



"Equip, Support, Serve, Witness Where God Calls Us"



Apple Pie Fundraiser – Sweeten Your Holidays!



Support our middle school students as they prepare for their spring educational trips! Our Vikings have already been busy raising funds through Art, Beats & Eats and our babysitting night — thank you to everyone who has supported them so far!

Now it's time for a tasty new fundraiser that's sure to fill your home with the smell of the holidays — our Apple Pie Sale!

Pre-sales are happening now through October 27, with delivery in early November — just in time for Thanksgiving! Each delicious frozen pie is handmade by our middle school students and perfect for your holiday table or to share as a thoughtful gift.

You can order your pies from any 5th–8th grade student or find them at church on Sundays.

Thank you for helping make these memorable experiences possible for our students — we're so grateful for our wonderful school community!



Deck the Halls & Spread the Cheer!



Information for our annual holiday fundraiser went home a couple weeks ago! We're partnering once again with Carlson's Greenhouse to help fill your homes with festive beauty—poinsettias, wreaths, evergreens, and even gift cards—all while raising funds for our school.

The top-selling student will earn a Pizza or Donut Party for their entire class!

- Orders Due: Tuesday, October 28, 2025
- Pick-Up: Sunday, November 30, 2025 - 1:30–3:00 PM (school parking lot)

Let's fill our homes with holiday cheer while supporting St. Paul Lutheran School!
Questions? Contact Julie Hansen at 248-778-7246 or jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org



The Spooktacular is This Weekend!



Get ready, Vikings! St. Paul Lutheran Church & School will once again take part in the Royal Oak Spooktacular with our annual Trunk or Treat in the school parking lot this Sunday, October 19th, from 1–3 PM!

Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of fun — it's a wonderful way to show off our school, enjoy some festive fellowship, and trick or treat with the kids! 🎃

We'd still love a few more bags of candy to help make this event extra sweet — donations can be dropped off in the church collection box or at the school office.

Let's come together and make this a spooktacular day to remember for our students and the Royal Oak community! ❤️ 👻 🎃



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Middle School Students Lend Helping Hands at Camp Restore

Last Thursday, our fifth through eighth-grade students put their faith into action by volunteering with Camp Restore Detroit. Alongside teachers and parent volunteers, they spent the day learning, serving, and making a visible difference in the community. The morning began with an introduction to Camp Restore’s mission—partnering with volunteers from across the country to help revitalize Detroit’s 9th Precinct. Through service learning and hands-on projects, Camp Restore transforms neglected and overgrown areas into vibrant community spaces. Afterward, students traveled to Mohican Regent Community Park, where they met George, a retired Detroit police officer who helps maintain the park year-round. Under his guidance, our volunteers got to work—pulling weeds, spreading mulch, cleaning raised garden beds, prepping benches for painting, picking up litter, and organizing a storage unit. With Mr. Paul’s help, a few students even tackled cutting down a tree!



It was a day filled with teamwork, learning, and service—a powerful reminder that even small acts can help restore hope and beauty in our communities.

Babysitting Night – Parents’ Night Out!

Our middle school students hosted a successful Parents’ Night Out Babysitting Event on Saturday, October 11, to raise funds for their upcoming class trips. The evening was filled with games, snacks, crafts, and fun — and the feedback from families was fantastic!

Due to its success, we’re excited to announce two more Babysitting Nights:

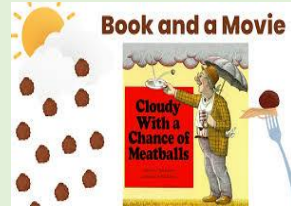
- Saturday, November 1**
- Saturday, December 13** (perfect timing for holiday shopping!)



Times will be announced soon. St. Paul staff, parents, and responsible older students will provide a safe and fun environment for your children while you enjoy a well-deserved evening out. This event is truly a win-win — parents get a night off, and our students raise funds for their class trips. Keep an eye out for signup details coming soon!

Mark Your Calendars -- PTL Sponsored Family Book & Movie Night – Friday, November 14th 6–8pm

Join us for a fun family night sponsored by our PTL as we bring a favorite story to life **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs!** Students will receive their books this week so they can read the story before we watch the movie together. The beloved book, written by Judi Barrett, tells the whimsical tale of a town where food falls from the sky—until the tasty weather takes a wild turn! The animated film adds a modern twist, following inventor Flint Lockwood as his food-making machine goes out of control, creating storms of giant spaghetti and meatballs!



Concessions will be available for purchase, so bring your appetite and your Viking spirit for an evening of family fun!



Quiz Night Is Coming! Gather Your Team & Show Off Your Smarts!

Next Friday, October 24 | 7:00–9:00 p.m. | The Lounge

Love trivia? Want to support our students? Here’s your chance to do both in one awesome night! Join us for Quiz Night, a fun-filled evening of friendly competition, laughter, and brain-busting questions — all to benefit our 5th–8th grade class trips!

How It Works:

- Form a team of up to 8 people
- Ten rounds of trivia (10 questions each) across a variety of categories
- No entry fee — we’re accepting free will donations

Be as generous as you can to help give our students unforgettable learning experiences!

Refreshments? You Bet!

“Snacks, drinks, and dessert will be available to purchase for all participants—come hungry for trivia and treats!”

Got questions? Reach out to Chris Schultz at chrisschultz.723@gmail.com

All proceeds go toward the 5th–6th grade outdoor education trip and the 7th–8th grade Washington, D.C. trip!



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Halloween at St. Paul – Thursday, October 31 – St. Paul will be filled with Halloween spirit on Friday, October 31 as our students celebrate this fun fall tradition! Students are invited to wear festive Halloween colors—orange, black, or white—throughout the day. Then, at 2:15 PM, the real fun begins! Students will have the opportunity to trick-or-treat through the hallways and show off their creative costumes. Please make sure costumes are school-appropriate—no weapons, blood, scary themes, or violent accessories (such as knives or guns). If a costume is deemed inappropriate, your child may be asked to change. We're looking forward to a fun-filled afternoon and can't wait to see all the festive outfits and smiles!

Christmas Shop – The PTL is excited to begin preparations for this year's Holiday Shopping Experience for the children at Christmas. We are currently seeking donations and would greatly appreciate your contributions. If you have a hidden talent and would like to donate handcrafted items, we welcome your creativity. This year, again, we are also accepting gently used or like-new toys as well as regifted items to help make this event special for the children. Stay tuned for more details as the event approaches! Please reach out to Mrs. Hansen at jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org or 248-778-7246 for more details if you would like to donate. Thank you for your generosity and support.



Parent Pulse Survey

We are continuing to use the Parent Pulse platform to survey parents about their and their child's experiences at St. Paul Lutheran School. Between now and mid-December, each parent will receive an invitation to complete a survey which should take 5-7 minutes to complete. Mr. Francik appreciates your consideration and time to share your valuable feedback.



Acolyte Schedule

Middle school families—our students have a wonderful opportunity to serve! After being trained to acolyte during chapel, they are now ready to take on this meaningful role in our Sunday and mid-week worship services.

A special reminder for confirmation students: each is required to acolyte at least five times throughout the school year.

Here is the Signup Genius link to schedule your child's service. Thank you for encouraging and supporting our students as they grow in both faith and service!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AADAD22AAF8C16-58956488-acolyte>



Upland Hills Farm Fall Fieldtrip

This Friday October 17th the whole school is invited on our Fall fieldtrip to Upland Farms in Oxford. It will be a fun day on the farm which will include a hayride, nature walks, cider and donuts, and more. Permission slips have gone home this week and are due back by Friday October 10th. It will be a day of fun and making memories with our school family. We hope all students will join in on this fun day, parents are welcome too!



Chapel Offerings – Supporting Camp Restore Detroit

We continue to be blessed to gather for chapel these weeks. It's been a joy worshipping together and lifting our voices in praise and learning more about God's word! Our sixth offering brought in **\$26.00** to support Camp Restore Detroit, with a year-to-date total of **\$217.85** for the ministry, a ministry based at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. Their mission is to partner with community leaders and volunteers to help restore and renew Detroit's 9th Precinct through projects like clearing lots, home repairs, and hosting neighborhood events.



Yearbook Help- Have you snapped some great photos of our students during school events or field trips? We'd love to include them in this year's yearbook! Your pictures are a wonderful way to help us showcase all the special moments from the school year. To share your images, simply click the link below and use the provided password.

Thank you for helping us make this year's yearbook one to remember!
<https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/StPaul2026> The School Password is: **Vikings1**



Support Learning Beyond the Classroom:

Box Tops for Education: Download the Box Tops for Education app, scan your receipts, and earn rewards for St. Paul!

Little Ceaser proof of Purchase: Collect proof of purchase off the pizza box and bring to school.

Kroger Community: Visit Kroger.com, sign in or create an account, go to the Community Rewards section, select St. Paul Lutheran School as your organization of choice.

Returnable Cans and Bottles: Bring returnable bottles and cans to church or school to help with school fundraising.

Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord – Psalms 98:4



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