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May 23, 2025

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

A Relentless Spirit

The basis for my thoughts comes from Colossians 3:12
"Since God chose you as a holy people, clothe yourselves with mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience"

What do you have left in the tank? When your head hits the pillow at bedtime, are you smoked? You should be. There are teachers who choose to coast into the summer. But should we? The countdown to summer vacation is exhilarating, but counting down the days left with students and making use of every second to impart wisdom and love in and over them is even more filling.

Compassion is a lost art this time of year. Teachers get cranky and salty. Yet as Christ followers we are called to push those frustrations aside and give our students our best. We sprint to the finish! In the final lap of the 2024-2025 school year, you might be limping. You might be blacking out from exhaustion. But take heart! We have a backup energy tank powered by the Holy Spirit, and Jesus will push us through.

Jesus had one of those moments. His cousin, John the Baptist, had just been beheaded. Overtaken with grief, Jesus retreated by boat to a solitary place. All He craved was just some time alone, yet the people followed Him. How did Jesus respond? He had compassion on them and healed their sick (**Matthew 14:14**). He then performed one of His most famous miracles, feeding the 5,000. Jesus sprinted that last lap and never waved the white flag of surrender.

Through the years I have realized something: when I am tempted to take my foot off the gas, the Holy Spirit always provides that reserve fuel tank to serve and fill others. Put your stamp on the school year; make lasting impressions and hold the moments in deepest regard. Let God's light shine through you. May there be no doubt left on the table: all glory be to Him!

Challenge for you: Don't coast to the finish line. Put on a relentless sprint! Let there be no doubt you left it all on the table, lifting your students up in prayer and pouring out the love of Jesus until the end.

Mrs. Sarah Anderson, 4th Grade Teacher

MAY

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

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 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

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—Office Closed

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 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!



Summer Reading

Please Join Us for SUMMER READING!

Grab a good book or two and head outside, under the table or with a friend! Teachers have sent home the summer reading sheets for recording. If you can't find them, they are posted [HERE](#) on Mrs. Willman's web page. We will miss you this summer but can't wait to hear what you have read!

Library Reminder!

All books and other library materials are due back in the school library no later than Tuesday, May 27.
Thank you for your cooperation!



Notes from the Principal:



1. Congratulations to our Girls Track Team for taking 3rd place at the LSA State Track Meet this weekend. Thirty one teams competed and 53 schools had individuals compete. Makayla and Ellie tied for 1st in the long jump at 14'6", Makayla took 2nd in the high jump, our 4x100 team took 3rd, our 4x4 relay placed 4th and Taylor took 5th in the 200. Great job girls!

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. Closing school service and graduation headline this week's activities along with the end of the year track and field and school picnic day. Thank you St. Paul community for all your support this school year.



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.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday	25-May
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00,
Monday	26-May
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Tuesday	27-May
	Gr. 3-4 Field Trip to Manitowoc Gr. K-2 Field Trip to Betty Brinn
Wednesday	28-May
Thursday	29-May
	<p style="color: red;">Track and Field Day - AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School Picnic Lunch</p> <p style="color: red;">Service Projects - PM</p>
Friday	30-May
	<p style="color: red;">Last Day of School - 10AM Dismissal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Chapel - 8:25am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8th Grade Graduation 6:30pm</p>
Saturday	31-May
	Worship at 5:00pm;

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.



Baptismal Remembrance

MAY

Axl Bennett
 Evelyn Bublitz
 Kinsley Collins
 Nora Froemming
 Porter Gutzman
 Colton Haas
 Kathryn Hilgart
 Kennedy Jacobson
 Yianni Kalpakidis
 Avery Krueger
 Madeline Liegl
 Josie Meulemans
 Harrison Phillips
 Caleb Olejniczak
 Clark Roeder
 Cooper Schmid
 Beckett Schnettler
 Gloria Schultz
 Richard Smith
 Gracelyn Williamson
 Hunter Zentner
 Mrs. Nelsen
 Mrs. Young

JUNE

Fred Alvarez
 Grace Anderson
 Talan Basgall
 Oliver Baumann
 Kristina Bert
 Cara Bondhus
 Walker Bondhus
 Harlowe Cottrell
 Preston Doucette
 Gavin Dusso
 Reese Eckert
 Amelia Evenson
 Hailey Fleck
 Karis Fleck
 Edward Glocke
 Elora Greve
 Joel Greve
 Laurel Gridley
 Jonah Hardy
 Jaxon Jones
 Killian Klenke
 Jade Kohlwey
 Oliver Lacy
 Kaleb Lehnert
 August Loppnow
 Gavin McCarthy
 Everett Myhre
 Lainey Nevins
 Owen Obbink
 Maja Radue
 Alexander Ramos
 Wyatt Schlelein
 Edward Schumacher
 Theodore Stecker
 Kenedee Steinbrenner
 Christian Wellna
 Pastor Anderson
 Mr. Yurk



JULY

Ezra Anderson
 Miles Beine
 Olivia Blankenburg
 Bennett Boklewski
 Kashton Bolser
 Chayston Brooks
 Andrew Bublitz
 Elijah Evenson
 Nolan Fleck
 Henry Gierach
 Gage Graminske
 Adalyn Haas
 Joel Hilgart
 Brooklynn Juedes
 Nolan Karrels

Natalie Koch
 Clare Krueger
 Maylana Lee Kelley
 Nilah McKnight
 Henry Neitzel
 Carter Propp
 Kinsley Robsinson-Klenke
 Dawsyn Rundquist
 Lakelyn Sherman
 Isaac Shumaker
 Brielle Vahsholtz
 Reese Zalewski
 Lillian Zvara
 Mr. Fischer

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](#) if you have any questions about VBS. Check out the volunteer sign up form [here](#).



Our VBS, True North, is set for June 16-20, 2025 from 9am to 12pm, and is open to children who have 4PK thru 6th Grade. 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](#). Check out the registration link to sign your kids up for the fun and learning today: <https://tinyurl.com/SPLVBS2025>

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!

VBS Volunteer Meetings

If you signed up to help with VBS you need to attend one of the following meetings:
Thursday, June 12 at 7pm
Sunday, June 15 at 11am

VBS Setup and Decorating

We are looking for help with setting rooms up and decorating for VBS. We will meet Sunday, June 15 at 11:30am in the Family Life Center. Contact [Tracy](#) for more information.

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



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

Thank you to everyone who helped with Sunday school this year. It was a great year, thanks to all of your hard work!

We will be taking a summer break. Please note that Sunday school is moving to 9:30 am come September 2025. Watch for more information and sign ups to come out in August.

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



FREE
SCHOOL SUPPLIES
FOR LIFE
SWEEPSTAKES



Deadline To Enter Is May 31st
No purchase necessary.
See contest rules to enter.

ORDER NOW
to be
ENTERED to WIN



St. Paul Lutheran families — don't wait! No more wondering if you have the right supplies! Thanks to our partnership with 1st Day School Supplies, everything is 100% teacher approved, and guaranteed to be delivered on time! Plus, if you order by May 31st, you'll be entered to win school supplies for life!

Order here: 1stDay.sale/116735

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.



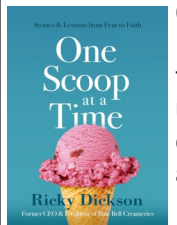
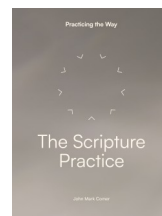
Already signed up to use RightNow Media, but looking for some ideas of what to watch?

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. If you are interested in joining MomCo as a mom, volunteer or both, please fill out the contact form.

Sign up:

<https://tinyurl.com/splmomco>

Family Park Dates!

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/3d7n6653>

Questions? Contact:

Tracy Krueger (tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org) or Kelsey Metzger (parish.education@splgraffton.org)



Grafton Gladiators Tackle & Flag Football Programs Registration Open for Fall 2025 Season!

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

	Tackle Football		Flag Football
For:	Open to all students entering 5 th – 8 th grades for the 2025/2026 school year	For:	Open to all students entering 1 st – 4 th grades for the 2025/2026 school year
Schedule:	Practice starts on Aug. 4 th Expect 1-2 scrimmages in August Expect weekly games to start Sept. 6 th	Schedule:	Practice starts in August. Games will be held 1-2 times per week from late August through October
Location:	Practices to be held at Zaun Home games held at Grafton High School Away games held at schools within the Milwaukee area	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 2025 Gladiators Registration button	Registration:	https://www.grafton-football.com/ Click on the Jr. Gladiators Flag Registration button
Questions:	Please reach out to Chris Jaeger ChrisWJaeger@gmail.com	Questions:	Please reach out to Stefanie Bachrach 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.



Grafton Tennis Camp 2025

<https://graftontenniscamp.notion.site/index>

Taught By:

- Dan Pampel, USPTA/RSPA Level 2 Tennis Professional
- U.S. Center for SafeSport Certified
- 5,000+ hours of on-court coaching for private clubs and independently
- 2nd year Grafton High School Girls Head Coach
- Email: danielpampel.tennis@gmail.com

Program Summary:

- A 6-week program that can be attended in full or by the week, starting Monday 6/16 and ending Thursday 7/31
 - 2 days and 4 days per week options
- For high school players and rising 7/8th graders **from any school** who are interested in improving their technique as well as their ability to compete in singles and doubles
- 2 distinct Levels offered
 - Level 1: players who are relatively new to the sport
 - Level 2: players experienced with competition looking to improve

Further Information:

- All program details, including pricing and the sign-up form, can be found at the program website: <https://graftontenniscamp.notion.site/index>
- If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at: danielpampel.tennis@gmail.com

LEVEL UP AT THE GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER READING

June 1 – August 9

From infant to adult – level up your reading this summer at the Grafton Library!

View Our Events Calendar Here

1620 11th Avenue | www.graftonpubliclibrary.net | 262-375-5315



ADVERSITY
WISCONSIN VOLLEYBALL CLUB

AdversityWisconsin.org
adversitywisconsin@gmail.com
Facebook.com/AWVBC

"NEW" in 2025: All sessions begin after Independence Day and will be 6 weeks long. This will allow all athletes a chance to compete at club nationals (AAU & USAV) and then turn their focus to **Club Tryouts on July 19th & 20th**. High School Tryouts begin August 18th, so our focus will be on building confidence and increasing skills in all athletes.

Summer Series Days July 07 – August 14 \$325

Our 6-week daytime program offers an approach to all skills within a competitive environment.

SESSION	LOCATION	GENDER	GRADE IN FALL	DAYS	TIME
1	ATC	COED	Grades 1-3	Monday & Wednesday	7:30 – 9:30am
2	ATC	COED	Grades 4-5	Monday & Wednesday	7:30 – 9:30am
3	ATC	COED	Grades 6-8	Monday & Wednesday	10:00 – 12:00pm
4	ATC	COED	Grades 6-8	Monday & Wednesday	1:00 – 3:00pm
5	ATC	COED	Grades 9-12	Tuesday & Thursday	7:30 – 9:30am
6	ATC	COED	Grades 9-12	Tuesday & Thursday	10:00 – 12:00pm
7	ATC	COED	Grades 9-12	Tuesday & Thursday	1:00 – 3:00pm
8	ATC	COED	Private Lessons	Various Days & Times	Built Around You!

Summer Series Nights July 07 – August 14 \$325

Our 6-week nighttime program offers an approach to all skills within a competitive environment.

SESSION	LOCATION	GENDER	GRADE IN FALL	DAYS	TIME
9	ATC	COED	Grades 5-8	Monday & Wednesday	7:00 – 9:00pm
10	ATC	COED	Grades 8-12	Tuesday & Thursday	7:00 – 9:00pm

Position Specific Fridays July 11 – August 15 \$225

Our 6-week morning sessions are for serious athletes that want to focus on their position of strength.

SESSION	LOCATION	GENDER	GRADE IN FALL	POSITION SPECIFIC	TIME
11	ATC	COED	Grades 8-12	Defense & Setting	7:30 – 9:30am
12	ATC	COED	Grades 8-12	Attacking & Blocking	10:00 – 12:00pm

Locations:

Adversity Training Center
N113 W18750 Carnegie Drive
Germantown, WI 53022

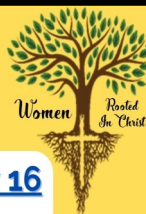
Adversity Grass Program
Contact us to bring our program to an outdoor court near you.

Adversity Summer Privates
Contact us & have our positional private trainers contact you.

Fees are Non-Refundable: Spots filled by grade on a 1st come; 1st serve basis. Visit: AdversityWisconsin.org to sign-up TODAY! Thanks for sharing as we enter year 23!!!



Rooted Women Summer Service Events



Tuesday, June 24
6-8pm
at Soles for Jesus

Watch for more details in the gazette/bulletin

Wednesday, July 16
at 6:30pm
Help the Diaper Bank at Ozaukee Nonprofit Center