



Winter Blessings

Serve Support Share



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

1/2 Day of School Thurs 02/26 & No School Fri 02/27 Parent Teacher Conferences

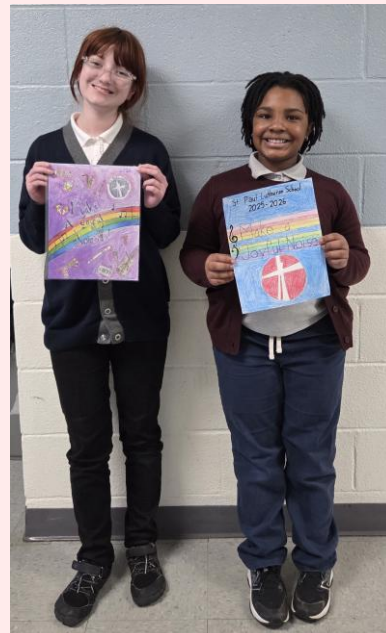
Our 2025/2026 Yearbook Cover Winners

The results are in!

After an incredible showcase of creativity, this year's Yearbook Cover Contest brought in more amazing artwork than ever before. With so many outstanding entries, choosing the winners was no easy task. Our judges spent a great deal of time reviewing each submission because the contest was incredibly close and filled with truly impressive talent.

Congratulations to this year's winners, Hannah and Nova! Their artwork will be featured on this year's yearbook covers.

A huge Viking shout-out to all of our student artists who participated. Your creativity, effort, and school spirit made this year's contest unforgettable!



Journey to the Cross: Our Lenten Season Has Begun

As we approach the season of reflection and renewal, we invite you and your family to join us for our Lenten journey. This is a special time for our congregation to slow down, share a meal, and grow together in faith.



Weekly Wednesday Schedule

Starting February 18th and continuing every Wednesday until Maundy Thursday, we will host our weekly Lenten programming:

- 6:15 PM – Community Dinner: Enjoy a delicious meal provided by various special groups within our church. It's a wonderful way for families to connect and refuel before worship.
•7:00 PM – Lenten Worship Service: A time of prayer, scripture, and reflection.

School Choir Commitments

Our youth and music ministries are working hard to prepare beautiful music for our services. Please note these specific dates:

- Wednesday, March 18th: Our Children's Choir will be singing!
Note to Parents: We hope all children can attend and participate in the service on this night to support their peers and share their gifts.
•Wednesday, March 25th: Our Junior Chancel Choir will lead us in song during the service.
•Sunday, March 29th: Palm Sunday - School Choir will participate in music during Sunday Worship Service
•Friday, April 3rd: Good Friday – School Choirs will participate in Tre Ore Worship Services.

Join the Fellowship Lent is not just a season of sacrifice, but a season of community. We hope you will join us each week for fellowship around the table and worship in the sanctuary as we walk together toward Easter. We look forward to seeing you and your family there!

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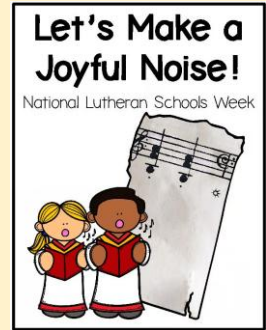
**Lutheran Schools Week and Open House Showcase**

Lutheran Schools Week | First Week of March

Lutheran Schools Week is quickly approaching and will be celebrated during the first week of March! This year's theme beautifully connects with our chapel focus, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth," as we explore "A Day of Creation." Throughout the week, students will reflect on God's creation through daily themes and activities. More details and a full schedule will be shared next week as preparations continue.

Our 5th-8th grade students are already hard at work on special science projects that will be featured during our Lutheran Schools Week Open House Showcase, held at the end of the week. This special event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our students' learning and highlight all that makes St. Paul Lutheran School such a blessing.

We encourage all families to attend, invite friends and relatives, and help us share the story of St. Paul. Lutheran Schools Week is a time to reflect on what God has done through our school this year and to joyfully share the many wonderful things happening here.



**Third Quarter Chapel Offerings: Lead a Child** - Thank you for your continued generosity. Our most recent chapel offerings raised \$18.00 for Lead a Child, bringing our year-to-date total to \$995.55—a beautiful reflection of our students' servant hearts.



This quarter, chapel offerings support Lead a Child, a Lutheran mission agency that shares the Good News of Jesus through Christian education in developing countries. Donations help provide scholarships, school supplies, and teacher training so children can learn in Christ-centered environments around the world. Thank you for helping our students live out their faith by serving others near and far.

**Fundraising Success — A Heartfelt Thank You!** - We are grateful to everyone who participated in our December and January dinner fundraisers. Your support continues to strengthen our school community and helps make special opportunities possible for our students and families. Thanks to your generosity, our Benito's Dinner Night raised \$136.90, and our Red Robin Dinner Night contributed \$135.20. While we await the final total from Crispelli's Bakery & Pizzeria, it was wonderful to see so many families come out and show their support.

The PTL is truly thankful for each St. Paul family and the many ways you have helped throughout the school year so far. We would also like to thank everyone who joined us Friday night for the Valentine's Dance. It was a joyful evening of fellowship, laughter, and celebrating together while enjoying the rewards made possible through our fundraising efforts. Events like this are exactly what your support helps provide.



We are grateful for our families, your generosity, and the strong sense of community that allows us to create meaningful experiences for our students. Thank you for being such an important part of St. Paul!

**Registration Open for 2026/2027 – Tuition Updates**

Each year, the leadership of the church examines school tuition rates for the following year. Options are discussed and the rate is set. While tuition has increased slightly this year, the leadership with the support of the congregation, have decided to continue with keeping the family discount, meaning the tuition rate will not be greater than the two-child rate no matter how many siblings attend the school. More good news- we are continuing our incentive program. When you recruit a new family to join the school, your family and the new family will each receive a \$500 credit on your tuition bill. Ask Mrs. Hansen in the school office for a copy of the 2026/2027 fees sheet if you need an additional copy.



The church already funds a significant portion of the total cost of educating each student, but we want you to know that our support of this vital ministry continues, and we continue creative ways to increase our student body. Registration for Preschool and K-8 is now open for the 2026/2027 school year! Current families received an email from FACTS last Friday for reenrollment. Please reach out to Mrs. Hansen at 248-546-6555 or jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org if you have any questions. Registration is \$350 for K-8 now until March 10th, then the price goes up to \$450 until June 10th. and \$500 thereafter. Preschool registration is \$170 per child.

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### Easter Eggstravaganza Returns to Grant Park: A Call to Shine!

Get ready to fill the park with joy! On Saturday, April 4th, St. Paul Lutheran is heading into our own backyard at Grant Park in Royal Oak for our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

This isn't just a hunt; it's a premier opportunity for our church and school families to connect with our neighbors and share God's love in a tangible, fun way. To make this our biggest and best year yet, we are looking for the St. Paul community to "egg" us on with donations and a helping hand.

#### How You Can Help

We are currently collecting the following items in the Welcome Center:

- Candy: Lots of it! (Individually wrapped and nut-free preferred).
- Plastic Eggs: New or gently used.
- Your Time: We need a "day-of" crew to assist with setup, activity stations, and cleanup.



#### Get Involved

A huge thank you to Blythe Mackinder for leading the charge this year! If you have questions or want to jump on the planning team, please reach out to her at [bmackinder@stpaulroyaloak.org](mailto:bmackinder@stpaulroyaloak.org).

Ready to sign up? Visit the Welcome Center this Sunday to add your name to the list and drop off your candy donations. Let's make this a day the Royal Oak community won't forget!

### Upcoming Schedule Dates to Remember

- Parent Teacher Conferences** - ½ Day Noon Dismissal Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup> and No School Friday February 27<sup>th</sup>
- Lutheran Schools Week** – March 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 6<sup>th</sup>, School Open House and Showcase March 8<sup>th</sup> from 12pm – 2pm
- No School-Teacher Inservice Day** – Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>



### 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



### Winter Weather Closure Notices

As winter weather continues, 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](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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