



**ST. PAUL VIKING**



# Spring Blessings

**May 02, 2025**



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

## Teacher Appreciation Week • May 5–9

Join us in celebrating the dedicated teachers and support staff at St. Paul Lutheran School! Throughout the week, we'll be showing our gratitude with special gifts and expressions of appreciation. If you'd like to contribute, monetary donations are being accepted in the school office to support PTL-sponsored gifts. 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 helping us honor those who serve our students with such care and commitment! 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!



## Spring Auction – Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

St. Paul Lutheran School Spring Auction – Friday, May 16 at 6:00 PM

Tickets are now on sale for \$75 each. You can purchase them online via Eventbrite using the QR code or contact Mrs. Hansen for a direct link. Cash and check payments are also accepted and may be dropped off at the school office. If you have any questions, please reach out to Julie Hansen or a member of the auction team—we're happy to assist! We are still accepting last-minute donations and are so grateful for the support we've received and any still to come.



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lights-camera-auction-a-red-carpet-event-at-red-run-tickets-1284724578799?aff=oddtcreator>

## Celebrating Mrs. Heins' Retirement

After many wonderful years of faithful service, our beloved 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Heins, will be retiring at the end of this school year. Her love for her students, dedication to Christian education, and gentle spirit have left a lasting impact on so many hearts in both our school and church communities.

While Mrs. Heins kindly requested to skip the fanfare of a big luncheon, we will still send her off in sweet style! Please join us for a casual farewell reception with popsicles and ice cream following the 11:00 AM service on Sunday, May 18, beginning around 12:00 PM.



Let's come together to thank her, share memories, and celebrate her incredible ministry among us. We're so grateful for Mrs. Heins and all she has given to St. Paul!

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**Spring Concert – Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 PM:** Join us for our annual Spring Concert on Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 PM. It’s a wonderful evening to celebrate the musical growth and talents of our students, guided by the one and only Mr. Paul! Invite grandparents, friends, and family to come enjoy this special performance and see all the hard work your children have put in throughout the year.

**Field Day- Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Get ready for one of our favorite days of the year! St. Paul’s annual Field Day will take place on Friday, May 23 at Grant Park. Students will walk to the park with their classmates and teachers to enjoy a morning full of games, fun, and fresh air. Parent volunteers are needed to help make this event a success—stay tuned for more details on how to sign up!

**Save the Date – Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast**

If you have volunteered at St. Paul in any way, Arts, Beats, and Eats, Altar Guild, ushering, choir, handbell choir, PTL events, driving for field trips, etc., the staff and students of St. Paul want to thank you with an appreciation breakfast on Wednesday, May 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. If you are able to come, please use this link, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A8A822A4FAC25-48762075-volunteer> or the QR code to sign up so we can plan appropriately. Thank you for all your time and effort to make St. Paul a wonderful place.



**Memorial Day Parade - Save the Date:**

Our annual Royal Oak Memorial Day Parade is coming up on Monday, May 26! As tradition, St. Paul students, staff, and church members will walk together in this meaningful community event.

Kids are encouraged to decorate their bikes, scooters, or wagons in patriotic red, white, and blue—and don’t forget to dress in those colors too! **More details coming soon but mark your calendars now for this special St. Paul tradition!**

**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!



VBS Volunteers are needed for this years Vacation Bible School. Contact the school office if you are interested in helping. More information to come.

**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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**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 these few days of this street paving, we will block off the Main Street parking lot for school use only. All students must be dropped off and picked up at Door 1 (glass doors) using the alley. Enter the alley from Sixth Street heading to Fifth Street due to one way alley access. 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.

**Ascension Service and Ice Cream Social**

Join us on Thursday, May 29 at 7:00 PM for a special Ascension Day service with Holy Communion. Our school and church choirs will sing during worship, and we'll gather afterward for an Ice Cream Social hosted by the St. Paul staff!

Ascension Day celebrates the risen Christ's return to Heaven, 40 days after Easter—marking the completion of His work of salvation.



Come enjoy an evening of worship, reflection, and sweet fellowship!

**Final Tuition Payment – Due May 15**

The final tuition payment for this school year will be automatically withdrawn on May 15 through FACTS. Please ensure your account is current and paid on time by this date. All tuition and fees must be paid in full by the end of the school year in order for students to receive their yearbooks and report cards. Thank you for your attention to this important matter!

**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!

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