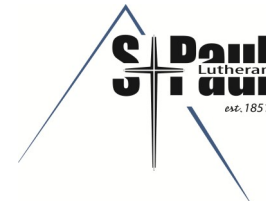


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**May 22, 2026**

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

## Finishing the Year Strong in Christ

As we come to the end of a wonderful school year, it is a blessing to reflect on all the ways God has worked throughout our school community. May is filled with excitement, celebrations, and anticipation for summer, but it is also a meaningful time to recognize the growth that has taken place this year—academically, socially, and spiritually.

Throughout this month, our school has been focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit trait of self-control. The second graders had the opportunity to lead chapel and share God’s Word through the book *The King Who Found His Self-Control*. Through this message, we were reminded that self-control is not something we can achieve on our own, but something God grows in us as we follow Him and rely on His strength.

As summer routines begin, there are many opportunities for continued growth in Christ. Whether finishing assignments well, showing kindness in friendships, or making wise choices at home and in the community, each moment is a chance to reflect Christ in daily life. Proverbs 25:28 reminds us, “A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.” God’s Word calls us to depend on Him for wisdom, strength, and guidance in every season.

It has been a joy to watch students grow throughout this school year in both learning and faith. As we step into summer, may we go with grateful hearts and confident faith, trusting that God is at work in every season. May this be a time of rest, renewal, and continued growth in His Word!

Kristen Ernest, 2nd Grade Teacher

### MAY

- 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

### 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

## 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. The 2025-26 school year is coming to a close. PreK closing service is Friday, May 29. K-8 closing service and graduation is one week later, Friday, June 5.

2. 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.

3. Do you know a good caterer? Why do I ask? We are re-evaluating our hot lunch program and are searching for alternatives to what we are currently doing. Any ideas? Please reach out to me.



## Christian Day School Singing Schedule



Sun. May 31 9:30 am Children's Choir

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## 175<sup>TH</sup> 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

## 175<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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



## 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](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org) for more information.

## MAY Baptism Remembrance

John Behling  
Evelyn Bublitz  
Abigail Charland  
Eleanor Charland  
Kinsley Collins  
Nora Froemming  
Kathryn Hilgart  
Kennedy Jacobson  
Yianni Kalpakidis  
Madeline Liegl  
Josie Meulemans  
Bentley Neumann  
Caleb Olejniczak  
Harrison Phillips  
Clark Roeder  
Beckett Schnettler  
Gloria Schultz  
Jordan Sheaffer  
Richard Smith

Gracelyn Williamson  
Hunter Zentner  
Mrs. Nelsen  
Mrs. Young



**Financial Assistance Forms for the upcoming 2025-2026 School Year** are available in the school office 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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

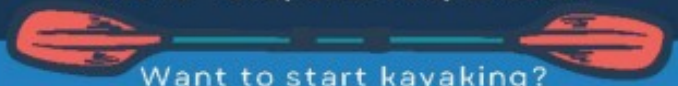
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# Family Park Dates!

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.



**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 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>

**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](mailto:Chriswjaeger@gmail.com)  
[Stefanie.bachrach@gmail.com](mailto:Stefanie.bachrach@gmail.com)

### Flag Football

**For:** Open to all students entering 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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	24-May	31-May
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00 Middle School Youth, 4-6pm
Monday	25-May	1-Jun
	<p><b>Memorial Day</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> No Monday Worship</p> 	Worship at 6:30pm
Tuesday	26-May	2-Jun
	QDOBA Fundraiser, 4-8pm	Gr. 3-4 Field Trip to Horicon Marsh Gr. K-2 Field Trip to Shalom Wildlife Gr. 5-6 Field Trip to Boundless Adventures
Wednesday	27-May	3-Jun
	<b>CHAPEL - Mr. Fischer</b>	
Thursday	28-May	4-Jun
	2K Closing Service	<p><b>Track and Field Day - AM</b> School Picnic Lunch <b>Service Projects - PM</b></p>
Friday	29-May	5-Jun
	PreK Closing Service (8:30/10:00) 4th Grade Wax Museum	<p><b>Last Day of School - 10AM Dismissal</b> <b>Closing Chapel - 8:25am</b> <b>8th Grade Graduation 6:30pm</b></p>
Saturday	30-May	6-Jun
	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**:

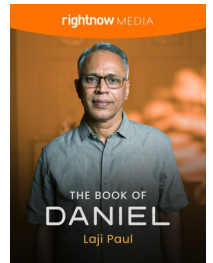


Visit <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/splcas> to create your account. Or you can: **Text-to-Sign-Up: Text SPLCAS to 49775** and receive a direct link to the registration page. **QR Code Access:** A quick scan with your smartphone will take you directly to the registration page.

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](#)

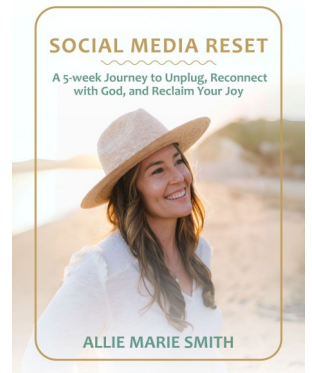


## Navigating the Storms of Life by Dalene Reyburn

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.

[Good Friday and Easter :: RightNow Media](#)

