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

October 23, 2026

**Reformation
is this Sunday -
All School Choir
Sings at the 9:30am
Worship Service**

Reformation Sunday: What We're Celebrating This Sunday

This Sunday, we join Christians around the world in observing Reformation Sunday — a day that commemorates the beginning of the Protestant Reformation and the recovery of the gospel's central promise.

Where it comes from: On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a German monk and theologian, posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. That act of academic protest against the sale of indulgences sparked a movement that reshaped the church. Reformation Sunday is traditionally observed on the Sunday on or before October 31, so this year it falls on our own worship day.



What it means: Above all, Reformation Sunday refocuses us on the good news that forgiveness and salvation are not earned — they are free gifts from God, received by grace through faith alone, not by human effort or purchased favors. It also reaffirms Scripture as the ultimate guide and final authority for Christian faith and practice. It is less a celebration of one man than a return to the message he pointed toward.

Join us this Sunday.

We are gathering for worship followed by a shared lunch and activities for all ages, and we warmly invite every school family to be part of it.

A note for families: our children sing in the choir at 9:30 am; our school band and bell choir will be performing as well. Please have your child present and ready at that time. It's one of the loveliest parts of the morning, and we'd love every young voice there.



Come for the worship, stay for the lunch, and let's mark this day together.

We Did It — Goal Reached!

What an amazing few week it has been. We set out with a goal, and our school families and friends stepped up in a way that only God could orchestrate. Watching His power move through this community — through every donation, every shared page, every act of generosity — has been a true blessing to witness. To God be the glory! 🙏

Thank you, thank you, thank you to every family who gave, shared, signed up, and prayed. You made this happen, and our students and staff are so grateful.



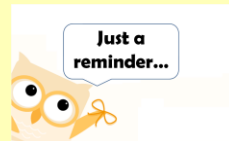
There's still time to give! Donations are open until Friday, the 30th. Scan the QR code attached to this newsletter to donate or share your child's page, every gift, big or small, makes a lasting difference in the enrichment of our school.



Let's finish strong, St. Paul Vikings!

Important Upcoming Dates

- ★Friday, October 30 🍁 End of 1st Quarter/ Half Day of School 🎃 Classroom Halloween Parties/ Trick-or-Treating in the Halls Info to come!
- ★Monday, November 2 🍃 Free Dress Day — for K–8 students with perfect dress code in the 1st Quarter. Way to go!
- ★Tuesday, November 3 🍆 Middle School to Camp Restore.
- ★Thursday, November 5 & Friday, November 6 📅 Parent-Teacher Conferences — Half Day on Thursday, No School on Friday!



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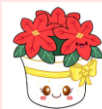


Blakes Big Apple – Fall Field Trip – It's almost here; Our trip to Blakes Big Apple is this Thursday October 29th in Armada. Permission slips came home 2 weeks ago and were due on Tuesday October 20th. If your child has not turned in their field trip permission slip, please do so immediately or they will not be able to come on the field trip. The cost for the trip is \$14 per person, but will include many fun things such as a hayride, corn maze, petting zoo, bag of apples, cider and donuts, and more. Volunteer drivers are needed to help with children who do not have parents attending. We look forward to another fun-filled annual trip together. This field trip is available to Preschool 3s and K-8 Families this year.



Evergreen Sale to Support St. Paul!

Our annual **Evergreen Holiday Fundraiser** with **Carlson's Greenhouse** is wrapping up! There is still time to bring a little holiday beauty home while supporting St. Paul Lutheran School. Order forms and money are due this Wednesday October 28th.



Choose from **poinsettias, festive wreaths, fresh evergreens, gift cards, and more**—perfect for decorating or gifting this holiday season!

- ★ **Viking Incentive:** The student with the **most sales** will win a **Pizza or Donut Party** for their entire class!
- ★ **Orders Due:** Wednesday, October 28th
- ★ **Pick-Up:** St. Paul Lutheran School Parking Lot — Date TBD (most likely the Sunday after Thanksgiving)



Don't miss your chance to order and support our school! Thank you for helping make this fundraiser a success! Questions? Contact **Julie Hansen** at 248-778-7246 or jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org.



Good Food. Great Cause. Stronger Vikings! - Dine & Support St. Paul! - Tuesday, November 17 | 10:00 AM–9:30 PM



Join us for a **Panda Express Fundraiser** and help support **St. Paul Lutheran School!** – 2250 E. 12 Mile Rd., Royal Oak

Order online: PandaExpress.com or the Panda Express app. **Fundraiser Code:** 3866643

Ordering in person? Bring the paper flyer or show the fundraiser flyer on your phone.

Order ahead or on November 17! Every order helps support our Vikings!



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PTL Christmas Shop – The Magic of Giving!



– One of St. Paul's most treasured holiday traditions is coming **Friday, December 11th**! If you're new to St. Paul, you're in for a treat! Our PTL Christmas Shop is filled with gifts priced at \$1–\$5, giving our Vikings the joy of shopping for special surprises for family and friends.



We Need Your Help! We're collecting new and handcrafted items for all ages. Have a hidden crafting talent? We'd love your creations! Don't forget those popular gifts for Dad, Grandpa, and Uncle!

Volunteers Needed! We need helping hands the day before to set up and on the day of the shop to help children shop and wrap their gifts. A Signup Genius will be shared next month. A crafting fellowship night is also in the works!

Let's make this special tradition magical for our Vikings! Every donation and helping hand makes a difference. Thank you for spreading the joy of giving at St. Paul!



Calling All Vikings! Co-Ed Volleyball Is Underway!

Volleyball tipped off this Tuesday, and we're off to a great start — players are already learning a lot and building skills fast. It's shaping up to be a wonderful season of learning together, and we can't wait to wrap it up with a parent-student showdown! Whether your Viking is an experienced player or just looking to learn a new sport, we'd love to have them join us for a fun season of teamwork, skill-building, and Viking spirit.



Season: October 20 – November 20



Practice Days: Tuesdays and Some Fridays

What to Bring:

- A current sports physical on file to participate
- Comfortable gym clothes
- Athletic shoes suitable for the gym

Come learn new skills, build confidence, encourage your teammates, and have fun on the court!



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First Quarter Chapel Offerings – Supporting Camp Restore Detroit

This quarter, our chapel offerings will support Camp Restore Detroit, a ministry based at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. Their mission is to partner with community leaders and volunteers to help restore and renew Detroit's 9th Precinct. Through service projects like clearing lots, home repairs, and neighborhood events, they work alongside residents to build a stronger, more beautiful community. Last year, our middle school students volunteered their time and service with Camp Restore, and this fall they will return to helping again with important neighborhood projects.



This week's chapel offering contributions came to **\$23.80**, with a quarter total thus far of **\$300.27**. Thank you for your support!

Serving Others, Serving Christ – 7th and 8th Grade Service

As part of our middle school expectations, all 7th and 8th grade students are encouraged to complete one hour of service outside of school hours, beyond their regular household chores. Service is a wonderful way to use your God-given gifts to help others and to live out Christ's love in our community. Not sure how to complete your service hour? Talk with one of our teachers! Many teachers have opportunities for students to assist with projects or tasks after school.

For St. Paul students who are church members who will be confirmed: Students are also expected to serve as an Acolyte once each quarter during a church service. You can sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A8A822A4FAC25-63823335-church>

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace." — 1 Peter 4:10
Thank you, Vikings, for using your talents to serve God, our school, and our community!



Late Arrival Procedure:

If you are running late, whether Preschool or K-8, please come to door 1 by the office. Mrs. Hansen will let you in the building. All K-8 students need to get a tardy slip when they are running late. If you are running far behind, please call the office to make us aware. Preschool families also need to come to Door 1. It is disrupting and sometimes difficult for the preschool teachers to have to leave classrooms to get children at the door. On Wednesday Preschool 3 and K-8 children who arrive after 8:30am will need to be taken to the church for chapel. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.



📷 Help Us Fill Our Yearbook! - Our yearbook is a collection of memories made all year long, and we need your help! Have photos from a school event? Share them with us!

- Scan the QR code or visit the Entourage Yearbook Website. • Password: **Vikings 1**
- Create an account or log in to your previous account. • Upload your photos into the appropriate event category.

Can't access the website? Email photos to jthomas@stpaulroyaloak.org. Thank you for helping us capture memories that make St. Paul special! All photos are welcome—even if they only feature your child!



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.



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 other class trips. 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.



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