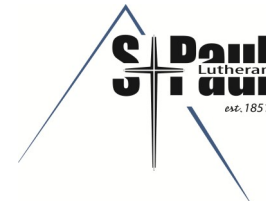


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April 24, 2026

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

I Am Not Alone

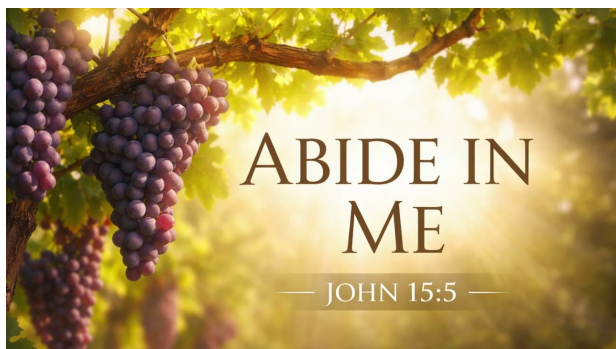
The song from this past weekend replays in my mind as I consider the swirl of chaos that is life: *"I am not alone. I am not alone. You will go before me. You will never leave me."*

I took the replay in my mind as the Holy Spirit nudged me into The Word, which brought me to a word I have held onto this past year and plugged into many conversations with family and friends during challenging moments/ stretches: ABIDE. Jesus says in John 15, "Abide in Me, and I in you." That's not Jesus commanding us to come to Him, rather an invitation to hold fast to the roots of Him, our source of life.

Jesus is the One holding onto us. We will never manage to reach out to grab ahold of Him if we are honest with ourselves. Our life in Jesus isn't powered by our consistency in reading His Word, or our discipline to keep His commandments, or our emotional strength to weather the challenges of this Earthly life. Rather it flows from God's promises written for us in His Word, poured over us in Baptism, and given to us at the table in His body and blood.

No matter how alone we feel at times, distracted in thought or by what the world is swirling around us, Jesus remains. He is faithful to us. He stands beside us, never leaving us, going before us to walk with us straight through. He will always sustain us, holding firmly to us, even when our grasp is faulty and frail. What sweet assurance we have: I am not alone!

Mrs. Sarah Anderson
4th Grade Teacher.



APRIL

25-29 Sa-We Washington DC Trip 8th Grade

MAY

1	Fri	Gr. 3 to Milwaukee Public Museum
3	Sun	Confirmation 2:00pm Service
6	Wed	Chapel – 2 nd Grade (Ernest)
7	Thu	Panther Parent Meeting
8	Fri	PreK Day with Mom
11-22	Mo-Fr	MAP Testing
13	Wed	Chapel – 6 th 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
		NO 3&4Pre-K AM Classes PM classes attend in AM
25	Mon	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
29	Fri	PreK Closing Service

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

Notes from the Principal:

1. Our 8th Grade class is in Washington DC through Wednesday. You can follow the trip on our school facebook page at www.facebook.com/SPLGrafton.

2. May 7 is the National Day of Prayer. We will be participating in this event starting at 8:30 am around the flagpole on the north side of our campus. As part of our time of prayer we will be recognizing our local police and firefighters, veterans, as well as celebrating the 250th anniversary of our country. If the weather is inclement, we will move inside the church.

3. Registration for the 2026-27 school year continues. The next window for WPCP applications opens up on June 1. For questions regarding registration or school choice, please contact the school office.



Christian Day School Singing Schedule



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

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@splgraffton.org.

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

5/3: This week's Bible story is from Psalm 51, God washes us clean. We will be learning that we are forgiven.

5/10: This week we will be learning that God is forever. We will read John 1 and Revelation 22 as we look at the story of God always was and always will be.

VBS REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!

VBS this year is

June 15-19, 9am-12pm.

Check out the registration link to sign your kids up for the fun and learning today: tinyurl.com/SPLVBS2026.

(Registration Opens 4/26)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are still looking for 4 adults to lead:

- elementary Bible lessons
- preschool Sticky Scriptures
- elementary Sticky Scriptures
- music
- 12 more elementary crew leaders needed

SIGN UP HERE TO VOLUNTEER:
tinyurl.com/VBSVolunteers26

Questions? Contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org

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.



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. 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!

We will only meet once in May due to Confirmation, Mother's Day, Graduation, and Memorial Day weekend.



Annual
ST. PAUL YOUTH
Plant Sale
Saturday, May 9
9am - 3pm





Youth SUMMER CAMPS

ART, BAND, SPANISH, SPORTS & THEATER



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register online at
WWW.LWLHS.COM/CAMPS



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WHY YOU SHOULD BE THERE!

Saturday, June 13, 2026
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Open House Campus @ Living Word High School

🍴 Food stations throughout campus

👨‍👩‍👧 Family-friendly Open House with kid activities

🎉 All LW graduates welcome, plus spouses, children, parents, and past & present faculty



RSVP at www.lwlhs.com/alumni

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

COMMUNITY BOOK SALE

MAY

5.7.26
9:30A.M. - 7:45P.M.
5.8.26
9:30A.M. - 4:45P.M.
5.9.26
9:30A.M. - 1:45P.M.

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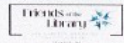


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PLAYERS AGES 5-8

FUTURE HAWKS BASEBALL CAMP



Register here

CAMP WILL FOCUS ON FUN, FUNDAMENTALS, TEAMWORK, AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING THROUGH AGE-APPROPRIATE BASEBALL INSTRUCTION AND GAMES.

LOCATION
Grafton Little League Complex
9am - 12pm

COST
\$150 PER PLAYER
(VENMO@BRIANHAGEL, CASH OR CHECK)

JULY 13 - 17, 2026

LED BY BRIAN HAGEL -
GRAFTON BASEBALL PRESIDENT
& U11 HEAD COACH.

CAMP STAFF WILL BE
U11 COACHES
AND PLAYERS

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



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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.

Family Park Dates!

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

Where: Centennial Park in Grafton

Dates: June 11th, July 9th & August 13th

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)
Tracy Krueger (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

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



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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	26-Apr	3-May
	Worship at 8:00; 10:30 Religious Education Hour at 9:15 8th Grade in Washington DC Middle School Youth, 3pm	Worship at 8:00; 10:30 Religious Education Hour at 9:15 Confirmation, 2pm
Monday	27-Apr	4-May
	8th Grade in Washington DC Children's Choir, 3:15pm Worship at 6:30pm	<i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i> Stone 8: High School Graduation, 6pm Children's Choir, 3:15pm Worship at 6:30pm
Tuesday	28-Apr	5-May
	8th Grade in Washington DC	<i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i>
Wednesday	29-Apr	6-May
	8th Grade returns from Washington DC CHAPEL - Mr. Kell	<i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i> CHAPEL - 2nd Grade (Ernest) Intro to Middle School Night, 6:30pm
Thursday	30-Apr	7-May
		<i>National Day of Prayer / Teacher Appreciation Week</i> Panther Parents, 6:30pm
Friday	1-May	8-May
	Gr. 3 Field Trip to Milwaukee Public Museum	<i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i> PreK Day with Mom
Saturday	2-May	9-May
	Worship at 5:00pm; PraisePower sings	Youth Plant Sale Worship at 5:00pm

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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 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](#)

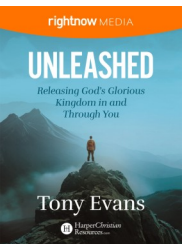


Cheeky Pandas - Series 3 (ages 3-9)

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.

