

Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

Last Monday the congregational value survey went out via email. If you didn't see it in your email box, please check your Spam/Junk folders. The subject was St. Paul Survey. Or you can just click on this link and fill it out. <https://forms.office.com/r/fmEWna2FyR> (If you are on your computer, you will need to hold down the Ctrl key and click the link for it to go to the survey or copy and paste the link into an address bar). It is very important for the council workshop on October 21. We really would like the **surveys filled out by Monday** as we need time to take all the results and put them into a format that will help the council use the information gathered. There are hard copies available in the office and they will be available at worship on Sunday too.

This time of year at St. Paul we start our Stewardship Appeal for next year. Throughout October and November, it will be a time to hear about the ministries of St. Paul and your opportunity to give an estimate of giving to St. Paul for 2024. We call it stewardship because everything we have (time, talent, and treasure) are gifts from God. We don't own anything. We are just the steward. We are the ones who manage the time, talent, and treasure given to us by God, so it is appropriate to be intentional about how we use them to give back to God through St. Paul. Our intentionality includes prayer, stories about why to give to St. Paul, and a specific time to share our intentions. On **November 19**, we will have the opportunity to turn in our intentions for financial giving to St. Paul for 2024. You will be hearing more information on Sunday mornings, in email, and in the mail too. Please start praying about how God will use you in 2024 to bring about God's kingdom here on earth.

Adopt-a-Road is scheduled for next **Saturday, October 14 at 8am**. We meet at the fountain around 8, have a prayer, and then go out to clean Bahia Vista St from Hwy 41-Tuttle Ave. We leave at 8:30 sharp. Hope you can join us. It's a great way to reach into the community and show them that we care.

Architecture Sarasota is one of the architecture organizations in Sarasota (good name for them). Their mission is to be *"stewards [of] the legacy of the Sarasota School of Architecture and provide a forum for the education, advocacy and celebration of good design in the global built environment."*

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year of having a MOD weekend. It is a time to feature mid-century modern architecture of Sarasota. "Sarasota MOD Weekend 2023 is honoring the legacy of architect and artist Victor Lundy. The self-proclaimed 'wild man' of his Harvard University architecture class, Lundy seemed to revel in the unconventional and developed a highly personal approach to space-making that would distinguish him from his Sarasota School of Architecture counterparts."

They are looking for volunteers to serve in different capacities throughout the weekend including at St. Paul during the Saturday morning event **Victor Lundy and Sculptural Modernism Symposium**. If you are interested, please let me know and I will get you in touch with the event organizers. If you want more information on what will be happening that weekend, please go to this website <https://architecturesarasota.org/mod-2023/>

Don't forget the ECLC Trike-a-Thon is on Tuesday at 9:30a in the circle drive. It's a fundraiser for the school and a great way to meet the families and see the kids. I hope there will be a good turn out from St. Paul church folks to support the St. Paul ECLC families! It's a way to show the school that we care about them.

And here are a couple of pictures of church kids in action lately.



Kellen and Jordan Masse playing after church trying to be like a palm tree.



Harper Gregalot singing her ABCs while jumping on the Prayground Rug.

Take care and God bless -PrAshley