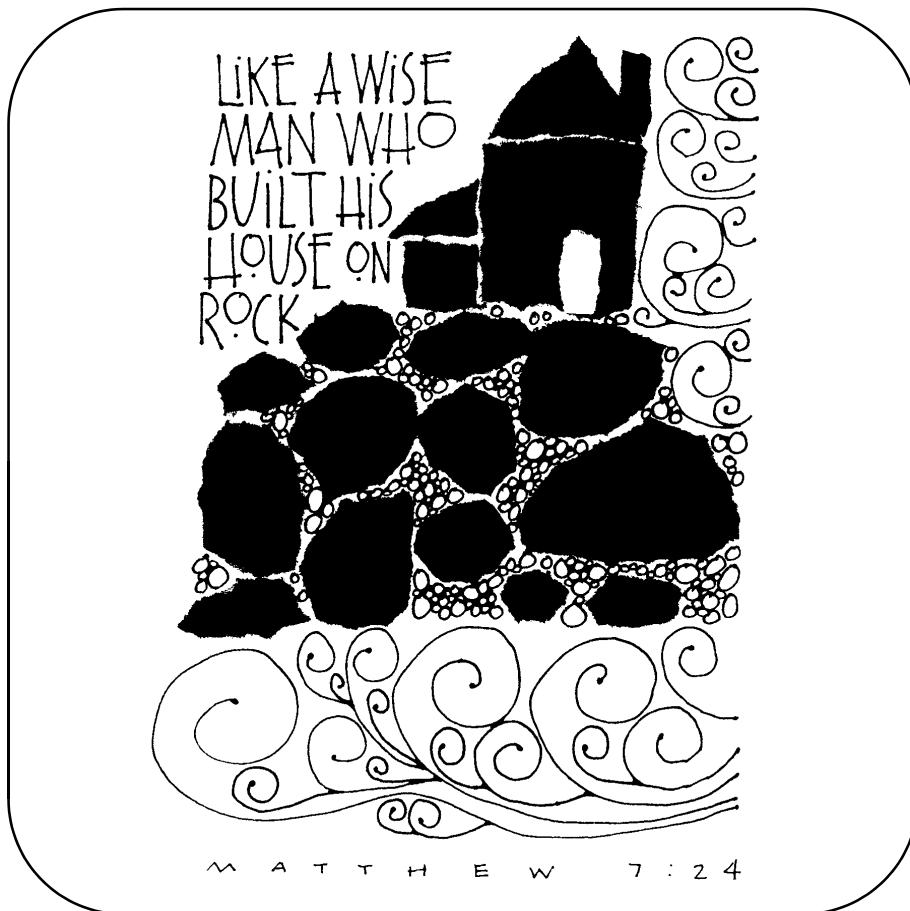




St. Paul  
Ann Arbor

Sowing **truth**. Building **faith**. Shining **love**.



# Welcome to Worship

September 14, 2025

**8:30 AM, Downtown Campus**



St. Paul Lutheran  
Church of Ann Arbor

At St. Paul Ann Arbor, we equip families and  
individuals to know Christ, to discover truth,  
and to create meaningful connections.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 14, 2025 (8:30 AM)

## One church with two locations:

**Downtown Campus**  
420 W. Liberty St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Worship:  
Saturdays @ 6:30 PM  
Sundays @ 8:30 AM

Discipleship Hour:  
Sundays @ 9:45 AM

**Earhart Campus**  
495 Earhart Rd.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Worship:  
Sundays @ 10:45 AM

Discipleship Hour:  
Sundays @ 9:45 AM



## Welcome to our guests!

We're glad you're here! We ask that you fill out your name and an email or phone number in the black folder at the end of the row so we can connect with you. One of St. Paul's core values is unity so we'd like to help you get connected. On the back page of this worship folder, you'll find groups and events that are for you. May God bless you today!

## If you have children

We welcome and encourage all children (yes, babies too!) to worship the Lord at St. Paul. If your child becomes restless during the service, don't worry! We get it. If you'd like to use it, there is a cry room available at the rear of the church and a nursery located below the main worship entrance. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available at each worship entrance. The hospitality team will be happy to assist you.

## About Holy Communion

St. Paul is a confessional Lutheran congregation sharing the beliefs and practices of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). Following the Word of Jesus, we believe that the Lord's Supper is more than a symbol. Jesus gives His people His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins through the bread and wine. In Holy Communion, Jesus not only gives these gifts, He unites us in a confession of faith. We confess that God has given His gift of salvation in baptism. We confess that we are sinners who need the forgiveness that Jesus offers by His death and resurrection. We confess that God speaks in His inspired Word, the Bible. We confess that God is one God, the Father who created all things, the Son Jesus the Savior, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in His people by faith. Alongside this confession of faith, the Holy Spirit is at work in those who receive the Supper to live according to God's Word and remain true to God, even to death, shining Jesus' love inside and outside of God's church. If you share this confession, we invite you to receive Christ's body and blood with us. If you do not share these beliefs, please talk to a pastor before communing though you are invited to come forward during Communion distribution with arms crossed to receive a blessing and the assurance of God's love in Jesus Christ. We're glad you're at St. Paul!

## Discipleship Hour & Christ Connections

You're invited to gather after the service for coffee, donuts, fellowship and Bible study for adults and children! Sundays at 9:45 AM. Adults meet in Fellowship Hall (lower-level) and children ages 3 through grade 5 meet in the lower-level preschool classrooms.

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### HYMN

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"  
Stanzas 1, 2, 4



LSB# 909

### RESPONSIVE VERSES

*Versicles*  
(LSB pg. 219)



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

*Psalms 51:15*



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

*Psalms 70:1*



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



*Common:* Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*Invitatory Antiphon*  
(LSB pg. 220)



**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



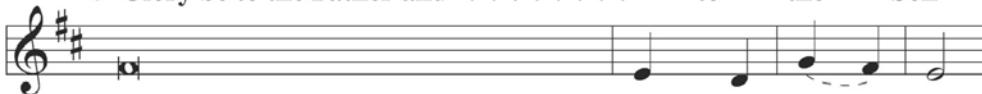
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

## WE COME BEFORE THE LORD

*Venite* (LSB pg. 220ff)  
*Psalms 95:1-7*



**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Antiphon  
(LSB pg. 221)

**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



**C** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

## We Hear the Word of God

**OLD TESTAMENT** ..... ✠ Genesis 6:9–22

<sup>9</sup> These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. <sup>10</sup> And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

<sup>11</sup> Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup> And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. <sup>13</sup> And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

<sup>14</sup> Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. <sup>15</sup> This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. <sup>16</sup> Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. <sup>17</sup> For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. <sup>18</sup> But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup> And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. <sup>20</sup> Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. <sup>21</sup> Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them." <sup>22</sup> Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him. (ESV)

**L:** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** ..... ✠ Ephesians 2:19–22; 4:11–16

<sup>19</sup> You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. ... <sup>4:11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (ESV)

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

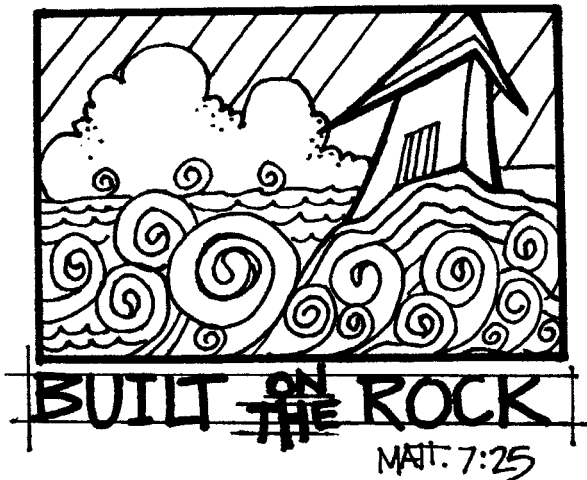
C: **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** ..... ✠ Matthew 7:24–27

<sup>24</sup> [Jesus said,] “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life  $\cdot\text{I}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## HYMN

"Built on the Rock"  
Stanzas 1, 4, 5



LSB# 645

## MESSAGE

"Building Faith"  
*Rev. Aaron Roggow*

Matthew 7:24–27

## RESPONSE

**Build on the Rock, God's holy Word,  
Joining the faithful before you.  
First in the waters, faith is stirred,  
Founded, aligned to the Way, true.  
All by God's hand, the work is done;  
Growing in Him, we are but one—  
Built as His temple and dwelling!**

(Tune: LSB# 645)

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***During the Offering, we invite your participation in our Ritual of Friendship. Please fill in the requested information on the Friendship Pad (which is located at the end of the pew at the center aisle) and pass it down the pew. Also, as the pad is returned, please take note of who is worshipping with you in order that you might greet them following the service.***

VOLUNTARY

*Parents of second and third grade students will come forward to present their child with a bible. Each bible has been prepared by the family to share their faith and encouragement with their child.*

August – Backpack Blessing  
September – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation  
October – Learning to Drive  
November – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Technology  
January – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Money Management  
February – Infant Faith Chest  
March – First Communion  
April – Preschoolers Learning to Pray  
June – Graduation

1 Timothy 2:1-4  
Salutation

**C:** And also with you.

**C: We enter the throne room of God, the Ruler of All Things.**

**C: But we come in humility, like the blind men who called out to Jesus: “Lord, have mercy.”**

*Kyrie* (LSB pg. 227)  
*Mark 10:47*

**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### *Collects of Intercession & Thanksgiving*

- P: O God, You lift up the fallen and set their feet upon firm ground. Keep us safely on Your rock of refuge, that we may build upon the foundation You have given us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

### PRAYERS for THIS DAY

(As prompted) P: *Lord, in Your mercy,*  
C: **hear our prayer.**

### *Collect for Grace*

- P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

# A Foretaste of the Great Feast in Heaven



## WE TURN TO GOD, MINDFUL OF OUR SINFULNESS

*Confession of Sins*  
Psalm 124:8, 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C: **who made heaven and earth.**
- P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

- P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*
- C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*(We observe a moment of quiet reflection as we consider our own sinful condition)*

## GOD TURNS TO US, EAGER TO FORGIVE

*Absolution  
John 20:19–23*

- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you for all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen!**

## CHRIST'S WORDS ESTABLISH THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Words of Institution  
1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

- P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: *Take, eat; this is ☩ My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.* In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: *Drink of it, all of you; this is ☩ My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.*

### THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Pax Domini  
John 20:19*

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: **Amen! The peace of Christ be with us all.**

## LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei* (LSB pg. 210)  
John 1:29

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### Communion Distribution

Please note before receiving Holy Communion: *Please read the brief statement of our beliefs, "About Holy Communion", found at the beginning of our worship folder. Our pastors would be happy to meet with you to discuss our beliefs further, and help prepare you for Communion.*



**Hymns:** "Cornerstone"  
"I Know My Faith Is Founded"

(See Worship Folder pages 12–13)  
LSB# 587

### Anthem: Christ Is Our Cornerstone

David Ogden (b. 1966)

*Christ is our Cornerstone, on Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled;  
On His great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.  
Alleluia! Deo Gratias! Thanks be to God!  
O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing;  
And thus proclaim in joyful song both loud and long, that glorious Name.  
Here, gracious God, do Thou forevermore draw nigh;  
Accept each faithful vow, and mark each suppliant sigh;  
In copious shower on all who pray, each holy day, Thy blessings pour.  
Here may we gain from Heav'n, the grace which we implore;  
And may that grace, once given, be with us evermore;  
Until that day when all the blest to endless rest are called away.*

## WORDS OF PEACE AND JOY

*Communicants' Dismissal*

- P: Now may this Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in ☩ peace!
- C: **Amen.**

## TAKING IT HOME

Jude 20–21 (ESV)

- P: “But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,
- C: **Keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.”**

## WE RECEIVE THE BLESSING OF GOD

*Trinitarian Benediction* (LSB pg. 228)  
*2 Corinthians 13:14*

- P: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”  
Stanzas 1, 2, 5



LSB# 728

### POSTLUDE



## Our Worship Servants

**Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins  
**Preacher:** Rev. Aaron Roggow  
**Director of Music:** Dr. John Boonenberg  
**Choir:** Adult Choir  
**Family Worship Team:** Fred & Laurie Metzger  
**Hospitality:** Julie Novak  
**Lay Reader/Elder:** Michael Woon

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**Cornerstone:** by Edward Mote | Eric Liljero | Jonas Myrin | Reuben Morgan | William Batchelder Bradbury  
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Just text "GIVE" to **734-436-3634**

(This will also allow you to set up a recurring gift if you choose.)

Online: <https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/stpaulaa>



Mail checks to: St. Paul Lutheran Church  
420 W Liberty St  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103



For more giving information, go to: <https://www.stpaulannarbor.org/give/>

2025-2026 SPAA Attendance and Offering			
Month	Attendance	Offering	Budget
July	278	\$ 85,561	\$ 103,200
August	292	\$ 92,582	\$ 129,100
September	-	\$ -	\$ 106,200
October	-	\$ -	\$ 106,200
November	-	\$ -	\$ 132,800
December	-	\$ -	\$ 123,200
January	-	\$ -	\$ 106,200
February	-	\$ -	\$ 107,400
March	-	\$ -	\$ 135,200
April	-	\$ -	\$ 114,900
May	-	\$ -	\$ 132,800
June	-	\$ -	\$ 104,800
YTD	278	\$ 178,143	\$ 1,402,000

# "Cornerstone"

(Mote/Liljero/Myrin/Morgan)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less, than Je - sus' blood and  
 right - eous - ness. — I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,  
 13 F G 1. C  
 but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' Name. —  
 16 2. C C<sup>sus</sup> C CHORUS F Am G C/E  
 - sus' Name. — Christ a - lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made  
 strong in the Sav - iour's love. — Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of  
 all. 2. When dark - ness seems to hide His face,  
 3. When He shall come with trump - et sound,  
 I rest on His un - chang - ing grace. — In ev - 'ry high and  
 oh may I then in Him be found. — Dressed in His right - eous -  
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in — the veil. — My an - chor holds with - in —  
 - ness a - lone. Fault - less stand be - fore —

— the veil. — Christ a - lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made

39 F Am G C F Am G

strong in the Sav - iour's love. — Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of

**INTERLUDE**

43 C Am F

all. He is — Lord. — Lord of all. —

48 G C/E G C G

— Christ a - Lord. Lord of all. Christ a - Lord. Lord of

D.S. al Coda

all.

— the throne. —



### St. Paul Stephen Ministry

Are you feeling overwhelmed, grieving a loss, or navigating a health crisis? SPAA is here for you. Our trained Stephen Ministers offer compassionate, confidential, and Christ-centered care, providing the support you need during challenging times. Contact Cherise Callahan at 734-395-8775 to connect with a Stephen Minister who will offer a listening ear and a caring heart.



## News & Upcoming Events

For more news & events visit our webpage at: [www.stpaulannarbor.org](http://www.stpaulannarbor.org)

### St. Paul Ann Arbor Annual Gratitude Report – now available!

Let's celebrate and give THANKS to God for all He has done through SPAA in the past year! Pick up a hard copy of our Gratitude Report at worship entrances (supply is limited) OR scan the QR code here for your digital copy!



### Rooted in Ministry – High School Youth

Hey high schoolers! Come join us Sunday nights for Rooted Ministry, our high school youth group! We gather every week from 6:00–8:00pm at the Youth House (500 W Liberty) for fun, fellowship, and meaningful discussion on Scripture and how it applies to our lives today. We'd love for you to be a part of it! Rooted also hosts special events and off-site gatherings throughout the year. Stay up to date by checking out our live newsletter (scan the QR code on the left) for the latest details.



### Women's Bunco Night – September 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm

Looking for Connection and Fun? Join us for Women's Bunco Night at St. Paul School (495 Earhart Rd) on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> in the Gathering Place. Whether you're a seasoned player or completely new to the game, don't worry-we'll teach you! Bunco is easy to learn and a blast to play. It's the perfect way to unwind and make new friends! If you'd like, you can bring \$5 in cash to join the prize pot for a chance to win in different categories! Or simply come and enjoy the fun, no buy-in required. [Bring a snack to share and please RSVP!](#) If you are a St. Paul School parent, please RSVP through Parent Square. If you are not a SPAA school parent, just email Elise Snapper at [esnapper@stpaulannarbor.org](mailto:esnapper@stpaulannarbor.org) with your RSVP. See you there!

### Camp Arcadia Men's Retreat – September 26-28, still openings!

Camp Arcadia (3046 Oak St., Arcadia, MI)

*Faith in a Secular Age: Examining the Changes Impacting Us (Speaker: Andy Root)*

We're confronted at every turn with the narrative of decline, the rise of the nones, the constant refrain to pastors, lay leaders, and congregation members that "the world is changing." But the most fundamental challenge facing the church today is that God is no longer an assumed reality. How might the church and the role of faith shift when belief in God is optional? What is faith in a secular age? And how can we help form it in our churches and families? Optional Add-Ons: Golf on Thursday (the 25th) @ 2:30 pm in Mesick, MI; Golf on Friday (the 26th) @ 9:30 am in Arcadia, MI. Scan the QR code to register. Contact Pastor Roggow at [aroggow@stpaulannarbor.org](mailto:aroggow@stpaulannarbor.org) with questions.

