**  
**11:40 AM Dismissal**

**Monday May 26, 2025**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**Remember to thank a veteran today!**

**Financial Assistance Forms for the upcoming 2025-2026 School Year** are available in the school office or on the St. Paul Website [HERE](#). Please complete the form and return in a sealed envelope to the attention of Jean Steinke, Business Manager by Friday, May 30, 2025. Your information will be reviewed and you will be notified if you qualify for financial assistance. Please be assured that all information will remain strictly confidential. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Steinke at [jean.steinke@splgraffton.org](mailto:jean.steinke@splgraffton.org) or 262-377-4659 ext. 339 on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

**As We Come To The Close Of Another School Year**, please remember that all fees (lunch, library late book fees, etc.) and tuition balances must be paid before the last day of school on Friday, May 30th for K-8th grade families. Any fees and tuition balances that are outstanding will initiate the process to hold end of the year report cards and registration for the next school year. Please contact Jean Steinke, Business Manager at 262.377.4659 x339, for any questions or to make special arrangements. Thank you!



### SCRIP ROLLOVER

Hello St. Paul families & friends! Time is ticking—make sure to get your SCRIP orders submitted & filled by **Friday, June 27, 2025!** Orders received after this date will go towards next year's rebate credit. If you are ordering cards that we do not stock, make sure to allow time for them to arrive—cards that are awaiting fulfillment do not count toward your rebate credit! Participating families will see their SCRIP rebate credit on their *first* tuition statement for the 2025-2026 school year!

## Family Park Dates!

Join for devotion, craft, fellowship and play for the whole family

**Where: Centennial Park in Grafton**

**Dates: June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 29<sup>th</sup> & August 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Time: 9:30 am**

All children must be accompanied by an adult the whole time. Sign up:  
<https://tinyurl.com/394e3a4f>

Questions? Contact:

Tracy Krueger ([tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org)) or  
 Kelsey Metzger ([parish.education@splgraffton.org](mailto:parish.education@splgraffton.org))



**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**MONDAY, MAY 26**  
**NO MONDAY NIGHT**  
**SERVICE**  
**CHURCH &**  
**SCHOOL**  
**OFFICES WILL BE**  
**CLOSED**

### Christian Day School Singing Schedule



Sun. May 18 8:00 am Children's Choir



**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](https://tinyurl.com/SPLGolf25)

- or -

**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.



## 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. Please contact Tracy at [tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org) if have any questions about VBS. Check out the volunteer sign up form here: <https://tinyurl.com/VBSVolunteer25>



**Registration is NOW OPEN** for this year's VBS, True North. Come join us for the fun! Our VBS is set for June 16-20, 2025 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 5/20/25 to be sure to get a t-shirt. We can't wait to jump into this faith-filled adventure this Summer as we learn to trust Jesus in a wild world. 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 at [tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org) or 262-377-4659 X105. Check out the registration link to sign your kids up for the fun and learning today: <https://tinyurl.com/SPLVBS2025> (opens 4/27)

## VBS Donations

We are collecting a wide variety of items for VBS this summer, see the bulletin board in the carport entry way. Please consider donating one or more of the needed items. All donations need to be returned to the church by **Sunday, June 1**. Thank you for your support!

## 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@splgrifton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org)



## Sunday, June 1, 4-6pm

All 5-8 graders are invited to our final Middle School Youth group of the school year. We are going to be having a Nerf war and BBQ. Don't forget to bring your Nerf guns! Sign up here to join the fun and sign up to bring items for the BBQ: <https://tinyurl.com/MSYJune25>.

## 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. If you have any questions,

please contact [tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org).

**5/18:** This week's Bible story is from Philippians 2:1-11, Jesus is selfless. We will be learning that Jesus is selfless and so are we. This will be our final week of Sunday school before we break for the summer. Watch for Sunday school to resume in September.

# Salad Luncheon

Sponsored by St. Paul Women's Guild

Salads Galore & Desserts

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025**

**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*



Grafton Gladiators

Tackle & Flag Football Programs

Registration Open for Fall 2025 Season!

<https://www.grafton-football.com/>

### Tackle Football

**For:** Open to all students entering 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2025/2026 school year

**Schedule:** Practice starts on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>  
Expect 1-2 scrimmages in August  
Expect weekly games to start Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Practices to be held at Zaun.  
Home games held at Grafton High School  
Away games held at schools within the Milwaukee area

**Registration:** <https://www.grafton-football.com/>  
Click on the 2025 Gladiators Registration button

**Questions:** Please reach out to Chris Jaeger  
[Chrisjaeger@gmail.com](mailto:Chrisjaeger@gmail.com)

### Flag Football

**For:** Open to all students entering 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2025/2026 school year

**Schedule:** Practice starts in August.  
Games will be held 1-2 times per week from late August through October

**Location:** Practices to be held in Grafton  
Games to be held at Zaun or Centennial Park

**Registration:** <https://www.grafton-football.com/>  
Click on the Jr. Gladiators Flag Registration button

**Questions:** Please reach out to Stefanie Bachrach  
[Stefanie.bachrach@gmail.com](mailto:Stefanie.bachrach@gmail.com)

*Grafton Gladiators Youth Tackle Football strives to introduce football to all youth in our community by developing solid fundamentals of football, and at the same time ingraining discipline, good sportsmanship, strong character and respect to carry over into all areas of their life. While aiming for success, we promote a positive, fun and safe environment to develop a passion and enthusiasm for football; forming bonds that will last a lifetime.*

*Grafton Jr. Gladiators Flag Football program was developed to introduce kids to the great game of football in a fun & safe environment. The flag program rules are modeled after the NFL flag football rules with a focus on non-contact football activity that introduces all players to the fundamentals of the game while promoting fun, good sportsmanship, and healthy physical activity.*



# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	18-May	25-May
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00,	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00,
Monday	19-May	26-May
	Gr. 5-6 Field Trip to American Family Field PreK Field Trip to Birchwood Stables Worship @ 6:30pm	<b>Memorial Day</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> NO Monday Worship 
Tuesday	20-May	27-May
	4th Grade Wax Museum PreK Field Trip to Birchwood Stables	Gr. 3-4 Field Trip to Manitowoc Gr. K-2 Field Trip to Betty Brinn
Wednesday	21-May	28-May
	<b>CHAPEL - 2nd Grade (Ernest)</b>	
Thursday	22-May	29-May
		<b>Track and Field Day - AM</b> School Picnic Lunch <b>Service Projects - PM</b> Ascension Service, 6:30pm
Friday	23-May	30-May
	<b>1/2 Day of School - 11:40 am Dismissal</b> PreK Closing Service 8:30am & 10am	<b>Last Day of School - 10AM Dismissal</b> <b>Closing Chapel - 8:25am</b> <b>8th Grade Graduation 6:30pm</b>
Saturday	24-May	31-May
	Worship at 5:00pm;	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.



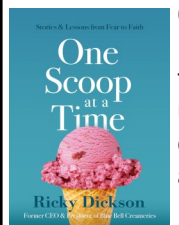
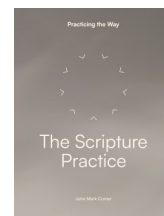
Already signed up to use RightNow Media, but looking for some ideas of what to watch?

## Hope and Hospitality by Krish Kandiah

In the pages of the Bible, we find the story of six meals that changed the world centuries ago and offer lessons that could change our world today. In this inspiring series, Krish Kandiah explores each transformative meal, showing us that at the kitchen table, we don't only interact with food, friends, family, and feelings – but also with our faith. [Hope and Hospitality :: RightNow Media](#)

## The Scripture Practice by John Mark Comer

The library we call “the Bible” can connect us to God and change who we are. Through this practice, rediscover how to engage with Scripture as an apprentice to Jesus. [The Scripture Practice :: RightNow Media](#)



## One Scoop at a Time by Ricky Dickson

Ricky Dickson, retired President and CEO of Blue Bell Creameries, reminds us to stop letting fear dictate our lives and start letting faith call the shots. Exodus 14:14 illustrates that God will fight for us if we will be still in Him. Through Exodus 14:14 and other Scripture, Ricky demonstrates how to find courage and trust God over our fears, no matter how real they are, by taking life one scoop of ice cream at a time. [One Scoop at a Time :: RightNow Media](#)

## Philippians – Where Does Joy Come From? by Phil Vischer (ages 7 and under)

Phil Vischer, Founder of Jellyfish Labs and co-creator of the acclaimed VeggieTales, dives into the book of Philippians to answer the question, “Where does joy come from?” With the help of some animated friends, Phil unpacks what it means to live with joy both in times of happiness and in times of sadness. This fourth installment in the RightNow-exclusive series packs tons of good theology into short sessions that everyone can enjoy. [Philippians - Where Does Joy Come From:: RightNow Media](#)



## CALLING ALL MOMS!

St. Paul is reintroducing MomCo (formally known as MOPS) this fall. Before we can get started, we need to establish a leadership team to plan and coordinate. If you would be interested or have questions, contact:

**Tracy Krueger**  
([tracy.krueger@splgraston.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgraston.org)) or

**Kelsey Metzger**  
([parish.education@splgraston.org](mailto:parish.education@splgraston.org))

## Approved Calendar Dates 2025-26 School Year

Date	Event
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 Education (7 <sup>th</sup> )
Oct 31	No School
Nov 21	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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