



ST. PAUL VIKING



Winter Blessings



St. Paul Lutheran Church and School • Royal Oak, MI

January 16, 2026

**No School this Monday
January 19th in Observance
of Martin Luther King Jr Day**

Round Up With a Twist
Kindergarten Round Up & School Open House
Tuesday, February 3rd • 6:00-8:00 PM
Tour Our School • Meet Our Teachers • Experience Our Faith
Preschool - 8th Grade • St. Paul Lutheran School
Where Faith & Family Grow Together

Round Up with a Twist

We warmly invite families to join us for Round Up with a Twist at St. Paul Lutheran School on Tuesday, February 3rd, from 6:00-8:00 PM. This special evening welcomes Kindergarten families while also opening our doors to all who would like to tour our school and learn more about our ministry of Christian education.

Guests will have the opportunity to visit classrooms, meet our caring and dedicated staff, and discover the strong family atmosphere that makes St. Paul a blessing to so many—from Preschool through 8th Grade. Whether you are preparing for kindergarten or simply seeking a faith-centered school community, we would be honored to welcome you.

Come see how faith, learning, and community are woven together each day at St. Paul Lutheran School.

Looking for Inspiration and Fun on Your Day Off?

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Henry Ford Museum is offering free admission on Monday, January 19th. This special day also features two complimentary showings of the movie "The Vote" at 11:00 AM and 4:30 PM, available on a first-come, first-served basis. "From The Bending the Arc Project, this documentary covers the hard-fought battle to expand voting rights in 1960s Alabama — the sacrifices made, the lives lost and the need to continue the fight for all." This is a wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in Michigan's rich history while celebrating the invaluable contributions of Black history and culture. Whether you're exploring exhibits, learning about the fight for civil rights, or enjoying the film, this experience is sure to inspire and educate all ages. We encourage families to take advantage of this meaningful and free community event!

FACTS Delinquencies:

There are quite a few people who have negative balances for your lunch, extended care, and incidental expense accounts. We ask that you please bring these accounts up to date so that you may continue using these services. Thank you.



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 cfrencik@stpaulroyaloak.org.



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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.

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@stpaulroyaloak.org or 248-546-6555.

Red Robin Gives Back to St. Paul 🍔

Looking for an easy (and delicious!) way to support St. Paul Lutheran School? Make plans to visit Red Robin in Madison Heights on Tuesday, January 20. From 11:00 AM–10:00 PM, 20% of all food sales will be donated back to our school when you participate using our flyer or online instructions.

Families are especially invited to gather around 6:00 PM for an informal time of fellowship—good food, friendly faces, and a shared purpose.

Whether you stop in for lunch, dinner, or takeout, your meal helps support our students and school community. Thank you for continuing to support St. Paul in such meaningful (and tasty!) ways.

Red Robin truly makes giving back 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!



Help Needed for a School Family

St. Paul families, we are seeking assistance for a mom in our school community. A 6th-grade student needs a ride after school, Monday–Friday, from St. Paul to the Jack and Patti Salter Club on E. Lincoln Ave in Royal Oak (just over a mile away). If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Hansen in the office, and she will connect you with the family. Thank you for supporting one another with care and kindness.



Yearbook Photo Help Needed

We are collecting photos for this year's St. Paul Yearbook and would love your help! If you have taken photos of your child(ren) over the past few months, especially during the holiday season at school or church—we invite you to share them with us.

Photos do not need to be group shots; individual photos are welcome and very helpful. Sometimes we are looking to fill spaces or may not have photos of specific students, and every picture helps make our yearbook more complete and meaningful. **Thank you for helping us create a special keepsake for our students and families!**



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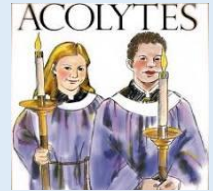
Second Quarter Chapel Offerings – Supporting Our St Paul Food Pantry

This quarter our weekly chapel offerings had 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 **\$25.97** for our food pantry, with a year-to-date total for chapel earnings of **\$835.45** for combined efforts. This past Wednesday January 14th marked the end of the 2nd quarters chapel offerings, and we will now be collecting for third quarter which will be for MOST Ministries.



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>



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!



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.



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 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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