

# T H E E C H O



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**April 17, 2026**

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

## The Perfect Pacer

When you run a long-distance race, there are often a few people in bright colors with little flags called pacers. They are there to support runners in reaching their goal time by sticking to an exact pace. The pacers help you stay consistent through every mile. They can keep you on track when you can't do it by yourself. You keep your eyes on them and trust them to guide you to your goal.

In our daily lives, we have a few people who act like pacers for us. Our parents, teachers, pastors, and friends can walk alongside us to help keep us on track. They can encourage and coax us to keep going when things get difficult, but ultimately, we are all going through life at our own pace, on our own path.

There is one person who will truly keep pace with us through our entire lives. Jesus goes beside us through every hill and valley. He protects and shields us when life gets hard and He encourages us to keep going when we feel our pace start to falter.

We are told in Hebrews 12, *“Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith.”* and in Psalm 23 *“He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me.”* So, as we continue each day on the path God has laid for us, keep your eyes fixed on the most perfect pacer: Jesus.



Mrs. Jessica Koch  
Extended Care Director

### APRIL

22 Wed Chapel – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (Haas)  
Confirmation Rehearsal (4pm)  
23 Thu Parent-Teacher Conferences by appt.  
25-29 Sa-We Washington DC Trip 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### MAY

1 Fri Gr. 3 to Milwaukee Public Museum  
3 Sun Confirmation 2:00pm Service  
6 Wed Chapel – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (Ernest)  
7 Thu Panther Parent Meeting  
8 Fri PreK Day with Mom  
11-22 Mo-Fr MAP Testing  
13 Wed Chapel – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (Wulfkuhle)  
19 Tue Gr. 4 Field Trip to Madison  
21 Thu Spring Concert (5:30/6:45)  
22 Fri **1/2 Day of School 11:40am Dismissal**

### 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 <sup>th</sup> )
Oct 30 (Fri)	No School
Nov 20	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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

## Notes from the Principal:

St. Paul Lutheran School



1. Next weekend our 8th grade students and parents will be traveling to Washington D.C. for their class trip. Sunday morning at 11:15 we have four students that will be laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We ask that you surround this trip with prayer and we're thankful for all the support given to our students as they prepared to attend over the last year.

2. On Monday, April 20 school families have been invited to participate in a group discussion around the book "Parenting Generation Screen" by Jonathan McKee.

3. Enrollment for the 2026-27 school year continues. If you know of a family looking for PreK or K-8 please contact the school office.

## Sunday School Volunteers

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
HELPERS NEEDED!



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](https://tinyurl.com/SSvolunteers25). For more information contact Tracy Krueger at [tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org).



## 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](https://tinyurl.com/SSregister25). If you have any questions, please contact [tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org).

**4/19:** This week we will be learning that God is forgiving. We will read Luke 22 and John 21 as we look at the story of Peter denying Jesus and Jesus forgiving him.

**4/26:** This week's Bible story is from Mark 16, Jesus comes back to life. We will be learning that Jesus is alive.



**ST. PAUL**  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## FUNDRAISER NIGHT



Wednesday, April 22

5 to 8 PM

Dine-in or drive-thru

St. Paul receives  
15% of all sales.  
(including gift cards)



## 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@splgraffton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org). Hope to see you there.

**4/26:** We will be playing a variety of games, sharing a devotion, and munching on some fruit snacks. Don't miss out on the fun!

## VEGGIES & ICE CREAM

Families are invited to come join us on **Friday, May 15** from **6-7pm** as we watch VeggieTales: Robin Good and His Not So-Merry Men. We will also be making some fun crafts and enjoying some ice cream. Signup here to join the fun [tinyurl.com/VeggiesMay26](https://tinyurl.com/VeggiesMay26).



## VBS Save the Date

VBS this year is June 15-19, 9am-12pm. We will start volunteer sign up in March and child registration will begin the end of April. Please contact Tracy at [tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org) if you have any questions about VBS.



Check out the volunteer sign up form here: <https://tinyurl.com/VBSVolunteers26>

## Accepting Endowment Fund Grant Applications - Fiscal Year 2026/2027



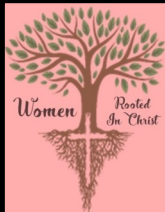
In accordance with the distribution policy and bylaws of the St. Paul Endowment Fund, a total of \$45,600 will be available to distribution from the St. Paul Endowment Fund during the 2026/2027 fiscal year (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027). Endowment grant applications are now being accepted by the 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](mailto:jason.hasenstein@splgrafton.org). Grant funds will be distributed as long as endowment funds remain available in the fiscal year.



### ST. PAUL ANNUAL YOUTH PLANT SALE MAY 9, 2026

Catalogs and order forms are available in the School & Church Office, Narthex and Welcome Center.

*Advanced orders due April 20*



## Routed Women Spring Bible Study

Join us for a study on

**HAGAR:**

*In the face of rejection, God says*

*I'm significant*

Meet in Rm 326 (off the FLC)

Study guides available for \$10 at first session

Helping Hands homemade meals (individually packaged) are available for anyone to use if needed (surgery, shut in, financial issues). This is a



Need a Meal? We're Here to Help.  
**HELPING HANDS**  
HOMEMADE MEALS  
Sponsored by the Board of Evangelism

program being restarted by the Board of Evangelism. The meals will be stored in the freezer up by the archives room. If anyone needs delivery to their home we will set that up as well. If you have any questions contact Lori Marien at: 414-303-3901.

## Christian Day School Singing Schedule



Sun.	Apr. 19	8:00 am	(K-8) Last name L-Z Sing With Concert Band
		10:30 am	(K-8) Last name A-K Sing With JuBellate
Sat.	May 2	5:00 pm	PraisePower
Sun.	May 10	10:30 am	Pre-K Sings
Sat.	May 16	5:00 pm	JuBellate & JiVE
Thu.	May 21	9, 5:30, 6:45	Spring Band/Choirs Concert/3rd&4th Grade
Sun.	May 31	9:30 am	Children's Choir

### Grafton Summer Learning Academy

Registration opens for students recommended for reading or math support on Wednesday, March 18. Parents will be notified if their child needs extra assistance in reading or math by Friday, March 13. Online registration will open for everyone on Thursday, April 9 with staggered start times based on grade level.

#### New & Non-District Students

You may need to pre-register your child if they aren't currently enrolled into the Grafton School District to gain access to registration for summer school.

- Students new to the district (4K, 5K, and above) who have already completed enrollment paperwork to start school in Fall 2026, DO NOT need to complete this form to have access to register on April 9.

- Parochial school students, homeschool students, and other students in the community must complete this form to have access this year, even if they attended summer school last year.

- Non-residents should fill the form out, but can only enroll in enrichment classes (if space is available) beginning on May 1 and will be charged a \$50 fee per class. Skyward Family Access Login Information will be emailed once students are entered into the system. Since classes do fill up quickly, we recommend that you fill out the pre-registration form as soon as possible.

For More Information - Please visit: <https://www.grafton.k12.wi.us/district/summer-school.cfm>

## Summer School Class Dates

● Session A - June 22 to July 2 ● Session B - July 7 to July 16 ● Session C - July 20 to July 30

Classes are held Monday through Thursday

June							July						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	

# Family Park Dates!

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

Where: Centennial Park in Grafton

Dates: June 11<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup> & August 13<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:30 am

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

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

# Walking Group

When: Every Tuesday  
starting April 21st

Where: FLC

Times: 8:30 am – 10:00 am  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Come join in fellowship, devotion and a little exercise!  
Questions? Contact Kelsey Metzger  
[parish.education@splgraffton.com](mailto:parish.education@splgraffton.com)

## SALAD LUNCHEON

SPONSORED BY:

*The St. Paul Women's Guild*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026**

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Salads Galore & Desserts*

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
701 Washington Street  
Grafton, WI

**SALAD BUFFET PLATE, DRINK, AND DESSERT**  
**\$12.00**

Tickets may be purchased in the School Office during office hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) or at the luncheon.

For groups of 6 or more, please make reservations by calling Deb at 262-707-8992.

## SCREEN FREE WEEK MAY 3 - 9, 2026

Screen Free Week 2026 is Coming!!  
Unplug and Reconnect With the World Around You!



**SAVE THE DATES!**  
**MAY 3-9, 2026**



Participating Organizations:  
Riveredge Nature Center  
Grafton Parks & Recreation  
Ozaukee Libraries  
Washington County Libraries  
And Many More!



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## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	19-Apr	26-Apr
	Worship at 8:00; 10:30 Religious Education Hour at 9:15 (K-8) Last Name L-Z sing @ 8 with Concert Band (K-8) Last Name A-K sing @ 10:30 with JuBellate	Worship at 8:00; 10:30 Religious Education Hour at 9:15 8th Grade in Washington DC
Monday	20-Apr	27-Apr
	Children's Choir, 3:15pm Parenting Generation Screen Discussion, 6pm Worship at 6:30pm	8th Grade in Washington DC Children's Choir, 3:15pm Worship at 6:30pm
Tuesday	21-Apr	28-Apr
		8th Grade in Washington DC
Wednesday	22-Apr	29-Apr
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPEL - 3rd Grade (Haas)</b></p> Confirmation Rehearsal, 4pm <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CULVERS Fundraiser Night (5-8 pm)</b></p> Stone 6: Surviving Adolescence, 6pm	8th Grade returns from Washington DC <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPEL - Mr. Kell</b></p>
Thursday	23-Apr	30-Apr
	Parent Teacher Conferences by Appointment	
Friday	24-Apr	1-May
		Gr. 3 Field Trip to Milwaukee Public Museum
Saturday	25-Apr	2-May
	8th Grade Leaves for Washington D.C. Worship at 5:00pm	Worship at 5:00pm; PraisePower sings

**LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**

# Youth SUMMER CAMPS

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

**MORE DETAILS AT: [WWW.LWLHS.COM/CAMPS](http://WWW.LWLHS.COM/CAMPS)**

## LWLHS ALL-CLASS REUNION

*Rejoice. Remember. Reconnect. 25 years of Living Word.*

**Saturday, June 13, 2026**

**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Open House Campus @ Living Word High School**

RSVP at [www.lwlhs.com/alumni](http://www.lwlhs.com/alumni)

**BONUS! Happy Hour at a local restaurant to follow!**

**WHY YOU SHOULD BE THERE!**

- 🍴 Food stations throughout campus
- 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Family-friendly Open House with kid activities
- 🎓 All LW graduates welcome, plus spouses, children, parents, and past & present faculty

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## **The Gospel of Luke: Part 2** by J.D. Greear

How Do You Respond to Jesus? Who is Jesus of Nazareth, and what does he ask of us? For help answering these questions, we can turn to Luke's orderly account of Jesus's life and ministry—the Gospel of Luke. In this twelve-session series, pastor and author J.D. Greear will walk through the second half of Luke's Gospel, highlighting who Jesus is, what he did, and how the people around him responded. Luke shows us that Jesus is the savior who came to seek and save people in need, including us—and we must decide how to respond when he lovingly moves toward us. [The Gospel of Luke: Part 2 :: RightNow Media](#)

## **Good Friday and Easter** by Francis Chan

In these sessions from *The Gospel of Mark*, Francis Chan teaches on Jesus' death and resurrection and challenges us to consider how to live our lives in light of Jesus' sacrifice and victory over death. [Good Friday and Easter :: RightNow Media](#)

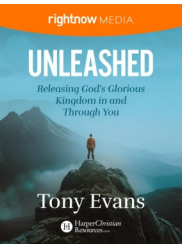


## **Cheeky Pandas - Series 3** (ages 3-9)

Join Rory, Milo, Lulu, Benji, and CJ in an exciting series where they learn about self-control, gentleness, peacefulness, and goodness. Don't miss the special Easter episode where they discover the best thing about Easter is not chocolate eggs, but that God so loved the world he gave his only son Jesus, that we may live – Easter is for everyone! With fun music, laughter, and thrilling adventures, kids will be captivated by the Cheeky Pandas! [Cheeky Pandas](#)

## **Seeds of Easter** (ages 4-14)

There are thousands of ways that your family can be distracted away from the true meaning of Easter. We believe this Seeds of Easter music and videos will help prepare your family's heart to focus on Jesus' death and resurrection. We believe the music/videos to word-for-word scripture will help your family go deeper with Jesus this Easter season. [Seeds of Easter :: RightNow Media](#)



## **Unleashed** by Tony Evans

Experience life to the fullest with an intentional alignment to God's rule and power. In this six-session series, bestselling author and pastor Tony Evans teaches about the Holy Spirit's power that is within us and how we can release it to greatly impact the kingdom of God both now and for eternity. As followers of Jesus, we have been transferred out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of Christ. We live in this world but are now informed by another. It's time for kingdom people to unleash kingdom work for the glory of God. [Unleashed :: RightNow Media](#)

## **Nice** by Sharon Hodde Miller—[Nice :: RightNow Media](#)

God never called us to be nice. We live in a culture that prizes niceness as one of its highest virtues. Niceness keeps the peace, wins friends, gains influence, and serves our reputations well, but it also takes the teeth out of our witness and the power out of our faith. When we choose to be nice instead of faithful, we bear fruits that are bland, bitter, empty, and rotten to the core. In this 5-session series based on her book, Sharon Hodde Miller explores the seemingly innocent idol that has crept into our faith and quietly corrupted it, producing the bad fruits of cowardice, inauthenticity, shallowness, and more. She challenges readers to cultivate a better "tree," providing practical steps to reclaim our credibility as followers of Christ, and bear better, richer, more life-giving fruits.

