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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

This year on the third week of Advent, the kids of our congregation highlighted the service as they offered this year's Christmas program. As always, it was great to see. Appreciation is expressed to all of the kids and parents who made their participation a priority. Thanks are also directed to Lori, Kaia, Stephanie, Brooke, Melissa, Jessica, and Doug for the time and effort provided in putting everything together; you all did a great job.

Gratitude is also expressed as I find myself doing every year, to those who offered gestures of generosity to myself and my family. Thank you for all who have mailed or left a card in the office. I have not yet opened those as it is not yet Christmas Day as of this writing, but we look forward to that occasion. Thank you to the council who have served the congregation faithfully.

Lastly, a reminder as I tend to do at the start of each January, we will reset the prayer list. If you would like someone to remain, we are happy to do so. Just take a moment to relay that request to either Jen, myself, or even leave a note in the office and that individual or individuals of concern will remain on for as long as you wish.

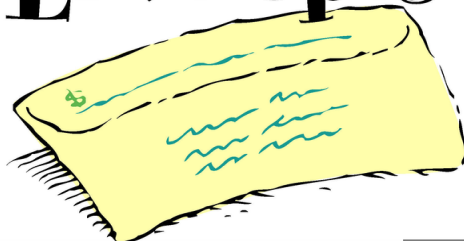
Hope you had a wonderful Christmas.
Pastor Timothy Holt

Dear People of St. Paul's

We were overwhelmed by your gracious gifts of the canvas portraits of Pastor Tim and our precious grandsons. We will indeed enjoy them in our home! Your kindness and thoughtfulness will forever remain in our hearts.

With sincere gratitude, Ed and Marilyn Holt

Offering Envelopes



Offering envelopes for 2024 can be found on a table in the welcome area. Please note that the numbers on your offering envelopes can change from year to year. Be sure to write your name on the envelope so the financial secretary can be sure your offering is being applied properly. Also, if you didn't receive offering envelopes, please notify Jenny Begle in the church office and she will be sure a box is assigned to you.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.

St. Paul's Women of ELCA Meeting - December 5, 2023

President Jeanne Hoffman called the meeting to order and welcomed 16 ladies to the Christmas Carry-In. After a table prayer the group proceeded to enjoy a delightful meal. A program titled "The Advent Wreath" was presented after the meal.

The regular, a special Christmas and birthday offerings were taken followed by prayer. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Kathy Jarboe reported that programs are being finalized for next year. The new program booklets will be printed up and sent out soon after the first of the year. She also noted that 56 Operation Christmas Child boxes were sent this year. The extra cash given and Thrivent grant money was used to cover the cost of postage to send them. She has also purchased 100 boxes for future use with this money. Blanket tacking will be done in the afternoon of January 2nd with a light meal being served before the business meeting at 6:30.

JoAnn Schnarr announced that shut in gifts are ready and will be delivered as the committee visits. Marie Neukam gave the November visiting report.

If anyone is interested in purchasing cookbooks, the church council should be contacted.

There were no correspondence and no December birthdays for those 85 years old or older. There will be no blanket tacking days in January other than the day of the meeting on January 2nd.

President Hoffman thanked the November committees: Visiting: Mary Bauer, Sue Striegel and Jennifer Bauer, cards. Flowers - Tara Betz. December committees are: Visiting: the Stewardship and Service committee, Donna Rasche, JoAnn Schnarr and Dorothy Meyer, cards. Flowers: Diane Bair and Gretchen Brinkman. November Food Bank Item - Baby Items. She thanked everyone for coming and bringing the delicious food for the evening meal.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Giesler, Secretary



NURSING HOME & HOMEBOUND

<u>Northwood/Good Sam.</u>		<u>Brookside</u>	
Gladys Chanley	Rm. 423	Mary Ann Jerger	Rm. 111
Wilma Buchta	Apt. 3	<u>Timbers</u>	
<u>Homebound</u>		Dian Gehlhausen	Rm. 410
Marcella Weisheit		<u>Cathedral Health</u>	
		Kristi Fuhrman	Rm. 26



- Austin Breitwieser
Redzikowo, Poland
- AM-1 Luke Himsel
Virginia Beach, VA
- Cooper Uebelhor
Colorado Springs, CO

November Attendance

Nov. 5, 2023	161
Nov. 12, 2023	123
Nov. 19, 2023	137
Nov. 22, 2023	65
Nov. 26, 2023	156



TREASURER'S REPORT

NOVEMBER		MONTH	YTD
INCOME			
	OFFERING	\$ 15,062.08	\$ 187,777.00
	BENEVOLENCE	\$ 396.00	\$ 7,566.50
	OTHER INCOME	\$ 22,819.39	\$ 43,230.03
	SOUND SYSTEM	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 29,420.35
	TOTAL	\$ 45,977.47	\$ 267,993.88
EXPENSE		\$ 56,058.99	\$ (275,436.99)
PROFIT/LOSS		\$ (1,163.17)	\$ (7,443.11)
BUDGET		\$ 22,492.67	\$ 224,926.70
OVER/UNDER BUDG-		\$ (23,484.80)	\$ (50,510.29)



*National Wreaths Across America at St. Paul's Cemetery
December 16, 2023*

89 wreaths were laid and 89 names were honored and thanked for their incredible service.