

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

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**Welcome! We are glad you are
worshiping today!**

Fellowship: Refreshments are
available in the Gathering Hall on
Sundays from 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.

PowerPoint & Live-stream

Volunteers: 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/3209874

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**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY
October 25, 2026**



AS WE GATHER...God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1–6). On this Reformation Day we give thanks that the Lord remains in the midst of His Church, so that even when nations rage and kingdoms totter, we need not fear. Five hundred years ago Martin Luther wrote a church service so that the pure gospel of Christ crucified and risen might be heard and sung by the people in their own language. Today we use elements of that service, rejoicing that the same Christ who is our fortress still sets the sinner free. Come and celebrate the freedom that is ours in Him alone!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELLS

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

OPENING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 656

(5pm & 8am) Choir sings stanza 2

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

BAPTISM (11am) *Hattie Rosemary Rathke*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

KYRIE (*Led by soloist or choir and the congregation is invited to join.*)

LSB 942

HYMN OF PRAISE "All Glory Be to God Alone"

LSB 948, St. 1 & 4

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your church Your saving peace; through 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 *Psalm 46:1-6 God is our refuge and strength. (Holy Bible p. 598)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL REFLECTION (5pm & 8am) “Here I Stand,” Mixed & Male Choirs
(11am) “The Church’s One Foundation,” JuBellate

EPISTLE *Romans 3:19–28* Paul declares the sinner is justified by grace through faith. (*Holy Bible p. 1197*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE *Luke 12:32*

Pastor: It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

People: Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 11:12–19* (*Holy Bible p. 1037*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

People: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN “Thy Strong Word” LSB 578

SERMON by Pastor Schultz

CREEDAL HYMN “We All Believe in One True God” LSB 953

NEW MEMBER WELCOME (5pm only)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (see screens)

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” LSB 655

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BIBLE STUDIES

 SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR 9:30am October 25- November 1: Discerning Law & Gospel in the Bible Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson (<i>in the Timothy Room</i>) November 8-22: Extraordinary Women of the Bible Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson (<i>in the Timothy Room</i>) October 25- November 15: "Science and Christianity - God's Two Books" Dr. Michael Young (<i>in the FLC</i>) November 29: No Class Thanksgiving	VIEWING OF THE CHOSEN Bible Roundtable Led by: Karen Leonard Day/Time: Mondays, 1pm Location: Providence Place
	ROOTED WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY Topic: A New Song- Psalms of the Messiah Led by: Tracy Krueger Meets: 1st & 3rd Mondays at 6:30pm through Nov. 30 Location: Timothy Room

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE- 9:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

INVOCATION

OPENING SONGS "Your Grace Is Enough;"
"Great Are You Lord"

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS
(see screens)

SONG OF PRAISE "Holy Forever"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 46:1-6*
(Holy Bible p. 598)

MUSICAL REFLECTION "Psalm 46," CDS Gr. 4 & 5

EPISTLE READING *Romans 3:19-28*
(Holy Bible p.1197)

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 11:12-19*
(Holy Bible p.1037)

SONG OF THE DAY "Stand In Your Love"

SERMON by Pastor Schultz

CREEDAL SONG "This I Believe"

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Firm Foundation"

BIBLE STUDIES, SERVANT MINISTRY MEETINGS AND MORE!

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

September 2-November 18

Topic: Luke's Gospel Account

Led by: Pastor Anderson

Meets: Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm

Location: Family Life Center

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Topic: Revelation

Led by: Bob Kasten

Meets: Thursdays, 6:30am

Location: Front Conference Room



VEGGIES & ICE CREAM

Families of all ages are invited to come join us on **Friday, November 13** from **6-7pm** as we watch *VeggieTales: Abe and the Amazing Promise*. We will also be making some fun crafts and enjoying some ice cream. Sign up here to join the fun: tinyurl.com/VeggiesNov26

COLLEGE MINISTRY EVENT

THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, October 25

Following the 11am service in the FLC
If you are not already on our email list please email
Pastor Schultz at pastor.schultz@splgraffton.org
Thank You!

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School runs Sundays September-May from 9:30-10:30am and is open to children ages birth through 4th Grade, and 5th-8th grade will meet in the Religion Classroom #117.

To have your child join us please fill out the registration form at the following link: tinyurl.com/SSregister26.

10/25: Join us as we look at Luke 10:30-37 and hear about the parable of the Good Samaritan. We will learn that goodness is a fruit of the Spirit.

11/1: Join us as we hear the story of David and Jonathan's friendship from 1 Samuel 20. We will learn that faithfulness is a fruit of the Spirit.

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

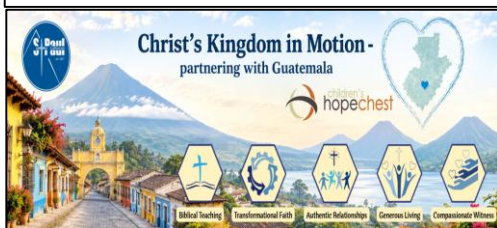
10/25: Join us for a Reformation themed escape room, a devotion, and fruit snacks.

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

IMPACT HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month
5-6:30pm; Youth Room

CHRIST'S KINGDOM IN MOTION



Thank you to everyone who has become a HopeChest Friend! If you have not signed up for a sponsorship, there is still time! Please visit the table in the Welcome Center this weekend or visit hopechest.org/los-amates-3.

If you are interested in financial sponsorship, but not wanting to write letters, let us know. You have the option to help a St. Paul family who is not financially able to participate.

Below is more information as we start our relationship with Children's HopeChest:

1. Later in November, 5 members of St. Paul will travel to Los Amates for Match Day, when a child chooses you to be their HopeChest Friend.
2. You will find out the name of your sponsored child during Reveal Weekend, which is set for December 5-6.
This is a special weekend, so please mark your calendars!
3. Once you have the information on your sponsored child, you are encouraged to write them a letter and start building an encouraging, hope-filled relationship.
4. Watch for more information on an opportunity to travel to Guatemala in early summer!
5. The primary contacts for the Children's HopeChest relationship at St. Paul are Beth Kern and Dauna Werner. You can reach them at hopechest@splgraffton.org

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)



PASTOR APPRECIATION THIS WEEKEND

Our LCMS church workers serve all of us in the Body of Christ with faithfulness and dedication. To acknowledge their service, the Synod is encouraging churches and schools to show appreciation to workers on designated dates throughout the year. We at St. Paul will be recognizing our pastors this weekend. We will have a table for you to write a note of thanks or drop a card in the card box.

– Board of Elders

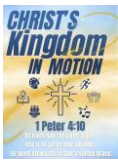
ST. PAUL BENEFIT AUCTION

Thank you to all the attendees, donors, and volunteers for making the 2026 St. Paul Church and School Auction a huge success. It was a night of fun filled fellowship that raised approximately \$55,000 in proceeds. We are truly Blessed at St. Paul to have so many generous supporters of our church and school.

All Glory be to God!

-The Auction Committee





SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. YURK

1. Thank you to everyone that supported this year's Fund-A-Cause as part of our annual Sweetest Day Auction. In the coming months I look forward to sharing more information regarding the startup of hydroponic gardens and a new 3D printing lab.
2. Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11. Please consider taking time to join us for chapel at 8:25 as we worship our Lord and thank our veterans. A continental breakfast will be served following the service for guests, sponsored through a Thrivent Action Team.
3. This coming Wednesday we will be installing our newest members into St. Paul's chapter of Lutheran Junior Honors Association.

175TH ANNIVERSARY TIMELINE

Our 175th Anniversary timeline display will be taken down following the Women's Guild Country Fair on November 14. We encourage you to take another look before it comes down! While the display will be removed, the memories and history will be preserved. The photographs and accompanying stories will be kept in binders in the Archives Room for future generations to enjoy.



PUT ON YOUR APRONS, IT'S BAKING TIME!

Can you help out the Women's Guild? The Women's Guild annual Country Fair is in just three weeks, November 14, (9-2pm)! They would love it if you could donate homemade apple or pumpkin pies, or other baked goods for the fair, including small Christmas cookies. Cookie drop off is in the FLC Thursday, November 12 by 12pm. Other baked items are to be brought to the FLC by Friday, November 13, by 2pm.

Questions? Contact
Donna Gruetzmacher 414-861-9388.

LWML NEWS

The ladies of the LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) have been collecting onesies and sleepers and making baby blankets for their mission project of making Layettes for Orphan Grain Train. They are in need of cloth flat diapers and waterproof pants. Please help by donating cloth diapers or monetary donations to SPL with a note that it is for LWML Layettes by 11/2/26. The ladies hope to assemble over 100 Layettes which are distributed in the USA and overseas. Thank you!

GRAFTON CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT PARTICIPANTS AND DECORATORS NEEDED



Looking for an opportunity to serve your neighbor, bring smiles to children and enjoy an afternoon of fun? Join the BOE as we prepare for the Annual Grafton Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 28. Our TEAM is looking for individuals / families of all ages to walk / ride with the St. Paul float during the parade route. All children under the age of seven (7) must be accompanied by an adult. The Parade Theme this year is "Christmas Under The Stars & Stripes"

We are also in need of individually wrapped candy for the Christmas parade. Please put it in the grey bin marked Christmas Parade in the Welcome Center.

Any questions contact Peter Leivhn at pjklevihn@gmail.com or 414-243-0080 . Thank you!

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

November 5, 2026 at 12pm

Cindy Wellman, St. Paul member and art education teacher, will present "Historical Art as it relates to the Reformation" following a devotion by Pastor Schultz and a time of socialization. The Guild's annual Country Fair will be held Saturday, November 14, 9-2pm. The St. Paul community and area residents are encouraged to attend In order to browse the varied and local vendors, purchase homemade bakery and enjoy a light lunch. Proceeds for specific missions will be designated at the December meeting!

Tickets for the Guild's Christmas Party in December need to be purchased for \$15 from treasurer Tami Viesselmann by Nov. 16th.

LWML CARD MINISTRY

Cards are available for October Pastor Appreciation Month. Along with many other special occasion cards.

Spread the word - share your faith - support the Gospel in Wisconsin and beyond.

Music: Ms. Valerie Bremer / Greg Batiansila
Leader: Rev. Luke Anderson

Altar Guild: Carolyn Wohlers, Sue Hauschel, Candi Unger
Sermon: Rev. Jacob Schultz

SERVICE	ELDERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	Ed. Kuerschner	JoAnne Wolf
Sun., 8am	George Krueger	Steve Leonard
Sun., 9:30am	Rick Meyer	Todd Willman
Sun., 11am	Brian Buske	Candi Unger
Mon., 6:30pm	Stu Natale	

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Ron Anschuetz; John Boudnik; Lindsay Chase* (granddaughter of Eva Groppe); *Frank Dohrwardt* (friend of Dave & Judy Kuczynski); *Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Prah); *Teri Fredrich; Karl Goettl* (brother of Louanne Hockstad); *Michelle Hernandez; Danna Hoffmann; Richard Janke; Steven Janke* (son of Richard & JoAnn Janke); *Arlene Kaul; Georgian Koch; Diane Lunde* (friend of Maribeth Witkowski); *Annette Mentzel; Susan Micha; Jeffrey Mierow* (son of Steve & Kathy Mierow); *Sandra Patterson; Russ Prah* (brother-in-law of Larry & Catherine Kiener); *Allen Prochnow; Terry Robinson* (brother of Bonnie Robinson); *Austin Ryan* (friend of Jeremy Albers Jr.); *Lauren Schaper* (daughter of Joanne Wolf); *Donna-Mae Schelk* (mother of Shelby Nauta); *Natasha Schmidt; Kay Sissom* (friend of Karen Leonard); *Lenore Wolff; Audrey Wollner; Mike Zettinig* (son of Wendy Zettinig)

Long-Term Illness / Treatment: *Jeremy Albers Sr.; Lana Amenda; Samuel Becker* (grandson of Lucille Becker); *Harold Brockberg; Delaine Bussard* (sister of Debra Kelley); *Liam Cody* (son of Bobby and Katelyn Cody); *Stacy Fairbert* (niece of Jody Reiter); *Mary Rose Haley* (sister of Larry Kiener); *Dan Haupt* (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); *Lisa Giuliani* (niece of Jan Moegenburg); *Larry Kiener; Daniel Kekic* (nephew of Paulette Rammel); *Eli Luckjohn* (grandson of Larry Luckjohn); *Laurie McGraw* (friend of Brian & Shari Buske); *Nancy Mertz; Sydney Miracle; Patti Mueller* (friend of Liz Dehmel); *Matthew Thumann* (grandson of Russ & Melissa Meier); *Kay Ryder* (sister of Kevin Zirtzloff); *Cindy Steffen; Ty Timperley* (friend of Tom Lubner); *Mark Wainwright* (friend of the Tom Lubner family); *Mike Woollen* (father of Shari Buske); *Rev. Dr. Kurt Ziemann* (son of Gordy & Mary Ann Ziemann)

Anniversary: *Neal and Lynn Gierach's* 38th wedding anniversary.

Baptism: *Hattie Rosemary Rathke*

Death: *Marilyn Goeman; Janet Moederndorfer; Sandy Patterson*

FLOWERS

Flowers next to the pulpit are given in memory of *Doris Schmidt's* birthday and for her Brewers making it to the World Series by her daughters Erin and Kate.

Flowers next to the lectern are given in celebration of *Neal & Lynn Gierach's* 38th wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.

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 4pm.
- **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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Dan, Tunde & Mia Baker



Hildegarde
Hauser



Jordan, Beth & Charlotte
Kreutzer



Sam Krieg



Rev. Nathan, Jill &
Bethany Meador



Nathan, Jordan,
Hallie, Alyssa &
Samuel
Schmedake



James Schultz



Steven & Sarah
Stolen



Bob & Sheila
Worrel



Austin, Lauren,
Lucas & Aspen
Young

