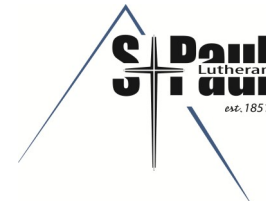


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May 15, 2026

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

Comfort in Christ

Training is almost complete. My son and his wife will soon be the proud new owners of Poppy the **Comfort** Dog for their Lutheran High School in Ohio. Throughout her training, Poppy has been learning basic commands, but also how to specifically be a calm presence while working with a wide variety of students. The purpose of using **comfort** dogs (or therapy dogs) in schools is to improve students' socio-emotional, cognitive, and physical well-being by reducing stress, anxiety, and negative behaviors while fostering a positive learning environment. Josh and Grace are so excited to welcome Poppy into their home and bring her to school next year.



Our "training" for this school year is almost complete as well. The students are in the process of finishing their MAP testing. The first graders are reading on their own and the 4th graders will soon take their trip to Madison. Our preschool students have learned important life skills and the 8th graders have passed their Confirmation exams. In every grade and stage of life, there is much learning and growth that has taken place. We can take **comfort** in knowing that this hard work has led to much success.

As we prepare for summer, we are reminded of the **comfort** that Jesus gives to us (just as He gave to His disciples) from seven key points in John 14.

1. Jesus promises to never leave you nor forsake you.
2. Jesus is preparing a place for you in heaven, so that
3. Those who believe in Him will live with Him in heaven.
4. Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will teach you and counsel you.
5. Jesus gives you peace so that
6. Your hearts will not be troubled.
7. Jesus promises to come to you so we can all be together.

Our training will never be complete until we join Jesus in heaven. However, we can be **comforted** in knowing that He will be with us every step of the way at school, at home and even on summer vacation.

Mrs. Michelle Pingel
1st grade teacher

MAY

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

In Honor of Memorial Day

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

Friday, May 22, 2026

1/2 Day of School
11:40 AM Dismissal

Monday May 25, 2026
NO SCHOOL

Remember to thank a veteran today!

Notes from the Principal:



1. Come Celebrate Ministry! Join us on Sunday, June 7 between worship services to celebrate the teaching careers of Mrs. Diane Schumann and Mrs. Denise Gieschen and wish them God's blessings as they transition into retirement.

2. Congratulations to Judah (8th Grade) for taking 1st place in the Living Word Math Competition. Our 8th grade team placed 3rd overall out of 8 schools that competed.

3. It's Concert Time. Join us on Thursday, May 21 as our students perform their annual Spring Musical Concert. Concert times are 9am (shortened K-8 concert) and evening shows at 5:30 (K-4th students) and 6:45 (5th-8th students). Concerts will take place in the gymnasium.

Christian Day School Singing Schedule



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

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175TH ANNIVERSARY CONFIRMATION RECEPTION

Celebrating 175 Years: Ever Faithful. Ever His.

May 23-24, 2026
(Memorial Day Weekend)
Saturday 3pm - 7pm
Sunday 7am - 1pm

Guest Pastors
Rev. Peter Burfeind
Rev. Dr. Kurt Ziemann

175th Anniversary Confirmation Displays
(Family Life Center)

Explore confirmation displays, archival books dating back to 1853, and memorabilia celebrating 175 years of God's faithfulness at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School.

Light refreshments and fellowship will be enjoyed throughout the weekend.

WORSHIP SERVICES
Saturday 5pm Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am

Join Us at the 2026 St. Paul Lutheran Golf Classic

Lunch provided during golf
Dinner and awards following golf



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



VBS 2026 Rainforest Falls



VBS this year is June 15-19,
9am-12pm.

We are still in need of 1 Adult to
lead music time. 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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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.

Thank you: Thank you to everyone who stepped up to
help with Sunday school this year. We couldn't have
done it without all of your help!

Middle School Youth

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! Sign up here to join the fun
and sign up to bring items for the BBQ: <https://tinyurl.com/MSYMay2026>.

Questions? Contact Tracy Krueger 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.

**Financial Assistance Forms for the upcoming
2025-2026 School Year** are available in the school of-
fice or on the St. Paul Website [HERE](#). Please
complete the form and return in a sealed envelope to the
attention of Jean Steinke, Business Manager by Friday,
May 29, 2026. Your information will be
reviewed and you will be notified if you qualify for
financial assistance. Please be assured that all
information will remain strictly confidential. If you have
any questions, please contact Jean Steinke at
jean.steinke@splgraffton.org or 262-377-4659 ext.
339 on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

**As We Come To The Close Of Another School
Year**, please remember that all fees (lunch, library late
book fees, etc.) and tuition balances must be paid before
the last day of school on Friday, June 5th for K-8th grade
families. Any fees and tuition balances that are
outstanding will initiate the process to hold end of the
year report cards and registration for the next school year.
Please contact Jean Steinke, Business Manager at
262.377.4659 x339, for any questions or to make special
arrangements. Thank you!



SCRIP ROLLOVER

Hello St. Paul families & friends! Time is
ticking—make sure to get your SCRIP orders
submitted & filled by **Tuesday, June 30, 2026!**
Orders received after this date will go towards
next year's rebate credit. If you are ordering cards that
we do not stock, make sure to allow time for them
to arrive—cards that are awaiting fulfillment do not count
toward your rebate credit! Participating families will see
their SCRIP rebate credit on their *first* tuition statement for
the 2026-2027 school year!



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

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



Register here

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

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

FINE ARTS Festival

FAITH. TALENT. INSPIRATION.

One stage. Many stories.
All to His glory.

ART SHOW
3:30PM

CONCERT
4:30PM

★ CONCERT THEME: ★
MOVIE MUSIC

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH



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.



Grafton Gladiators

Tackle & Flag Football Programs

Registration Open for Fall 2026 Season!

<https://www.graffton-football.com/>

Tackle Football

For: Open to all students entering 5th – 8th grades for the 2026/2027 school year

Schedule: Practice starts on Aug. 3rd
Expect 1-2 scrimmages in August
Expect weekly games to start Aug 29th

Location: Practices to be held at Zaun
Home games held at Grafton High School
Away games held at schools within the Milwaukee area

Registration: <https://www.graffton-football.com/>
Click on the 2026 Gladiators Registration button

Questions: Please reach out to
Chris Jaeger or Stefanie Bachrach
Chriswjaeger@gmail.com
Stefanie.bachrach@gmail.com

Flag Football

For: Open to all students entering 1st – 4th grades for the 2026/2027 school year

Schedule: Practice starts in August.
Games will be held 1-2 times per week from late August through October

Location: Practices to be held in Grafton
Games to be held at Zaun or Centennial Park

Registration: <https://www.graffton-football.com/>
Click on the Jr. Gladiators Flag Registration button

Questions: Please reach out to Stefanie Bachrach
Stefanie.bachrach@gmail.com

Grafton Gladiators Youth Tackle Football strives to introduce football to all youth in our community by developing solid fundamentals of football, and at the same time ingraining discipline, good sportsmanship, strong character and respect to carry over into all areas of their life. While aiming for success, we promote a positive, fun and safe environment to develop a passion and enthusiasm for football, forming bonds that will last a lifetime.

Grafton Jr. Gladiators Flag Football program was developed to introduce kids to the great game of football in a fun & safe environment. The flag program rules are modeled after the NFL flag football rules with a focus on non-contact football activity that introduces all players to the fundamentals of the game while promoting fun, good sportsmanship, and healthy physical activity.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	17-May	24-May
	Worship at 8:00; 10:30; Religious Education Hour at 9:15	Worship at 8:00; 10:30; Religious Education Hour at 9:15
Monday	18-May	25-May
	<i>MAP testing</i> PreK Field Trip to Roden Farm Children's Choir, 3:15pm Worship at 6:30pm	Memorial Day NO SCHOOL No Monday Worship 
Tuesday	19-May	26-May
	<i>MAP testing</i> PreK Field Trip to Roden Farm 4th Grade Field Trip to Madison	QDOBA Fundraiser (4-8pm)
Wednesday	20-May	27-May
	<i>MAP testing</i> CHAPEL - Alan Lull	CHAPEL - Mr. Fischer
Thursday	21-May	28-May
	<i>MAP testing</i> Band/Choirs Spring Concert 9am/5:30pm/6:30pm	2K Closing Service
Friday	22-May	29-May
	<i>MAP testing</i> 1/2 Day of School - 11:40am Dismissal NO 3&4Pre-K AM Classes PM classes attend in AM	PreK Closing Service (8:30/10:00) 4th Grade Wax Museum
Saturday	23-May	30-May
	Worship at 5:00pm;	Worship at 5:00pm;

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**:

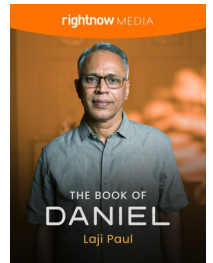


Visit <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/splcas> to create your account. Or you can: **Text-to-Sign-Up: Text SPLCAS to 49775** and receive a direct link to the registration page. **QR Code Access:** A quick scan with your smartphone will take you directly to the registration page.

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](#)

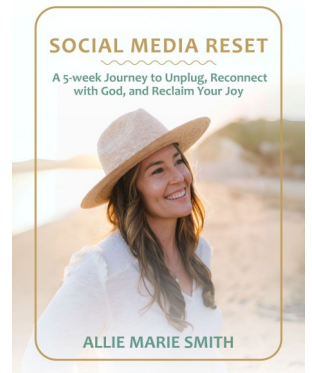


Navigating the Storms of Life by Dalene Reyburn

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.

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