

Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

As we announced last Sunday it is one of our members Joann Flanigan's 90th birthday this coming week. After worship we will have a birthday cake in her honor. I hope you all will be able to stay for coffee hour to help celebrate her milestone birthday. Happy Birthday Joann!

I know last Sunday was the deadline for the Widow's Luncheon put on by Thrivent Financial, but if you are interested and haven't told me yet, please let me know by Sunday. It's a free lunch, speaker, and fellowship time with other widows at Der Dutchman on Friday, September 29th at 12noon.

Remember to sign up for the Oktoberfest/Seafood Boil. It will be on Sunday, October 8th at 12noon. Brats, sauerkraut, potatoes, shrimp, and veggies, will be the fare of the day. The sign up will be available on Sunday. You can sign up to help or just eat. 😊

St. Paul members and friends continue to reach out into the community for our Raise the Roof! Raise the Kids! Campaign. This week we received a check for \$11,000 from the Barancik Foundation. Esther and Mark Smith along with Pr. Don have worked hard cultivating a relationship with the Foundation to support different programs at St. Paul. This gift was split between the roof project and scholarship funds for the Early Childhood Learning Center families. Thank you, Esther, Mark, Pr. Don, and the Barancik Foundation!

Remember the event coming up at St. Paul hosted by the Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation. The event is called "Sacred Lundy" on Thursday, September 28 from 6-7:30 with light refreshments beginning at 5:30. This event is free for church members to attend. If you would like to attend, please sign up here.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sacred-lundy-sarasota-school-of-architecture-at-st-paul-lutheran-church-tickets-706826496077?aff=oddttdcreator&mc_cid=3ab04e68fe&mc_eid=e21f43b62d



I was visiting one of our long-time members Doris Schlotterback recently. She had a poem written by her son Brian on her wall. He wrote that these words were given to him by our Father in Heaven. I wanted to share the poem with you.

"Just Once"

Just once, Lord, let people praise your name and lift it up so high
that all the world will know your great works
and no longer can you they deny.

Just once, Lord, let the nations cry out and see your love
let them know of your power and glory
that only you can give from above.

Just once, Lord, let them hold your Son and feel your love flow through
let Christ's people gather to show you, Lord, who's true.

Just once, Lord, let them touch Christ's robe so pure that through your glory,
pain and sickness no longer can endure.

Just once, Lord, let them look into Christ's eyes
to only feel the passion and warmth of His love rise
to walk with you it takes but once
to know that feeling in my heart
to know that we will never part.

Just once, Lord, as everyone prays
May the skies split open and the glory of your Son shine through.
He came a man, on this earth, to take our sins away
Thank you, thank you, Jesus, for all our debts you paid.

Take care and God bless

-PrAshley