

T H E E C H O



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May 1, 2026

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

Friendship

Have you had a friend you couldn't wait to talk to each day and spend time with? You share exciting news, funny stories, sad news, disappointments, and everything in between. A friend who is always there for you no matter what.

On the other hand, have you had a friend who you were close to at one time but have lost touch with and you rarely speak to anymore? You still consider them a friend, but the relationship is just not the same.

I think most of us have experienced both types of friendships. Friendships and relationships with others are an important part of our lives. Our friendships and relationships need to be nurtured. We need to spend time together and talk to each other.

There is no other relationship more important than our relationship with Jesus. He is always there for us no matter what and is eager to hear from us everyday. Prayer is talking to Jesus. The Bible has many verses about prayer. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 - "Pray continually.", and Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourselves to prayer" Each example above could be our relationship with Jesus, are we spending time together or have we lost touch?

Thursday, May 7th is our National Day of Prayer. Even if we have lost touch, there is no time like the present. He is waiting to hear from us. As the hymn says:

What a Friend We have in Jesus

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful; who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge - Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou will find a solace there.*

Mrs. Shelby Nauta
Kindergarten Teacher

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&4 Pre-K AM Classes PM classes attend in AM
25	Mon	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
29	Fri	PreK Closing Service 8:30am/10:00am)

JUNE

2	Tue	Gr. K-2 to Shalom Wildlife Zoo Gr. 3-4 to Horicon Marsh Gr. 5-6 to Boundless Adventures
4	Thu	Track & Field Day, School Picnic
5	Fri	Last Day of School 10:00am Dismissal Closing Chapel - 8:25am 8th Grade Graduation 6:30pm

Notes from the Principal:



1. 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.

2. 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.

Confirmed In Faith



On Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 2:00 pm
the following students will renew their
baptismal vows before our altar.

Richard Carl Babler
Adaline Margaret Baumann
Owen Clark Benson
Harper Joanne Cottrell
Sienna Nicole Emanuele
Joel Phillip Greve
Alexa Hernandez Cortez
Landon Paul Jacobson
Nolan Milton Karrels
Madeline Taylor Liegl
Collin Jace Mammen
Gavin Thomas McCarthy
Bella June Mueller
Jameson Allen Neumann
James Edward Totman
Joshua Daniel Warren
Isabella Delia Zebrick
Hunter Phillip Zentner
Lillian Pearl Zvara

Congratulations!
May God continue to bless the
faith and lives of these

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

Join Us at the 2026 St. Paul Lutheran Golf Classic

Lunch provided
during golf
Dinner and
awards
following golf

St. Paul Lutheran
Golf Classic



All proceeds support St. Paul Lutheran School

Register your group at: tinyurl.com/SPLGolfClassic26

On-course contests!
Raffles!

When: Friday, June 12, 2026

Where: West Bend Lakes Golf Club
1241 Hwy 33 E
West Bend, WI 53095

Cost: \$130 per golfer / \$520 foursome

Time: Shotgun start at 10:00am
Check-in and raffle begin at 8:30am
Gather for prayer at 9:45am

Interested in a sponsorship, or have any questions?
Contact a member of the Golf Outing Committee:

Jason Hasenstein (920) 226-0743
Mike Bublitz (262) 339-4711
Tyler Check (262) 395-3114
Dean Haas (262) 689-9271
Jeremy Mielke (262) 391-1167
Nathan Wiech (414) 232-7188



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Lutheran School
9TH ANNUAL
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**TOURNAMENT
OF BOOKS**

CHESTER

We have just completed our BEST OF THE BEST
Tournament of Books. It was a great chance to reread
many of the books we loved. If you would like to order
the **winning book** or the **runner up**, please fill out the
form at the end of the Echo and send it back to your
teacher by **WEDNESDAY, May 6th**. I will put a sticker
on the book to commemorate the St. Paul Lutheran
School Tournament of Books event. Books will be
given to the children at school when they come in!

VBS 2026 Rainforest Falls



VBS this year is June 15-19, 9am-12pm. We are still in need of several more volunteers to help make VBS a success. Check out the volunteer sign up form here: <https://tinyurl.com/VBSVolunteers26>.

Registration is NOW OPEN! Come join us for the fun! VBS is open to children who have COMPLETED 3PK thru 5th Grade. There is a \$20 per child fee for VBS this year, which helps to cover the cost of things such as t-shirts, music, and snacks. Register before 5/20/26 to be sure to get a t-shirt. We can't wait to jump into this faith-filled adventure this summer as we explore the nature of God. 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 Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org or 262-377-4659 X105. Check out the registration link to sign your kids up for the fun and learning today: <https://tinyurl.com/SPLVBS2026>.

VBS Donations

We are collecting a wide variety of items for VBS this summer, see the bulletin board in the carport entry way. The donation board will be available in the Gathering Hall **beginning the weekend of May 10**. Please consider donating one or more of the needed items. All donations need to be returned to the church by **Sunday, May 31**. 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 11 at 6:30pm or Sunday, June 14 at 11am. Contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org if you have any questions.

VBS Setup and Decorating

We are looking for help with setting rooms up and decorating for VBS. We will meet **Sunday, June 14 at 11:40am** in the Family Life Center. Contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org for more information.

Middle School Youth

For more information contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org. Hope to see you there.



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

Sunday, May 31, 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!

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.

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.

5/17: This week's Bible story is from Revelation 21, forever in heaven. We will be learning that Jesus is forever, so we can live forever. This will be our final week of Sunday school before we break for the summer. Watch for Sunday school to resume in September.

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.

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



Youth SUMMER CAMPS

ART, BAND, SPANISH, SPORTS & THEATER



OPEN TO KIDS IN 1ST-8TH GRADE

register online at
WWW.LWLHS.COM/CAMPS



LWLHS ALL-CLASS REUNION

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



**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!

2026 Grafton Girls Basketball Youth Camp

The Grafton Girls High School Basketball program is hosting its annual girls youth basketball camp from July 14-16, 2026 at Grafton High School (Main Gym).



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 at this link: [Grafton Summer Youth Skills Camp](#)

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 29th.

SPACE LIMITED!
REGISTER TODAY!

PLAYERS AGES 5-8

FUTURE HAWKS BASEBALL CAMP

JULY 13 - 17, 2026



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)

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

CAMP STAFF WILL BE
U11 COACHES
AND PLAYERS

COMMUNITY BOOK SALE

Organized and Sponsored by:
Friends of the Grafton Library

Most books just \$1

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.

Food Drive
Ozaukee Food Alliance
During our book sale, Shoppers will be able to enjoy a **FREE BOOK** when making a non-perishable food donation

LOCAL LIBRARY LOVER

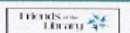


1,000'S OF BOOKS WAITING TO BE READ!

Fiction, Non-fiction, Young Adult, Children's,
DVD's, CD's, Puzzles and Much More!

USS LIBERTY MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
1620 11th Ave, Grafton, WI 53024

info@friendsofgraftonlibrarywi.com



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.



2026 Events
Ozaukee County

Check FB for more!!



SUN MAY 3-
SAT MAY 9

Riveredge Nature Center- FREE Trail use all week

MON MAY 4

Oscar Grady Library- Dog Man Days of Spring Activities all week in Children's Department
USS Liberty Memorial Library- Block Party Kids Lego Club 3:30 PM

TUE MAY 5

USS Liberty Memorial Library- Chess Club All Ages 4 PM
Lime Kiln Park- Riveredge Nature in Our Parks 4-5:30 PM

WED MAY 6

Veteran's Memorial Park Grafton- Basketball With Cops 5-6 PM

THUR MAY 7

USS Liberty Memorial Library- Knit Happens All Ages 1 PM
Ozaukee Skateland- Free Skating 6-8:30 P, skate rental \$4
Riveredge Nature Center- Little Explorers 10- 11:30 AM (\$3 member, \$ non members

FRI MAY 8

Riveredge Nature Center- Spring Bird Walk 7:30-9:30 AM
Feith YMCA- Free Community Night 5-7 PM

SAT MAY 9

Riveredge Nature Center- Birdathon & Bandathon 6:30 A-1P

STARTING
APR 25

Museum of WI Art- Teen Art Exhibit & free teen membership Promotion

And many more on our Facebook page!! Visit us @
Screen Free Week Washington Ozaukee, WI

Screen Free Week brought to you by: Grafton Recreation, Aurora Healthcare, Froedtert Health Care, West Bend School District, Youth & Family Project, and Riveredge Nature Center



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	3-May	10-May
	Worship at 8:00; 10:30 Religious Education Hour at 9:15 Confirmation, 2pm	Worship at 8:00; 10:30; PreK sings @ 10:30 Religious Education Hour at 9:15
Monday	4-May	11-May
	<i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i> Stone 8: High School Graduation, 6pm Children's Choir, 3:15pm Worship at 6:30pm	MAP testing Progress Reports Children's Choir, 3:15pm Worship at 6:30pm
Tuesday	5-May	12-May
	<i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i>	MAP testing
Wednesday	6-May	13-May
	<i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i> CHAPEL - 2nd Grade (Ernest) Intro to Middle School Night, 6:30pm	MAP testing CHAPEL - 6th Grade (Wulfkuhle)
Thursday	7-May	14-May
	<i>National Day of Prayer / Teacher Appreciation Week</i> Panther Parents, 6:30pm	MAP testing Gr. 5-6 Field Trip to Riveredge
Friday	8-May	15-May
	<i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i> PreK Day with Mom	MAP testing Veggies & Ice Cream, 6pm
Saturday	9-May	16-May
	Youth Plant Sale Worship at 5:00pm	Worship at 5:00pm; JiVE & JuBellate play

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**:

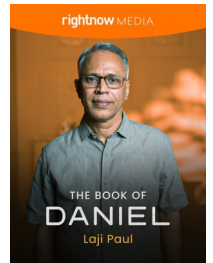


Visit <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/splcas> to create your account. Or you can: **Text-to-Sign-Up: Text SPLCAS to 49775** and receive a direct link to the registration page. **QR Code Access:** A quick scan with your smartphone will take you directly to the registration page.

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

The Book of Daniel by Laji Paul

What would you do if faithfulness to God cost you everything? The book of Daniel confronts us with stories of fiery furnaces, lions' den, and rulers who demand total allegiance. Written to God's people living in exile, Daniel reveals a God who remains sovereign even when obedience brings danger and loss. In this five-session series, Laji Paul explores the Book of Daniel, showing how believers can stand firm under pressure, resist fear-driven compromise, and live with confidence in the Kingdom of God that outlasts every earthly power. [The Book of Daniel :: RightNow Media](#)

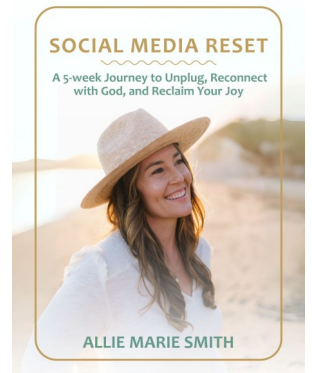


Navigating the Storms of Life by Dalene Reyburn

In a broken world, tough times are inevitable: the winds and waves will rock your boat. So if you've suffered – or you're suffering now – join Dalene Reyburn for this four-part series on navigating the storms of life. God hasn't left you to steer your ship alone through treacherous waters. His Word gives you a way forward, and hope. [Navigating the Storms of Life :: RightNow Media](#)

Social Media Reset: A 5-Week Journey to Unplug, Reconnect with God, and Reclaim Your Joy by Allie Marie Smith

Social Media Reset is a five-week guided journey to unplug from social media for thirty days to reconnect with God and reclaim your joy. This experience invites you to step away from the digital world for 30 days and seek restoration in your heart, mind, and soul. While the thought of a social media break can feel daunting, Allie Marie Smith, a passionate guide who has overcome a social media addiction, will help you evaluate the impact of social media on your spiritual, mental, and emotional health, enabling you to release stress and anxiety as you cultivate a life filled with peace and contentment. You will discover transformative rhythms that enhance your well-being, draw you closer to God, and help you show up for your life with a new level of excitement, joy, and intentionality. Social Media Reset can be experienced individually or alongside your community of women. [Social Media Reset: A 5-Week Journey to Unplug, Reconnect with God, and Reclaim Your Joy](#)



Fierce-Hearted Young Women by Kaitlyn Cey

Fierce-Hearted Young Women is a five-part series created to help girls ages 8–12 embrace their God-given identity with creativity, purpose, compassion, courage, and confidence. Each episode features a surprise camp activity tied to one of these five themes—its deeper meaning revealed only at the end. Through hands-on challenges, engaging storytelling, and guided reflection, girls are invited to participate in a camp adventure designed to inspire them towards the abundant life God has for them. This is a series that offers the girls in your life a faith-filled adventure they'll never forget!

[Kaitlyn Cey - Fierce-Hearted Young Women](#)

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](#)





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CHESTER

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_____ Yes, I would like to order the Tournament of books WINNER "**CHESTER**". I have sent a check made to St. Paul Lutheran School for \$10.00 for the softcover book.

_____ Yes, I would like to order the RUNNER UP BOOK "**The Day the Crayons Quit**". I have sent a check made to St. Paul Lutheran School for \$10.00 for the hardcover book.

(Family name / grade)