



St. Paul
Ann Arbor

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School
Candidate Packet
May 2026



Meet the Candidates for St. Paul Board of Directors and Elders:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES (Directors serve a 3-year term – there is one open seat)

**denotes currently serving and up for re-election

- **Tim Adler****

BOARD OF ELDERS (Elders serve a 2-year term – there are two open seats for new candidates)

**denotes currently serving and up for re-election.

- **Cory Dunham**
- **Adan Garcia****
- **Ron Kruger****
- **Matt Rudy****
- **Jeremy Potts****



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Mark your calendars!

Congregation Voters' Meeting



Sunday, May 31st at 11:30am

SCHOOL GYM (495 EARHART RD)

Including Elections for 2026-27 Board of Directors & Elders

Please see the following pages for information regarding each of these candidates who are willing to serve the Lord and His church here at St. Paul, Ann Arbor. We thank them for their willingness to serve.

CANDIDATES FOR ST PAUL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

***denotes currently serving and up for re-election*



Tim Adler**– St. Paul Member for 47 years

Involvement at St. Paul: I have served as a Member of the Board of Education; Chair of the Board of Education; President of the Congregation; Member of the Business Development Group, Usher and Greeter and I currently serve as Chair of the Board of Directors.

Tell Us About Yourself: Member of St. Paul since 1978. Barbara and I were married here in 1979. While I've always been involved in the church, I wanted to do more after retiring. I retired two years ago after 22 years with a training and consulting company.

What I Can Bring to This Position: Strong support for the educational mission of St. Paul; strategic thinking; good communication skills; no personal agenda other than what's best for the church and school. This is the end of my first 3-year term on the Board of Directors, and I've been Chair the last two years. I'm willing to serve another 3-year term, if that's what the congregation desires.

CANDIDATES FOR ST PAUL BOARD OF ELDERS:

***denotes current Elder up for re-election*



Cory Dunham - St. Paul Member for 32+ years

Involvement at St. Paul: Youth ministry, Usher team, Welcome Committee, Bible Study Groups setup

Tell Us About Yourself: Business owner: executive advisor, business growth strategist, speaker. Live in Dexter Michigan.

What I Can Bring to This Position: Presence, listening ear, prayer, compassion, leadership.



Adan Garcia** - St. Paul Member for 42 years

Involvement at St. Paul: Grounds maintenance; Usher duty; Elder duty; Steven Ministry; Christ Care group

Tell Us About Yourself: Native Texan; CMU BFA graduate, met (at CMU) and married to Sheila Foster, we had two kids Elisabeth and Christopher; retired at 65 after working in migrant farm work with parents, grounds maintenance, and in the electronics field; enjoy reading the Bible and Christian apologetics books, and lots of TV.

What I Can Bring to This Position: A brother in Christ, service



Ron Kruger** – St. Paul Member for 29 years

Involvement at St. Paul: I am currently on the Board of Elders

Tell Us About Yourself: I am an automotive engineer and have worked for four different companies over the past 44 years. I am currently employed at Ford Motor Company. I hold a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan Technological University and a master's degree in automotive systems engineering from the University of Michigan (Go Blue!). I became an LCMS Lutheran during my college years and joined Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Saginaw,

Michigan, where I met and later married Tammy Kruger in 1986—40 years ago this coming December 27. We moved to Ann Arbor in 1997. We have four children and four grandchildren: • Joshua (34) & Walann (39) Kruger, and their children Leighton (5) & Jackson (3) • Kelsey (32) & Jonathan (33) Neuendorf, and their children Eliot (4) & Hope (8 months) • Brian (32) • Brandon (28) I enjoy golfing, attending Michigan football and basketball games, and—most of all—our family vacations. Tammy and I are also grateful for the close friendships we've formed with many St. Paul members over the years. We are very thankful for the strong Christian values and education our children received at St. Paul Lutheran School and later at Westland Lutheran High School.

What I Can Bring to This Position: I would consider myself very blessed to continue serving as a member of the Board of Elders at St. Paul Lutheran Church. It has been deeply rewarding to work alongside our pastors in providing spiritual care to the members of our congregation, and I would be honored to continue in this role. I also appreciate the opportunity to assist with visiting homebound members whenever needed.

Elder candidates cont'd on next page...



Jeremy Potts** – St. Paul Member for 15 years

Involvement at St. Paul: I have been actively involved in St. Paul, contributing through both service and leadership. Elder, Board member, Chaperone, and participated in a few Call committees.

Tell Us About Yourself: Married to Rachel with 3 kids (2 who have graduated from St. Paul School, and youngest is in 6th grade). My job is in university systems operations.

What I Can Bring to This Position: I've been an elder for a few terms, and I've enjoyed working with the elders, church/school staff and the pastors.



Matt Rudy** – St. Paul Member for 5 years

Involvement at St. Paul: Men's golf, elder, small group ministry

Tell Us About Yourself: Matt is a principal of a local high school and is a proud father of 4 SPAA students in grades K, 3, 5, and 7. He and his wife, Jessica, love the St. Paul community and are blessed to worship and serve this community. Matt's time outside of work and church service is usually spent cheering on his kids at a gym, track, field, or concert.

What I Can Bring to This Position: Strong belief that strong families build strong churches and that the church is the people inside the building, not the buildings themselves.