



ST. PAUL VIKING



Autumn

Blessings

November 21, 2025



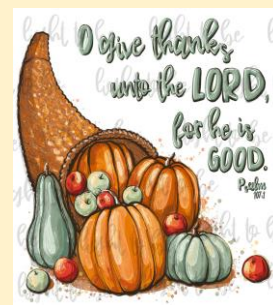
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A Time of Reflection and of Gratitude and Rest: Thanksgiving Break Reminder

As we approach Thanksgiving, we want to remind you that there will be a Half Day – Noon Dismissal, Tuesday November 25th with No Extended Care, and No School then starting Wednesday November 26th. We will resume school on Monday December 1st.

As we step into this special time of year, we pray that your days are touched with moments of peace, joy, and the comfort of God’s unending grace. May your gatherings big or small remind you of His goodness and the gift of the people He places in our lives. Whether your family is celebrating long-held traditions or simply taking time to rest, may the Lord surround you with His love and refresh your spirit. We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, December 1st!



Free Dress Day – This Monday, November 24!

Get ready to show off your favorite outfits—this Monday is an All-School Free Dress Day in honor of Rowan Baker! Rowan’s grandma won this special privilege at our school auction, so be sure to give them both a cheerful shout-out when you see them. Just a gentle reminder: all free dress choices should follow our school’s dress-day guidelines.



Special Persons Day – Tuesday, November 24

We warmly look forward to celebrating the wonderful people who make a difference in our students’ lives! Special Persons Day is happening this Tuesday, November 24, beginning with chapel at 8:30 a.m. An RSVP form was sent home with students earlier this week.

Following chapel, our special guests are invited to the church lounge for fellowship, light refreshments, and meaningful time together working on fun crafts with their students. From 11:00 a.m. to noon, guests will visit classrooms for more activities, smiles, and shared moments—creating a truly heartwarming morning for all.

This day is a beautiful opportunity to honor the special connections that help our children grow in faith, love, and community. If you feel moved to volunteer as a “special someone” for a student who may not have a guest that day, we would be deeply grateful for your kindness and support.



Morning Latchkey Attendant Needed

Are you or someone you know looking for a short, part-time position to start the day with our St. Paul students? We’re seeking a caring and reliable Morning Latchkey Attendant, Monday through Friday from 7:00–8:00 AM. This is a great opportunity to help our school community and make a positive start to each day for our students. Additional hours may be available. If interested, please contact Mr. Francik at cfrancik@stpaulroyaloak.org.



Picture Retake Day – Tuesday, December 3rd

A friendly reminder that Picture Retake Day is coming up on December 3rd. Students who missed the original picture day or would like a new photo taken are welcome to participate. If you’d like a fresh smile or a second chance at a great photo, this is your opportunity!



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Babysitting Night – Parents’ Night Out!

Our middle schoolers have had so much fun hosting Parents’ Night Out that we’re bringing it back once more before Christmas! Families have shared how much their children loved the games, crafts, snacks, and all-around good time—so we’re thrilled to offer another evening of safe, joy-filled childcare.

Saturday, December 13th

Just in time for holiday shopping (or a quiet dinner!), we’ll be opening registration soon with available time slots. St. Paul staff, parents, and responsible older students will be on hand to make sure your children enjoy a wonderful evening while you enjoy a well-deserved break. It’s a blessing for everyone—parents get a night out, and our students continue raising funds for their upcoming class trips.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Food Pantry Blessings

As we prepare to give thanks for God’s abundant blessings, we invite you to join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Worship on Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m. Come and lift your hearts in gratitude as we reflect on His goodness and share in a time of praise and fellowship.

As part of our worship, we will once again collect donations for our St. Paul Food Pantry to support families in need within our community. You are encouraged to bring a bag of nonperishable food items to place at the altar. Suggested donations include 16 oz. jars of peanut butter and jelly, canned meats, soups, fruits, pork and beans, boxed cereals, oatmeal, rice, potatoes, and noodles.

If you’d like to lend a hand in organizing the pantry donations, we’d love your help on Friday, November 27th at 10:00 a.m. in the church lounge. For more information, please contact Sue in the church office.



First Advent Service of the Season – A Joyful Combined Choir Event

Begin the Advent season with a truly uplifting evening of worship and music! Join us Wednesday, December 3rd at 7:00 PM for a Lessons and Carols Service that will fill your heart with joy and anticipation of our Savior’s coming.

Our Junior Chancel Choir will join voices with the Lutheran High Northwest Choir in a moving musical celebration that beautifully opens the Advent season. This combined choir experience is one you won’t want to miss—a night of harmony, hope, and praise that reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas.

Come and be inspired as we welcome the season of Advent together at St. Paul Lutheran Church.



PTL Dinner Nights at Benito’s Pizza!

Who’s ready for some pizza and a great way to support St. Paul?

Mark your calendars for Monday and Tuesday, December 8th & 9th, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.!

Join us at Benito’s Pizza for our next PTL Dinner Nights! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors because Benito’s will donate 20% of all St. Paul friends and family sales right back to our school!

Let’s make it a delicious two-day pizza celebration while giving back to our amazing Viking community!

Thank you for your support for the Qdoba fundraiser, we raised \$168.62 for our school.



PTL Evergreen Pickup - From all of us here at the school and your PTL, we thank you for your support with the Evergreen Fundraiser. It was a big success, and we know that your homes will be filled with beauty this holiday season. Pickup day for your holiday greens and poinsettias will be on Sunday November 30th between 1:30pm and 3pm. Help is needed, if you can help with distribution on November 30th please use the signup genius below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FA4AA2BA4F8C70-60357139-evergreen#/>



Christmas Shop – Our PTL has begun preparations for this year’s Holiday Shopping Experience for the children at Christmas.

We’re 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. Please reach out to Mrs. Hansen at jhansen@stpaulroyalook.org or 248-778-7246 or Meredith Sanislo 248 -766-9189 for more details or to donate. Thank you for your generosity and support.



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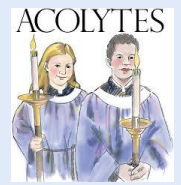
Second Quarter Chapel Offerings – Supporting Our St Paul Food Pantry

This quarter our weekly chapel offerings will be dedicated to supporting our food pantry here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our pantry provides essential food items to anyone in need, serving not only our church family but also the surrounding community. Through your and our students' contributions, the students are learning the value of service, compassion, and reaching out to others. Every offering makes a difference, and we are grateful for the generosity of our school families in supporting this meaningful mission. Thank you for joining us in caring for our neighbors in need. This week's chapel offerings brought in **\$24.57** for our food pantry, with a year-to-date total for chapel earnings of **\$400.65** for combined efforts.



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/10COB4AADAD22AAF8C16-58956488-acolyte>



Winter Weather Closure Notices

As winter weather approaches, please watch for school closing notices on your local TV broadcasts, text messages, and our school Facebook page. This year, school closure decisions will continue to be made independently by our Principal, Mr. Francik, based on driving conditions. We no longer follow Royal Oak Public Schools for closure updates. If a school closure is necessary, Mr. Francik will notify families via television, text message, and Facebook.

If school remains open but you feel the roads are unsafe, please make the choice that feels best for your family's safety.



Bundle Up, Vikings!

We've been fortunate to enjoy a mild fall so far, but with colder days ahead, we want to ensure that all students stay cozy and prepared! Please remember to send your child with a warm coat, hat, and mittens or gloves for outdoor play. Classrooms can also be a bit chilly, so it's a good idea to pack a dress-code-approved sweater or jacket for indoor comfort. When winter arrives, don't forget to add snow boots and snow pants on especially cold days. To keep everyone safe and comfortable, please note that students without appropriate outdoor gear will need to stay indoors during recess. Thank you for helping us keep your children warm and ready for all the fun winter brings!



Half Day Extended Care Hours:

Please Remember on Most half days, Extended care is available Only until **4pm** unless noted otherwise!

Church Attendance: Do not forget to record your attendance at church. Parents must sign in at the kiosk at church services. A minimum of 50% in-person attendance is required each quarter for church members to qualify for the member education rate.



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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