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September 3, 2026

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

The first week of school is behind us! What a gift it has been to watch our classrooms come alive with new friendships, new routines, new discoveries, and, most importantly, opportunities to see **Christ's Kingdom in Motion**.

As parents, you have entrusted us with something incredibly precious—your children. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with you as we help them learn, grow, and discover the gifts God has placed within them.

The beginning of a school year can bring a mixture of excitement, anticipation, uncertainty, and even a few tears.

Yet through all of these moments, we are reminded that God is at work. Every conversation, every act of kindness, every question asked, every problem solved, and every encouraging word can become an opportunity to reflect Christ's love.

1 Peter 4:10 reminds us, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

What a beautiful reminder for our school community! God has given each of us unique gifts—not simply for ourselves, but so that we can use those gifts to serve others.

Our children are discovering their gifts and learning how to use them. Some may naturally encourage others. Some may be creative problem-solvers. Others may lead, help, listen, build, imagine, or show compassion. As teachers, we have the privilege of helping children recognize that their gifts come from God and can be used to bless those around them.

And parents, **you are an essential part of this movement of God's Kingdom**. The way you encourage your child, model kindness, pray with them, listen to them, and teach them to serve others makes an eternal difference.

As we move into the weeks ahead, our prayer is that our classrooms will be more than places where children gain academic knowledge. We pray they will be places where children experience God's love, discover their God-given gifts, learn to serve others, and understand that they have an important part to play in His Kingdom.

So, as we look back on this first week, let's celebrate the little moments—the smiles, the friendships, the acts of kindness, the courage to try something new, and the moments when a child discovers, *"I can do this!"*

These moments may seem small, but God often uses small things to accomplish great purposes.

Christ's Kingdom is in motion—and we are blessed to be part of it.

Thank you for partnering with us, trusting us, and sharing your children with us. May God continue to guide our families, strengthen our teachers, and use each of us to make His love visible in the lives of our children.

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Mrs. Dauna Werner
PreK Teacher

SEPTEMBER

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)



NO SCHOOL
Friday, September 4 &
Monday, September 7
Labor Day

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.



St. Paul

PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

NOON TO 3PM

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

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

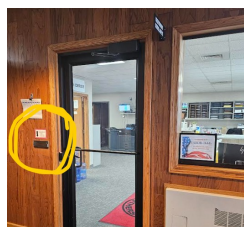
Similar to last year, members of church boards and ministries will be hosting booths at the church picnic. The booths will include photos, displays or other information to inform picnic attendees about what each ministry does for the congregation or for others. The Board of Stewardship will be sponsoring 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.

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.



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



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

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 splgraffton.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.



"Roll Out the Red Carpet" is the St. Paul Lutheran Church & School Benefit Auction theme. Dress up in your finest and attend the fun-filled festivities on Saturday, October 17th. Doors open with a silent auction at 6pm followed by a catered dinner and live auction. Advanced admission ticket information will follow in the coming weeks. The auction committee is currently accepting donations of cash, wine, gift certificates, new items, and gift baskets. Bring your donation to the school office. If you have any questions or need a donation pick up, please contact auction@splgraffton.org.

Christian Day School Singing Schedule



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

Reminder to Parents regarding Medication during school hours:

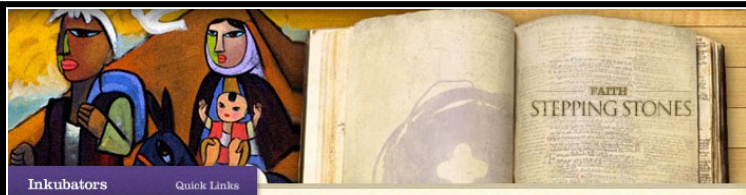
Please review the policy below regarding medications (both prescription and over-the-counter) during the school day. Do not send medication or vitamin supplements in your child's backpack. We do need signed permission forms from parents found [HERE](#), and medication must be locked up and dispensed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

Medication At School



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



THE MOMCO

**Come and join in fellowship with
other moms!**

**Second Thursday of the month
Starts September 10th
8:45 am - 10:30 am**

Questions? Contact: Kelsey Metzger
(parish.education@splgraffton.org)

WALKING GROUP

Come join in fellowship, devotion
and a little exercise

Every Tuesday in FLC

9:00 — 10:30 AM



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@splgraffton.org

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

Even Odds PIZZA FUNDRAISER

PLAN A PIZZA NIGHT ON

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

TO HELP EARN MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

50% OFF ALL SALES

WILL BE DONATED TO

St. Paul Lutheran School!

MUST MENTION
St. Paul Lutheran School
TO RECEIVE CREDIT!

ORDER FROM 10AM-8PM

DINE IN or CARRY OUT

ONLINE ORDERS MUST CHECK DINING FOR DOLLARS (D4D) BOX & NOTE ST. PAUL SCHOOL WHEN PLACING ORDER

ORDER ONLINE OR CALL 262.376.0420

Even Odds PIZZA

Round Pizzas

Donation \$0.01

2) Click Add

1) Click Donation

YOUR ORDER SUMMARY

1 12 Inch HandTossed EO Cheese	\$8.99
1 D4D Donation	\$0.01
Subtotal	\$9.00
Tax	\$0.50
Total	\$9.50

Checkout

3) Click Add to Cart

4) St. Paul earns 50% of the total spent

Order Here!
10AM - Midnight

EVENODDS ONLINE ORDER EXAMPLE

Have a pizza night & help fundraise for St. Paul on OCTOBER 13!

THANK YOU for supporting St. Paul!

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	6-Sep	13-Sep
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00 K-8 Sings @ 11 Church and School Picnic, 12pm
Monday	7-Sep	14-Sep
	No School - Labor Day Weekend  NO Worship @ 6:30pm	MAP TESTING VB @ FIL; 5th-4:00, 6th-5:00, 7/8-6:00 & 7:00 Soccer @ Riverside Park WB vs. Good Shepherd, 4:30 Worship @ 6:30pm
Tuesday	8-Sep	15-Sep
		MAP TESTING VB @ Bethlehem Sheboygan; 7/8-4:15 & 5:15 Soccer @ Riverside Park WB vs. St. John WB, 4:15
Wednesday	9-Sep	16-Sep
	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	MAP TESTING CHAPEL - 5th Grade (Zvara) Stone 3: Entry into School, 6pm
Thursday	10-Sep	17-Sep
	7th/8th Grade Courage Retreat VB @ St. John, Plymouth; 5/6-4:30, 7/8-5:30 Soccer @ David Star; 4:00	MAP TESTING VBI vs. Trinity Sheboygan; 5/6-4:00, 7/8-5:00
Friday	11-Sep	18-Sep
	5/6 Volleyball tournament @ St. John Plymouth	MAP TESTING
Saturday	12-Sep	19-Sep
	Living Word VB Tournament (7th/8th) 5/6 Volleyball tournament @ St. John Plymouth Worship at 5:00pm	A Girls Volleyball Tournament 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?



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](#)

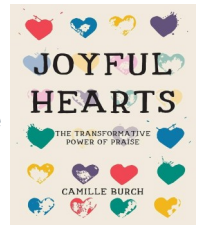
Papyrus Tales, Volume 1 - In the Beginning (ages 7-9)

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](#)

