

Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

A couple weeks ago we recognized those who were born in 1939 or earlier and those who have been members since 1982 or earlier. I believe it was well received. I know I liked hearing the stories shared. There was one person who sent me a text later with a picture and information that I would like to share with you now. It was Liz Schwartz. She is a seasonal member.



She wrote, “Liz Schwartz born in 1937 Peoria, Illinois. Number four in a family of five and I'm the only one left. I am a widow twice and have had a wonderful life and I thank God every day for this life. The beautiful young ladies are my great great nieces. I am so fortunate to have the wonderful family that I have that is always checking in on me. Two of these girls live in Iowa and one in Illinois. They came to visit their grandma and decided they better stop and see aunt Liz too. Sending blessings to all.”

That same Sunday, we said Farewell and Godspeed to Frank and Joan Scianni. Here is a note from them.

“We made it to Milwaukee safely except for the fact we are still missing one suitcase and Southwest can't seem to find it so your prayers may help!!! We are presently staying with our son until our closing on our villa on 9/6. Right now I feel like a gypsy being here and there! We want to thank everyone for the yummy cake, the gift card and all the wonderful cards and very sad good-byes. We hope to find a new church soon. We miss you all very much.

Our new address is 5152 So. Hidden Drive, Greenfield, WI, 53221 but we won't be there for about another two weeks.

Much love

Frank and Joan

P.S. Don't forget to pray for our lost suitcase to be found! Ha-Ha”

Unfortunately, we will be saying Farewell and Godspeed to another person at the end of September. John Beyer and Cody Eddleman are moving to Kentucky. But guess what?! He is preaching at St. Paul before he leaves. He is preaching on Sunday, September 22. I hope you are able to attend worship and coffee hour after on that Sunday. We pray for John and Cody in their next adventure together.

A reminder that bell and choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday at 6p and 7p respectively. If you haven't been a part of these ministries in the past, it's a great time to start with our new Director of Music Ministries Fonda Davies.

Sunday, September 8 is God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Wear your yellow shirts (or Thrivent ones). If you need a new (or first time) yellow shirt, please let me know. We received our new order. On that day, you will have a chance to sign up for ways you can do God's work through St. Paul.

On Sunday, September 29 after worship, we will begin our new Justice Ministry season. I encourage everyone to stay after coffee hour to hear about our Justice Ministry. Even if you have been active in it in the past, we renew commitments to it every year. It's one ministry that we don't assume you will be a part of year after year. We'll share about the vision for the ministry for this year and then break into groups to talk more intimately about our concerns for Sarasota. Each year SURE (Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity) decides on issues to work on based on what is heard during these groups. SURE has been working on Affordable Housing and Education. It is asking its members if a new issue should also be started. We get voice in that decision-making process. Come and make your voice heard.

Take care and God bless

-PrAshley