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

Joy That Never Ends

One of my son's favorite songs from first grade was I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart. If you are familiar with the song, he loved to shout the next line, "Where?!" And then finished this song of praise with "down in my heart to stay."

Psalm 98 was a perfect theme verse for our Lutheran Schools Week. "Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" This verse invites us to lift our voices in response to all the marvelous things God has done for us at school, at church, at home as well as in our community.

Throughout the week, I asked students from various classes, what brings you joy at St. Paul Lutheran School? Art, gym, lunch, recess, math, sports, teachers and classroom games were some common responses. With more reflection, students added comments about supportive and understanding friends, seeing smiling faces, Advent Services, learning about God and worshipping and singing together in chapel.

Even though we are blessed at St. Paul to share this joy everyday with our students, joy in Jesus is different. It never runs out. Because Jesus has conquered death and the grave, and rose again, He lives and reigns forever.

That means the joy He gives will never end. Romans 15:13 says, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." My prayer for you is that you always have the joy of Jesus down in your heart to stay.

I'VE GOT the
JOY, JOY,
JOY, JOY,
DOWN in MY
HEART

Michelle Pingel
1st Grade Teacher

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)
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Notes from the Principal:



- As we close our National Lutheran Schools Week, we say thank you to the St. Paul congregation for your continued support of faith-based education. Through God's grace we are able to live out our mission of shaping lives for Christian service by providing educational excellence in a Christ-centered environment.
- Early enrollment for the 2026-27 school year closes on February 1. Families in K-8 save \$100 if enrollment is completed by February 1.
- Enrollment in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program opens on February 2 and runs through February 20. Please contact me with any questions regarding the state voucher program.
- Congratulations to our B Girls Basketball Team for taking 2nd place at the Good Shepherd West Bend Tournament last weekend.
- Our 64th Annual St. Paul Classic is only two weekends away. Might you be willing to serve in the concession stand, taking tickets or working the scorer's table? If so, please contact Mr. Kell at jeremy.kell@splgraffton.org.

Approved Calendar Dates 2026-27 School Year

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

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.splgrifton.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@splgrifton.org Grant funds will be distributed as long as endowment funds remain available in the fiscal year.

VEGGIES & ICE CREAM

Families are invited to come join us on **Friday, February 27** from **6-7pm** as we watch *Princess and the Popstar*.

We will also be making some fun crafts and enjoying some ice cream. Signup here to join the fun: tinyurl.com/VeggiesFeb26.



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@splgrifton.org

Jenny Clemens: jennifer.clemens@splgrifton.org

Lisa Frinzi: lisa.frinzi@splgrifton.org

Shelby Nauta: shelby.nauta@splgrifton.org

Rachel Nelsen: rachel.nelsen@splgrifton.org

Amy Schumacher: amy.schumacher@splgrifton.org

CANDY GRAM SALE

It's getting close to Valentine's Day and that means it's time for Candy Grams. Stop by the Gathering Hall between worship services the weekend of February 7 and 8 to purchase our candy grams for the low cost of \$1.00, for your favorite student, your best friend, that special St. Paul employee, or your secret crush.



Starting Monday, February 2, thru February 12, Candy Grams will be available before school from 8:00-8:15 am near the school entrances. You may also order a Candy Gram by sending an email to: diane.schumann@splgrifton.org with all the information. Don't forget to include the special message you would like attached. The payment for Candy Grams ordered by email, should be dropped off at the school office.

All Candy Grams will be delivered on Friday, February 13. We realize that some preschool classes have their party before the 13th and we will deliver on the days those classes have their Valentine's Day party. We truly appreciate your support of the 8th Grade Washington DC trip.



Open Gym

All 3rd-5th grades are invited to an afternoon of open gym on **Sunday, March 1** from **3-4:30pm**. We will meet in the gym for fun and lots of high energy activities. We will close our time together with snacks and a short devotion. Sign up here to join the fun:

<https://tinyurl.com/opengym3-1-26>.



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.



2/8: This week we will be playing floor hockey, sharing a devotion, and enjoying some rice crispy treats. Hope to see you there!

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.

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.



LHS TUITION ASSISTANCE INFORMATION 2026/2027 Financial Support

If you are thinking of, or will be enrolling your child at Living Word, Milwaukee Lutheran, or Sheboygan Lutheran High Schools for the 2026/2027 school year, St. Paul offers tuition assistance. You must fill out an application in order to be considered to receive tuition assistance from St. Paul Lutheran Church. Application forms are available at the School Office (open 8am through 4pm; Monday through Friday), in the carport entrance and online at splgrafton.org/church.

Applications are due in the office no later than Monday, **February 28**. Applications received after this date will receive Tuition Assistance only if funds are available.

Questions? Contact the Church Office at
262- 377-4659, Ext. 332.

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!

Hello St. Paul Member!

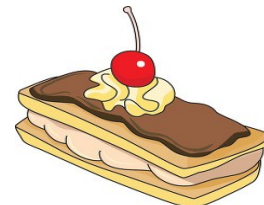
St. Paul is once again gracious enough to host some of the Lutheran Sports Association



basketball games for the Tournament of Champions State Championships. LSA thanks St. Paul for its generosity. LSA will have games here March 6-7. We are in need of help to man the admissions table and the concessions stand. Please click on the [link](#) or reach out to Jenny Clemens at jennifer.clemens@splgrafton.org to sign up. We really appreciate your help!

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!



Christian Day School Singing Schedule



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
Sun.	Mar. 15	9:30 am	JiVE
Sat.	Mar. 21	5:00 pm	Gr. 6-8 Sing w/ Concert Band
Wed.	Mar. 25	4:30 pm	Children's Choir
Sun.	Apr. 19	8:00 am	(K-8) Last name L-Z Sing With JuBellate
		11:00 am	(K-8) Last name A-K Sing With Concert Band



ORDER A SWEET TREAT FOR YOUR VALENTINE

WHILE RAISING MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Order here by **NOON on Monday, February 9th:**
<https://amysfundraising.com/collections/st-paul-lutheran>

Orders will be ready for pick up Wednesday, February 11th and Thursday, February 12th at St Paul.



175th Anniversary ST. PAUL Sports Reception



FEBRUARY 14 & 15

Join us for a special St. Paul Sports Showcase February 14–15 in the Family Life Center. Enjoy a fun walk down memory lane with sports displays, photos, videos, and memorabilia from years past.

This weekend also features our 64th Annual Basketball Tournament, making it a great time for alumni and friends to reconnect and cheer on the athletes. All alumni are welcome!

Visit the Archival Records Display! Take a few minutes to explore St. Paul's historical records. You can look up your family's baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and burial entries dating back to the 1800's.

Worship services will be led by Pastor Noah Kegley and Pastor Casey Kegley, and Rev. Craig Reiter will lead Sunday morning Bible Class.

Questions? Email 175@splgrafton.org.



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





Inkubators Quick Links

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@splgrifton.org.

Rooted Women

Winter Bible Study

Join us for

Mondays at 6:30PM

Jan 5 & 19, Feb 2 & 16, March 2 & 16

Not Alone: A Study on Friendship

by Jennie Allen

Meet in Rm 326 (off the FLC)
Study guides available at first session

TRINITY LUTHERAN CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL
Supporting strong minds, strong bodies and strong spirits.

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Open House

Thursday, February 26th
6:30 PM

945 Terrace Dr, Elm Grove, WI

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LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Youth SUMMER CAMPS

SPORTS, MUSIC, ART & MORE! | 1ST-8TH GRADES + INCOMING LWLHS 9TH

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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!

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

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

BECOME SOMETHING BIGGER

at LIVING WORD

A Parent Information Packet for Living Word Lutheran High School

2230 LIVING WORD LN
JACKSON, WI 53037

WWW.LWLHS.COM

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday	1-Feb	8-Feb
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00 5/6 Girls BB Tournament @ St. John WB 6th Boys BB Tournament @ St. John WB	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00 JiVE sings @ 8am Middle School Youth, 3pm
Monday	2-Feb	9-Feb
	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	Children's Choir, 3:15pm BB vs. FIL; 5/6G-4:00, 7/8G-5:00 BB @ FIL; 5B-4:00, 6B-5:00, 7/8B Black-6:00, 7/8B Red-7:00 Worship, 6:30pm
Tuesday	3-Feb	10-Feb
		<i>End of Session III Middle School</i> Gr. 5-8 to Milwaukee Symphony
Wednesday	4-Feb	11-Feb
	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	CHAPEL- Living Word Stone 2: Raising a Healthy Preschooler, 6pm
Thursday	5-Feb	12-Feb
	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	BB @ Sheboygan Christian; 5/6G-4:15, 7/8G-5:15
Friday	6-Feb	13-Feb
	PreK Day with Dudes 7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Bethlehem Sheboygan	7/8 Boys BB Tournament @ Home
Saturday	7-Feb	14-Feb
	7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Bethlehem Sheboygan Worship at 5:00pm	7/8 Boys BB Tournament @ Home Worship at 5:00pm; Gr. K-1 sings

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. **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?

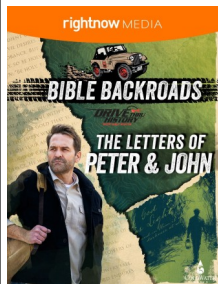
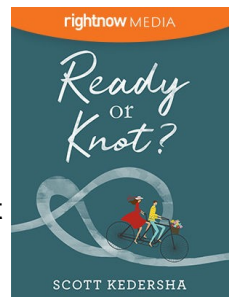


With by Skye Jethani

Religion offers people particular ways of relating with God, but are we approaching him with the right perspective? To what extent do fear and a desire for control skew our attitude toward God? Join author Skye Jethani in this five-session study as he explores four popular but flawed postures—Life Under God, Over God, From God, and For God—then offers a more freeing and hopeful option for relating with the God who loves us. What does Life With God look like? [With :: RightNow Media](#)

Ready or Knot? by Scott Kedersha

God designed marriage to be a permanent commitment this side of glory, which is a lot of pressure when you think about it. How can you know for sure if he or she is actually “the One”? In these twelve sessions, Scott Kedersha, Marriage and Family Pastor at Harris Creek Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, surfaces twelve crucial questions every couple should consider prior to exchanging their vows. Drawing from his experience having counseled more than 5,000 premarital couples, Scott will teach prospective spouses how to talk about everything from finances and in-laws to sex and friendship. [Ready or Knot? :: RightNow Media](#)



BIBLE BACKROADS™ - The Letters of Peter & John by David Stotts (ages 8-12)

Dave Stotts, host of *Drive Thru History*®, explores the scripture, history, geography, archaeology, and impact of the letters of Peter and John. The home base for the series is Dave's Garage™, a state-of-the-art, extended reality lair where almost anything is possible. In addition to teaching with a collection of monitors, maps, animations and artifacts, Dave treks outside his garage for special adventures throughout the Mediterranean region. Designed for all ages, BIBLE BACKROADS™ is fun, fast-paced, and educational, encouraging families to dig deeper into the Biblical accounts together. [BIBLE BACKROADS™ - The Letters of Peter & John :: RightNow Media](#)

Off the Couch Into Creation - Season 1 by Kian, Hudson, Morgan, and Asher Wild (ages 5-13)

Join the Wild Brothers — Morgan, Hudson, Kian, and Asher — as they transition from their adventurous upbringing in Indonesia to exploring the natural wonders of the United States. Determined to prove that adventure isn't limited to distant lands, they embark on journeys starting right in their backyard. This award-winning series inspires families to discover the beauty and excitement of God's creation close to home. [Off the Couch Into Creation 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](#)

