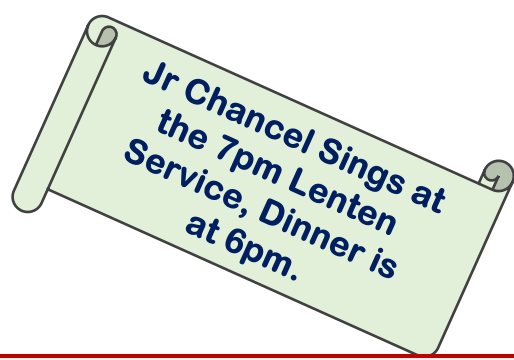




# Lent Blessings



**“Equip, Support, Serve, Witness Where God Calls Us”**

### Accreditation Update

As mentioned in the Viking two weeks ago, St. Paul Lutheran School had a visiting team of four Lutheran school educators and a Lutheran pastor on site last week from Tuesday, March 18 through Thursday, March 20, who reviewed our findings, visited classrooms, and met with staff and stakeholders. St. Paul’s validation team recognized five specific strengths of our school.

- 1.The love of Jesus permeates all the school staff members does.
- 2.An experienced principal leads the school.
- 3.Pastor desires a relationship with school stakeholders.
- 4.Dedicated, sacrificial staff does well by the students.
- 5.Creative model of congregational governance in the new Vestry system has been implemented.



The entire school community can celebrate the wonderful blessings evident in our school.

This validation team provided a report to the school staff and recommended our accreditation status to both the Michigan District and National Accreditation Commissions. Following this process, the school staff is currently finalizing an action plan that will guide our school’s strategic goals for the next five years. Annual reports will be submitted to ensure our continued progress.

Finally, I want to personally thank each St. Paul teacher who went well above and beyond their regular duties to complete this process. All the efforts the school staff puts forth were evident to the Validation Team. God’s blessings to each person connected to our school!

Chris Francik

### Save the Date – Wednesday, May 14 - Volunteer Breakfast

On Wednesday, May 14, you are invited to a volunteer appreciation breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the church lounge. We hope you will join us for chapel that morning as well. Thank you for all your time and effort in making St. Paul a wonderful place to learn and worship God!



### Janitorial Service Change

Mr. Edwards no longer works for St. Paul. JAN-PRO, a professional cleaning company, has been hired to provide janitorial services at the church and school. This company’s team of cleaners begin their work in the evening of Friday, March 28.



### Upcoming Choir Performances – Join Us in Worship!

- Wednesday, April 2nd – Jr. Chancel Choir will sing for the 7:00 PM Lenten service.
- Sunday, April 6th – Jr. Chancel Choir will sing for the 11:00 AM church service.
- Sunday, April 13th – The whole school choir will sing for the Palm Sunday service.
- Sunday, April 20th – The whole school choir will sing for the Easter service.



Please let us know if your child will be unable to participate in any of these upcoming services. Stay tuned for more details regarding Good Friday services and the children’s schedule for that day. We look forward to lifting our voices in worship together!

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**Dates to Remember**

**Parent Teacher Conferences** Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday April 11<sup>th</sup>. Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> is a ½ day and Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> we have no school. Parent Teacher Conference sign up slips coming home today!!

**Spring Break** – ½ Day Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>, No School Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday April 25<sup>th</sup>.



**Street Paving Coming Soon**

Sometime this spring, Williams Street between Third and Seventh Streets will be paved by the City of Royal Oak. This paving process will greatly affect drop off and pick up procedures for the few days of this road construction process. For the few days of this street paving, I will block off the Main Street parking lot for school use only, and all families of students in preschool through eighth grade will need to park for drop of and pick up of their child or children from Door 1. This will also apply to after school care pickup as well. Please watch the Viking and your text messages for further updates on this matter.



**Parent Pulse Survey**

As you receive your final Parent Pulse survey invitation this spring, please consider giving 5-10 minutes of your time to provide feedback to the staff of St. Paul on you and your child’s experience at St. Paul. Mr. Francik considers all survey data and comments on these surveys in future planning for St. Paul’s educational ministry.



**Lights Camera Auction - The Countdown’s On – Less Than 2 Months to Go**

Join us for an unforgettable evening at Red Run Golf Club on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, as we come together for one of our most important fundraisers of the year! Tickets are on sale now—don’t miss out!

★ Donations Still Needed!

Help us create amazing auction baskets by contributing:

- ★ Event tickets
- ★ Gift cards
- ★ Unique experiences & services
- ★ Sports memorabilia—and more!
- ★ Bonus! Donations received by April 1st qualify for special discount ticket incentives!

👏 Volunteers Needed

We’ll also need extra hands before, during, and after the event. Stay tuned for sign-up opportunities!



Use the QR Code to register for your tickets now!!

Every donation and ticket purchase directly supports our students and strengthens our school community. Let’s make this a night to remember! To donate or get involved, contact our auction committee today—thank you for your support!



**Dine Out & Support St. Paul!**

Mark your calendars! On Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, the PTL is partnering with Texas Roadhouse in Madison Heights for a special Dinner Night Out fundraiser. From 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Texas Roadhouse will generously donate 10% of your total food purchase to St. Paul PTL when you dine in or order dinner to go.

Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting our school—it’s a win-win! Be sure to mention St. Paul when you order. Thank you for your support!

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**ST. PAUL VIKING**



**March 28, 2025**

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**The Viking's Got Talent – Save the Date!**

Our talented Vikings are hard at work rehearsing for St. Paul's Annual Talent Show, and you won't want to miss their amazing performances! To give them a little extra time to perfect their acts, the show has been rescheduled for Friday, May 2nd.

Mark your calendars and join us in the school gym for an unforgettable evening of entertainment, fun, and incredible talent. Sponsored by our PTL, this special event gives students a chance to shine and showcase their unique gifts on stage. With rehearsals already in full swing, the excitement is building—come cheer them on as they put on a fantastic show!



**Easter Egg Candy Drive—Let's Fill Those Eggs!**

Spring is in the air, and that means it's time to get ready for our Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 19 at Grant Park! We need your help to make it a sweet success!

We're collecting small, individually wrapped candy (no larger than 1¼ inches to fit inside Easter eggs). Please drop your donations in the marked boxes in the lobby. No hard candy, please. Let's work together to bring joy (and treats!) to all the kids in our community!

**Tuition and Enrollment Update**

This year, with the congregation's support, tuition rates will remain the same for member and non-member families with up to two children in K-8. There is now a family discount, tuition will not exceed the two-child rate, no matter how many siblings enroll. We are also offering a \$500 tuition credit for both your family and any new family you recruit to St. Paul! Our church continues to support the cost of education and is committed to growing our school community. For questions, contact Mrs. Hansen at 248-546-6555 or [jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org](mailto:jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org).

Enrollment for Preschool and K-8 is open for 2025-2026! Current families have received a FACTS reenrollment email. **K-8 registration is now \$450 until June 10th** (\$500 thereafter). **Preschool registration remains at \$150.**

**Support Learning Beyond the Classroom:**

**Little Caesars Pizza Box Bar Codes**— Want to support St. Paul while enjoying a delicious pizza night? Save the barcodes from your Little Caesars pizza boxes and help fund our school's pizza parties! Here's how you can contribute:

- \*Cut out the barcode from your Little Caesars pizza box.
- \*Send the barcodes to school with your child. Each barcode collected helps us fund pizza parties for the school—yum!



**Bottles/Cans Recycling** - Field trips and overnight excursions offer St. Paul students a unique chance to learn and grow outside the traditional classroom setting. The funds raised through this initiative will help support trips to Michigan Christian Youth Camp for outdoor education and Washington D.C. We kindly ask for your support by donating cans and bottles of carbonated beverages. Please remember not to crush the containers, as it's important for the barcodes to be clearly visible. Donations can be dropped off in the barrel located in the lobby coatroom at the church or to the school office. Thank you for helping make these enriching experiences possible for our students!

**Box Tops for Education-**

Help Us Earn with Box Tops for Education! It's time to scan those Box Tops for Education and help support our school! Each Box Top you scan is worth 10 cents, and those small amounts really add up to big rewards for St. Paul! Here's how it works:

- \*Look for the Box Tops logo on participating products.
- \*Download the Box Tops for Education app to scan your receipts and earn rewards for St. Paul!



**Kroger Community Rewards** - Did you know you can support St. Paul just by shopping at Kroger? It's easy to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards program and help raise funds for our school—at no extra cost to you!

Here's how it works: \*Visit Kroger.com and sign in or create an account. \*Go to the Community Rewards section and select St. Paul Lutheran School as your organization of choice. Every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus card, St. Paul earns a percentage of the sale!

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