

**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 in 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 operators): Sign up at tinyurl.com/SPLsignups.

Traditional Worship

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

Contemporary Worship

*Sunday 9:30am

*Live-streamed at:

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

Servant Leaders:

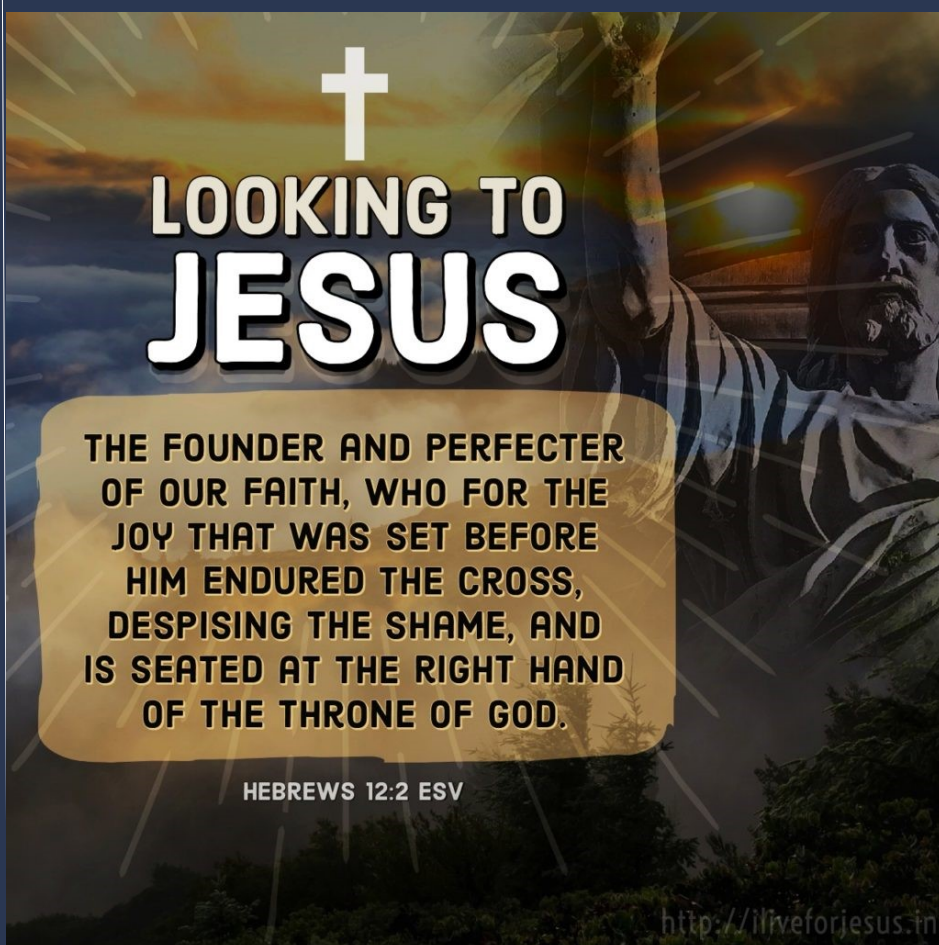
Pastor: Luke Anderson
Pastor: Jacob Schultz
Pastor of Care Ministry: Timothy Maschke
Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prael
Pastor Emeritus: John Suelflow
Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf
Principal: Michael Yurk
Director of Music: Valerie Bremer
DCE: Tracy Krueger

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



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 17, 2025



AS WE GATHER...The verbal command "Hold on!" is one that gets our immediate attention. We know instinctively that holding on will keep us safe or secure in some way as we journey through life. The pages of Scripture call us to "hold on" to some very special things. In the letter to the Hebrews, the writer enjoins us: "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering" (Hebrews 10:23). Paul directs his coworker, Timothy, (and all of us) to "Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called" (1 Timothy 6:12) and encourages him to be "holding faith and a good conscience" (1 Timothy 1:19). Our worship together gives us the opportunity to hold on not only to our Lord Jesus Christ but also to one another as we journey on together toward our heavenly home.

COMMUNION STATEMENT

As you prepare to receive the Lord's Body and Blood, please review these questions:

1. Am I sorry for my sins and do I repent of them?
2. Do I believe in Jesus as my Savior and that His body and blood are truly present together with the bread and the wine?
3. Do I want to live as a forgiven Christian, in love to God and neighbor, with the help of the Holy Spirit?
4. Am I a member of an LCMS congregation or a congregation in fellowship with the LCMS?

*If you are not in agreement with these questions,
please refrain from communing or speak with a pastor before communing.*

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES – Saturday 5pm; Sunday 8am; Monday 6:30pm

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELLS

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

OPENING HYMN "Step by Step" (*Written for the 175th Anniversary Celebration of St. Paul on July 28, 2026*)



1.Guid - ed by the Ho - ly Spir - it's lead - ing One
2.Faith - ful past - ors and tea - chers fol - lowed With
3.Through the years St. Paul kept on grow - ing With
4.Chal - len - ges a - bound still in our land. To -

hun - dred sev - en - ty five years a - go, Men and wo - men chal - len ges a -
faith - ful mem - bers work - ing be - side. Eag - er - ly pro - claim - ing through - out
train - ing of the child - ren in school. Wed - dings, bap - tisms, wor - ship and com -
day we step out in faith with joy, Shar - ing and pro - claim - ing hope from

bound - ing, Laid foun - da - tions for a church and a school.
all the land Je - sus' mes - sage of His out - stand - ing love.
mun - ion, Point - ing to God's Word in all that is done.
God a - bove. We're the ones who are now called to lead the way.

Step by step in faith we go to - day. Trust - ing in our God to guide the way. Pro -

claim - ing the grace that Christ a - lone does give Know - ing hea - ven not earth is our home.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 119:89–94*

Pastor: Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

People: **Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You have established the earth, and it stands fast.**

Pastor: By Your appointment they stand this day, for all things are Your servants.

People: **If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.**

Pastor: I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.

People: **I am Yours; save me, for I have sought Your precepts.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: **Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling as Your people. We are not always careful listeners to Your Word and take for granted those who faithfully proclaim it to us. We know that we justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. But trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is solely in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.**

Pastor: God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LSB 655, St. 1

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 23:16–29 The prophets bring words of warning from God. (Holy Bible p. 826)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING *Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3 Running the Christian race. (Holy Bible p. 1284)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE *Jeremiah 23:29a, 28b*

People: **Alleluia. Is not My word like fire, declares the LORD? What has straw in common with wheat? Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 12:49–53 Jesus speaks of His purpose of being on earth. (Holy Bible p. 1109)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth 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 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

LSB 905

SERMON “Speaking Faithfully,” by Pastor Schultz based on Luke 12:49–53.

NICENE CREED *(see screens)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(see screens)*

SACRAMENT

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22,*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your kindness. Confident of Your love and assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we may receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB 208

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ. Bless us, Your children, that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and of His precious blood may be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy, so that, clinging to Christ our Lord, we may live in the hope of an eternity gathered around Your heavenly Table.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(see screens or LSB 179)*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER *(see screens or back cover of LSB)*

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"

LSB 210

PREPARATION *(see screens or top of page 2)*

DISTRIBUTION *Common cup and individual cup are offered on both the lectern and pulpit sides.*

Please assist the pastor or server when receiving the chalice for common cup.

Non-alcoholic wine (pink) is served in individual cups in the center of the tray.

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

LSB 671

"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"

LSB 688

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we may keep with pure hearts, and that through the gift imparted to us in this present life we may hereafter receive life everlasting; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

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 “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”

LSB 830

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30AM

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

NICENE CREED (see screens)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards will be collected during the opening song.)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution / Lord’s Prayer / Preparation / Distribution / “Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me;”
“I Speak Jesus” / Dismissal

INVOCATION

PRAYERS

OPENING SONG “House Of The Lord”

WORD OF GOD *Luke 12:49–53* (Holy Bible p. 1109)

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SERMON “Speaking Faithfully,” by Pastor Schultz
based on *Luke 12:49–53*.

SONG OF PRAISE “His Mercy Is More”

BLESSING

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

CLOSING SONG “Goodness Of God”

WORD OF GOD *Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3*
(Holy Bible p.1284)

August 17, 2025 OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE—11AM

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Offerings may be placed in collection boxes on the sidewalk.*)

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN “Step by Step” (*see p. 2 of the bulletin for music*)

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SERVICE OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

EPISTLE READING *Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3* *Running the Christian race.*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 12:49–53* *Jesus speaks of His purpose of being on earth.*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

People: (*spoken*) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (*spoken*) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN “Come, Thou Almighty King”

LSB 905

1. Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

2. Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.

3. Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

4. To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

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SERMON “Speaking Faithfully,” by Pastor Schultz based on Luke 12:49–53.

PRAYERS *(The pastor will end each prayer with “Lord, in Your mercy,” and the congregation will respond, “hear our prayer.”)*

PREPARATION / WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD’S PRAYER / DISTRIBUTION / “Yet Not I, but Christ through Me” / DISMISSAL

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG “Jesus, Strong & Kind”

1. Jesus said
That if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him

2. Jesus said
If I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

3. Jesus said
That if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him **Chorus**

4. Jesus said
If I am lost
He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me **Chorus**

Chorus For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus strong and kind

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Music: Mrs. Michelle Soenksen / Heide Young
Leader: Rev. Luke Anderson

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

SERVICE	ELDERS / COMMUNION SERVERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	J. Wegner / M. Stec / N. Gierach / M. Yurk / C. Haas	Brian Hadler
Sun., 8am	G. Kern / G. Krueger / J. Kell / R. Schultz	Dean Haas
Sun., 9:30am	M. Young / V. Micha / B. Eggold	Chris Hanley
Sun., 11am	B. Buske / G. Metzger	Jonathan Webster
Mon., 6:30pm	B. Buske	--

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Elfrieda Albers; Ron Anschuetz; Nancy Baehmann; Harold Brockberg; Sandy Chow* (friend of Lenore Wolf); *Tim D'Agastino; Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Prah!); *Lisa Giuliani* (niece of Jan Moegenburg); *Dorothy Grady* (friend of Lenore Wolf); *Nancy Groth; April Krueger* (cousin of Darlene Sukowski); *Kris Lindsay; Larry Luckjohn; Melissa Luckjohn; Diane Lunde* (friend of Maribeth Witkowski); *Michael Meyers; Jeffery Mierow* (son of Steve & Kathy Mierow); *Shawna Peterson* (sister of Derek Kratz); *Peter Roeder; Priscilla Skoug; Robert Tuskiewicz; Ryan Voss* (son of Kevin & Kaye Voss)

Long Term Illness / Treatment: *Jeremy Albers Sr.; Drew Bartell* (son of Mona Bartell); *Samuel Becker* (grandson of Lucille Becker); *Dave Boehm* (friend of Tim & Jenny Clemens); *Delaine Bussard* (sister of Debra Kelley); *Christine Capstran* (daughter of Lyle & Terry Sperber); *Jim Caulfield in* (father/father-in-law of Alison & Steve Eckert); *Stacy Fairbert* (niece of Jody Reiter); *Dan Haupt* (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); *Daniel Kekic* (nephew of Paulette Rammel); *Jesse Liebe* (nephew of Mona Bartell); *Laurie McGraw* (friend of Brian & Shari Buske); *Nancy Mertz; Patti Mueller* (friend of Liz Dehm); *Dennis Muehling* (friend of John & Patty Richmond); *Matthew Thumann* (grandson of Russ & Melissa Meier); *Kristi Otto* (daughter of Susan Otto); *Cindy Ovokaitys* (niece of Chris Fricke); *Kay Ryder* (sister of Kevin Zirtzlauff); *Pat Stifter; Mark Wainwright* (friend of Tom Lubner family)

Anniversary: *Russ & Melissa Meier* 35th wedding anniversary.

Birthday: *Patty Fine's* 72nd birthday.

Hospice: *Nancy Mielotz*, Lincoln Village (mother of Melissa Mielotz)

FLOWERS & MEMORIALS

Flowers next to the pulpit are given to the glory of God in celebration of *Russ & Melissa Meier's* 35th wedding anniversary.

Memorials have been given to the glory of God to Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion in honor of *Mark Papcke*.

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

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL

Visit splgraffton.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 3pm.
- **VENMO:** Search for: @SPL-Grafton. Please note for: Offering; Last 4 Digits: 0360.
- **VANCO ONLINE ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Visit splgraffton.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.

BLESSING AND OPENHOUSE OF THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING THIS WEEKEND

An **open house** will take place after each service this weekend. Please plan to spend some time exploring this new space that will bring the message of Jesus to our students. An official blessing service will take place immediately following the 11am service on **Sunday, August 17**. The service will be held in the lower parking lot (weather permitting).

Refreshments will be served.

SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR

9:30am—Family Life Center

August 3–24: Your Favorite Bible Verses

Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson



SAVE-THE-DATE!

On **Sunday, August 24**, during the 9:30 & 11am services we will have a special blessing during worship for our Backpack Blessings. We will also have Teacher Installation at these services.

SMALL GROUP LEADER CLASS

Interested in learning more about leading a small group, join us for the opportunity to ask questions and receive resource materials. Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/smallgroupclass>



When: Saturday, August 23, 2025

Time: 10 AM

Location: Family Life Center

Questions?

Tracy Krueger: tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org
Kelsey Metzger: parish.education@splgraffton.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS



Sunday school for children ages 3 through 6th 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.

Sign up here to help: tinyurl.com/SSvolunteers25.

For more information contact:

Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN



Registration for Sunday School 2025-26 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 3 thru 6th Grade. Our first day of Sunday school this year will be **September 21 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 at the following link: tinyurl.com/SSregister25.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org.

We also want to give a special thank you to Jim Lindsay for creating the vinyl cut lettering for our timeline title. We are grateful for you!

-The 175th Anniversary Committee

Celebrating 175 Years

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GRIEF SHARE ANNOUNCEMENT

A GriefShare support group will be offered this Fall. We will offer the program at Providence Place at two times--at 10-11:30am or at 6:30-8pm on Mondays beginning **August 25 through November 24** (with no meeting on Labor Day). Our first session and **registration day is August 25**. At GriefShare you'll watch a weekly video with counsel and insights from respected grief experts and relatable personal stories—followed by a time of sharing and support. Session topics include what's normal in grief; how to handle difficult emotions; and what to do with regrets, questions, and worries.

For more information, contact Pastor Maschke or the Church Office at 262-377-4659.

GriefShare.org/Findagroup

8TH GRADE BRAT FRY THIS SUNDAY



We will have brats & hotdogs from **9—12:30pm**.

Proceeds go towards their 2026 Washington D.C. trip.

AUGUST QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

Thursday, August 28 at 6:30pm

Church Sanctuary

The April Voter's Meeting minutes and the August agenda will be posted on the church website at splgraffton.org/church and on the bulletin boards in the back of church.