



**Epiphany Blessings**

**Junior Chancel Sings  
This Sunday 11AM  
Worship Service**

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



**A Message of Thanks and Prayer for Pastor Andrzejewski**

God’s blessings to our St. Paul Lutheran School families as we begin 2026 together.

As part of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), our congregation participates in the calling process through which pastors and other church workers are prayerfully placed where God leads them to serve. Through this process, Pastor Jakob Andrzejewski has received a call to serve as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Grand Blanc, Michigan. After thoughtful prayer and discernment, Pastor Andrzejewski has accepted this call.

Pastor Andrzejewski has faithfully served St. Paul for the past five and a half years, sharing God’s Word with our congregation, our students, and our families. We are deeply thankful for his ministry, his leadership, and the care he has shown to our school and church community.

Pastor Andrzejewski’s final Sunday service at St. Paul will be **January 25 at 9:30am with one service only.**

In addition, our students will attend their **final chapel with Pastor Andrzejewski on Wednesday, January 14 at 8:30am.** Immediately following chapel, there will be a **small reception for Pastor Andrzejewski and his family,** allowing our children the opportunity to say goodbye and share their love and gratitude.

Please join us in praying for Pastor Andrzejewski and his family as they prepare for this transition to a new home and church community. We also ask for your continued prayers for St. Paul’s leadership and congregation, that God would grant wisdom, unity, and guidance during this time. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out at [cfrancik@stpaulroyalok.org](mailto:cfrancik@stpaulroyalok.org) or 248-546-6555.

**We give thanks to God for Pastor Andrzejewski’s time among us and trust His plans for the days ahead.**

**Kindergarten Round-Up with a Twist**

We warmly invite our families and friends to join us for Kindergarten Round-Up at St. Paul Lutheran School—with a special twist this year! In addition to welcoming incoming kindergarten families, our doors will be open for Preschool and K–8 families to tour the school and learn more about all that St. Paul has to offer. The date and time for this event will be announced soon; it will be in the coming weeks!

This engaging evening is a wonderful opportunity to meet our caring teachers, visit with our principal, explore classrooms throughout the school, and learn more about the Christ-centered education that shapes everything we do. You’ll see firsthand how we nurture each child’s faith, love of learning, and personal growth in a supportive and loving environment.

We encourage our current families to invite friends, neighbors, or relatives who may be exploring school options, especially families with a child entering kindergarten. If you know someone beginning their school journey, please keep St. Paul in mind and invite them to join us for this evening of discovery and connection.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow—together.



**Grateful Hearts-** Our staff would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our parents, grandparents, congregation, and our amazing PTL for the generous Christmas gift. Your kindness and thoughtfulness meant so much and was truly appreciated by every member of our staff. Your generosity is a beautiful reflection of the love and support that surrounds our school community. We are incredibly grateful for you and for the many ways you bless us as we serve our students each day. May God bless you for your caring and giving hearts.



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**News from LUTHERAN NORTHWEST**

Happy New Year from all of us here at Lutheran Northwest!

Have you made up your mind that Lutheran Northwest is the right fit for your 8th grader for next Fall? Now is the ideal time to complete your application for admission for the 2026-2027 school year. Our early application deadline is approaching on January 31! Take advantage of the lowest application fee of the year and save your child’s spot in the LHNW Class of 2030 here: [www.LutheranNorthwest.com/apply](http://www.LutheranNorthwest.com/apply).

Our High School Placement Test is THIS SATURDAY, 1/10, from 9AM-Noon. This free test is strongly encouraged for all 8th graders considering LHNW for the Fall, and it is required for any student interested in taking Honors English 9. Email our admissions Director at [mgutenkunst@lhsa.com](mailto:mgutenkunst@lhsa.com) to RSVP (preferred). Walk-ins are also welcome!

Wednesday, 1/21, 7PM-8:30PM is 8TH GRADE INTRO NIGHT, a program tailor-made for 8th grade families. Whether you’ve already been accepted at our school or are visiting for the very first time, we’ve got helpful information to share! Placement Test scores will be available for students who have completed the exam. Learn more at [www.LutheranNorthwest.com/events](http://www.LutheranNorthwest.com/events).

5TH & 6TH GRADE QUIZ BOWL is coming up on Wednesday, 2/4! Registration is now open for this fun annual academic & Bible competition, so form a team of 3-5 students and sign up at [www.LutheranNorthwest.com/events](http://www.LutheranNorthwest.com/events)!



**🍔 Red Robin Fundraising Night – Yum! 🍷**

Our Benito’s Pizza and Qdoba nights were such a hit that we’re serving up another delicious opportunity to support St. Paul—this time with a student favorite, Red Robin!

📅 **Tuesday, January 20**

📍 **Madison Heights Red Robin (John R Rd.)**

🕒 **Open 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM**

Red Robin will generously donate 20% of all food sales back to our school for the entire day. Whether lunch works best or dinner fits your schedule, every bite helps!

**Fellowship that Night at 6:00 PM**

Join other St. Paul families at 6:00 PM for a relaxed evening of food, conversation, and community. It’s a wonderful way to give back while enjoying good company.

**📖 How to Participate**

- Dine in-store and show our school flyer
- Or order online using the instructions on the flyer

**Thank you for supporting St. Paul in such a tasty way. Red Robin... Yummm! 🍔❤️**



**Join Us for Sunday School at St. Paul!**

We invite all children, ages 3 through 8th grade, to be part of our Sunday School program every week from 9:45 to 10:45 AM right here in the school gym. It’s a wonderful time filled with music, Bible stories, crafts, and engaging activities that help children grow in their faith and understanding of God’s love. Through fun lessons and meaningful discussions, children will explore God’s Word and learn how to build a strong relationship with Jesus—equipping them with the faith and confidence they need to navigate life’s challenges. Snacks will be provided to keep the energy up as we journey through the Bible together!



**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/10C0B4AADAD22AAF8C16-58956488-acolyte>



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**Second Quarter Chapel Offerings – Supporting Our St Paul Food Pantry**

This quarter our weekly chapel offerings have been 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. Our last chapel offerings brought in **\$29.31** for our food pantry, with a year-to-date total for chapel earnings of **\$809.48** for combined efforts. This coming Wednesday January 14<sup>th</sup> marks the end of this quarter's chapel offerings, and then we will be collecting for the third quarter which will be for MOST Ministries.



**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!**

Winter is Here, and Brrrrrr its cold! 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!



**Hearing Test** - Children in PK4 as well as children in kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades will have their hearing tested on Wednesday January 14th by the Oakland County Health Department. If you have any questions regarding this, please reach out to Mrs. Hansen at [jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org](mailto:jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org).



**Half Day Extended Care Hours:** Please Remember on Most half days, Extended care is available Only until 4pm unless noted otherwise! For half days before a Holiday or School break, No Extended Care will be offered.

**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.

**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!



♪ **Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord – Psalms 98:4** ♪

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