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

Back to School Enthusiasm

Not that I don't love my job, but as a teacher, that first "Back to School" commercial during the summer is quite jarring. This often happens WAY earlier than I would think. It isn't even July yet when Wal-Mart and Target are out to get us. Then in the blink of an eye, Old Navy and Kohl's are back at it trying to get me to buy their clothes with some catchy song and dance commercial. Before you know it, we are getting ourselves ready for the first week of school. And boy, are we ready. Clothes are selected and laid out, lunches are constructed, backpacks are checked, labels are added, and new kicks are laced up. Preparation was at an all time high. No box was left unchecked.

But what about next week? Week 2. Will we have that same energy? As the school year goes on, it is hard to give that same level of care and preparation to each day. It just becomes "normal" and not new.

Likewise, it can be easy as sinners to take our Christian faith for granted. We may just "get used to" hearing the story of our Savior's love for us on the cross. Perhaps we take for granted all the blessings we receive daily. At a school like St. Paul, we have the opportunity to share the love and blessings from God with students every single day. This is THE most important thing, and Lord-willing will never become just some "normal" thing that we get used to talking about. My prayer for each of us is that we approach our faith life with the same enthusiasm this week as we did the first time we heard the life-saving story of Jesus as kids.

(Stay tuned for those first Christmas commercials, coming soon!)

Mr. Alan Wellna
Eighth Grade Teacher

SEPTEMBER

1	Tue	K-8 Welcome Back to School Meetings
4	Fri	NO SCHOOL
7	Mon	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
10	Thu	Courage Retreat Panther Parent Meeting
14-25	Mo-Fr	MAP Testing
16	Wed	Chapel – 5 th Grade (Zvara)
19	Sat	A Girls Volleyball Tournament
23	Wed	Chapel – Living Word Picture Retakes
25	Fri	Harvest Festival (6:00-7:30pm)
26	Sat	B Girls Volleyball Tournament
28-30	Mo-We	7 th Grade Outdoor Education
30	Wed	Chapel – 8 th Grade (Wellna)

OCTOBER

1	Thu	Panther Parent Meeting
2	Fri	Gr. 3-4 Musical (9am/6:30pm)
5-9	Mo-Fr	Pre-K Parent/Teacher Conferences
8-9	Th-Fr	K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
9	Fri	1/2 Day of School 11:40am Dismissal NO 3&4PK PM Classes
14	Wed	Chapel – 8 th Grade (Yurk)
17	Sat	Sweetest Day Auction
21	Wed	Chapel – 5 th Grade (Lamm)
28-29	We-Th	PreK/K Fall Party
28	Wed	Chapel – LJHA Induction
29	Thu	End of 1 st Quarter
30	Fri	NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER

4	Wed	Chapel – Kindergarten (Nauta)
5	Thu	Panther Parent Meeting
11	Wed	Veterans Day Chapel



NO SCHOOL
Friday, August 29 &
Monday, September 1
Labor Day

**ST. PAUL 8TH GRADE
BRAT FRY**

**Saturday, August 29
Sunday, August 30**
after services

Free-will Offering
Proceeds go towards
2027 Washington DC trip.

Please Return Your Forms—

Please be sure to return all forms (birth certificate, health exam, etc.) to the school office ASAP if you have not already done so. Thank you for your cooperation!



Return Extracurricular Participation Forms

by Sept. 2 to Mr. Kell or the office. It is available on the last page of the Extracurricular Activity Handbook that was emailed and also on the Resources page of splgrifton.org/school. If there is any possibility your child will consider participating in any extracurricular activity (athletics, choirs, forensics, jazz band, dance, archery, handbells) please read the handbook and send the signed form.

Absences...Parents, **please remember to call the school office before 8:30 am if your child is going to be late or absent from school.** For safety reasons, it is

important that every student is accounted for every day. Please be sure to inform *both* the school office staff as well as the classroom teacher.



SUMMER READERS!

Please turn in your summer reading logs by Friday, September 4. If you have any questions, please contact me at jennifer.willman@splgrifton.org, or call the school office at 377-4659. Happy Reading!!

St. Paul Harvest Festival

at Creekside Valley Farm in Mequon



PUMPKINS

Friday, September 25th

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Creekside Valley Farm

Owned and operated by Ernst Family, St. Paul Members

N13101 N. Wauwatosa Road ~ Mequon

Corn Maze, Farm Animals, Scavenger Hunts, & Games

will be free of charge to St. Paul Families

Barn Store will be open to purchase

Pumpkins, Gourds, Squash, Corn Stalks, Apples and Harvest Decor.

Please bring a flashlight to find your way thru Cornmaze. Adults must accompany ALL Students in cornmaze.

Sponsored by St. Paul Panther Parents

FALL 2026 PRACTICE SCHEDULE

VOLLEYBALL	A (7/8 GIRLS)	MONDAY	6:00-7:30
		WEDNESDAY	3:30-5:00
VOLLEYBALL	B (5/6 GIRLS)	MONDAY	3:30-5:00
(Starts Aug. 27th)		THURSDAY	3:30-5:00
VOLLEYBALL	C (4TH GIRLS)	TUESDAY	3:30-5:00
(Starts Aug. 25th)			
CROSS COUNTRY	5-8 GRADE	MONDAY	3:15-4:45
		THURSDAY	3:15-4:45
SOCCER	5-8 GRADE	TUESDAY	3:30-5:00
(Starts Aug. 25th)		THURSDAY	3:30-5:00



Reminder to Parents regarding Medication during school hours:

Medication At School



Please review the policy below regarding medications (both prescription and over-the-counter) during the school day. Do not send medication or vitamin supplements in your child's backpack. We do need signed permission forms from parents found [HERE](#), and medication must be locked up and dispensed by school staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

From the School Handbook:

MEDICATIONS

Students may take prescription medicine during school hours only with a Medical Dispensation Form signed by the issuing physician. Students may take over the counter medicine during school hours only with a Medical Dispensation Form signed by the parent. This form should accompany the prescription medicine to school and be kept on file in the school office. All prescription and over the counter medicine will be stored in a secure place, properly labeled and dispensation logged. State law requires all medications to be in their original bottle.

Room Reservation Forms

Don't forget to fill out a room reservation for your group this year! You can find the form on the lower right side of the splgrifton.org homepage to fill out at home and bring to the reception office to reserve your meeting time and space.



RESERVE THE MEETING ROOM

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION



Registration for Sunday School 2026-27 is now open. Come join us for the fun! Sunday School runs Sundays September-May from 9:30-10:30am, and is open to children ages birth-8th Grade. Our first day of Sunday school this year will be

September 20 at 9:30am in the youth room. To have your child join us for this year's Sunday School please fill out the registration form [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org.

Sunday School Volunteers Needed

SUNDAY SCHOOL
HELPERS NEEDED!



Sunday school for children ages birth through 8th grade will be starting up again in September. In order to make Sunday school a success we are looking for volunteers to help with teaching, assisting, and check-in/out. Sunday school meets Sundays from 9:30-10:30am, September through May. Provided lessons are simple to prepare and lead. You even get to choose how many weeks a month you wish to serve. To sign up here to help: <https://tinyurl.com/SSvolunteers26>.

There will be a short meeting for all Sunday school volunteers on **Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00pm** in the youth room. We will look at how the year will run and go through the curriculum for the year. Please let Tracy know if you will not be able to attend. For more information contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org.

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. Our first meeting will be **September 27 at 3pm** in the youth room. Don't forget to bring your completed release form with you. If you haven't received a release form or for more information contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org Hope to see you there.

9/27: Come join us for 9 square in the air, devotions, and snacks. No need to sign up, just come enjoy the fun!

All 3rd-5th grades are invited to an afternoon of open gym on **Sunday, October 4 from 3-4:30pm**. We will meet in the gym for fun and lots of high energy activities. We will close our time together with snacks and a short devotion. Sign up [HERE](#) to join the fun.



Save the date, Saturday October 17, 2026, for the St. Paul Lutheran Church & School benefit auction. This year's theme is "Roll Out the Red Carpet". The evening will start at 6pm with a silent auction, dinner, and live auction to follow. Donations of new items, cash or gift baskets are currently being accepted. Please bring your donations to the church/school office or email the auction committee, auction@splgraffton.org, for pick up or questions. Stay tuned for more details regarding the fun filled event.

Christian Day School Singing Schedule



Sun.	Sep. 13	11:00 am	Gr. K-8 sing for outdoor worship
Sun	Oct. 4	9:30 am	PraisePower
Fri	Oct. 2	9, 6:00	Gr. 3 & 4 Musical/One Act
Sun.	Oct. 11	11:00 am	Pre-K Sings
Sun.	Oct. 18	9:30 am	Children's Choir
Sat.	Oct. 17	5:00 pm	JiVE
Sun.	Oct. 25	9:30 am	Gr. 4-5 Sings
		11:00am	JuBellate
Sun.	Nov. 8	8:00 am	Children's Choir
Sat.	Nov. 14	5:00 pm	Gr. 2-3 Sings
Sun.	Nov. 15	9:30 am	JiVE
Wed.	Dec. 2	6:30 pm	Gr. 5-8 Advent/Christmas

You are Invited to Attend Military & First Responders Appreciation Night



during the Grafton High School
Black Hawks Football Game
Celebrations start at 6:30 pm
Kick-off at 7 pm

8-28-26

This event is **FREE** for Military and First Responders. This event is open to the public. Tickets available for purchase.



For more information contact
celebrate@grafton-wi.org



JOIN US AS HUNSIE KAUL IS BEING HONORED WITH A MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION AWARD

When: Friday, August 28, 2026

Where: Grafton High School Football Field

Time: Game starts at 7pm (during half time)

Cost: \$6 (mobile app or credit card at gate, no cash)

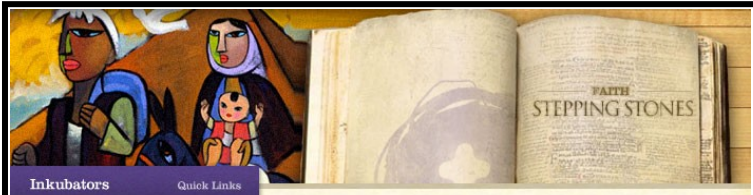
Event is **FREE** for Military & First Responders!

SAVE THE DATE FOR ST. PAUL PICNIC AND MINISTRY FAIR SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Similar to last year, members of church boards and ministries will be hosting booths at the church picnic. The booths will include photos, displays or other information to inform picnic attendees about what each ministry does for the congregation or for others. The Board of Stewardship will be sponsoring a prize drawing in connection with the ministries' booths. To participate, congregation members 18 years of age or older will receive a stamp card containing the names of all the ministries represented at the picnic. You are encouraged to visit each ministry's booth where the host will stamp your card. After you have visited each booth, your completed card will be collected and submitted for a prize drawing taking place at the end of the picnic. Prizes include an Apple I-Pad, Apple Air Pods and gift cards from some of your favorite stores. Please make the Board of Stewardship's booth your first stop to pick up your stamp card. We hope you will have fun competing for these significant prizes while learning more about the great ministries at St. Paul.

PICNIC PRIZES

Donations of new small toys and new (mini small) stuffed animals. If you have any items or funds to donate, please put them in the bin at the carport entrance.



Faith Stepping Stones

Faith Stepping Stones is faith based parenting education from cradle to high school graduation through eight short-courses, which pull parents into the role of primary faith mentors for their own children every night through blessing, prayer, scripture, Highs & Lows, and faith dialogue (FAITH 5).

Stone 3: Entry into School (Kindergarten families)

This is a three week class geared towards parents of children entering kindergarten, that covers the physical, emotional, and spiritual development of children at this age. This class will be taught on **Wednesdays, September 2, 9, and 16 from 6-7:15PM** in the youth room. Check out the link to sign up: tinyurl.com/FaithStone3.

Stone 4: My Bible

September 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21, 28;
November 4, 11

This class is for children going into 2nd and 3rd grade along with their parents. This class will run for eight weeks and be taught on Wednesday evenings at **6pm starting on Wednesday, September 24** in the Youth Room. At the end of this class children will receive a Bible from the church. Children and parents commit to read a Bible verse nightly, and continue with Highs & Lows, prayer and blessing nightly. Check out the link to sign up tinyurl.com/FaithStone4 or for more information contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org



St. Paul PICNIC

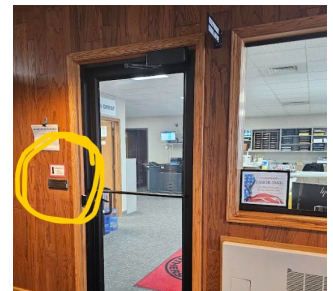
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

NOON TO 3PM

**KIDS GAMES - LUNCH - BINGO -
BOUNCE HOUSE - MINISTRY FAIR**

Need to Drop Off A Payment??

If you are leaving a check or payment for the school office outside of office hours, please utilize the drop box, and have your payment in a clearly labeled envelope describing how the payment is to be applied.



4-H OPEN HOUSE

NO ADMISSION FEE

Join us to learn all you need to know about 4-H!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

Fredonia Government Center

242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia

6:30-7:30pm

LEARN ABOUT THE OZAUKEE COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM AND THE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 5K-12 AND BEYOND

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

Ozaukee County Fairgrounds-Expo Building

W67 N866 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg

6:30-7:30pm

AREN'T ABLE TO ATTEND THE DATES ABOVE? CONTACT THE EXTENSION OZAUKEE COUNTY OFFICE AT 262-284-8288



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Be a part of the joy and help her grow.

Volunteer with Girl Scouts and help girls find what's within.

As a Girl Scouts volunteer, you will make a meaningful difference—one moment of confidence, curiosity, or courage at a time. You'll be a trusted guide and supporter, helping girls discover their strengths and believe in themselves. Find the joy, connection, and pride of knowing your presence truly matters while we make the "how" simple with tools and a caring team right there with you.

To get your Girl Scout volunteering journey started, please contact:

Lydia Karstaedt
920-565-4575 ext. 329
lydia@gsmanitou.org

Learn More & Get Started



Join in the joy and become a volunteer.

girl scouts

Girl Scout membership must be renewed annually. Membership year is October 1–September 30

Baptism Remembrance

AUGUST

Grace Ashenden
Samuel Bert
Jaxon Biedenbender
Scarlett Biedenbender
Isaiah Bluma
Wyatt Boklewski
Novalee Bolser
Addison Braunschweig
Isla Braunschweig
Kinsley Brooks
Nathan Check
Amaya Christian
Harris Cottrell
Jonah Frisque
Hannah Hasenstein
Amelia Johnson
Emma Kesler
Adalyn Koch
Weston Konitzer
Lochlan MacRae
Adalynn Metzger
Riley Nauta
Rowan Neitzel

Clara Proefrock
Carter Rebholz
Kyle Ryan
Greyson Senkbeil
Jack Sheafer
Aubrey Sherman
Peyton Smith
Selah Vollrath
Ashbea Vollrath
Lucas Wiech
Kinslee Williams
Nolan Willman
Grant Zvara
Mrs. Anderson
Mrs. Pingel
Ms. Bremer
Pastor Schultz



SEPTEMBER

Luke Behling
Wrenly Brown
Andrew Bruss
Charleigh Bucholz
Hilde Byrnes
Jason Eckert
Barrett Graminske
Ronin Graminske
Lillian Hallett
Harlow Hasenstein
Harper Hasenstein
William Holz
Auburn Kohlwey
Mason Kosciesza
Logan Mielke
Svea Olsen
Mason Rebholz
Bradley Russell
Alyssa Schmedake
Sophie Schrader

Amelia Sheafer
Ryder Tarasewicz
Tatum Tillmann
Tucker Tillmann
Louis Wellna
Reese Wellna
Alexander Wiech
Mr. Wellna
Mrs. Werner



6TH-8TH GRADE

YOUTH PEP BAND

Perform on **Thursday, September 10, 2026**
at the Living Word Football Game!

Arrive at 5:45 PM
Game starts at 7:00 PM



LWLHS.COM/EVENTS

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Youth DANCE CLINIC

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Practice - 4:30-7:30 PM
Dinner Included

Approx. 7:45 PM - Performance at Halftime of Football Game

OPEN TO GIRLS IN 3RD-8TH GRADE
\$40 (includes t-shirt)

LWLHS.COM/EVENTS



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Plan your Visit!

Middle school families are invited to schedule a personal tour or shadow day and experience life at Living Word!



www.lwlhs.com/visit

Come experience Living Word!

Middle school families, now is a great time to see what Living Word is all about! The Lord continues to bless our ministry with incredible GROWTH, including a **record enrollment** of more than **320 students** and back-to-back incoming classes of **90+ students!**

Come experience that growth for yourself by scheduling a personal tour or student shadow day.

8th grade families: Applications for next year's incoming freshman class open October 1, 2026!

Go to www.lwlhs.com/visit to schedule your personal visit or download a copy of our Parent Information Packet to see what Living Word has to offer!

www.lwlhs.com/parentinfopacket

Be part of **CRUSADER NATION**



OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | 6-8 PM
SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN HIGH, 3323 UNIVERSITY DRIVE, SHEBOYGAN

5TH - 8TH GRADERS & FAMILIES:
LEARN MORE & REGISTER!



SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
PREPARING CHRISTIAN LEADERS - ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

COMMUNITY FAMILY FAIR



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2-6 PM
SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
3323 UNIVERSITY DRIVE, SHEBOYGAN

FREE TICKETS AT THE WELCOME TENT!




LUTERANHIGH.COM/FAMILYFAIR



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	30-Aug	6-Sep
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00
Monday	31-Aug	7-Sep
	Worship @ 6:30pm	No School - Labor Day Weekend NO Worship @ 6:30pm 
Tuesday	1-Sep	8-Sep
	K-8 Welcome Back to School Meetings 6:00 Large Group, 6:30 Classrooms 7:15 Classrooms & Band, 8:00 Band	
Wednesday	2-Sep	9-Sep
	CHAPEL - Pastor Schultz Cross Country @ Grace, MF Stone 3: Entry into School, 6pm	CHAPEL - Pastor Anderson VB vs. Grace, MF; 5/6-4:30, 7/8-5:30, 7/8-6:30 Cross Country @ Peace Hartford Stone 3: Entry into School, 6pm
Thursday	3-Sep	10-Sep
	Panther Parents, 6:30pm	7th/8th Grade Courage Retreat VB @ St. John, Plymouth; 5/6-4:30, 7/8-5:30 Soccer @ David Start; 4:00
Friday	4-Sep	11-Sep
	No School - Labor Day Weekend	
Saturday	5-Sep	12-Sep
	Worship at 5:00pm	Living Word VB Tournament (7th/8th) Worship at 5:00pm

Women's Fall Bible Study

A New Song *Psalms of the Messiah*

Six-week study beginning

Monday, September 21 - 6:30pm

ROOTED WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY 'A NEW SONG', PSALMS OF THE MESSIAH

Begins Monday, **September 21 at 6:30pm**. Join us for 6 weeks weaving God's Word into your day, encouraging you as His precious & redeemed daughter.
Study meets 1st & 3rd Monday evenings through November 30.

Contact Tracy.Krueger@splgrifton.org

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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?



Psalm 119 by Matt Chandler

Even the most mature believers face dark nights of the soul. During those times God seems distant, his Word feels dry, and the vibrant intimacy we knew before seems absent leaving us wondering, "Where is the Lord in this?" In Psalm 119, Matt Chandler aims to introduce viewers to the words of King David who experienced similar seasons of life. Serving as the anchor for the study, Psalm 119 demonstrates the power of God's Word in the lives of believers and its ability to provide a warm blanket for the soul. (10 sessions) [Psalm 119](#)

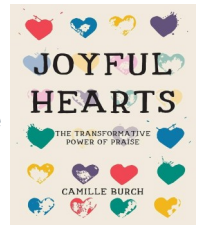
Papyrus Tales, Volume 1 - In the Beginning (ages 7-9)

Papyrus Tales brings the timeless stories of the Bible to life through captivating animation and faithful storytelling. Journey alongside heroes, kings, prophets, and ordinary people whose lives were transformed by extraordinary encounters with God. From acts of courage and faith to lessons of mercy, obedience, and redemption, each episode faithfully retells a biblical account while engaging a new generation of viewers with imagination and wonder. Inspired by the ancient papyrus scrolls that preserved God's Word through the centuries, Papyrus Tales invites children and families to discover the people, places, and events that shaped the biblical story. [Papyrus Tales](#)



Joyful Hearts: Created to Praise by Camille Burch

What if praise could change everything? This 7 session series takes a deep dive to explore the practice of praise. Learn how praise is a gift from God to transform our heart posture keeping us joyful, and - most importantly - focused on Jesus! [Joyful Hearts: Created to Praise :: RightNow Media](#)



The Essentials of Care by Joel Wharton & Kirsta Benedetti

Suffering has a way of raising questions that easy answers cannot satisfy. Whether facing illness, grief, chronic pain, trauma, or the spiritual confusion that often accompanies hardship, many believers find themselves wrestling with doubt, disappointment, and a faith that feels shaken. At the same time, friends, family members, pastors, and caregivers often want to help but struggle to know what to say—or what not to say. This eight-session series offers a biblically grounded approach to caring for those who are sick and suffering. Rather than relying on clichés or simplistic explanations, it explores how Scripture makes room for honest questions, deep lament, and enduring hope. Participants will discover how God meets people in their pain, why lament is an essential expression of faith, and how to walk alongside others with wisdom, compassion, and humility. Each session combines biblical teaching with practical guidance for navigating conversations about suffering, doubt, and God's presence in seasons of crisis. Whether you are personally experiencing suffering or seeking to care well for someone who is, this series will equip you to respond with truth, grace, and Christlike love—offering hope that is rooted not in easy answers, but in the faithful presence and promises of God. [The Essentials of Care](#) of intimacy, communication, and connection with your spouse. Whether you're a newlywed or have been married for decades, this series can be your path to a stronger, more beautiful masterpiece of God's handiwork. [Art of Marriage® :: RightNow Media](#)

