

Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

I shared on Sunday a thank you from Doris Schlotterback for calls and flowers for her 92nd birthday, but I wanted to re-iterate it here in her own words.

I want to thank everybody for all the birthday cards and telephone calls for Sunday, 2-9-25, my actual birthday. Thank you, George and Marilyn Hutfilz, for the beautiful altar plant on 2-9-25 for my birthday. God's blessings to all.

Next Sunday, March 16, after worship we will have the interment of Jean Etsinger's ashes in our Memorial Garden. Jean was an active member at St. Paul but had transferred her membership to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on Anna Maria Island in the late 2000s/early 2010s. She entered her heavenly home March 1, 2024 and had a celebration of life at Gloria Dei in 2024. With Gloria Dei's closing, the family asked if her ashes could be in our Memorial Garden and we were honored to say yes. It is a very short service to commit her ashes to their final place that will happen before coffee hour. Please plan to attend.

Some of you have noticed that I have been a signer on a couple of op-eds in the Herald Tribune that included many faith leaders speaking up about different topics such as immigration, DEI, etc. Out of this group of faith leaders an event has been created that is open to all. I invite you to it. It is called, "Embracing Community: Moving Through Fear Toward Resilience." It is a Wednesday, March 19 from 2-4p at First Congregational Church. It will be a safe place to name and share what you are feeling, discuss how social and political trauma affects us, learn new skills for taking care of yourself and others, and make plans to get into action. There will be refreshments served.

Thanks to everyone who participated in and attended the Shrove Saturday. Here are a few pictures of the event. More pictures will be in the April Messenger Newsletter



Star and Co-Star



The Director and Victim



The Murderer



Magician and Organizer/AI Voice



The view from the camera operator.



Sir Brian singing Sir Elton.

God bless – *PrAshley*