

T H E E C H O



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May 8, 2026

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

Step Into the Next Season

As spring unfolds around us, we see reminders of new life everywhere—buds opening, grass turning green, and flowers pushing up through the soil. It’s a beautiful picture of fresh beginnings.

At the same time, the school year is beginning to wind down. Projects are wrapping up, routines are changing, and we start looking ahead to summer. This season is full of both endings and beginnings.

God’s Word reminds us that in Christ, we are always being made new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us that we are a *new creation*. That means our mistakes, struggles, and even the hard days of this school year don’t define us—Jesus does.

And even better, God’s love and mercy are *new every morning (Lamentations 3:22–23)*. Just like each spring day brings new growth, each day God gives us is a fresh start filled with His grace.

As families, this is a wonderful time to pause and reflect:

- What has God grown in us this year?
- Where have we seen His faithfulness?
- And how can we step into the next season trusting Him even more?

Mrs. Nichole Haas
3rd Grade Teacher



MAY

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

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. Thank you to everyone that supported our annual 8th Grade class trip to Washington DC. It was another incredible experience for our students as they were able to see first hand many things that they have studied while being students here at St. Paul.

2. Our end of the year Band and Choir Spring Concerts are planned for Thursday, May 21. There will be a morning performance at 9 am in the gymnasium and evening performances at 5:30 (K-4th grade students) and 6:45 (5th-8th grade students).

3. Congratulations to 4th grade student, John B., for taking 3rd Place in the nation in the National Flag Day Foundation Essay Contest for 4th-5th grade students.



**St. Paul
Lutheran School
9TH ANNUAL
Tournament of Books
2026 WINNER**



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!

**Christian Day School
Singing Schedule**



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

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@splgrifton.org

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 several more volunteers to help make VBS a success.

We are looking for:

- 1 adult to lead Elementary Sticky Scriptures (teaching the Bible verse of the day)
- 1 adult to lead preschool Sticky Scriptures (teaching the Bible verse of the day)
- 1 Adult to lead music time
- 2 youth to help with music and showing the actions

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.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

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.

5/10: 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.

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!

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.



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



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



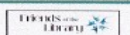
1,000'S OF BOOKS WAITING TO BE READ!

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.



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	10-May	17-May
	Worship at 8:00; 10:30; PreK sings @ 10:30 Religious Education Hour at 9:15	Worship at 8:00; 10:30; Religious Education Hour at 9:15
Monday	11-May	18-May
	<i>MAP testing</i> Progress Reports Children's Choir, 3:15pm Worship at 6:30pm	<i>MAP testing</i> PreK Field Trip to Roden Farm Children's Choir, 3:15pm Worship at 6:30pm
Tuesday	12-May	19-May
	<i>MAP testing</i>	<i>MAP testing</i> PreK Field Trip to Roden Farm 4th Grade Field Trip to Madison
Wednesday	13-May	20-May
	<i>MAP testing</i> CHAPEL - 6th Grade (Wulfkuhle)	<i>MAP testing</i> CHAPEL
Thursday	14-May	21-May
	<i>MAP testing</i> Gr. 5-6 Field Trip to Riveredge	<i>MAP testing</i> Band/Choirs Spring Concert 9am/5:30pm/6:30pm
Friday	15-May	22-May
	<i>MAP testing</i> Veggies & Ice Cream, 6pm	<i>MAP testing</i> 1/2 Day of School - 11:40am Dismissal NO 3&4 Pre-K AM Classes PM classes attend in AM
Saturday	16-May	23-May
	Worship at 5:00pm; JiVE & JuBellate play	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**:

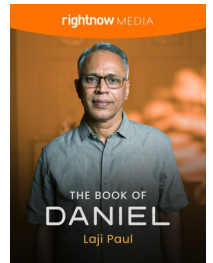


Visit <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/splcas> to create your account. Or you can: **Text-to-Sign-Up: Text SPLCAS to 49775** and receive a direct link to the registration page. **QR Code Access:** A quick scan with your smartphone will take you directly to the registration page.

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](#)

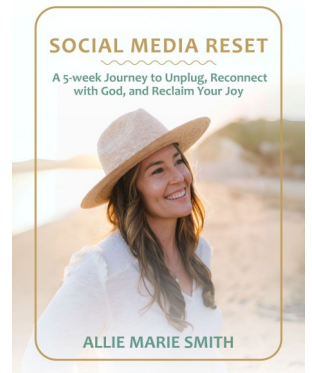


Navigating the Storms of Life by Dalene Reyburn

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](#)





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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)