



ST. PAUL VIKING



Spring

Blessings

May 16, 2025



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

Celebrating Mrs. Heins' Retirement
Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant

This Sunday, May 18, we will celebrate Dawn Heins’ many years of faithful service to children and their families. Dawn has taught for thirty-eight years in a variety of Lutheran schools in Michigan with her final eight years of educational ministry being spent here at St. Paul. During that time, Dawn has demonstrated a commitment to teaching and modeling a faith in our Triune God’s plan for our salvation and the need for a close relationship to our Creator, Savior, and Comforter. She has also been committed to preparing her students for life as responsible citizens who follow Jesus. Dawn makes connections wherever she goes. Her connections to colleagues, past and present, as well as her former students bring her joy. Thank you, Dawn, for serving God in such a faithful manner. We are thankful to God for the opportunity to know you! Please join us in celebrating Dawn with some kind words and sweet treats after the 11:00 service on Sunday, May 18.



Congratulations Confirmands

This past Sunday we rejoiced as several young believers publicly affirmed their faith in Christ during the Rite of Confirmation. Our students professed their faith and a rite of baptismal affirmation, signifying a mature and public reaffirmation of their baptismal vows. Among those being confirmed were three of our St. Paul students – Quiyarah, Liliana, and Celeste. If you see them around, please Congratulate them in this celebration of faith.

Through prayer, study, and reflection, these students were ready to take this important step, publicly confessing their faith and receiving the gifts of God in Word and Sacrament. We give thanks to God for their commitment and ask for His continued guidance as they grow in faith and walk with Christ.

Please keep these confirmands in your continued prayers and let’s continue to celebrate this milestone in their spiritual journey.



Teacher Appreciation Week Thank You

All the staff of St. Paul Lutheran School is thankful and felt very Appreciated by the many blessings we received last week. From delicious lunches and an abundance of snacks to individual gifts given to us by our students, we all felt blessed to be part of the St. Paul Lutheran family. Thank you to all the parents and students who participated in helping the school staff feel blessed to be part of 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.



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!



Lutheran Northwest Spring Musical

Looking for a fun evening out and a chance to support local Lutheran education? You're invited to an exciting event at Lutheran High School Northwest this weekend!

Spring Musical: Once Upon a Mattress

Don't miss this fun, family-friendly show with performances on:

- Friday, May 16 at 7:00 PM
- Saturday, May 17 at 7:00 PM
- Sunday, May 18 at 2:00 PM

Tickets are \$10 (credit card only) and available at the door or in advance at www.LutheranNorthwest.com/events.

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Come show your support and enjoy the incredible talents of Lutheran Northwest’s student performers!

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 year’s 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:

- Bagel Mornings: Pick up and serve bagels on Friday mornings.
- Upcoming Field Day Help
- Spring Auction: Assist with basket preparation and transportation, set up, decorations, check-in, etc....., **there is a lot left to do!!**
- 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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Field Day- Friday May 23rd:

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. **Students will need to be picked up No later than Noon from Grant Park to go home. There will be NO Extended care this day!!** Parent volunteers are needed to help make this event a success—stay tuned for more details on how to sign up!



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!

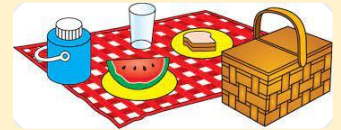


Save the Date: All-School Picnic – June 9th!

Mark your calendars! Our All-School Picnic will be held on Friday, June 9th at beautiful Bloomer Park in Rochester. This fun-filled day is open to all St. Paul students and their families!

Important Notes:

- ★ School will be closed that day – there will be no classes or extended care.
- ★ Each child must be accompanied by a parent or designated adult family member—staff will not be responsible for student supervision during the event.
- ★ Bring your own packed lunch – and get ready for games, fellowship, and outdoor fun!



Permission slips and additional details will be sent home soon. We hope you can join us for this special end-of-year celebration!

Tuition & Enrollment Reminders

The final tuition payment will be auto-withdrawn via FACTS on May 15. All accounts must be paid in full to receive yearbooks and report cards.

2025–2026 Enrollment is Open!

Tuition remains unchanged for families with up to two K–8 students—additional siblings attend at no extra cost. Receive a \$500 tuition credit for referring a new family! K–8 registration is \$450 through June 10 (\$500 after); Preschool is \$150. Questions? Contact Mrs. Hansen at 248-546-6555 or jhansen@stpaulroyalok.org.

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser:

Thank you to all the individuals who helped the PTL raise funds through the Texas Roadhouse restaurant fundraiser in April. The PTL received \$109.57 through this event. Every little bit helps the PTL to plan and fund fun events for students, families, and staff to participate in.

Support Learning Beyond the Classroom:

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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