



St. Paul
Ann Arbor

Sowing truth. Building faith. Shining love.



Welcome to Worship

February 1, 2026
8:30 AM, Downtown Campus



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 1, 2026 (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

"God Himself Is Present"
Stanzas 1 & 3



LSB# 907

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!**

WE TURN TO GOD, MINDFUL OF OUR SINFULNESS

Confession of Sins
1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Death Was Arrested"

(Kersh/Coker/Balltzglier/Smith)

1. A - lone in my sor - row and
2. Ash was re - deemed, on - ly

dead in my sin, _____
beau - ty re - mains; _____
lost with-out hope _____
my or-phan heart _____
with no place _____
was giv - en a name. .

Your love made a way - to let mer - cy come in, when
My mourn - ing grew qui - et, my feet _____ rose to dance, when

death was ar - rest - ed and my _____ life be - gan.
death was ar - rest - ed and my _____ life be - gan. Oh, Your

§ CHORUS

20 C G Em⁷ D C
 grace, so free, wash - es o - ver me. You have made me new, now

25 Em⁷ D C G Em⁷
 life be - gins with You. It's Your end - less love pour-ing down on

2nd time to Coda ♪

31 D C Em⁷ D
 us. You have made us new, now life be - gins with You. 3. Re -

36 G C G Em⁷
 -leased from my chains, I'm a pris - 'ner no more. My shame was a ran - som He

40 D^{sus} C^{2(no3)} G C
 faith - ful - ly bore. He can-celled my debt and He called me His -

44 G Em⁷ D^{sus} G D.S. al Coda
 friend, when death was ar - rest - ed and my life be - gan. Oh, Your

49 ♪ Coda C G Am⁷
 4. Our Sav - ior dis - played on a crim - i - nal's cross.

54 C^{2(no3)} D Em⁷
 Dark - ness re - joiced as though Heav - en had lost. But then

59 G
 Je - sus a - rose with our free - dom in hand. That's when

62 Em⁷ D G C
 death was ar - rest - ed and my ____ life be - gan. Oh, Your grace, so

68 G Em⁷ D C Em⁷
 free, wash - es o - ver me. You have made me new, now life be - gins with

73 D C G Em⁷ D
 You. It's Your end - less love pour-ing down on us. You have

79 C Em⁷ D G
 made us new, now life be - gins with You. Oh, we're free, free; for -

84 C G Em⁷ D G
 -ev-er we're free. Come join the song of all the re - deemed. Yes, we're free, free; for -

88 C G Em⁷ D G
 -ev-er, a - men! When death was ar - rest - ed and my ____ life be - gan. Oh, we're

92 D G Em⁷ D G
 — life be - gan. When death was ar - rest - ed and my ____ life be - gan.

102 D G G/C D G
 — life be - gan. When death was ar - rest - ed and my ____ life be - gan.

CHORUS

BRIDGE

P: Almighty God, You have told us what pleases You and how we should live and worship.

C: **Help us to act justly and love kindness in response to Jesus' life of perfect obedience. Help us to live with a humble heart, ever-mindful of Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross;**

P: This we pray through the same 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

OLD TESTAMENT Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.

⁶ "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**SEEK JUSTICE
LOVE MERCY
WALK HUMBLY
WITH YOUR GOD**

Micah 6:8

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

WE RISE TO THE GOSPEL

Alleluia & Verse
(LSB pg. 156) John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

⁹ Blessed 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.

¹¹ 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.**

HYMN

"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"

 LSB# 848

MESSAGE

"The New Life in Christ: Stewardship of the Heart"

Rev. Aaron Roggow

Micah 6:1-8

RESPONSE

(Tune: LSB# 848)

**Shall we bring the Lord an off'ring,
Sacrifices to His heart?
Would it cover our transgressions,
Would it keep Him still apart?
What the Lord requires is goodness:
Act with justice, mercy true,
Showing kindness, humbly walking
With His Spirit, graces new!**

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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 \ddagger of the world to come. 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



The Prayers We Bring to God

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

PRAYERS for THIS DAY

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

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer
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 π 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 π 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.*

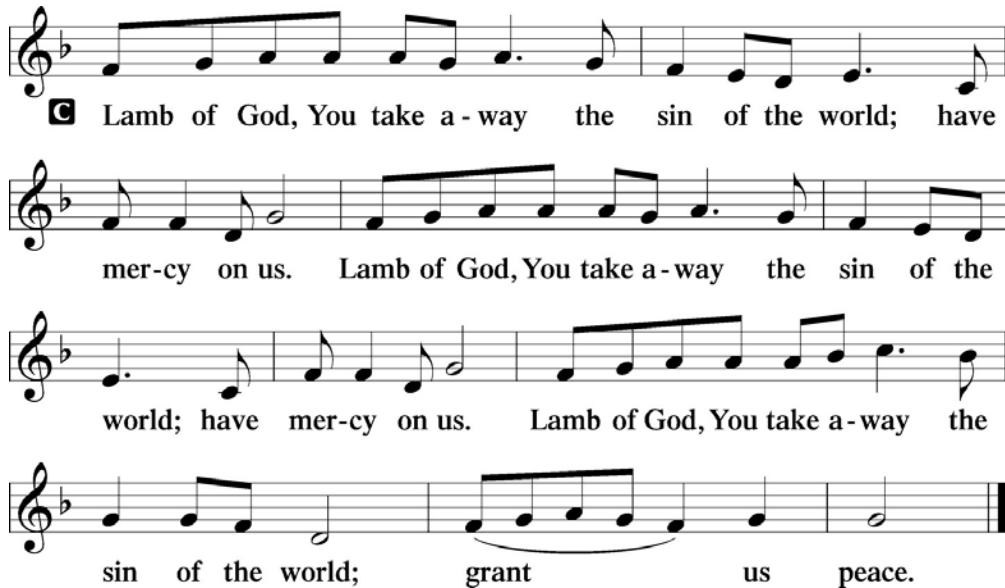
THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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. 163)
John 1:29



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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:

"Jesus Sat with His Disciples"
"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go"

LSB# 932

LSB# 854

Anthem:

Walk Humbly with Your God

Robert J. Powell (1932–2025)

*He has shown you what is good; and what does the Lord require of you,
But to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.*

—Micah 6:8

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 \textpm peace!

C: Amen.

WE DEPART WITH THANKS AND PRAISE

Post-Communion Canticle
(LSB pg. 164)



C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

TAKING IT HOME

Micah 6:8 (ESV)

P: "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you..."

C: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

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

Director of Music: Dr. John Boonenberg

Choir: Adult Choir

Family Worship Team: Fred & Laurie Metzger

Hospitality: Cindy Pine

Lay Reader/Elder: Myron Hepner

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St. Paul Stephen Ministry

Are you feeling overwhelmed, grieving a loss, or navigating a health crisis? SPA 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?



Download the **Church Center** app
from the Google Play or Apple App stores and navigate to "Give"



or Scan the **QR Code** to give immediately through Church Center



or Visit: <https://st-paul-lutheran-church-ann-arbor.churchcenter.com/giving>



or 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	Bud. Var.	Prior Year	PY Var.	
July	278	\$ 85,561	\$ 103,200	\$ (17,639)	\$ 95,048	\$ (9,487)	
August	292	\$ 92,582	\$ 129,100	\$ (36,518)	\$ 87,623	\$ 4,960	
September	364	\$ 108,717	\$ 106,200	\$ 2,517	\$ 98,203	\$ 10,514	
October	347	\$ 112,763	\$ 106,200	\$ 6,563	\$ 140,243	\$ (27,480)	
November	311	\$ 135,822	\$ 132,800	\$ 3,022	\$ 106,819	\$ 29,004	
December	291	\$ 163,097	\$ 123,200	\$ 39,897	\$ 157,855	\$ 5,242	
January	-	\$ -	\$ 106,200	\$ -	\$ 107,378	\$ -	
February	-	\$ -	\$ 107,400	\$ -	\$ 87,936	\$ -	
March	-	\$ -	\$ 135,200	\$ -	\$ 118,139	\$ -	
April	-	\$ -	\$ 114,900	\$ -	\$ 95,801	\$ -	
May	-	\$ -	\$ 132,800	\$ -	\$ 112,259	\$ -	
June	-	\$ -	\$ 104,800	\$ -	\$ 122,082	\$ -	
YTD	314	\$ 698,543	\$ 1,402,000	\$ (2,157)	\$ 1,329,384	\$ 12,753	

Earhart Expansion

We have an Ann Arbor approved plan!!

After years of back and forth, the Ann Arbor Building Commission approved the St. Paul School expansion project on January 21. Thanks to St. Paul for your prayers regarding achieving this milestone! God truly does answer prayer!

Expansion Feature Summary

- Remodel of the current 1,970 sq. ft. library to a large pre-school area with facilities suitable for classroom or activities use and a small dedicated kitchen space.
- A new 2,600 sq. ft. library/media center on the north side of the east/west corridor.
- A new parking and traffic system that replaces our current 113 space lot with 177 spaces and a safer traffic pattern. It will also include 18 EV charging stations with 69 more spaces wired for future charging stations, if needed.
- A new fire suppression system and roof mounted HVAC for the east/west corridor.
- Two new entrances for access to new playground and to new waste removal area.
- A major site water retention upgrade and landscaping to meet Ann Arbor requirements.

So what happens next?

- Right Now: with approved plans, we are soliciting final bids from suppliers.
- Early March: When bids are received and reviewed, the final total cost will be presented to St. Paul leadership.
- Late March: Our leadership will recommend a final plan to pay for the expansion: a combination of our Pledges, plus Special Gifts, and loans (up to 1.5 million, and a \$500,000 bridge loan, which was already approved by congregational assembly in January 2025).
- April: If either the project or the funding plan is not what was already approved by the congregation, the project, the cost, and the funding plan will be presented to the congregation for voting/approval.
- May–June: If the congregation votes to approve that plan, or if everything is already within the plan passed by the congregation in January 2025, construction can begin ASAP, and no later than summer 2026.
- Estimated completion time for construction is 18 months.

The Capital Campaign will start the FINAL PHASE when Final Costs are Confirmed

- When the final costs are approved, our Capital Campaign relaunches with a final phase. The final push will include specific items of equipment, technology, and furnishings for the new spaces, so donors can sponsor specific items.
- The window for pledges and gifts will be extended for two more years due to all the project delays. This opens up new pledging windows for everyone.



News & Upcoming Events

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



Last Call for our Vision Survey - please share your thoughts with us!

As the Vision Team is exploring how God has used and is using St. Paul for his ministry in the Ann Arbor area, the team wants your input on how God is leading us into the future! **Scan the QR code now to take our Vision Planning Survey!** Survey will remain open through Friday, February 6th.



Church Center Updates – Giving & Directory

If you need help canceling your previous online giving through Amplify or need assistance setting up your recurring giving through Church Center, please reach out to our Business Manager, David Theuerkorn (734) 665-9117 x.219, and he would be glad to help you. *Additionally, if you would like to cover the processing fee for a recurring donation that was already set up, please log in to Church Center and update your giving preferences.* **COMING SOON - Church Center Directory!** In February, we are planning to roll out the Directory option in Church Center - so SPAA members, watch your email next month for an invitation to opt in!

Are you still getting the SPAA e-News?

Some of our members have alerted us that their SPAA e-News is going to their junk/spam folder. **If you are signed up for our e-News but have not been receiving it every Friday, please check your junk/spam folder!** You can avoid this happening by adding info@stpaulann Arbor.org to your saved email contacts. In addition, PLEASE do NOT mark SPAA emails as junk or spam as this will flag it by the email provider (google, yahoo, icloud, etc) and can possibly send it to junk/spam for anyone with that provider address. If you no longer wish to receive our e-News, simply unsubscribe at the bottom of any e-News. Questions? Contact Natalie Nesbitt at nnesbitt@stpaulann Arbor.org.



< NEW > Easter Festival – March 21st, 10am-12pm (School Campus)

Save the date! SPAA is excited to host our first Easter Festival—a wonderful opportunity to share the joy and blessing of Jesus with our community through a fun-filled family event! To make this celebration successful, we'll need plenty of donations and helping hands. Check out what is needed by scanning the QR code. Donations are needed by **Friday, February 20th**, and may be dropped off at the downtown church or at the school office.

St. Paul Altar Guild Needs You!

We are looking for help with Altar Guild, specifically with communion setup and take down at our Downtown Campus. Training will be provided! Contact Jeff Klaus at jcck14@gmail.com for further information.