

Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

I had fun and I hope you did too on our first week of "We're From Everywhere!" worship theme. Sunday's states are New England area, specifically, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. I heard that the song "Sweet Caroline" will be played since that is a Boston Favorite. We'll even share the history of how it came to be. I hope you can stay for fellowship time as I've heard some of the food favorites like clam chowder and brown bread may appear.

I was very disappointed in UPS last Saturday night when my cardamom bread and potica didn't make it in time for Sunday. Property team got a taste of them on Wednesday. Maybe for the Florida week, I will order a Florida version of cardamom bread that comes from the Finnish bakery in Lake Worth, FL.

Speaking of other weeks. Here is the list of which week is which states so you don't forget.

January 29

Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania,

February 5

New Jersey and New York

February 12

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia,

This Sunday will not only be the New England week, we also are kicking off our Education Building Renovation Campaign – Raise the Roof! Raise the Kids! (Or something like that, maybe Raise the Roof and Raise the Youth, or Raise the roof to raise the kids, you get the gist 😊) Our teams have been working hard on the campaign under the guidance of Pastor Emeritus Don Hillerich. I'm grateful for his leadership in this campaign. You'll be hearing all about the plans on Sunday, be introduced to our team members, and hopefully even get a brochure that tells all about the campaign. You won't want to miss it.

I appreciate all the prayers for my mom as she had shoulder replacement surgery yesterday. The surgery went well. She was overnight in the hospital and will go home soon (If you watch The Chosen, 'Soon' is a word that is often used and it is just soon, we do not know when). I will keep the prayer chain updated. If you are interested in being included as a pray-er and receive the weekly prayer chain on email, please let me know. St. Paul is praying congregation. We know it works for both the pray-er and the one being prayed for.

And don't forget about Sunday flower, bulletin, and eternal candle sign up. There are many dates yet available. The sign up is on the bulletin board in the narthex. All you have to do is pick a date, write in your name and any notation you want in the bulletin on your Sunday. Flowers are \$25/arrangement. We have two arrangements every Sunday (except during Lent and Easter Sunday). Bulletins are \$15/week. Eternal candle is \$30/month. Your giving to these items offsets the costs for them. Thank you for all who give toward these ministries.

Take care and God bless

-PrAshley