



St. Paul  
Ann Arbor

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



# Welcome to Worship

May 3, 2026

**8:30 AM, Downtown Campus**



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 3, 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 St. Paul Ann Arbor!

**We are so glad you're here.** At St. Paul, we value **unity**. Whether you are a long-time member or visiting for the first time, we want you to feel connected to one another and to the hope we have in Jesus.

## Getting Connected

Our pastors would love to meet you! If they don't get a chance to greet you before the service, please stop by afterward to say hi.

- **The Black Folder:** Guests, please find the folder at the end of your row to share your name and contact info. We'd love to know more about you!
- **What's Next?** Flip to the back page of this worship folder to see upcoming events and groups for connecting with others and serving the community.
- **Coffee, Donuts, & Discipleship:** Join us at **9:45 AM** for "Discipleship Hour." We have coffee, treats, and Discipleship activities for all ages!

**Adults:** Fellowship Hall (Lower Level)

**Children** (Age 3-Grade 5): Preschool Classrooms (Lower Level)

**Middle School** (Grade 6-8): Brauer Hall Classroom (First Floor)

## About Holy Communion

In Holy Communion, God's people gather as Jesus taught, united in what we believe. Sharing the beliefs and practices of the **Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS)**, we confess that this meal is more than a symbol. We confess (believe, speak, and live this truth):

- Jesus gives His true **body and blood** in the bread and wine of Holy Communion for the forgiveness of sins.
- God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—gives His gift of salvation in Baptism.
- We are sinners who need the gifts Jesus offers by His death and resurrection, as God promises in His inspired Word (the Bible).
- Holy Communion is something God gives His people as we gather for forgiveness and for the strength to live in God's Word by the Holy Spirit and to daily follow Jesus.

**Should I commune?** If you share this confession of faith, we welcome you to the table! If you have questions or hold different beliefs from those above, **we invite you to come forward for a blessing** (simply cross your arms over your chest). A pastor also would love to chat with you before or after the service to learn more.

## Families with Children

**We love having kids in worship!** (Yes, even if they're wiggling or crying.) If you are here with children, please know there are Activity Bags and Children's Bulletins at any entrance. Need a break? A Cry Room is available at the rear of the sanctuary, while a nursery is located just below the main entrance. Our hospitality team is happy to guide you to any of these spots.

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

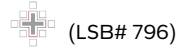
## RINGING OF THE BELL / WORDS OF WELCOME

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## HYMN

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied  
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found  
3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song,  
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



And ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,  
A new di - men - sion in the world of sound  
In faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,  
Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



It is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
As wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found  
Borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue:  
And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia!

## 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!**

## ON THE SEVENTH DAY

P: *“We worship our work. We work at our play. And we play at our worship.”*

Last week we explored and realigned our understanding of leisure—in light of a Sabbath kind of living. Today we look at “play”, which gathers together many of the activities and events that we might have first thought would be leisure. Play is most easily contrasted with “work”—all “work” is aimed at a greater purpose beyond itself. It has an objective, a desired outcome; it strives to accomplish something—for financial gain or just satisfaction.

Play, on the other hand, has no purpose beyond itself. While it may be entertaining, enjoyable, or refreshing, true play has no ulterior motive, no objective to accomplish. Sometimes we may try to make “play” educational, and interject some lessons and learning. But what often results is something that looks more like *work* than play.

Play is its own end, and therefore provides purpose only to itself. Play is God’s good gift to people—both children and adults. When was the last time you were truly able to “play”?

## WE TURN TO GOD, MINDFUL OF OUR SINFULNESS

*Confession of Sins*

P: On this Sabbath day, let us consider our weakness to rightly incorporate “play” and enjoyment in our Christian lives.

**C: Heavenly Father, we confess to You our failings to keep Your Sabbath. In our desire to always be productive, we have prioritized those things with purpose and direction, leaving little or no time for “play”. We have sought worldly rewards from a life filled with “work”, but have been reluctant to find time for pure enjoyment. Even as our worship celebrates refreshment away from ordinary time, we have made other choices for other things. Forgive us, and have mercy on us for the sake of Your risen Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

## GOD TURNS TO US, EAGER TO FORGIVE

*Absolution*

P: Learning to play is a necessary life skill that too often we try hard to lose. Part of our witness to the world is showing how “play” is an essential element in our worship, our homes, our relationships, communities, and even our places of work. God’s goodness in providing us work *and* play spans from our earthly Sabbaths in this time and place, to our heavenly Sabbath in eternity. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, in His stead 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!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast of Victory"  
(LSB pg. 155)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- |    |           |      |             |            |     |           |        |       |
|----|-----------|------|-------------|------------|-----|-----------|--------|-------|
| 1. | Wor - thy | is   | Christ, the | Lamb       | who | was       | slain, | Whose |
| 2. | Pow -     | er,  | rich - es,  | wis - dom, | and | strength, | And    |       |
| 3. | Sing      | with | all the     | peo - ple  | of  | God,      | And    |       |
| 4. | Bless     | ing, | hon - or,   | glo - ry   | and | might     | Be     |       |
|    | For       | the  | Lamb        | who        | was | slain     | Has    |       |
|    |           |      |             |            |     |           | be -   |       |

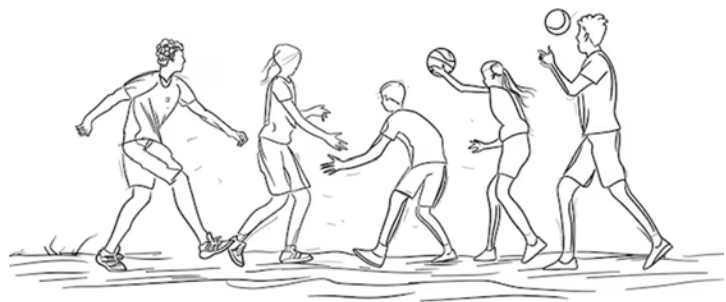
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

To Refrain

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Almighty God, Your goodness in all things never fails. You have provided a Sabbath pattern for our living— in our rest, our work, our leisure, and play. Encourage us through Your Word and sacraments to seek enjoyment, apart from our labors, that we would know the right use of Your gift of “play”, and find delight in time spent in its pursuit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

# We Hear the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT ..... † Deuteronomy 14:22–27

<sup>22</sup> [Moses told the people,] “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. <sup>23</sup> And before the LORD your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always. <sup>24</sup> And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the LORD your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the LORD your God chooses, to set his name there, <sup>25</sup> then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the LORD your God chooses <sup>26</sup> and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the LORD your God and rejoice, you and your household. <sup>27</sup> And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.” (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE ..... † Galatians 5:22–25

<sup>22</sup> The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## WE RISE TO THE GOSPEL

Alleluia & Verse  
(LSB pg. 156)

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.

## HOLY GOSPEL ..... † John 2:1-11

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 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, please let us know you're here! For members and guests who have our Church Center app, we ask you to please take a moment to Check In and let us know you are in worship with us today. For our guests and members who do not have our Church Center app, we invite you to please fill in the requested information in the Friendship Pad (the black folder located at the end of the pew at the center aisle). Please pass it along for anyone else who might need it.

Want to give electronically? Simply scan the QR code here:  
For other giving options, see the end of this worship folder.



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## 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 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.*

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C: **Amen.**

*Pax Domini*  
*John 20:19*

An ancient and significant gesture in worship is the **Sharing of Peace**. This tradition, rooted in Scripture (1 Peter 5:14; Romans 16:16), recognizes that one of the biggest dangers in the body of Christ is disunity—both from grievances not forgiven and from not knowing our neighbors. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who entered into our world, came to know humanity from the inside, and restored peace between God and all people. When we share the peace of Christ, we desire to know and be at peace with everyone who comes into our midst, especially those we are meeting for the first time.

**“Peace be with you.” ✠ “The peace of Christ be with you.”**



## LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei* (LSB pg. 163)  
John 1:29

**C** 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:

"Sabbath"  
"He's Risen, He's Risen"

(See below)  
LSB# 480

### Sabbath

(Nordhoff/Kroger/Hill)

VERSE 1: What if I just rest here for a moment, lean back in the arms that hold me up?

What if I just trust You in the moment, trade all my agendas for Your love?

CHORUS: *And I let go, I let go, I let go, ('cause) it's all in Your hands, it's all in Your hands, and so am I.*

VERSE 2: What if I just surrender my emotions to make room for the deeper peace to come?

What if I just leave my heart wide open, knowing You can move when I don't rush?

BRIDGE: *Savor the slowing, each minute is holy; the blessings, the beauty of Sabbath, Sabbath.*

### Anthem: The Fruit of the Spirit

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

*He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit:*

*Love, joy, peace, patience, tenderness, goodness, faith, meekness and self-control.*

—John 15:5 / Galatians 5:22–23

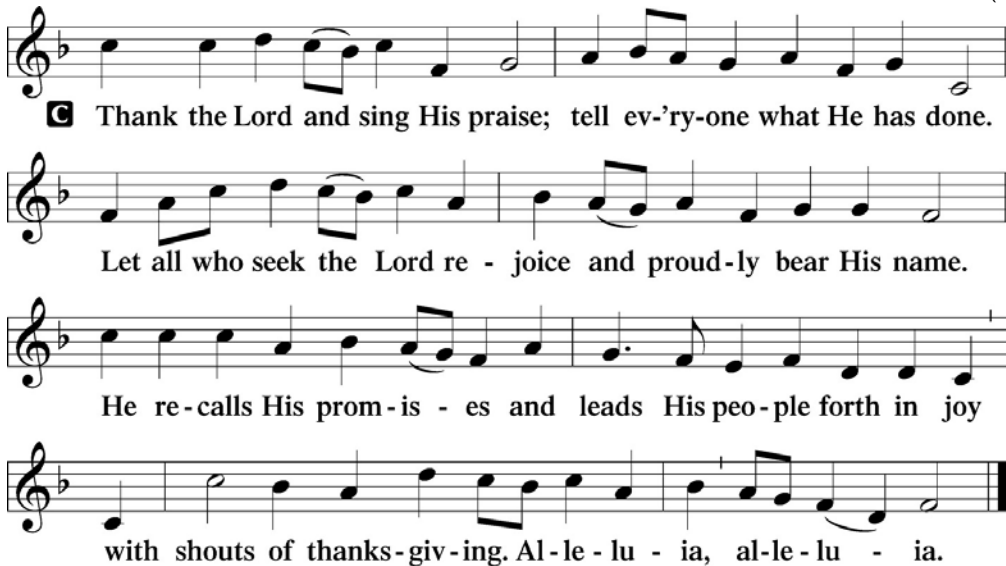
## WORDS OF PEACE AND JOY

*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 with ☩ Easter joy!
- C: **Amen.**

## WE DEPART WITH THANKS AND PRAISE

*Post-Communion Canticle*  
(LSB pg. 164)



☩ 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

Deuteronomy 14:25,26 (ESV)

- P: "...Bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the LORD your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—
- C: **And rejoice, you and your household."**

## 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

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## HYMN

"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"



(LSB# 741)



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense And my Sav - ior, now is  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; Like - wise I to life shall  
8 O, then, draw a - way your hearts From all plea - sures base and



liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence  
wak - en. He will bring me where He is;  
hol - low; Strive to share what He im - parts



Rests up - on the hope here giv - en, Though the  
Shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I  
While you here His foot - steps fol - low. As you



night of death be fraught Still with man - y an anx - ious thought.  
fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His mem - bers dead?  
now still wait to rise, Fix your hearts be - yond the skies!

## 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:** Phil Klintworth, Greg Marshall  
**Hospitality:** Cherise Callahan  
**Lay Reader/Elder:** Jerry Novak

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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.

# Confirmands

The following young people will speak their confirmation vows, reaffirming for themselves the confession of faith given at their Baptisms, and will receive the blessing of the church.

Luke DeBoer  
 Riley El-Assadi  
 Abigail Grulke  
 Everett Hallman  
 Matthew Joshua  
 Nicholas Modica

Evelyn Nickodemus  
 Jeremiah Nickodemus  
 Sofia Otto  
 Kellen Raupp  
 Alex Ried  
 Markus Roggow

Matthew Shasko  
 Emileia Sigakis  
 Norah Stempfen  
 Bennett Walters  
 Beckett Wilson  
 Adelaide Woon

# Our Offerings and Gifts

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



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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	306	\$ 91,986	\$ 106,200	\$ (14,214)	\$ 107,378	\$ (15,392)
February	350	\$ 128,052	\$ 107,400	\$ 20,652	\$ 87,936	\$ 40,116
March	356	\$ 118,257	\$ 135,200	\$ (16,943)	\$ 118,139	\$ 118
April	-	\$ -	\$ 114,900	\$ -	\$ 95,801	\$ -
May	-	\$ -	\$ 132,800	\$ -	\$ 112,259	\$ -
June	-	\$ -	\$ 104,800	\$ -	\$ 122,082	\$ -
YTD	322	\$ 1,036,837	\$ 1,402,000	\$ (12,663)	\$ 1,329,384	\$ 37,595



## News & Upcoming Events

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### Unity Worship Service – May 17th at 10:45am (School)

Join us on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am at our school campus (495 Earhart Rd) as we worship all together in one place! We will be celebrating staff anniversary appreciation as well as honoring our Principal, Bob Burgess, upon his retirement. Also plan to join us at 9:45am for Discipleship Hour and Christ Connections! *Please note: There will be no worship services at our Downtown Campus that weekend.*

### Retirement Milestone – Celebrating Principal Bob Burgess

After 11 years of dedicated service to our school and community and 42 years of ministry, our Principal, Bob Burgess, will be retiring at the end of this school year. We are grateful for his leadership and the impact he has had on our students and families. We are collecting cards and notes of appreciation to present to Bob at our Unity Service at 10:45am on Sunday, May 17th. If you would like to share a message of thanks or a favorite memory, please drop your card off in the boxes at worship entrances April 25-26, May 2-3, May 9-10, or bring it with you on May 17.

### Amy Roth has Accepted our Call to Serve as Principal!

Amy Roth has accepted the divine call to serve as our principal at St. Paul School. We are thrilled to welcome Amy and her husband Mike into our St. Paul family! Please keep them both in your prayers as they navigate this transition and look forward to giving them a warm welcome!

### Temporary Office Assistant Needed (Summer 2026)

The church office is looking for someone to help keep our church office running smoothly while Leslie is on maternity leave (for up to 12 weeks). Role includes basic office support like caring for St. Paul members, answering phones, printing bulletins, keeping the church calendar up to date, helping with events (like funerals), and handling some general communication and organization. This **position is flexible**. Ideally, the schedule would fall between **2 to 4 days per week, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**, depending on availability (with Fridays and weekends off). This is a great opportunity for someone (even a college student home for the summer) who enjoys a welcoming, environment and is comfortable helping with a variety of tasks. Ideally, we would like someone to train with Leslie a few days in May, but the start date is flexible. If interested, email Pastor Ted at [tedhopkins@stpaulannarbor.org](mailto:tedhopkins@stpaulannarbor.org).

### Save the Date: Congregation Voters' Meeting on Sunday, May 31

Join us on Sunday, May 31st at 11:30am (after the late service) in the gym at our School Campus (495 Earhart Rd) for a Voters' Meeting. Meeting topics will include voting on 1 open Board of Directors position and also re-election of Elders (including 2 open Elder positions). Handouts are available by scanning the QR code. Hard copies can be found at worship entrances beginning May 10.

