

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School - May 2024
Meet the Candidates for
St. Paul Board of Directors and Elders

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES *(Two open seats to serve a 3 year term)*

- **Russ Keinath**
- **Peggy Glahn**
- **Stephanie Kelly**

BOARD OF ELDERS *(Six open seats to serve a 2 year term)*

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

- **Aaron Shinn***
- **Ron Kruger***
- **Adan Garcia***
- **Myron Hepner***
- **Jeremy Potts***
- **Matt Rudy**

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:



Russell D. Keinath— St. Paul Member for 28 years

Involvement at St. Paul: I have served on the board of evangelism and the board of elders. My family and I were active in the establishment of Peace Lutheran Church. I've also been on the building committee for the school expansion for the new gym. I have served as the president of the congregation several times.

Education: BS from the University of Michigan, MD from the University of Michigan, and internship, residency, and gastroenterology fellowship at the University of Michigan.

What I Can Bring to This Position: At the present time Saint Paul, Lutheran Church faces opportunities and challenges that will require thought, prayer, cooperation, consideration, and insight. I believe that my past experiences would be helpful in seizing these opportunities and meeting these challenges.



Peggy Glahn— St. Paul Member for 3 years

Involvement at St. Paul: I attend worship services weekly (or more depending on the season), most often downtown. I started attending the Sunday morning Bible study as soon as it started up again after Covid. I am also a regular with the Women's Bible Studies led by Lexie Brown. In service to the congregation, I am a member of the St. Paul Stephen Ministry team and serve on the Alter Guild.

Education: Bachelor's Degree in History from Concordia University, Master's in Business Administration from Eastern Michigan University

What I Can Bring to This Position: I love Jesus and am deeply grateful for his forgiveness and gift of eternal life. I bring a willingness to invest time and energy into providing oversight, Christian counsel and encouragement to His called workers and staff at St. Paul. I have spent nearly 40-years of professional life in sales and marketing roles for scholarly publishing organizations. Working in these positions I have developed soft skills, like listening, building relationships and establishing trust by following through on commitments, along with the tactical skills of writing, working with spreadsheets and developing presentations.



Stephanie Kelly— St. Paul Member for 1 1/2 years

Involvement at St. Paul: My family and I attend the Sunday morning service at the school and have enjoyed coming for the 9:45 bible study since the service times changed. Dan and I help out with Kids Word and I regularly participate in the women's Bible studies. Our two daughters attend St. Paul school - Claire is in first grade and Sylvia is in Mrs Julie's preschool class. We have been part of the school community since 2020. I volunteer in the school library helping re-shelve books.

Education: I attended Western Michigan University and graduated summa cum laude with a BS in Printing Marketing.

What I Can Bring to This Position: I am a lifelong Christian. I believe that the Bible is truly the word of God and should be the foundation for making decisions regarding the church and school. As a school parent, I am strongly invested in the school's success. I am on the museum advisory board for the Ypsilanti Historical Society, where I also work as a museum docent. Before having my children, I worked in purchasing in a corporate setting, so I have experience working with contracts, pricing, projects, etc. as part of a multi-functional team.

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Aaron Shinn* – St. Paul Member for 20+ years

Involvement at St. Paul: Elder, Parent of St. Paul Student, Volunteer at School Events, Senior Pastor Call Committee

Education: Very Educated- School of Hard Knocks

What I Can Bring to This Position: I am currently an elder and I enjoy serving in this role. I look forward to continuing in this role.



Ron Kruger* – St. Paul Member for 27 years

Involvement at St. Paul: Elder

Education: Master's of Science in Automotive Systems Engineering - University of Michigan, 2000
Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering - Michigan Technological University, 1985

What I Can Bring to This Position: I felt called by our Lord to become an Elder of St. Paul Lutheran Church a few years after we began worshipping at the school campus on Earhart Road in 2004. My wife Tammy and I believe strongly in Christian education and sent all three of our children through St. Paul school and on through Westland Lutheran Highschool. So, getting involved worshipping with, and serving, St. Paul families at the school campus is my passion. I have also been very blessed to get to know, pray with, and serve communion to many of our older members of the congregation by calling on the homebound, and visiting in the hospital or in nursing homes. I attribute my compassion for this to visiting my own mother for many years in a nursing home before she went home to be with our Lord. I have been blessed to be one of the many Elders who have served St Paul over the years, and I look forward to continuing to serve wherever God continues to call me.



Adan Garcia Jr* – St. Paul Member for 40 years

Involvement at St. Paul: Grounds maintenance, Usher, Elder

Education: BFA from Central Michigan University; Associate Degree in Electronics

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



Myron Hepner* – St. Paul Member for 20 years

Involvement at St. Paul: Currently serving as Elder

Education: Yes I am for it.

What I Can Bring to This Position: I love the Lord with all my heart and soul. I have served as an Elder for the last 10 years or so and I am looking forward to helping on-board a new Senior Pastor when we are blessed to receive one.

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Jeremy Potts* – St. Paul Member for 12 years

Involvement at St. Paul: Elder; Board of Education; other volunteering incl. chaperone at various church retreats

Education: MS Data Science & Business Analytics (WSU) MS Student Affairs Administration (MSU) BS Earth Science (WMU) AA Elementary Education (NCCM)

What I Can Bring to This Position: Church work experience: Board of Trustees (Ascension - Tucson) VP of the congregation (Ascension - Tucson) Board of Education (St. Paul) Elder (St. Paul)



Matt Rudy – St. Paul Member for 2 years

Involvement at St. Paul: Men's golf league, Parent of 3 SPAA students, Worship family team

Education: BA - History University of Georgia 2005 MA - Education Leadership 2012

What I Can Bring to This Position: Transparent communication A heart for fellowship and traditional values that prioritizes Christian family values

Please join us:

Congregation Voters' Meeting

Tuesday, May 21st
7pm School Campus

Budget Approval / Election of Elders / Election of Board of Directors