



Welcome to Worship

November 2, 2025

8:30 AM, Downtown Campus

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

All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 2, 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

<u>Discipleship Hour:</u> Sundays @ 9:45 AM

Earhart Campus

495 Earhart Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Worship:

Sundays @ 10:45 AM

<u>Discipleship Hour:</u> 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!

The flowers in the chancel

have been placed to the glory of God in loving memory of the members of St. Paul who have gone before us in the faith, and now worship at the throne of God eternally!

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



WE CALL UPON THE NAME OF GOD

The sign of the cross + may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.

Invocation Matthew 28:19b

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

THE SAINTS OF GOD (with Revelation 14:13)

P: Today we celebrate All Saints' Day, on which we give thanks "for all the saints who from their labors rest," those who have gone before us in faith.

We teach that saints are sinners baptized into Christ, redeemed by the cross of Jesus, and who gave us examples of trusting not in their own heroic feats but in the grace and mercy of God in Jesus. So why remember saints? To thank God for their life and witness, to be encouraged in our own walk of faith, and to remember and rejoice for God giving us examples of how grace and faith look in the real lives of people we knew.

- P: "And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'
- C: 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'"

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

P: We rejoice this day, as we remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving. God gave new life to them through Holy Baptism, nourished them in the company of His people at His holy table, and in His mercy summoned them to Himself so that they may continue in joyful service to Him forever.

(Members of our St. Paul family who have died since All Saints' Day 2024)

■ Dale F. Kraemer
■ (November 30, 2024)

John 10:27-28 (ESV)

- P: [Jesus said,] "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.
- C: I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."
- Gordon W. Scheill
 (January 2, 2025)

Psalm 73:25-26, 28 (ESV)

- P: Whom have I in heaven but you? There is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
- C: For me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

Shirley E. Ruhlig (January 24, 2025)

Job 19:25-27 (ESV)

- P: For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,
- C: Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

■ Robert D. Morton ■ (February 4, 2025)

1 Corinthians 15:20,22 (ESV)

- P: In fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- C: For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

■ Leo E. Otto ■ (March 19, 2025)

Philippians 3:20-21 (ESV)

- P: Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ—
- C: Who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

₩ Wynn E. Krzyske ₩ (July 13, 2025)

John 14:2-3 (ESV)

- P: [Jesus said,] "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?
- C: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

▼ Roman G. Eek ▼ (August 20, 2025)

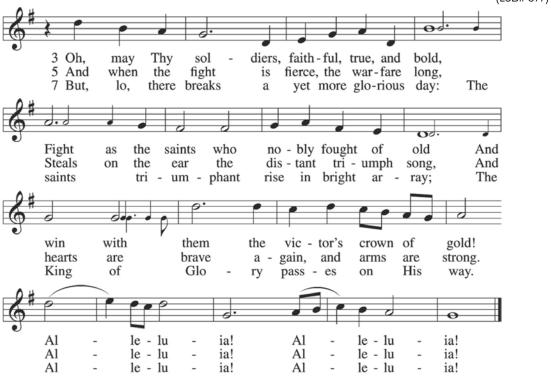
Luke 18:15-16 (ESV)

- P: Now [the people] were bringing even infants to [Jesus] that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying,
- C: "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

PRAYFR

- P: Almighty God, in joyful expectation of eternal life with You, we remember those loved ones who have gone before us in faith and now rejoice with that multitude which no man can number, with whom in the Lord Jesus Christ we are one forevermore. We give You thanks for the gift of faith you worked in them and, encouraged by their witness, we hold fast to the *certainty* of Your promise of eternal life in Your Son, Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.





WE TURN TO GOD, MINDFUL OF OUR SINFULNESS

Confession of Sins

THE LIE: "You can and must save yourself."

P: Even though this lie seems so obvious on the surface, it can take on many subtle shades in our lives...to the point where we might actually struggle in it. For the sake of self-preservation, it feels natural to want to take action and do things for ourselves—it's up to us to do it, and do it right. Satan uses this attitude to drive a wedge between us and God... if we can make it happen on our own, we have little need to look to God for our good.

Let us then reflect on how this self-reliance actually demonstrates an act of rebellion against God, as we look elsewhere for our help.

C: Heavenly Father, we have fallen into the trap of needing to prove ourselves, where success flows from our actions. We are often tempted to trust "what we know", and rely on our abilities to accomplish the task. We have slid away from Your perfect care and begun to place hope in our own works—which will fail to save us.

- P: Satan is persistent in keeping us focused away from God. He preys on the fears that we will be powerless, incompetent, helpless, and lacking if we don't step up and do better for ourselves.
- C: Father, forgive us when we become fixed on ourselves. Forgive us when we begin to rely on our own efforts and abilities. Forgive us when believe we can earn our way into Your favor and Your kingdom. Teach us to see Satan's lie and reject it. Renew our hearts to always seek Jesus as the only way for our salvation. Amen.

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

GOD TURNS TO US, EAGER TO FORGIVE

Absolution

(with Ephesians 2:8,9; Acts 4:10,12)

- P: Work harder. Be stronger. Have a better life. Take control and enjoy the satisfaction of how far you have come by your efforts. A favorite lie of Satan: "You can and must save yourself." Unnoticed, it entwines itself so closely with our human nature. It is fueled by our drive to avoid appearing weak and helpless. However, Scripture speaks the truth that salvation is not our work, but God's: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."
- C: "By the name of Jesus Christ... there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."
- P: The good news is this: no matter how hard you try, you cannot save yourself—you are not responsible for your own salvation. The truth is we must be saved— this is why God sent Jesus to save you. He suffered, died on the cross, rose from the dead, ascended in power, and will return soon in that same power for you, for your salvation. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, in His place and by His authority, I forgive you for all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY Collect

- P: Almighty God, You have united those You have chosen into one community—the body of Christ our Lord, the Church. Give us grace to recall the godly lives of the great cloud of witnesses gone before us, that we may also come to the joys beyond words that You have prepared for those who truly love You. Increase our faith as we bear witness to the abundance of Your grace found in the salvation of our souls; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

We Hear the Word of God

FIRST READING

→ Revelation 7:9–17

⁹ I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

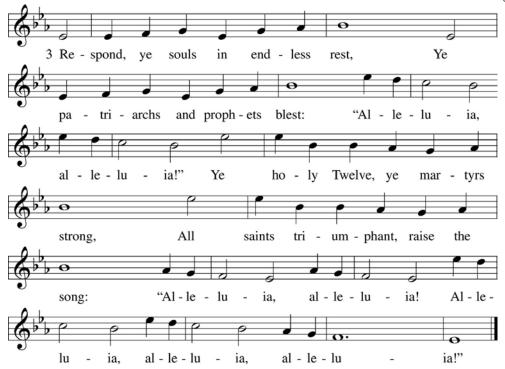
C: Thanks be to God.

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. (ESV)

- L: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.



(LSB# 670)



¹ Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
- for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (ESV)
- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**



MESSAGE

"Satan's Lie: You Can and Must Save Yourself"
Rev. Aaron Roggow

Matthew 5:1-12

RESPONSE (Tune: LSB# 555)

No matter what we do to try
To save ourselves or perish,
We fall beneath the awful lie
That Satan loves to cherish.
The Father sent us His own Son
To pay the cost our sin had done;
He— ever our salvation!

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, **the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints**, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

We Worship the Lord with Our Offerings

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 worshiping with you in order that you might greet them following the service.

(For electronic and convenient giving options, see the end of this worship folder)

VOLUNTARY



P: Living in this world with our eyes lifted toward heaven, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

For all the leaders of our Synodical and District church body, for our own pastors and teachers who share the ministry in our congregation— that they would find joy and strength for their work in faithful service to You, let us pray to the Lord:

- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For the leaders of our world, that they would endeavor to avoid war, promote justice, and inspire peace in this and every nation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For those who are burdened with illness, pain, and grief [especially remembering...]. We pray that they would know the comfort of God's grace, healing, and presence; let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For all those who grieve the loss of loved ones significant to us, that we would be encouraged by their example of faith and service while in this life, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.

PRAYERS for THIS DAY

(As prompted) P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, as we wait for Your return, nourish us with Your Body and Blood so that we may be raised to immortality and incorruption and be seated at Your heavenly banquet. While death still claims our mortal bodies, You have been raised up so that we may pass from death to life and join those who have died in You and now rest from their labors in the resurrection. Bring us to the fullness of our salvation, that we may see You face to face and live forever with You, our Lamb and Shepherd, who has taught us to pray:

> The Lord's Praver Matthew 6:9–13

C: 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.

A Foretaste of the Great Feast in Heaven

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.

(LSB# 633) 1 At the Lamb's high feast sing Praise we to Who vic - to rious King, has washed us tide Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. ia!

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:

"Jerusalem the Golden"

LSB# 672

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

LSB# 671

Anthem:

"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place"

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

How lovely is thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts!

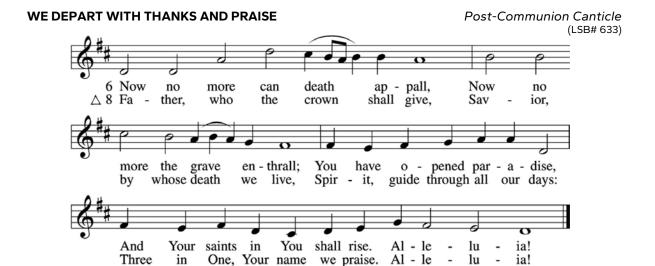
For my soul longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord;

My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.

O blest are they that dwell within Thy house; they praise Thy name evermore!

-Psalm 84:1-2.4

- 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 +1 peace!
- C: Amen.



DON'T LISTEN TO THE LIE

THE LIE

P: You can and must save yourself.

THE TRUTH

C: You have been saved by grace—because of Jesus' death and resurrection.

TAKING IT HOME Luke 23:42–43 (ESV)

- P: [One of the criminals crucified next to Jesus said,] "'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'
- C: And [Jesus] said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'"

WE RECEIVE THE BLESSING OF GOD

Benediction
Numbers 6:24–26

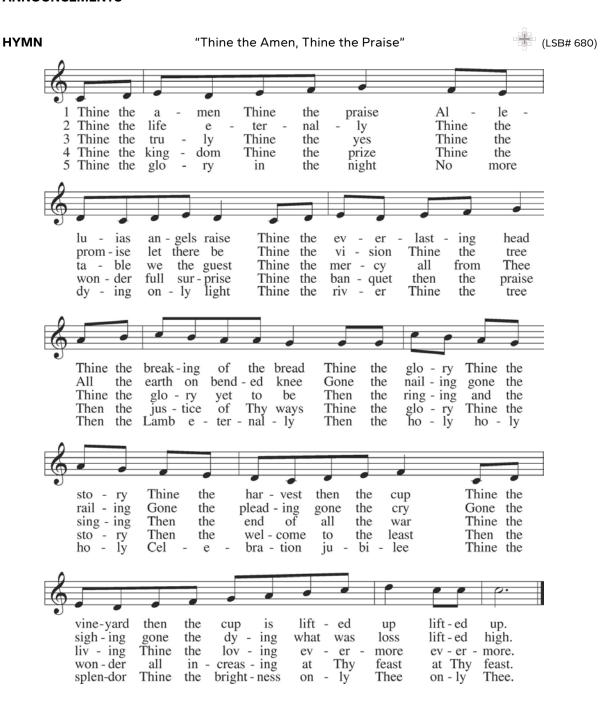
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS





Our Worship Servants

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins
Preacher: Rev. Aaron Roggow
Lay Reader: Cynthia Pulford

Director of Music: Dr. John Boonenberg

Choir: Adult Choir

Family Worship Team: Shasko family

Hospitality: Cindy Pine

Elder: Brent O'Banion

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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.

Our Offerings and Gifts

Looking for different options to financially support the ministry of St. Paul through your regular offerings or one-time gifts?

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	364	\$	108,717	\$	106,200
October	-	\$	-	\$	106,200
November	-	\$	-	\$	132,800
December	-	\$		\$	123,200
January	-	\$	-	\$	106,200
February	-	\$	=::	\$	107,400
March	-	\$		\$	135,200
April	-	\$	-	\$	114,900
May	1-1	\$	-1	\$	132,800
June	-	\$	-	\$	104,800
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YTD	311	\$	286,860	\$	1,402,000



News & Upcoming Events

For more news & events visit our webpage at: www.stpaulannarbor.org



Bach Vespers – Sunday, November 9th at 4pm Downtown Campus (420 W. Liberty St. Ann Arbor)

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Ann Arbor is launching a new Bach Vespers series, presenting the beloved cantatas, passions, and oratorios of Johann Sebastian Bach in their original context—the beautiful Vespers liturgy. Professional soloists and orchestra join Ann Arbor community singers, the St. Paul Bach Choir, St. Paul Brass Ensemble, and The Boychoir of Ann Arbor in what is sure to become a wonderful tradition. The cantata for the November 9th performance is BWV 79, Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild. Join us for this opportunity to experience this exquisite repertoire in the manner it was presented in Bach's day! This free event is open to everyone in the community, so invite your friends and come join us for a wonderful evening!

Technology Milestone – for 5th & 6th grade families!

We invite all families with 5th and 6th graders to a new St. Paul Milestone class: the 5th and 6th Grade Technology Milestone. **Please join us via Zoom Thursday, November 13, from 6:30-7:30pm**. This class is for parents and students. You do not have to be a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church to join us! This will be a great opportunity for parents to share insights and strategies with each other and celebrate successes in appropriate use of technology within the home. Each family that participates will receive a free copy of "The Tech-Wise Family" by Andy Crouch. To request an email invite to this discussion forum or for more information, contact Lexie Brown, Director of Family Life Ministry at lbrown@stpaulannarbor.org.

Operation Christmas Child – Boxes due Sunday, November 16th!

It is that time of the year! The Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are displayed and ready for you to take one (or more!) home, fill it, and then return it by Sunday, November 16th. For more details see info at the display tables.

Congregation Meeting - Sunday, November 23rd @ 12 PM

St. Paul members please plan to attend our next Congregation meeting on Sunday, November 23rd (sign in starts at noon) at our school campus (495 Earhart Rd). This will be an informational meeting – more details coming soon!