

Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

The beams have arrived. It was a sight to see. If you haven't checked out our Facebook page with the videos of the delivery and off-loading, please watch. It was a little nerve-wracking to watch live but after the fact already knowing that it all went well it's fun to see. We were told they are about 40 ft in length. They are made with Southern Yellow Pine wood.

This week the construction team has been working on the logistics to 'fly' them into place. We will be notified when they start taking down the original beams and 'flying' the new ones, so we can be sure to be there to watch. (And our construction team has more control over the timing than they did with the beam arrival, so we will get more than an hour notice this time).



Thank you to all who donated during the Sarasota Day of Giving Challenge. St. Paul raised over **\$9,500** between gifts and matches. The finance team and council will decide how the money will be split between the Community Meal, Food Pantry, and the School (including Raise the Roof! Raise the Kids! Campaign). We do not receive the money until the summer as **over 17 million dollars** was raised and it takes awhile to get all the checks out to the 724 organizations that participated.

Remember Sunday is new member Sunday. Some of the folks who are being welcomed have been members for awhile but we have not had the reception and welcome during worship since they have joined. We officially welcome Sharon Mashanic and Rev. Fred Melton as seasonal members, Betty Masters and Mark Smith as associate members, and Susan Rocchio, Esther Smith, and Brian White as members.

Take care and God bless

-PrAshley