

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

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Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping today!

Fellowship: Refreshments available in the Gathering Hall Sundays 9am-10:45am.

Holy Communion: Celebrated during all Worship Services on the first, third & fifth weekends each month.

Parents With Children: Children's bulletins & Busy Bags are available. There is a quiet room in the back of church.

We Care Cards: Everyone attending is asked to complete a card found in the pew rack and collected during worship.

Volunteers (Acolytes, Live-stream & PowerPoint help): Sign-up at tinyurl.com/SPLsignups.

Traditional Worship

*Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am, 11am
Monday 6:30pm

Contemporary Worship

*Sunday 9:30am

*Live-streamed at:

splgraffton.org/church/livestream &
vimeo.com/event/3215174

Servant Leaders:

Pastor: Luke Anderson
Pastor: Jacob Schultz
Pastor of Care Ministry: Timothy Maschke
Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prah
Pastor Emeritus: John Suelflow
Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf
Principal: Michael Yurk
Director of Music: Valerie Bremer
DCE: Tracy Krueger

**EQUIPPING
Every Generation
to *Live Rooted*
in JESUS**



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 27, 2025

And Thomas answered and said to Him
**MY LORD
AND MY GOD!**

J O H N 2 0 : 2 8



AS WE GATHER...Proof is surely what we want, but instead of the kind of proof that would remove the need for faith, God gives us His own marks of suffering to satisfy our fears. We find our refuge in the wounds of Christ. Thomas found them and the doubter became a believer. All of us find answers to the troubles and trials of this mortal life in the wounds of Christ, and from these wounds we confess to the world, "My Lord and my God!" Don't let your doubts and fears drive you away from Jesus. Go to Him with them all, and He has promised to build us up in faith.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS and “A LOOK INSIDE” VIDEO and RECOGNITION OF VALERIE BREMER

(Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during sermon hymn.)

OPENING HYMN “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

LSB 720

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed, alleluia!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION *Psalm 105:4, 8*

Pastor: Seek the LORD and His strength;

People: seek His presence continually!

Pastor: He remembers His covenant forever,

People: the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.

Pastor: Bidden by the Lord and confident of His steadfast love and mercy, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

Pastor: Merciful Lord, almighty Father,

People: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF PRAISE “Splendor and Honor”

LSB 950

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION *(8am)* “Rejoice!” Handbells

FIRST READING *Acts 5:12–32* *Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life. (Holy Bible p. 1161)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Revelation 1:4–18* *To Him who loves us be glory forever. (Holy Bible p. 1310)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Romans 6:9; John 20:29b*
Pastor: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
People: death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 20:19–31 Thomas confronts Jesus with his doubts and Jesus confronts him with His wounds to show that the news of the resurrection is true. (Holy Bible p. 1154)*
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
People: (sung) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People:** (sung) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN “O Sons and Daughters of the King” LSB 470, St. 1, 5-9

SERMON “My Lord and My God,” by Pastor Schultz, based on John 20:19–31.

APOSTLES’ CREED (see screens or back of LSB)

OFFERTORY HYMN “By All Your Saints in Warfare” LSB 517, St. 1, 6, 3

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (see screens)

LORD’S PRAYER (see screens or back of LSB)

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” LSB 525, St. 1, 3, 4
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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE–9:30am	
PRE-SERVICE	CHILDREN’S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE
WELCOME and “A LOOK INSIDE” VIDEO and RECOGNITION OF VALERIE BREMER (Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during opening song.)	WORD OF GOD Acts 5:12–32 (Holy Bible p. 1161)
INVOCATION	PRAYERS / LORD’S PRAYER
OPENING SONGS “Is He Worthy;” “Made For More”	WORD OF GOD John 20:19–31 (Holy Bible p. 1154)
CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS	SERMON “My Lord and My God,” by Pastor Schultz, based on John 20:19–31.
SONG OF PRAISE “Above All”	APOSTLES’ CREED
ANTHEM “Psalm 103,” Praise Power”	BLESSING
	CLOSING SONG “Firm Foundation”



MONDAY NIGHT SERVICES ARE BACK
Monday night services will resume this week, Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:30pm.
-Board of Elders

WE ARE RECOGNIZING VALERIE BREMER THIS WEEKEND AS OUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY
We will have a table in the Gathering Hall for you to write a note of thanks for Valerie or drop a card in one of the boxes. -Board of Elders



SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR

9:30am–Family Life Center

April 27: Jesus as Messiah: Why Don't Jews Believe?

Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

May 4: Jesus as Messiah: Why Don't Jews Believe?

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COME AND SEE

Topic: The CHOSEN

Led by: Steve Leonard

Day/Time: Monday's at 5:30pm (Ends on June 2)

Location: Providence Place

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS RESUMES APRIL 30

Leader: Pastor Anderson

Topic: Scripture in Context

When: Wednesdays April 30-May 28; 6:30pm

Location: Family Life Center

Join us for this five week Bible study, as we examine passages of Scripture that are often misunderstood or not fully grasped because the context surrounding the verses are not carefully considered. This study will both shed light on these passages and offer an approach that will aid in one's personal reading of Scripture.

All are welcome to come!

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Topic: Mark

Led by: Bob Kasten

Day/Time: Thursdays, 6:30am

Location: Front Conference Room

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Come join us for the fun! Sunday School runs Sundays September-May from 8:15-9:15am, and is open to children ages 3 through 6th Grade.

4/27: This week's Bible story is from John 19:16-20:18, Jesus has victory over death. We will be learning that God wins and so we have victory over sin and death.

5/4: Join us as we learn that Jesus is powerful and he gives us power as we look at Psalm 68:18-20 and Acts 1:1-20.

Questions? Contact Tracy Krueger at
tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org

NEW! WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: REDEEMING YOUR TIME BY JORDAN RAYNOR

Our schedules can be overwhelming. Even with the countless time-management resources available to us, our ability to find balance between work and life can feel fruitless. But when we look at the lifestyle of Jesus, we see an example of what it looks like to be efficient while finding balance. In this four-session series, bestselling author Jordan Raynor discusses key principles and practices, rooted in the example of Jesus, that will help us use the time we have in the best way. Register at tinyurl.com/Redeeming25 by Friday, April 18 for the session that works best for you!

- Thursdays, April 24, May 1, May 8 and May 15; 6:30-8pm in St. Paul School Library
- Fridays, April 25, May 2, May 9 and May 16; 8:30-10am in Church Conference Room

Free study materials provided in the first session.

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 from 3-4:30pm in the Youth Room. Please watch for email updates and reminders throughout the year.

4/27: We will be playing 9 square in the air and sharing a short devotion. As always snacks will be provided. Don't forget to invite your friends!

Questions? Contact Tracy Krueger at
tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org

PRAYER SHAWL CRAFTERS RESCHEDULED



We will meet on **Monday, APRIL 28, at 1pm** in the Teachers Workroom

VEGGIES & ICE CREAM



Families are invited to come join us on **Friday, May 2** from **6-7pm** as we watch *A Snoodle's Tale: A Lesson in Self Worth*. We will also be making some fun crafts and enjoying some ice cream. Signup here to join the fun: tinyurl.com/VeggiesMay25.

Questions? Contact Tracy Krueger at
tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org

FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Subs that give back!

10% of all sales will directly benefit:

ST. PAUL YOUTH

Wednesday, April 30
4PM - 8PM

COUSINS SUBS
442 Falls Rd.
GRAFTON, WI

PASTOR WENDORF'S WEEKLY DEVOTION TRUST

Trust in the Lord forever, For in God the Lord, we have An everlasting Rock. Isaiah 26:4

Who do you trust? When I think of trust I think of someone who is reliable, honest, and knows how to do a good job. When you are looking for an auto mechanic or a doctor, those traits are essential. For example, if you asked someone if they trusted their mechanic, and they replied: "Most of the time." Would you use that person? As a follower of Jesus, we are reminded that He is one that can be trusted. Our text states two important characteristics. One, the Lord is forever. That means throughout our lives, He will be there. Secondly, He is a rock. "On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand" (LSB 575). On earth, no one including ourselves is perfectly trustworthy. Fortunately, we have Someone who is! His name is Jesus. *Thank You resurrection Lord, that You are our everlasting rock.*

*You are welcome to contact Pastor Wendorf to share your thoughts regarding his weekly devotions:
pastor.wendorf@splgraffton.org*

EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER—FAITHFUL TO THE FINISH



Thank you for your ongoing prayerful and financial support as we expand our ministry and facility. The new building is close to completion, and we will be enjoying this expanded space at the end of the summer! As we approach the end of this school year and prepare to decommission the south wing building, we are asking for your help to stay Faithful to the Finish for Every Generational Faithful Together.

We will begin accessing our loan and can lower the amount needed through contributions provided in May. Every additional \$1 given today is worth \$1.80 over the 20-year life of the loan.

Together we can make an impact...if

- 100 people give \$1000 = \$100,000
- 200 people give \$500=\$100,000
- 400 people give \$250=\$100,000

If you have already made a pledge, it would also be helpful to receive any of those commitment funds early. This will also help reduce the amount we need to borrow.

Ways to Give:

- Give securely online using Vanco: secure.myvanco.com/L-YT1K/campaign/C-15F96
- Send via Venmo: @spl-grafton (note: Faithful; last 4 Digits: 0360)
- Use the yellow "Building Fund" envelopes and drop in the offering boxes in the Narthex.

Your gift before May 31, 2025 will help reduce the debt needed, secure our financial future, and provide the resources needed to serve our church, school, and community for years to come.

Together we are Faithful to the Finish for Every Generation.

If you're curious about our progress, click here to see a brief video, "A Look Inside" vimeo.com/1077412412

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



VBS this year is **June 16-20, 9am-12pm**. We are still looking for a number of volunteers to help with VBS this summer. Check out the volunteer sign up form at tinyurl.com/VBSVolunteer25.

Registration is NOW OPEN for this year's VBS, True North. Come join us for the fun! Our VBS is set for June 16-20, 2025 from 9am to 12pm, and is open to children who have COMPLETED 3PK thru 5th Grade. There is a \$20 per child fee for VBS, which helps to cover the cost of things such as t-shirts, music, and snacks. Register before 5/20/25 to be sure to get a t-shirt. We can't wait to jump into this faith-filled adventure this Summer as we learn to trust Jesus in a wild world. Space is limited so sign up today for the best 5 days of the summer! Register your kids up for the fun and learning today: tinyurl.com/SPLVBS2025



VBS DONATIONS

We are collecting a wide variety of items for VBS this summer, see the bulletin board in the carport entry way. Please consider donating one or more of the needed items. All donations need to be returned to the church by **Sunday, June 1**. Thank you for your support!

Questions? Contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org or 262-377-4659 x105.

SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. YURK



1. Our 8th grade students are traveling to Washington DC for their class trip. Highlights of the trip will include four students laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, an inside tour of the White House, and stops at various monuments and museums.
2. We're going to need help! Hopefully that caught your attention. We're starting to think about the transition into the new building. The school year ends on May 30. We need to completely move out of the south wing by Wednesday, June 4. That means teachers will be packing up their classrooms and we'll be putting their items in their new rooms. Exact moving information will be shared in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!
3. End of the school year events are in the process of being planned. Our annual Spring Concert will be held on Thursday, May 8. All of our St. Paul school choirs and bands will be performing. One concert will take place at 9am and two later in the day at 5:30pm (K-4 students) and 6:30pm (5-8 students).



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN GOLF CLASSIC

Friday, June 6, 2025
West Bend Lakes Golf Club

Cost: \$125 per golfer / \$500 foursome
(Includes 18-holes, cart, lunch, dinner, prizes and more)

Time: Shotgun start at 10:00am
Check-in begins at 8:30am
Gather near golf carts for prayer at 9:45am

REGISTER YOUR GROUP TODAY:
tinyurl.com/SPLGolf25

-OR-

Complete a Registration Form. Registration Forms are available in the St. Paul School Office. Please submit completed Registration Forms to the St. Paul School Office.

LWML SWD FEMALE CHURCH WORKER SCHOLARSHIP

The LWML South Wisconsin District provides scholarship funds for young women enrolled in professional church work programs at any of our LCMS Concordia Universities.

Full information and application procedures are available at lwml-swd.org/scholarships.

Applications are due April 30, 2025.

STUDENT AID FUND 2025-2026

Attention Students Considering or Enrolled in a Synodical School: Any congregational member who will attend a synodical school on a full-time basis and will be training for a career as a full-time church worker within the LCMS is eligible to apply for aid. Application forms are available online at splgraston.org. Please return completed forms to the church office. Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2025**.

Questions? Contact Gabriel Metzger (Board of Elders) at gmetzger@me.com.

MAY LERT MEETING

Please join us on **Tuesday, May 13 @ 6:30pm** in the Family Life Center.

*Trauma is complex.
Helping doesn't
have to be.*



LUTHERAN CHURCH CHARITIES TRAINING EVENT

Our world is stressed and hurting. People around you need spiritual and emotional care. Join LCC and St. Paul Lutheran to learn how you can become an effective spiritual first responder, right where God has placed you. Jesus taught us to love and serve our neighbors. Discover how you can be the empathetic, helping presence He has called you to be.

- ✓ Learn the basics of Spiritual First Aid™, a biblically informed framework for crisis care
- ✓ Gain practical helping skills through applied activities and role-playing
- ✓ Understand research-backed tactics, trauma care practices, and field-tested tools

Friday, May 2 & Saturday, May 3

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



St. Paul Lutheran Church

701 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024

Register by Apr 24 | Lunch included on May 3



ST. PAUL ANNUAL YOUTH PLANT SALE MAY 10, 2025

MAY WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING Thursday, May 1 at 12pm in the FLC

As Believers in the Resurrected Lord, the women of the Guild will devote time in exploring more truths through scripture, led this month by Pastor Prahl. A light lunch will be served, followed by the three and four year old students of St. Paul School giving voice through song. Our gathering will conclude as we pull together details for our June 4th Spring Salad Luncheon, which will be open to all; profit distribution is to be determined in a missional manner.

Music: Ms. Valerie Bremer / Greg Batiansila
Leader: Rev. Timothy Maschke

Altar Guild: Maribeth Witkowski, Joyce Kroemer
Sermon: Rev. Jacob Schultz

SERVICE	ELDERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	Gabriel Metzger	Joanne Wolf
Sun., 8am	George Krueger	Bob Utech
Sun., 9:30am	Jim Wegner	Todd Willman
Sun., 11am	Mark Papcke	Mark Papcke
Mon., 6:30pm	Stu Natale	

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Jeremy Albers Sr.; Pamela Anschuetz; Sandra Ashenden; Debbie Biedenbender* (wife of Steve Biedenbender); *Connie Borchardt; Roger Butt; Norma Debroux; Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Prah); *Sharon Erdmann; Peter & Midge Faris* (friends of Michelle & Tony Palabrica); *Sharon Karl* (grandmother of Nick Biedenbender); *Kris Lindsay; Cindy Hilgendorf* (sister of Gail Goetter); *Tom Kiener* (brother of Larry Kiener); *Melissa Kern* (sister of Greg Kern Sr.); *Roger Kison* (friend of Keith & Gail Goetter); *George Krueger; Ron Kuta; Natalie Mellendorf; Dale Poisson; Megan Rockrohr* (daughter of Rob & Renae Frisque); *Marion Spiekerman; Jean Stickney; Doris Tetzlaff* (mother of Kathy Chromy); *Sue Truchan; Robert Ulig; Audrey Wollner; Wendy Zettinig*

Long Term Illness / Treatment: *Drew Bartell* (son of Mona Bartell); *Jesse Bartell* (nephew of Mona Bartell); *Samuel Becker* (grandson of Lucille Becker); *Dave Boehm* (friend of Tim & Jenny Clemens); *Delaine Bussard* (friend of Debra Kelley); *Christine Capstran* (daughter of Lyle & Terry Sperber); *Sharon Caulfield* (mother/mother-in-law of Alison & Steve Eckert); *Stacy Fairbert* (niece of Jody Reiter); *Tom Fitzgerald* (friend of Tom Lubner); *Dan Haupt* (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); *Daniel Kekic* (nephew of Paulette Rammel); *Laurie McGraw* (friend of Brian & Shari Buske); *Sarah Reiss, Kay Ryder* (sister of Kevin Zirtlaff); *Pat Stifter; Rev. Kurt Ziemann* (son of Gordy & Mary Ann Ziemann)

Safe travels for *St. Paul 8th graders and adults* traveling to Washington D.C.

GIFT & MEMORIAL

A Gift has been given to the glory of God in appreciation of *Valerie Bremer's* dedication and service to St. Paul Lutheran Church and School.

A Memorial has been given to the glory of God to St. Paul Lutheran Church in memory of *Gladys Erdmann*.

CHURCH RECORDS

Funeral: *Glenn F. Dohrmann*, born July 18, 1926. went to be with Jesus on April 11, 2025. A Christian funeral was held for him at St. Paul on Monday, April 21, 2025.

Funeral: *Connie M. Eernisse*, born April 14, 1955, went to be with Jesus on April 14, 2025. A Christian funeral was held for her at St. Paul on Saturday, April 26, 2025.

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL

Visit splgrafton.org/church and Look for the **Give Now! Button**

- **IN-PERSON:** Offerings may be placed in a collection box near the exits.
- **MAIL/DROP-OFF:** 701 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am to 4pm.
- **VENMO:** Search for: @SPL-Grafton. Please note for: Offering; Last 4 Digits: 0360
- **VANCOONLINE ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Visit splgrafton.org/church/giving (then click Online Giving).
- **VANCO MOBILE APP:** Vanco Mobile is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" to download the app.
- **TEXT-TO-GIVE:** Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute to 855.927.0750 (example: 25 for \$25). You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation.
- **TEXT-TO-GIVE DIRECTLY TO THE EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER MINISTRY EXPANSION FUND:** Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute followed by the letters EGFT, to 855.927.0750. For example, text "25 EGFT" to contribute \$25. You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. Every contribution sent to this number will go directly to the Every Generation Faithful Together fund.

Thank you for supporting St. Paul. If you have questions, contact St. Paul Finance Office at 262- 377-4659.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Merlin & Janet
Behnke



Joe, Amanda, Zoey
& Hannah Benney



Aaron
Bye



Jacob, Jade, Willow &
Weston Dragich



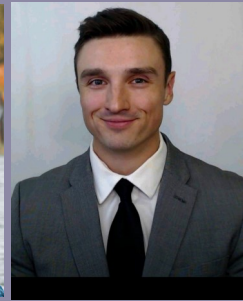
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Billy & Kristen
Ernest



Nick & Madeline Froland



Nolan Fullington



Katie, Michael, Claire &
Jack Hansen



Kevin & Amy Hjort



Jeff & Sandra Huff



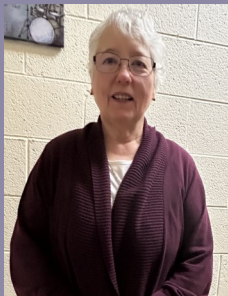
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Annabelle, Jackson
& Adaline Huff



Zach, Heather &
Aubrey Kinney



Jeffrey, Lisa & Quinn
Lilja



Virginia
Masengarb



Ryan, Melissa,
Henry, Isla &
Rowan Neitzel



Zach, Shannon &
Charlotte Maassen



John, Ashley, Rose &
Ruby Palese



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& Hailey Skoug



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