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January 22, 2026

*"For the Lord is good and his love endures forever. His faithfulness continues through all generations."
Psalm 100:5*

Pieces of the Puzzle

I love puzzles! Over Christmas, our family sat at the table countless hours working on various puzzles.

What's your strategy for putting together puzzles? We dump all the pieces out of the box and then start sorting! Edge pieces are placed in one area and colors are sorted for the middle pieces. I'm reminded each time we start, that the task seems overwhelming! Each piece looks different with their unique interlocking shape yet each one has a special place to fit in.

Life sometimes seems like a puzzle. It can be a mess or frustrating until you slow down and get started putting the pieces into place. Sometimes, you get to be the border pieces, the pieces that are fun and easy to do with clear outcomes and almost immediate results. Sometimes you get to be the last piece of the puzzle that completes the project. There's a great feeling of accomplishment and often a sigh of relief. However, sometimes you're one of the 345 blue sky pieces - you are necessary for the puzzle, but it takes time to find your place.

I'm thankful that God knows the whole picture. He knows how my life fits together for HIS good and perfect will. Even when I'm a middle piece, and I am being stretched - God knows where I fit!

"And we know all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

May 2026 be a year of courage as we ask God to give us vision and strength. Piece by piece, may we learn to trust him to use us according to His will. We know He has the plans for our lives - we have been called to serve. We are all a part of His beautiful master plan!

Denise Gieschen
C.A.R.E Director



JANUARY

22-23	Th-Fr	K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
23	Fri	NO SCHOOL
23-24	Fr-Sa	5/6 Boys Basketball Tournament
25-30	Su-Fr	National Lutheran Schools Week
28	Wed	Chapel – 3 rd Grade (Clemens)

FEBRUARY

4	Wed	Chapel – Kindergarten (Nelsen)
5	Thu	Panther Parent Meeting
6	Fri	PreK Day with Dudes
10	Tue	Gr. 5-8 to Milwaukee Symphony End Session III Middle School
11	Wed	Chapel – Living Word
13-15	Fr-Su	A Boys Basketball Tournament
18	Wed	ASH WEDNESDAY
20	Fri	Family Day (K-8) 11:40am Dismissal NO TAKE HOME BUSING NO 3&4Pre-K AM Classes PM classes attend in AM
23	Mon	NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

MARCH

4	Wed	Chapel—5th Grade (Schulz)
5	Thu	Panther Parent Meeting
6	Fri	End of 2 nd Trimester Interest Day – 11:40am Dismissal NO 3&4PK PM Classes Panther Parent Skateland Event
11	Wed	Chapel—Camp LuWiSoMo
14	Sat	St. Paul Archery Tournament
18	Wed	Chapel—1st Grade (Pingel)

Notes from the Principal:

1. Registration for the 2026-27 school year is now open through the school website. The application process for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program opens February 2nd. Contact the school office with questions.

2. This week is Parent/Teacher Conference Week. Students in grades 3-8 help lead those conferences with their parents and teachers. Another great opportunity to build positive relationships with our families.

St. Paul Lutheran School



Approved Calendar Dates 2026-27 School Year

Date	Event
Aug 14	Teachers Report
Aug 20 (Thu)	Orientation Day
Aug 25 (Tue)	First Day of Classes
Sept 4	No School (Labor Day Weekend)
Sept 7	Labor Day No School
Sept 28-30	Outdoor Education (7 th)
Oct 30 (Fri)	No School
Nov 20	End of 1 st Trimester
Nov 23-27	Thanksgiving Break – No School
Dec 21–Jan 1	Christmas Break – No School
Jan 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences – No classes
Feb 19	Half Day – 11:40 dismissal – Winter Break
Feb 22	No School – Winter Break
Mar 5	End of 2 nd Trimester / Interest Day
Mar 22-29	Spring Break / Easter Monday – No School
Apr 24-28	8th Grade Washington DC Trip
May 3 (Mon)	No School
May 28	Half Day – 11:40 dismissal
May 28	PreK Closing Service
May 31	Memorial Day – No School
June 4	K-8 Closing Service / 10am dismissal / Graduation
June 11	Teachers Last Day

National Lutheran Schools Week January 25th - January 30th

“Let’s Make a Joyful Noise” Psalm 98:4



Daily Activities - All-School Devotions by LJHA
Online Mission Trip - Mongolia
“Where in the World” Challenge

Sunday - K-8 Sing in Church
“Dress To Impress”
- A-K @ 8:00
- L-Z @ 9:30



Monday - Joyful Noise in Praise
“Pajama Day”



Tuesday - Joyful Noise in Service
“Dress Like a Teacher/Pastor”

Wednesday - Joyful Noise in Worship
“Joyful Colors Chapel Dress”



Thursday - Joyful Noise in Community
“Team Day”



Friday - Joyful Noise in Christ Alone
“Vacation Day”
Panthers on the Prowl

EvenOdds PIZZA

FUNDRAISER

plan a pizza night on

TUESDAY, January 27

to help earn money for our school!

50% OF ALL SALES

will be donated to St. Paul Lutheran School!

must mention St. Paul Lutheran School to receive credit!

- ORDER FROM 10AM-8PM
- DINE IN or CARRY OUT
- ONLINE ORDERS MUST CHECK DINING FOR DOLLARS (D4D) BOX & NOTE ST. PAUL SCHOOL WHEN PLACING ORDER

ORDER ONLINE or CALL 262.376.0420

EvenOdds PIZZA

2) Click Add (points to the 'Add' button next to the donation item)

1) Click Donation (points to the 'Donation' category in the menu)

3) Click Add to Cart (points to the 'Add to Cart' button)

4) St. Paul earns 50% of the total spent (points to the total amount of \$9.50)

YOUR ORDER SUMMARY

1 12 Inch HandTossed EO Cheese	\$8.99
1 D4D Donation	\$0.01
Subtotal	\$9.00
Tax	\$0.50
Total	\$9.50



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. Please watch for email updates and reminders throughout the year. For more information contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org. Hope to see you there.



1/25: We will be playing a challenging memory game of 4 on the couch, sharing a devotion, and eating too many Oreos.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School runs Sundays September-May from 9:30-10:30am, and is open to children ages 3 thru 6th Grade. We also have a teen Bible study group that meets at 9:30am. To have your child join us for

this year's Sunday School or the teen Bible study please fill out the registration form at the following link: tinyurl.com/SSregister25. If you have any questions, please contact tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org.

1/25: This week's Bible story is from Acts 20:13-38; 21:26-23:25, Paul is arrested. We will be learning that God's family doesn't need to be afraid.

2/1: Join us as we hear the story of Paul being shipwrecked from Acts 27. We will learn that we are protected.

Sunday School Volunteers

Our Sunday school is growing! In order to make Sunday school a success we are looking for extra volunteers to help with teaching and assisting. Provided lessons are simple to prepare and lead. To sign up here to help: tinyurl.com/SSvolunteers25. For more information contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org.



Christian Day School Singing Schedule



Lutheran School's Week

Sun.	Jan. 25	8:00 am	(K-8) Last name A-K Sing
		9:30 am	(K-8) Last name L-Z Sing
Sun.	Feb. 1	11:00 am	Children's Choir
Sun.	Feb. 8	8:00 am	JiVE
Sat.	Feb. 14	5:00 pm	Gr. K-1 Sings
Wed.	Feb. 18	4:30 pm	PraisePower
Wed.	Mar. 4	4:30 pm	JiVE
Sun.	Mar. 8	11:00 am	PraisePower
Wed.	Mar. 11	4:30 pm	JuBellate



TRINITY LUTHERAN
CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Supporting strong minds, strong bodies and strong spirits.

Open House

Thursday, February 26th
6:30 PM

945 Terrace Dr, Elm Grove, WI



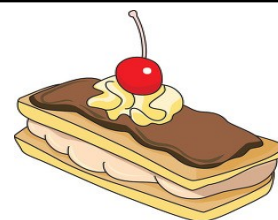
Learn more
about TLCHS



Come and see what makes Trinity Lutheran Classical High School unique!

Calling All Torte Makers!!

The 64th St. Paul Invitational Tournament is February 13-15 and we can't serve our delicious tortes without help from you. If you are willing to make a torte, I'll supply you with one or more of the famous recipes. Just call Diane Schumann (377-4659 x133) or email diane.schumann@splgrafton.org and you will be given all the details. Thanks!



LWLHS EVENING FOR A GREATER PURPOSE PRESENTS:

a Silver Jubilee

Celebrating 25 Years!



**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2026
THE FLORIAN EVENT CENTER**

Join us for this milestone GALA Featuring: Cocktail Hour, Live, Silent and Dessert Auctions, Food/Drinks and Fellowship!

ST. PAUL 63RD INVITATIONAL A BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Advertising Space is available in the tournament book for the St. Paul Invitational A Boys' Basketball Tournament being held the weekend of **February 13-15, 2026**. This tournament provides a great deal of funding for the Athletic Department, for gym classes, and teams. If you are interested in placing an ad in the book for your business for a nominal fee, contact **Mrs. Diane Schumann, Ext. 133, by Saturday, January 24**

Thank you for your support!

St. Paul will be recognizing the following staff members for significant years of service to St. Paul this Sunday at our 8am and 9:30am services.



Dave Schmidt
25 years



James Fischer
15 years



Pastor Anderson
10 years



Heide Young
10 years

WELL DONE,
—GOOD—
AND
faithful
SERVANT.



Ozaukee 4-H Dance

Saturday, February 21

6:00pm to 10:00pm

Open to the Public

- Bring the entire Family!!! There will be music for all ages!!!
- Sally-down the Alley—7:00pm
- Dance off (5th Grade & Younger) -7:30pm
- Mr. & Miss Ozaukee 4-H Court Introductions - 8:00pm
- Dance off (6th Grade & Up) - 8:30pm

Ozaukee Pavilion
Ozaukee County Fairgrounds

Music by:
DJ Dan Bichler

Admission is FREE!!!!
There will be a concession stand,
So bring money for some tasty treats!

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

NEW MEMBER CLASS

WEDNESDAY'S AT 6-7:15PM
FLC EAST 327 ROOM

SESSION 1 - FEBRUARY 18

FOR THOSE TRANSFERRING FROM
NON-LCMS CHURCHES

SESSION 2 - FEBRUARY 25

FOR THOSE TRANSFERRING FROM
NON-LCMS CHURCHES

SESSION 3 - MARCH 4

FOR THOSE TRANSFERRING FROM
NON-LCMS CHURCHES

SESSION 4 - MARCH 11

ORIENTATION FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS

MARCH 28

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION DURING THE 5PM SERVICE AND
RECEPTION

SIGN UP NOW!

@
MARTHA.WITT@SPLGRAFTON.ORG
OR USE QR CODE



Interest Day is a special school day where students attend different hands-on classes in a variety of areas. In the past, we have offered cooking, crafts, woods, sports and music classes, just to name a few. This school year, our Interest Day will be held on the morning of Friday, March 6. We are always looking for any new ideas for classes. We also need volunteers to lead a session. If you have any ideas, or you or someone you know would like to lead a class, please contact one of our committee members:



Amy Steiner: amy.steiner@splgrafton.org
 Jenny Clemens: jennifer.clemens@splgrafton.org
 Lisa Frinzi: lisa.frinzi@splgrafton.org
 Shelby Nauta: shelby.nauta@splgrafton.org
 Rachel Nelsen: rachel.nelsen@splgrafton.org
 Amy Schumacher: amy.schumacher@splgrafton.org



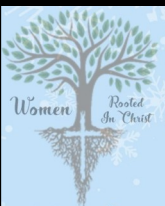
Faith Stepping Stones

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 2: Raising a Healthy Preschooler

You are invited to join us for Stone 2: Raising a Healthy Preschooler. In this class there will be three sessions on physical, emotional and spiritual needs of preschoolers. Parents are also taught how to do a nightly blessing and prayer as a family faith practice. This class will meet in the youth room and run **Wednesday, January 28 through Wednesday, February 11 from 6-7:15pm.**

Check out the link to sign up <https://tinyurl.com/FaithStones2> or for more information contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org.



Rooted Women

Winter Bible Study

Join us for

Not Alone: A Study on

Friendship

by Jennie Allen

Meet in Rm 326 (off the FLC)

Study guides available at first session

**Mondays
at 6:30PM**

Jan 5 & 19,

Feb 2 & 16,

March 2 & 16

Accepting Endowment Fund Grant Applications - Fiscal Year 2026/2027

In accordance with the distribution policy and bylaws of the St. Paul Endowment Fund, a total of \$45,600 will be available to distribution from the St. Paul Endowment Fund during the 2026/2027 fiscal year (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027). Endowment grant applications are now being accepted by the St. Paul Endowment Committee. A copy of the endowment grant application is available through the St. Paul Endowment website (<https://www.splgrafton.org/church/endowment/>), in the St. Paul Finance Office, or by contacting Jason Hasenstein, Director of Finance. One of St. Paul's Boards must sponsor each endowment grant application. Please direct any questions regarding endowment grant applications and/or submit any grant applications to jason.hasenstein@splgrafton.org. Grant funds will be distributed as long as endowment funds remain available in the fiscal year.

COMMUNITY MEAL AT OZAUKEE FOOD ALLIANCE SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 DONATIONS NEEDED

St. Paul has volunteered to feed 120 meals for needy and / or elderly people in Ozaukee County. Donations are needed of pans of lasagna, cookies and bars, salad ingredients, fruit cups, garlic bread or cash donations. Help is also needed for meal prep and serving the meal.

Contact Polly Morrison at pollykm40@gmail.com or 262-377-4846 to make food donations or for more information. Monetary donations can be made directly to St. Paul Lutheran Church with a notation that the donation is for the Saukville meal.

Help us help our neighbors in Ozaukee County!



Ozaukee Food Alliance

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
TIMBERWOLVES

Youth DANCE CLINIC

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

Practice - 2:00-5:00 PM

Dinner (Pizza) & T-Shirt Included

Appx. 5:15 PM - Performance at
Halftime of Boys Basketball Game
(Game starts at 4:30 PM)



**OPEN TO GIRLS IN
3RD-8TH GRADE**

**\$40 (new dancers)
\$30 (if attended in fall)**

Register online at...

LWLHS.COM/EVENTS



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	25-Jan	1-Feb
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00 K-8 Last Name A-K sings @ 8:00 K-8 Last Name L-Z sings @ 9:30 Middle School Youth, 3pm 7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Hales Corners	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00 Children's Choir sings @ 11 5/6 Girls BB Tournament @ St. John WB 6th Boys BB Tournament @ St. John WB
Monday	26-Jan	2-Feb
	<i>National Lutheran Schools Week</i> Children's Choir, 3:15pm BB vs. Hales Corners; 5G-4:30, 5B-5:30, 7/8B Black-6:30 Stone 8: High School Graduation, 6pm Worship, 6:30pm	Children's Choir, 3:15pm BB vs. Trinity Freistadt; 5/6G-4:30, 6B-5:30, 7/8G-6:30, 7/8B Red-7:30 Worship, 6:30pm
Tuesday	27-Jan	3-Feb
	<i>National Lutheran Schools Week</i> Even Odds Pizza Fundraiser	
Wednesday	28-Jan	4-Feb
	<i>National Lutheran Schools Week</i> CHAPEL- 3rd Grade (Clemens) BB vs. Trinity Sheboygan; 5G-4:30, 6G-5:30, 6B-6:30 5th Boys BB Tournament @ Brookfield Christian Stone 2: Raising a Healthy Preschooler, 6pm	CHAPEL- Kindergarten (Nelsen) BB vs. Grace MF; 5/6G-4:30, 6B-5:30, 7/8G-6:30, 7/8B Red-7:30 Stone 2: Raising a Healthy Preschooler, 6pm
Thursday	29-Jan	5-Feb
	<i>National Lutheran Schools Week</i> 5/6 Girls BB Tournament @ St. John WB 5th Boys BB Tournament @ Brookfield Christian 6th Boys BB Tournament @ St. John WB	BB vs. Oostburg Christian; 5/6G-4:30, 5B-5:30, 7/8B Black-6:30, 7/8B Red-7:30 Panther Parents, 6:30pm
Friday	30-Jan	6-Feb
	<i>National Lutheran Schools Week</i> 5/6 Girls BB Tournament @ St. John WB 5th Boys BB Tournament @ Brookfield Christian 6th Boys BB Tournament @ St. John WB	PreK Day with Dudes 7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Bethlehem Sheboygan
Saturday	31-Jan	7-Feb
	5/6 Girls BB Tournament @ St. John WB 5th Boys BB Tournament @ Brookfield Christian 6th Boys BB Tournament @ St. John WB Virtual Archery Meet, 8am Worship at 5:00pm	7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Bethlehem Sheboygan Worship at 5:00pm

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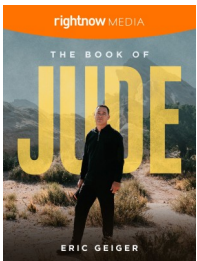
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Visit <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/splcas> to create your account. Or you can: **Text-to-Sign-Up: Text SPLCAS to 49775** and receive a direct link to the registration page. **QR Code Access:** A quick scan with your smartphone will take you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



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

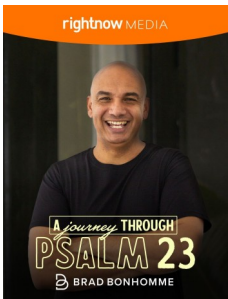
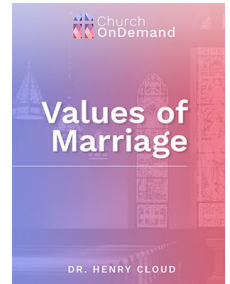


The Book of Jude by Eric Geiger

How do we stay close to Jesus, even when threatened by doubt, deception, or the culture around us? This question is as relevant for us today as it was for the early church. In this five-session series, pastor Eric Geiger will take us through the book of Jude, a letter that reminds us that staying faithful to God is an active part of the Christian life. Join Eric and learn to trust the God who calls us, loves us, and keeps us as we strive to stand firm in our faith. [The Book of Jude :: RightNow Media](#)

Values of Marriage by Henry Cloud

Dr. Henry Cloud uses these short videos that are scripturally based to address marriage. This 6 session series is incredibly rich with principles, values, and advice to ensure your marriage flourishes. [Values of Marriage](#)

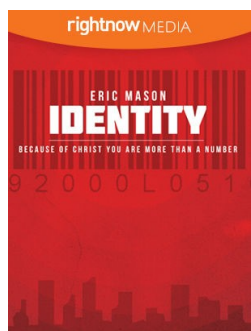


A Journey Through Psalm 23 by Brad Bonhomme

Join Brad Bonhomme on a verse-by-verse journey through one of the most celebrated passages in the Bible, Psalm 23. David—poet, shepherd, and king—illustrates in this psalm how God meets our physical, spiritual, emotional, directional, relational, and eternal needs. These truths bolster our trust and confidence in His goodness to us, in this life and the next. In this six-part series, discover the depths of your Heavenly Father's affection for you. Rest in the presence, protection, and provision of Jesus. And join Brad in boldly proclaiming that you are under the expert management and compassionate care of the Good Shepherd. [A Journey Through Psalm 23 :: RightNow Media](#)

Zany World of Zane (ages 8-10)

A comedy about the misadventures of three friends, Zane, Maddy, and Booger as they attempt to make a homemade web-show. As their real life problems intersect with their show, they discover that Biblical truth can help guide their way. This is a Zany world that kids will find irresistible. [Zany World of Zane :: RightNow Media](#)



Identity by Eric Mason (Middle/High School Youth)

** Note: The real-life stories in this series contain mature themes. **

Who are you? Our world values being unique. So much so, that we end up looking the same as we try to be different. But we aren't a number. We aren't our clothes, our relationships or our accomplishments. In Christ we are much more. In these four thought-provoking youth Bible study sessions, Eric Mason compares the message the world constantly tells teens about their identity with the truths found in Scripture. The world tells us it's all about how you look, what you have, what you do, and whom you are connected to. But Scripture teaches that while those things can be important, they do not constitute who you are. As followers of Jesus Christ, our identity is found in Him. With biblical teaching and real-life stories, this series will help students ground their identity in Christ and live boldly as children of God and heirs of heaven. [Identity :: RightNow Media](#)

The Disciplines of Abiding by D.A. Carson

Christians talk about abiding in Christ as key to following Jesus, but at times it seems more like an abstract idea than a practical way to live. In this 3-part course, D.A. Carson, K. Edward Copeland, and Bill Kynes examine what it truly means to abide in Christ through the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and thanksgiving. [The Disciplines of Abiding :](#)