ST. PAUL VIKING

November 06, 2026

Autumn Blessings

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First Quarter Merit Certificates will be Awarded at Chapel this Wednesday November 11th.

Special Chapel & Awards Ceremony — Wednesday, November 11th

You're invited to join us for a meaningful chapel service this Wednesday at 8:30 AM, followed by our First Quarter Awards Ceremony.

We'll be celebrating students who have earned Honor Roll recognition, along with those who achieved Perfect Church and School Attendance.



This year, we're bringing back a tradition we began last year: a special award for several students who display a servant's heart and a joyful spirit. Our Good Citizen award honors students who help others and show love to their classmates, students our teachers feel have lived out these values throughout the first quarter.

At our school, being a Christ-like good citizen grows out of our theme this year: Rooted in Christ. It looks like a student who notices a classmate sitting alone and chooses to sit beside them. One who pitches in before being asked, speaks kindly when it would be easier not to, and brings a cheerful attitude to the classroom and to chapel. It's a willingness to put others first, to serve without wanting credit, and to reflect the love of Christ in ordinary moments — on the playground, in the hallway, and at the lunch table. This award is our way of thanking God for the work He is doing in these young hearts.



We hope you'll come to celebrate with our students and your children.

Come share in this time of worship and celebration as we recognize our Vikings for their hard work, faith, and Christ-like spirit. Let's celebrate our students who are rooted in Christ and growing in Him every day.

Parent Pulse Survey



We are continuing to use the Parent Pulse platform to survey parents about their and their child's experiences at St. Paul Lutheran School. Beginning last week and through the end of November, each parent will receive an email invitation to complete a survey which should take 5-7 minutes to complete. Mr. Francik appreciates your consideration and time to share your valuable feedback.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Food Pantry Blessings



As we prepare to give thanks for God's abundant blessings, we invite you to join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Worship on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m. Come and lift your hearts in gratitude as we reflect on His goodness and share in a time of praise and fellowship.

As part of our worship, we will once again collect donations for our St. Paul Food Pantry to support families in need within our community. You are encouraged to bring a bag of nonperishable food items to place at the altar. Suggested donations include 16 oz. jars of peanut butter and jelly, canned meats, soups, fruits, pork and beans, boxed cereals, oatmeal, rice, potatoes, and noodles.

If you'd like to lend a hand in organizing the pantry donations, we'd love your help on Friday, November 27th at 10:00 a.m. in the church lounge. For more information, please contact Sue in the church office.

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Important Upcoming Dates



Friday, November 13th — Silly Dress Day, Silly String our Principal & Pizza Lunch:
The students' celebrate more winning fun run incentives with a Silly Dress Day, Silly String Mr. Francik, our principal, and that day is also our All-School Pizza Lunch Day
(I hear there may be a treat involved too 😉)

Wednesday, November 25th through November 27th — Thanksgiving Break: Classes resume Monday, November 30th

Second Quarter Chapel Offerings — Feeding Our Neighbors at St. Paul

Starting this week, our weekly chapel offerings for the second quarter will go toward the St. Paul Food Pantry.

Our pantry puts food on the table for anyone who needs it — not just our church family, but the wider community around us. Every week our students bring their offerings forward, and in doing that they're learning something we can't teach from a textbook: what it looks like to serve, to show compassion, and to reach out to someone else. A few coins at a time, they're learning to care for their neighbors.



And there's a second way to help this quarter. Beginning this week, each classroom will also be collecting canned goods for the pantry. There are three easy ways to give:

- Send them to your child's classroom — there will be a donation bag right outside the door.
- Drop them at the school office any time during the day.
- Bring them to chapel along with your offering.

Every single can and every single offering makes a difference. Thank you for joining us in this effort, for the generosity our school families show again and again, and for caring for our neighbors in need. Our final chapel offerings for First Quarter came to **$17.70** with a total **for Quarter 1 of $317.97** for Camp Restore. **Thank You St. Paul** Families.

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!

Serving at Camp Restore Detroit





Our middle school students spent yesterday at Camp Restore Detroit, rolling up their sleeves to build and clean out gardens alongside one another.

Camp Restore Detroit is where our chapel offerings went last quarter, and it's easy to see why. The ministry serves people all across the Detroit area — restoring homes and neighborhoods, tending community gardens and coming alongside neighbors in need. Every offering we collected went straight into that work.

Camp Restore
Restoring Faith, Home and Community

This is what community is all about!
Our kids putting servant hearts to work and doing God's work right here in our city. We're proud of them, and grateful for the chance to serve.

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PTL Christmas Shop — The Magic of Giving!



One of St. Paul's treasured holiday traditions returns Friday, December 11th! Gifts are priced at $1–$5, giving our children the joy of shopping for surprises for family and friends. **We need your help!** We're collecting new and handcrafted items for all ages, including gifts for Dad, Grandpa, and Uncle, sometimes forgotten in the mix of donated items.

Volunteers needed both to set up the day before and to help children shop and wrap on the day. A Signup Genius and a crafting fellowship night are in the works, with details next month. Let's make this tradition magical for our children. Every donation and helping hand makes a difference. Thank you for spreading the joy of giving at St. Paul!

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

SERVANT HEART GOOD WORKS

"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!

Bundle Up, Vikings!



We've been fortunate to enjoy a mild fall so far, but with colder days ahead, 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!

Half Day Extended Care Hours:
Please Remember on Most half days, Extended care is available Only until **4pm** unless noted otherwise!

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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. Every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus card, St. Paul earns a percentage of the sale!

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