



Winter

Blessings



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

All School Choir Sings at 9:30am Worship for Pastor A's last service.

Viking Chapel & 2nd Quarter Awards Celebration

St. Paul Lutheran School families are warmly invited to join us for a special morning of worship and celebration this Wednesday, January 28th.

Chapel begins at 8:30 AM, followed immediately by our 2nd Quarter Awards Ceremony, where we will recognize the many ways our students shine—academically, spiritually, and through faithful dedication.



During the ceremony, we will proudly honor:

- ◆ Fruit of the Spirit Awards for Peace and Patience, recognizing two students from each group: PK–K, 1st–4th, and 5th–8th Grade
- ◆ Students with Perfect School & Church Attendance for the second quarter
- ◆ Students earning Principal's and Teacher's Honor Roll distinctions

These moments are especially meaningful to our students, and they love seeing their families and special guests in attendance. We hope you can join us as we give thanks, celebrate growth, and recognize the wonderful blessings within our school community.

Go Vikings!

Calling All Artists: Yearbook Cover Design Contest!

Get ready to let your creativity shine by designing the cover of our 2025-2026 St. Paul Lutheran School Yearbook! Here's What You Need to Know:

Contest Instructions:

- Use an 8 1/2 by 11-inch plain sheet of paper for your drawing.
- Draw in portrait style (up and down, not sideways).
- Fill the ENTIRE page with color. Include a background if your design doesn't cover the whole page.



Include the following:

- *St. Paul Lutheran School name
- *A touch of our school/church (like a cross or picture of the school).
- *2025-2026 school year
- *This year's theme: "Make a Joyful Noise"
- Write with dark, bold lines to ensure visibility.
- Ensure your paper is flat and not bent (the company can't use folded drawings).
- Put your name on the back of your drawing

Due Date: Submit your masterpiece to Miss Thomas by Friday, January 30th. No late entries will be accepted!

The winning design will be featured on the yearbook cover, and the artist will be recognized for their outstanding work.

We can't wait to see how you creatively capture the heart of our school and this year's theme!

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Third Quarter Chapel Offerings: Lead a Child

We are thankful to share that our most recent chapel offerings raised \$23.44 in support of our school food pantry. This brings our year-to-date chapel offering total to \$874.94, a wonderful reflection of our students' generosity and servant hearts.

Wednesday, January 14, marked the conclusion of our Second Quarter chapel offerings. As we begin the Third Quarter, our chapel offerings will now support Lead a Child, an independent Lutheran mission agency dedicated to sharing the Good News of Jesus' love through Christian education in developing countries.

Lead a Child gathers gifts and donations to provide scholarships, school registration, and educational supplies so children can attend Lutheran schools and enrichment programs. They also support training and professional development for teachers and leaders, with a strong focus on sharing the Gospel and teaching Biblical truths.



Whether students are learning in modern classrooms with desks and computers or in simple settings with woven grass walls, they are united by the same message—a loving Heavenly Father, a Son who has redeemed them, and a Holy Spirit who fills hearts with hope and salvation.

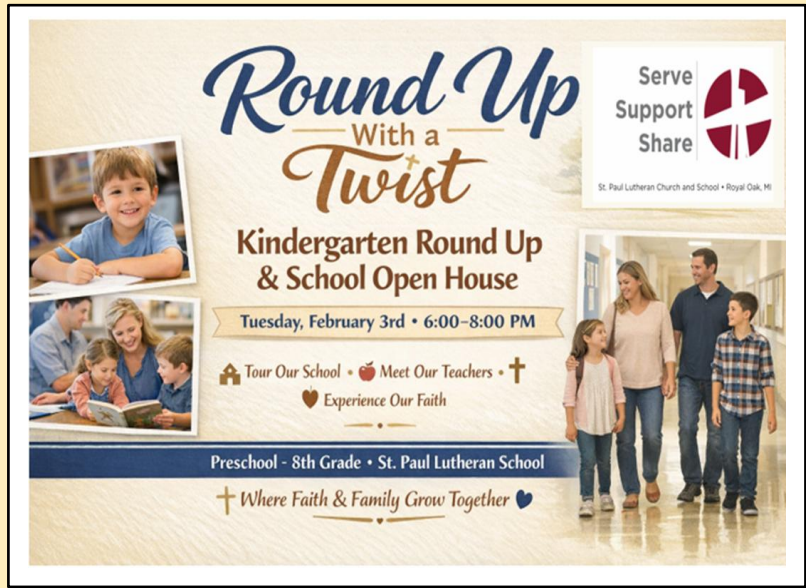
Thank you for continuing to support chapel offerings and helping our students live out their faith by serving others near and far.

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.



Join Us for Sunday School at St. Paul! (Note the Time Change!)

We invite all children, ages 3 through 8th grade, to be part of our Sunday School program every week from 8:30 to 09:30 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!



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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Serve Support Share



January 23, 2026

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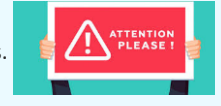
Morning Latchkey Attendant Needed

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



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.



Fundraising Support — Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who supported our December and January dinner fundraisers. Your participation truly makes a difference! Our **Benito's Dinner Night** raised **\$136.90**, and our **Red Robin Dinner Night** brought in **\$135.20** for our school. We are so grateful for your continued generosity and support.

Looking ahead, we are excited to gather once again for an evening of dinner and fellowship in February. The **PTL is happy to share that Crispelli's of Berkley**, located on Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak, is once again partnering with St. Paul Lutheran School and will generously donate **20% of the proceeds** back to our school.

- Crispelli's Fundraiser Night — February 9th**
- Fellowship Hour begins at 6:00 PM**
- Raffle basket available**



We hope you'll join us for a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and support for St. Paul. Your continued involvement helps strengthen our school community—thank you!

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



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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