



# Easter Blessings



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



### Easter Blessings and Spring Break Wishes

As we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter, may your hearts be filled with the hope and promise that comes with Christ’s resurrection. This season reminds us of God’s great love and the new life we have through Him.

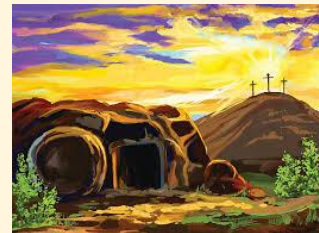
We warmly invite your family to worship with us this Easter at St. Paul Lutheran Church. It’s a beautiful time to come together in faith and celebration.

As Spring Break approaches, we also pray that this time away from the regular routine brings your family rest, renewal, and meaningful moments together. Whether you’re traveling or staying close to home, may it be a peaceful and refreshing break. Wishing you a blessed Easter and a joyful Spring Break!

**Good Friday Tre Ore: April 18th from 12PM-3PM // Tenebrae at 7PM**

### **Easter Services:**

**Easter Morning: April 20th at 7:00AM/9:00AM/11:00AM**



### **National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 1st**

The National Day of Prayer is a special time when Americans of many faiths come together to lift up our nation in prayer. People gather in churches, courthouses, and other places of worship across the country, often sharing in music, meals, and fellowship. Each year, the President of the United States issues an official proclamation recognizing this day of national reflection and prayer.



Here at St. Paul Lutheran School, we will observe the National Day of Prayer with prayers and pledges at the flagpole at 8:20 AM, followed by a special chapel service at 12:00 PM. All school families are warmly invited to join us for this meaningful time of worship and prayer.

### **Save the Date – Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast**

St. Paul Lutheran School is blessed by the many hands and hearts that give their time and talents throughout the year. Whether you’ve helped in the classroom, at events, with donations, or in any other way—we want to celebrate you!



Please join us on Wednesday, May 14, from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. in the church lounge for a special Volunteer Appreciation

Breakfast as a small token of our deep gratitude. We would also love for you to stay and worship with us at chapel following the breakfast.

Your kindness and dedication help make St. Paul a place where students grow in faith and learning. We can’t wait to thank you in person!

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**Students’ 3rd Quarter Awards Ceremony**

We will recognize students who have made the honor roll or achieved perfect school and church attendance during our Chapel service on Wednesday, April 30th at 8:30 AM, following the break. Families are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration in Chapel. We’d love to have you with us!



**Teacher Appreciation Week • May 5–9**

Each year during the first full week of May, we pause to celebrate the incredible dedication, compassion, and creativity our teachers bring to St. Paul Lutheran School. Teacher Appreciation Week is a special opportunity for our school community to show gratitude for the countless hours they spend nurturing minds, modeling Christ’s love, and guiding our students toward their God-given potential.



**How You Can Help**

To shower our teachers with love and support, we are collecting monetary donations to help create gift baskets, treats, and tokens of appreciation throughout the week. If you’d like to contribute, please place your donation in an envelope marked “Teacher Appreciation” and drop it off at the school office by Friday, May 2nd. Every gift—no matter the size—will go directly toward planning daily treats, small surprises, and hearty lunches to remind our teachers how truly valued they are.

Thank you for partnering with us to make Teacher Appreciation Week unforgettable. Our educators invest so much in each child’s spiritual, academic, and social growth, let’s come together to bless them with the same generosity and encouragement they provide to us all year long!

**Street Paving Has Begun**

The construction on our school roads has begun. 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.

**4th Quarter Chapel Earnings Fueling Vacation Bible School!**

Our generous offerings in the 4th quarter will go directly toward making this year’s Vacation Bible School (VBS) an inspiring experience for children in our church and community! VBS is more than just a summer program—it’s a powerful opportunity for children to grow in faith, connect with new friends, and experience God’s love in a fun, engaging way. With kids out of school and volunteers ready to serve, this is the perfect time to share the Gospel in a way that reaches both our members and new families in the community. Your continued support helps provide materials, activities, and outreach efforts to welcome even more children into God’s Word. If you’d like to give or get involved, we’d love to hear from you! Let’s make this summer unforgettable as we plant seeds of faith in young hearts!



**Time & Talent Service Hours Reminder**

As we approach the end of the school year, we’d like to gently remind families to log their Time & Talent hours in FACTS. Each family is asked to serve 20 hours annually; any unfulfilled hours will incur a \$10/hour fee on your family account. There are still many ways to share your gifts and support our school community in the coming weeks:

- PTL Talent Show: Help with setup, concessions, or clean-up
- Spring Auction: Assist with basket preparation and transportation, set up, decorations, check-in, etc....., there is a lot left to do!!
- Bagel Mornings: Pick up and serve bagels on Friday mornings.
- Classroom & Event Support: Ask your child’s teacher if they need an extra hand

If you need assistance logging your hours or finding the right opportunity to serve, please don’t hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Hansen in the school office. We’re truly grateful for your partnership—and every hour you give helps strengthen our students’ experience here at St. Paul Lutheran School. Thank you for all you do!



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**ST. PAUL VIKING**



**April 18, 2025**

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**Vikings Got Talent – Save the Date!**

The Talent Show is fast approaching, and our students are hard at work preparing to amaze you with their unique gifts and creativity! To give our performers a little more time to polish their acts, St. Paul's Annual Talent Show was rescheduled for Friday, May 2nd.

Mark your calendars and join us in the school gym for a joyful evening filled with entertainment, laughter, and plenty of Viking spirit. It's sure to be a night to remember as we celebrate the talents of our incredible students!

**Spring Auction – Friday, May 16th**

Our much-anticipated St. Paul Lutheran School Spring Auction is just around the corner, and we can't wait to come together for an evening of fun, fellowship, and support for our school!

**\*\*Now** is the time to purchase your tickets and invite friends and family to join us for this special night. All are welcome, and every ticket sold helps us continue providing an exceptional Christ-centered education for our students.

**\*\*While** preparations are well underway, there's still a lot to do!

We are currently in need of:

- **Volunteers** to help with setup, event support, clean-up, and more.....
- **Donations** of auction items, gift cards, experiences, or themed baskets
- **Guests!** The more, the merrier—please spread the word and encourage others to attend!!



Your support—whether through time, donations, or attendance makes a tremendous difference. Let's make this year's auction a night to remember!

**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](http://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!

**Run with Endurance.....Looking to Jesus**

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