

Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

Last weekend we had over 60 college architect students and professors on campus looking at our property to start helping St. Paul and Architecture Sarasota in our long-range property usage plan. The students were amazing. Their enthusiasm for not only the architecture but also our ministries was inspiring. After just two weeks in their class they were able to come up with concepts, digital presentations of their ideas, and even plastic models of the heights and depths of their designs. If we didn't know better, we would have thought the project was on well on the way to completion, rather than just the very beginning. Throughout the semester they will be working to further develop the ideas and strategies to best use our property for a cohesive community that can build relationships with our church members and those who could possibly live in affordable housing on our property. Of course, this is just in the dreaming stages, but it is exciting nonetheless. Here is a picture of all the students in front of the sanctuary.



I announced last Sunday that one of our members Ginny McQuaig entered her heavenly home. Her obituary is here. <https://obituaries.nationalcremation.com/obituaries/sarasota-fl/virginia-mcquaig-13045554> There will be a celebration of life at a later date. In the meanwhile, the family is creating a book of memories. If you would like to write something in it, here is the link to the website to do so. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejMM8rEhc3YFhP1xoe0ImpRFSMvxMlgRG7bAiXkoZNmxafUQ/viewform>

A week from Sunday, October 4, our worship service will be outdoors. You are welcome to bring your own chair and if pets can be outside for the full worship service, they are welcome too. It is St. Francis of Assisi day. He is the one known for caring for animals. For those of you who normally watch on Facebook, we will still stream it but it will just be from a phone so it won't be as clear as if we are in the sanctuary. Of course, if it's raining, we will bring the worship service back into the sanctuary.

Take care and God bless
-PrAshley