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May 2, 2025

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

## The Power of Prayer

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." — Philippians 4:6

Prayer is one of the greatest gifts God has given us. It's not just a habit or a routine—it's a conversation with our loving Father, a direct line to the Creator of the universe. Whether whispered in the quiet of the morning, spoken over family meals, or lifted up in moments of need, prayer connects us to God's endless love, wisdom, and peace.

We have the important calling of modeling and teaching the importance of prayer to our children. When they see us turn to God in thanksgiving, in struggle, in joy, and in sorrow, they learn that prayer isn't just for church—it's for life. It reminds us that we are never alone, that God is always listening, and that He cares about every detail of our lives.

No matter how big or small our prayers may seem, God hears them all. He invites us to bring our worries, our questions, and our hopes to Him. In return, He gives us peace that surpasses understanding. This week, take time as a family to pray together. Whether it's a simple bedtime prayer, a prayer of gratitude in the car, or a moment of silent reflection, let prayer be the foundation of your home. Through prayer, we grow closer to God and to one another, trusting in His goodness and grace.

My prayer for you, today and always:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of prayer and the fact that you have given us a personal, direct line of communication with you. Help us to come to You in all

circumstances, knowing that You hear us and love us. Strengthen our families in faith and teach us to trust You more each day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Elizabeth Wulfkuhle 5th Grade Teacher



<u>MAY</u>		
4	Sun	Confirmation 2:00pm Service
4 5-16 5-9	Mo-Fr	MAP Testing (Math)
5-9	Mo-Fr	Teacher Appreciation Week
7	Wed	Chapel – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Wulfkuhle)
8	Thu	Spring Concert
9	Fri	PreK Day with Mom
12	Mon	Gr. 5-6 to Riveredge
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On Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 2:00 pm the following students will renew their baptismal vows before our altar.

**Gabriel Luke Anderson** Adalynn Marjorie Blankenburg William Todd Boesch Reese Alan Eckert Eliana Mae Fleck Macey Ann Fujinaka Makayla Leigh Gehrke **Colton Nathan Haas Benjamin Nathaniel Hallett** Joel Daniel Hilgart **Lucas Michael Kaae Taylor Quinn Kellerman** Hadley Brynn Klas **Toby Frederick Masenthin Brystol Christine Opitz Braelyn Yeva Passmore Bryce Waylon Rathke** Kinsley Ann Robinson-Klenke **Brooklyn Mae Steinert** Kinsley Rose Williams Laila Raydan Zalewski

Congratulations!
May God continue to bless the
faith and lives of these
young Christians.

## **Notes from the Principal:**

1. 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!

2. 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).



This past week, St. Paul Lutheran School's 8th Grade class went on a trip to Washington D.C. Thank you so much to all those who have supported us through attending or participating in our many brat frys, meals, and fundraisers.

## 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: <a href="https://www.grafton.k12.wi.us/district/summer-school.cfm">https://www.grafton.k12.wi.us/district/summer-school.cfm</a>.

If you need more information about remedial classes, please contact <a href="mailto:denise.gieschen@splgrafton.org">denise.gieschen@splgrafton.org</a>



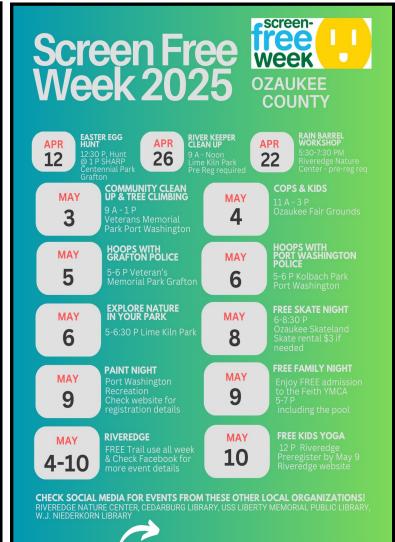
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Click below for more information: https://

https:// www.pwssd.org/ families/summerschool.cfm





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## 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 <a href="mailto:tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org">tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org</a> if have any questions about VBS. Check out the volunteer sign up form here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/VBSVolunteer25">https://tinyurl.com/VBSVolunteer25</a>



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@splgrafton.org or 262-377 -4659 X105. Check out the registration link to sign your kids up for the fun and learning today: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SPLVBS2025">https://tinyurl.com/SPLVBS2025</a> (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@splgrafton.org

#### Sunday, June 1, 4-6pm

All <u>5-8</u> 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@splgrafton.org.

**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

- 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.



- · emotional support
- · coping skills for anxiety
- communication and social skills

I'm happy to answer any questions you may have!



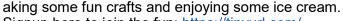
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#### VEGGIES & ICE CREAM

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



Signup here to join the fun: https://tinyurl.com/

VeggiesMay25



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

Where: Centennial Park in

Grafton

Dates: June 24th, July 29th &

August 12th 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@splgrafton.org) or Kelsey Metzger (parish.education@splgrafton.org)



## **Christian Day School Singing Schedule**



Thu. May 8 9, 5:30, 6:30 Spring Band/Choirs

Concert

Sat. May 10 5:00 pm JuBellate May 11 9:30 am Pre-K Sings Sun. Children's Choir Sun. May 18 8:00 am



Just in time for Mothers Day-Amy's Apples is generously donating 30% of apple sales to St Paul Order your apples by midnight Sunday May 4th:

https://amysfundraising.com/collections/st-paul-lutheran

Apples will be available for pick up Friday May 9th at St Paul in the FLC



## 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.



## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	4-May	11-May
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00,	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00,
	Confirmation, 2:00pm	
Monday	5-May	12-May
	MAP Testing	MAP Testing
	Teacher Appreciation Week	Gr. 5-6 Field Trip to Riveredge
	Children's Choir, 3:15pm	Children's Choir, 3:15pm
	Boys VB @ FIL; 4:30 & 5:30	John Long Track Meet at Grafton High School
	Worship @ 6:30pm	Worship @ 6:30pm
Tuesday	6-May	13-May
	MAP Testing	MAP Testing
	Teacher Appreciation Week	
		Boys VB vs. St. John WB; 4:30 & 5:30
Wednesday	7-May	14-May
	MAP Testing	MAP Testing
	CHAPEL - 5th Grade (Wulfkuhle)	CHAPEL - Pastor Schultz
	Teacher Appreciation Week	
	Stone 6: Surviving Adolesence 6pm	Intro to Middle School Night, 6:30pm
Thursday	8-May	15-May
	MAP Testing	MAP Testing
	Teacher Appreciation Week	Gr. 3 Field Trip to Milwaukee Public Museum
	Band/Choirs Spring Concert 9am/5:30pm/6:30pm	PreK Meet & Greet
Friday	9-May	16-May
	MAP Testing	MAP Testing
	Teacher Appreciation Week	
	PreK Day with Mom	
Saturday	10-May	17-May
	Youth Plant Sale	State Track Meet @ Kettle Moraine
	Worship at 5:00pm; JuBellate plays	Worship at 5:00pm;



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/6rUkPpArn4d4y191A





## Every Generation Faithful Together – Faithful to the Finish

Thank you for your ongoing prayerful and financial support as we expand our ministry and facility. The new building is close to completion, and we will be enjoying this expanded space at the end of the summer! As we approach the end of this school year and prepare to decommission the south wing building, we are asking for your help to stay Faithful to the Finish for Every Generational Faithful Together.

We will begin accessing our loan and can lower the amount needed through contributions provided in May. Every additional \$1 given today is worth \$1.80 over the 20-year life of the loan.

Together we can make an impact...if

- 100 people give \$1000 =\$100,000
- 200 people give \$500=\$100,000
- 400 people give \$250=\$100,000

If you have already made a pledge, it would also be helpful to receive any of those commitment funds early. This will also help reduce the amount we need to borrow.

### Ways to Give:

Give securely online using Vanco: <a href="https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT1K/campaign/C-15F96">https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT1K/campaign/C-15F96</a> Send via Venmo: <a href="mailto:@spl-grafton">@spl-grafton</a> (note: Faithful; last 4 Digits: 0360)
Use the yellow "Building Fund" envelopes and drop in the offering boxes in the Narthex

Your gift before May 31, 2025 will help reduce the debt needed, secure our financial future, and provide the resources needed to serve our church, school, and community for years to come.

Together we are Faithful to the Finish for Every Generation.

If you're curious about our progress, click here to see a brief video "A Look Inside" vimeo.com/1077412412

## **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 <a href="https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/splcas">https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/splcas</a> 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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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. <u>The Scripture Practice :: RightNow Media</u>

### 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



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BECOME A DISPATCHER
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AND MUCH MORE...











MAY 4TH, 2025 | 11AM-3PM

OZAUKEE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS CEDARBURG

## **Approved Calendar Dates 2025-26 School Year**

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>		
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 <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