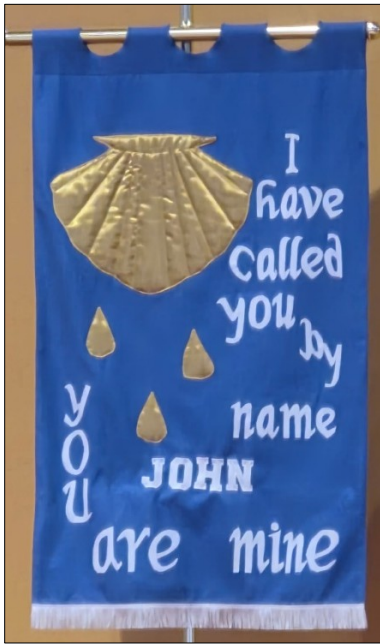


Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

On Wednesday, we had a wonderful celebration of life for John Beyer. The stories that were told were inspiring. I looked out into the pews during the worship service and all around the fellowship hall and said to myself this is what church is supposed to look like. There were people from the community meal there. We had John's co-workers. We had our own members. John's husband was there. John's sister from Minnesota who worships in a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation. John's niece and her husband who is also an ELCA pastor in New York. We had every demographic you could imagine. And that's so fitting for John's celebration because he brought people together. I was so happy that many people took communion. It doesn't always happen at celebrations of life. But it was a way people could connect not only with Jesus but with John through the communion of saints. As I was shaking hands one man told me that this helped him like religion again. That meant a lot to me.



Here are some pictures from Wednesday.

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT, JOHN.



There was a butterfly release after the service.



God's peace and blessings
- PrAshley